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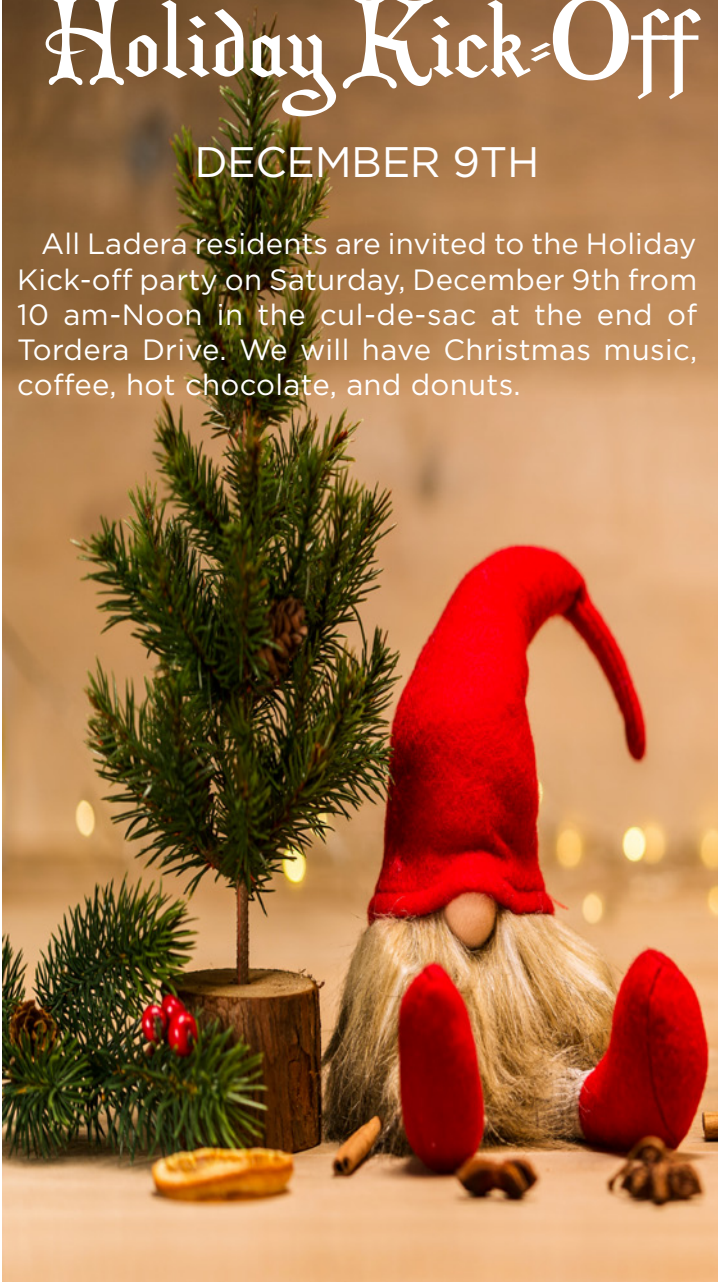
NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER



Holiday Kick-Off

DECEMBER 9TH

All Ladera residents are invited to the Holiday Kick-off party on Saturday, December 9th from 10 am-Noon in the cul-de-sac at the end of Tordera Drive. We will have Christmas music, coffee, hot chocolate, and donuts.



CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Please remember that article 2.2 addresses Christmas and Holiday lighting on homes in Ladera. It states, "Christmas and other Holiday lights shall be permitted without prior approval of the Architectural Committee from December 1st to January 15th of each year."

KEEPING A CHRISTMAS TREE FRESH

It all comes down to water. Whether you choose an already cut tree, cut your own, or use a living tree, the most important thing to remember is to keep it well watered once it is in the house. Trees are very thirsty and will use up to a gallon of water a day.

If you have a cut tree, make a fresh cut by sawing a half inch or so off the bottom before setting it up in its stand. Fresh wood absorbs water more readily. If the butt is allowed to dry it will seal over and not be able to draw up any liquid.

Your tree will drink 65% of its water in the first week it is in the house. A fresh tree, like a sponge, contains more weight in water than the tree itself weighs when dry.



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Baylor Scott and White Medical Center	512-571-5000
City of Bee Cave	www.beecavetexas.com

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The 53rd annual Trail of Lights powered by H-E-B will be Saturday, Dec. 9 and will run through Saturday, Dec. 23.

Since it began in 1965 as a small gathering, the Trail of Lights has grown into one of Austin's three largest events, attracting more than 400,000 people every year. The annual tradition continues to grow, celebrating the unique character Austin is recognized for across the country. Every holiday season, Zilker Park is transformed into the Trail of Lights with over two million lights, 40 displays, 20+ food trucks, two stages, 30 private holiday parties and interactive experiences throughout the trail.

