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In and around River place

Snakes Are Still Out and About: Rodney Reid, our snake guru, warns us that the prevailing warmer weather is allowing snakes to hang around rather than seeking their normal winter recluse. With La Nina expecting to continue to keep things warmer this winter, we can expect this unfortunate trend to continue.

Take a peek on your porch before you step outside in the mornings and when you walk your dogs. One might be curled up there. And keep your eyes open if you're out working around the yard. Avoid wearing sandals or open toed shoes when you work outside. Give Rodney a call if you need help: 512-554-6407.

Please Pick Up After Your Pets: Numerous River Place residents are complaining that a few dog walkers are either dropping their full doggie bags in peoples' yards or worse, not picking up after their pets at all. And there is ample evidence to show that some of these dogs are quite large.

So please, we are all asking that everyone have the care and concern to pick up after your dogs when you walk them. It's really not much trouble. That strip of grass on the other side of the sidewalk is still part of someone's yard. Let's all be respectful neighbors and nip this problem in the bud. River Place will look and smell much better.

Transitioning to a Limited District (LD): Our River Place Municipal Utility District (MUD) informs us that we now need to focus on transitioning from a MUD to a LD. However the LD, which will be called a 'Park District,' will not be responsible for drainage issues. The City of Austin will pick up those duties.

While the MUD converts to a LD at the completion of the annexation process on December 15, 2017, the LD is not official until the residents of River Place approve by a majority vote in the May 2018 elections.

Meanwhile, meetings will be held to discuss various aspects of the transition including benefits and responsibilities of the LD and what might happen if the LD is not approved in the May 2018 elections. Stay tuned.

Free Trees for Austin Residents: After reading the information on trees in the accompanying Homeowners Corner article in this issue, you may decide you would like to plant some trees in your yard. Well, here's your chance.

NeighborWoods gives away up to 4,500 trees a year to Austin residents. They offer quite a variety of types including shade trees, ornamentals and fruit and nut trees. You can either sign up for home delivery or attend a tree giveaway event.

TreeFolks staff will help you choose the best location and best available tree species for your yards. Visit treefolks.org/nw or contact them at shade@treefolks.org or 512-443-5323. Now is the time to plant trees!

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The River Review is mailed monthly to all River Place residents. Residents, community groups, churches, etc. are welcome to include information about their organizations in the newsletter. Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, recipes, special celebrations, and birthday announcements are also welcome.

To submit an article for the River Review please email it to riverreview@peelinc.com. The deadline is the 15th of the month prior to the issue.

Homeowner's Corner

Plant Trees Now for Summer Beauty

River Place homeowners looking for shade and beauty should look to planting trees this fall and winter. Cooler weather allows root systems to establish, resulting in greater growth during the spring and better tolerance to hot summer temperatures. Once mature, trees can reduce your summertime air conditioning costs by as much as 15%. The best trees for height and shade include pecan, elm and oak. They will shade your home during the summer months but lose their leaves during winter, allowing sunlight through to help keep your home warmer.

It is important to plant the right tree in the right place. Large shade trees should be planted at least 50 feet away from power lines. Trees growing into power lines are the number one cause of power outages during storms and windy weather.

If you have a rooftop solar or TV satellite system, be sure to carefully consider the location, mature height and spread of any trees you plant so these systems are not blocked. And lastly, please acquire approval of the Architectural Compliance Committee (ACC) by contacting CMA at 512-339-6962 to get started. Happy planting!

Welcome to America's Boomtowns

We all know that Austin has been growing rapidly because we see it with housing demand, our full employment levels and maybe most of all, our traffic. But we're not alone. There are cities all over the United States that are experiencing unprecedented population swells. Fueled by a general migration to urban areas, these boomtowns are supported by steady job growth and thriving home markets. Here are four standouts whose numbers are on the rise.

Seattle-Tacoma

A healthy tech industry seems to be tempering the rain in the Pacific Northwest. The promise of employment in the Seattle-Tacoma area is strong and home price growth is even more robust, and together they help make this soggy city one of America's fastest-growing regions.

Cape Coral-Fort Myers

Occupying the peak spot in Forbes' 2017 list of America's fastest-growing regions is Cape Coral-Fort Myers, Florida. This area is especially popular among retirees. With the near year-round sunshine, exceedingly low tax rates and virtually nonexistent crime, it's not hard to see why.