This year's official grand opening of the Trail will be on Saturday, Dec. 9 where admission will be free. The Trail will remain open Dec. 10 - 23 with general admission gates open at 7 p.m. every evening. General admission for children under 12 is always free at the Trail of Lights. There will be a general admission fee on seven of the 14 nights of the event. Early entry ZiP Fast Pass, VIP Platinum, parking and shuttle passes are also available for purchase on select nights.

Calendars for ticket availability and online ticket purchases will be available at www.AustinTrailofLights.org.



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- July 4, 1845– The Texas Constitutional Convention votes to accept the United States annexation proposal; it drafts an Annexation Ordinance and State Constitution to submit to the voters of Texas.
- Oct. 13, 1845 – Texas voters overwhelmingly approve annexation, the new state constitution and the annexation ordinance.
- Dec. 29, 1845 – The U.S. Congress approves, and President James K. Polk signs, the "Joint Resolution for the Admission of the State of Texas into the Union." Texas becomes the 28th state

172 years and going strong!



SCHOOL CHILDREN OUT FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Remember kids are out of school for two weeks around the holidays (LTISD December 21, 2017 through January 8, 2018), it's getting darker earlier please drive carefully through the neighborhood.



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NEW FEATURE OF HOA CONTRACT WITH TEXAS DISPOSAL SYSTEMS – BI-ANNUAL BULK/TRASH PICK UP

Now is your chance to dispose of unwanted, bulky/brush items! The HOA Board renewed the trash hauling contract with Texas Disposal Systems with an added feature of twice yearly bulk pick-up! Many of you have requested this and now we have it.

There will be two scheduled pick-ups per year; one in the Fall and one in the Spring of each year.

Our first Fall pickup was on November 27th and was a big success.

We will post the 2018 schedule in advance, so you can begin to gather your items for disposal. We do know that the 2018 Spring pick-up will be May or June of that year and the 2018 fall pick up will be the Monday after Thanksgiving like this year. Going forward the plan is to schedule the picks on the same day each year.

Please have your items at the curb by 7:00 am the day of pick-up. Below are the criteria for the bulky / brush collections:

Acceptable items:
Each collection will restrict the volume collected to three (3) cubic yards per residential unit.

It may be any combination of bulky and brush, boxes, bags, etc. Three cubic yards is approximately the size of a large sofa or a washer and dryer. It could be three feet deep by three feet high by nine feet wide, or any combination of length, width and height to give three cubic yards.

Yard waste MUST be bundled, tied and cut into four (4) foot lengths and cannot exceed forty (40) pounds per bundle.

Texas Disposal Systems is NOT required to pick up refrigerators unless written evidence is posted in clear view of the refrigerator and all other appliances that all Freon has been removed by a certified refrigeration technician.

Unacceptable Items:

- No Tires
- No Liquids
- No Paint
- No Household Chemicals or chemicals of any kind

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- No Batteries
- No Hazardous Material
- No Televisions or Computers

If a homeowner does include any of these items and they cause damage, to equipment, streets etc., the homeowner may be responsible for the repair or clean up.

We all have things that we don't know how to dispose of so here is your chance to do a Fall clean out. Remember each homeowner is allowed only 3 cubic yards of waste. If you have more you may want to check with your neighbors to see if they will allow you to pile your items at their curb. Make sure they are not planning to dispose of anything that day.



Next Ladera HOA Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 2017
6:00 pm

NEW LOCATION FOR MEETING

First Service Residential Offices
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DECEMBER GARDENING

Protect tender plants during freezes. Use sheets, blankets, or specially-designed row cover. Construct a cold frame or a "hoop house." Mulch, mulch, mulch! Water well before a freeze (except for prickly pear cactus). Allow hardy perennials to freeze back, and do not prune them until late winter or early spring, if you can stand it. The dead structure of the plant helps to insulate and protect the living core of the plant, and is part of the winter landscape. In addition, any pruning can stimulate tender new growth, which would be susceptible to subsequent freezes.

Last chance to plant bulbs. It is best to plant them early this month.

Plant flower/ornamental seeds. Delphinium, Larkspur, Poppy

Plant herbs. All hardy perennial herbs such as lavender, oregano, rosemary, rue, sage, and thyme; other cold-hardy annual or biennial herbs like parsley, cilantro, dill, and fennel (Dill and fennel may need some protection during freezes).

Plant annual flower/ornamental plants. Sweet alyssum, bluebonnet plants, ornamental cabbage and kale, Dianthus, Johnny jump-up, pansy, snapdragon

Plant hardy perennial plants. Some examples are agapanthus, damianita, most ferns, Mexican bush sage, Russian sage, trees, and

shrubs. It is especially important, if you haven't done so already, to plant spring-blooming perennials such as columbine, coreopsis, ox-eye and shasta daisies, Salvia greggi, and wallflower.

Plant ground covers and borders.

Consider purchasing a live Christmas tree for the holidays. Arizona Cypress, Aleppo, and Italian Stone pines can often be found this time of year. A trick for watering these trees indoors is to place ice cubes on top of the soil, making sure there is a sturdy saucer underneath the pot. Avoid keeping these trees indoors for any longer than two weeks..

Clean and oil gardening tools and equipment. Sharpen and repair, as necessary.

Recycle your cut Christmas tree. After the holidays, turn your Christmas tree into mulch! If you live in Austin with curbside recycling and trash service, just set your tree out on your usual trash/yard trimmings pick up day. If you don't have this service, take your Christmas tree to Zilker Park. The Christmas Tree Recycling dates are listed on the city's website at www.austintexas.gov/department/holiday-tree-recycling. There are also other recycling sites listed on their website if you live just outside of Austin. See the website for more information.

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Ladera Gourmet Club

Join the Ladera Gourmet Club for an opportunity to enjoy great food and great neighborly company. The club meets monthly with four couples per home. Everyone will have an opportunity to host throughout the year. Hosts will provide the main meal and drinks, and the three other couples will provide side dishes and dessert. We are also looking for subs to join us when our regular members are unable to attend. For more information call or email Mattie Nickelatti, mattie530@gmail.com or 512-809-1663.



Ladera Ladies Happy Hour

DECEMBER 6TH

The ladies from Ladera are invited to happy hour from 5pm-7pm the first Wednesday of each month at the rooftop bar at the Sonesta Hotel. This is a great way to meet new people and catch up on what is happening in and around the neighborhood. If you have questions, please contact Charlotte Parker at charlotte.parker@ymail.com.



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Betty Crocker Date-Filled Cookies

This recipe is from Betty Crocker's Picture Cook Book, Second Edition, 1956. My mom used Ethel's Sugar Cookie Recipe as the basic cookie.

MIX THOROUGHLY:

3/4 cup soft shortening (part butter)
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
1/2 tsp. flavoring (vanilla or lemon or a combination of the two)

Sift together and stir in:

2-1/2 cups sifted Gold Medal Flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt

Chill dough. Roll very thin (1/16"). Cut 3" rounds or squares. Place on lightly greased baking sheet. Place a rounded teaspoon full of cooled filling on each. Fold over like a turnover, pressing the edges together with floured fork tines.

Temperature: 400 degrees F

Time: Bake 6 to 10 minutes

Amount: About 4 doz. 3" cookies

DATE, FIG, RAISIN, OR PRUNE FILLING

Cook together slowly, stirring constantly until thickened...

2 cups dates, figs, or raisins, finely cut up, or 2 cups mashed cooked prunes (2-2/3 cups uncooked)

3/4 cup sugar

3/4 cup water

Add, if desired...1/2 cup chopped nuts

Cool.

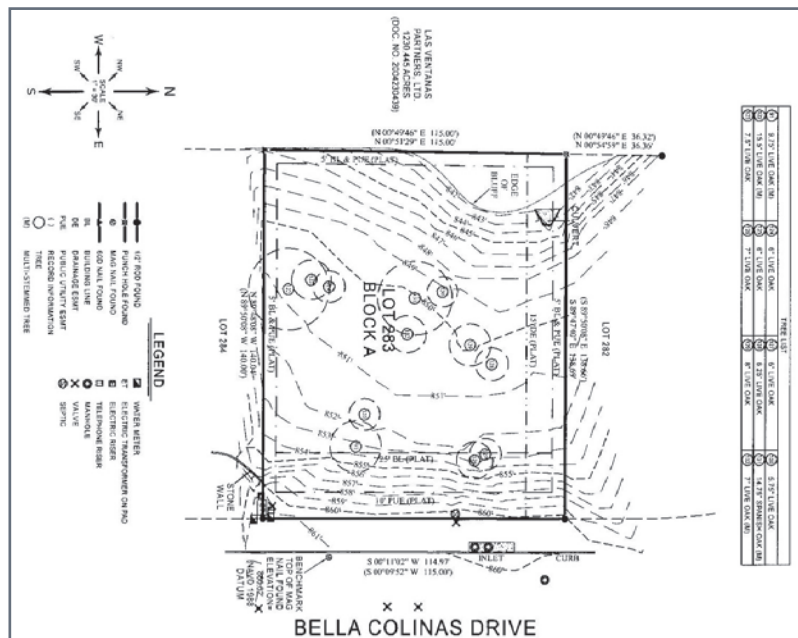
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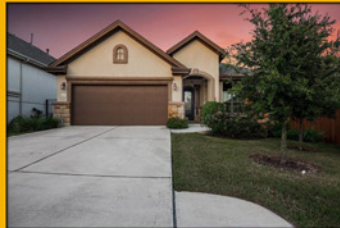
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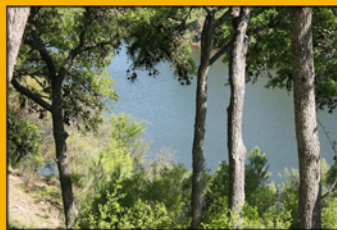
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