Dallas-Fort Worth

In terms of projected job growth, the DFW area is proving everything is bigger in Texas. The housing market is also solid, which may explain why four out of five of the **fastest-growing southern cities** are in the Lone Star State. Perhaps not surprisingly, two of them are Dallas-Fort Worth suburbs.

Denver

Farther west, Denver takes the prize for highest home price growth. The strong economy and seasonal amenities make this Colorado capital a go-to for savvy real estate investors.

Of course, thanks to a tech economy that's growing at breakneck speeds, these four cities aren't the only ones undergoing serious expansion. As tech industries continue to advance, expect to see more parts of the country experience new growth and development.

(Provided by Diane Bennett, RE/MAX Capital City)

Viper Nation Gala Early Bird Tickets On Sale December 4th! Price increases January 29th!

By Courtney Johnson, VNEF Executive Director

Viper Nation Education Foundation's 8th Annual Gala will be February 10th at the gorgeous J.W. Marriott in downtown Austin. Tickets are on sale at www.ViperNationEF.org. Advanced sales for VIP tables have been brisk.

Our Valentines-themed evening will include a lovely cocktail hour with silent auction bidding, followed by a gourmet dinner and jazz music from the popular band "TimeOut," led by local Steiner resident Charles Couch. Guests can look forward to another spirited live auction night with high anticipation for top packages like an unforgettable "Car Driving Experience," sponsored by Apple Sport Imports, a private home getaway in Crested Butte, Colorado, and many other luxury packages soon to be announced.

We'll conclude the evening with a fun DJ dance party, thanks to sponsor Four Points News. Says Lynette Haaland-Seitzler, "I'm ready to see everyone having fun on the dance floor!"

Community leaders and families who already stepped forward with generous sponsorships by early November include Independence Title, Cedar Park Pediatrics and Family Medicine, Four Points News, Kim Krant of Engle and Volkers Austin Real Estate, Brigham Minerals, LLC and Dr. Stephen Whiteside & Tiffaney Whiteside, LasikPlus of Austin. Exciting sponsorships are still available for those wishing to be part of the Foundation's most important fundraiser of the year. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities and to purchase tickets, go to www.ViperNationEF.org or call Executive Director Courtney Johnson at (512) 750-9185.

Early bird tickets go on sale December 4th, starting at \$175 per person. On Monday, January 29th, ticket prices increase to \$200 per person. Proceeds from the event support Impact Grants for teachers at all eight public schools, and the entire portfolio of VNEF-supported academic programs. Tickets may be purchased online at www.ViperNationEF.org.

JW Marriott Austin's new luxurious Spa will offer a special Valentine's Spa Package for two, including a couple's massage and facials with the choice of the couple's suite, if desired, for any Gala overnight guests. "Be sure to buy your Viper Nation Gala tickets in December and reserve our "Bed of Roses" Spa package soon – the complete Valentine weekend is certain to be popular," says Spa Director Amy Barton Ray.

Started in 2009, Viper Nation Education Foundation funds academic grants for programs in the eight public schools within the Four Points area (Grandview Hills Elementary, Laura Welch Bush Elementary, River Place Elementary, River Ridge Elementary, Steiner Ranch Elementary, Canyon Ridge Middle School, Four Points Middle School and Vandegrift High School.). To learn more about the organization, visit www.ViperNationEF.org.



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River Place (Maybe Not So) Clever Quips of the Month

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OUTSIDE AND IT'S COLD.

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LOST BY POINTING OUT THAT IT MUST BE
AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE.

HOW DO SURFERS SAY GOODBYE? THEY WAVE.

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THE RIVER REVIEW ARE PLEASED TO
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Light Up the Holidays with a Day Trip to Johnson City

The twinkliest town in the Hill Country is a perfect destination for a holiday tour of lights with family and friends. Located in the heart of the Hill Country, Johnson City has activities for all ages to enjoy.

During the day, light up your imagination with a visit to the Science Mill, a science museum housed in Johnson City's historic 1880s mill. Run your hands through the 3D topographic sandbox to create colorful rivers, mountains, lakes and dams. Enter the Fractarium to experience a larger-than-life lighted representation of Romesco broccoli and see how fractals are a marvel of nature. Explore the Silo of McKays, a multidimensional art installation combining art and science with light, sound, rhythm, balance, color and harmony. The Science Mill's 40+ hands-on exhibits (and current 3D movie, Wonders of the Arctic) will engage all ages.

The Science Mill is located at 101 S. Lady Bird Lane in Johnson City, TX and will be open extended hours during the holidays. Find more information at www.sciencemill.org.

Johnson City's annual Lights Spectacular celebration, celebrating its 28th year, runs Friday, Nov. 24 through New Year's Day, starting with the spectacular courthouse lighting ceremony and fireworks.

The whole town glows, from the Blanco County Courthouse to

the dazzling display of light-wrapped trees at Pedernales Electric Cooperative's headquarters, to candlelight tours of Lyndon Baines Johnson's boyhood home. Visitors can enjoy the lighting extravaganza by foot or by horse-drawn carriage, and local retailers and art galleries offer extended hours, food and music on the town square during the Spectacular. The event is free and pet friendly.

For more information about Johnson City and the Lights Spectacular visit the Johnson City Chamber of Commerce website at www.johnsoncitytexas.info.



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TENNIS TIP OF THE MONTH: DEALING WITH HEAVY PACE

When playing tennis we have to deal with a variety of different spins and ball speeds. Handling deep, hard shots can be very difficult. Here are some simple pointers for handling pace that can improve this part of your game significantly.

Tennis Tips:

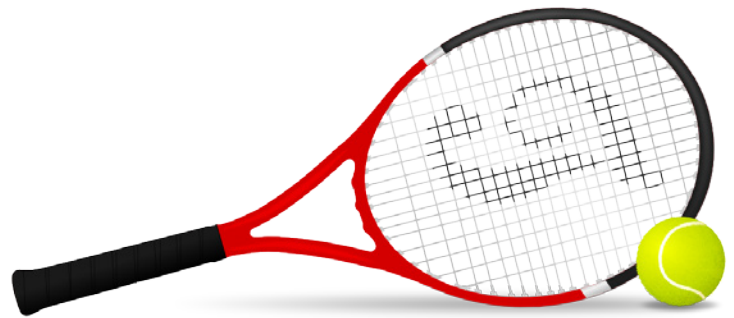
1. Shorten your backswing. Since the ball is coming in quickly, you don't have time to take a full looping swing. This will allow for an earlier, out front contact point, which is key in controlling your opponent's pace because you're not hitting the ball late.
2. Focus on hitting the ball in front of the baseline. Don't be defensive-hitting the ball earlier puts it back in your opponent's court sooner, taking his or her time away. Having an aggressive mentality will help you accomplish making that earlier contact point.
3. Resist the temptation to swing harder. Rather than swinging hard, use your opponents pace against them, meeting the ball squarely and following through. This will help your consistency.
4. Keep your head down and bend those knees. It's very easy to pick your head up on a hard hit ball so try to see your strings connect

with the ball. Bending your knees will give you flexibility, providing a solid base for more control.

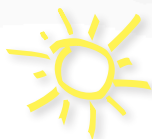
5. Practice and then practice. Do drills where your opponent hits hard deep shots to both your forehand and backhand while you execute the tips above.

It's easy to be intimidated by fast paced shots. Practice these tips and dealing with pace will become second nature! Email me if you have any questions. Ed, **River Place Tennis**, edny20@yahoo.com

"Losing is not my enemy...fear of losing is my enemy." - Rafael Nadal



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THE ORIGIN AND HISTORY OF SANTA CLAUS

For those of us too young to have yet learned and those of us who are older and might have forgotten, we wanted to explain how and why Santa Claus came to be. The love and kindness he feels for children and parents alike are unparalleled and unique, even though, due to an ever growing population, he can only manage to express these feelings on Christmas. The origin of Santa Claus can be traced back hundreds of years to a monk named St. Nicholas. It is believed that Nicholas was born sometime around 280 A.D. in a land now known as Turkey. (Some historians insist that this is why turkey is a favorite dish served on Christmas day.)

Much admired for his giving and kindness, St. Nicholas became the subject of many stories. It is said that he gave away all of his inherited wealth and traveled the countryside helping the poor and sick. One of the best known of the St. Nicholas stories is that he saved three poor sisters from being sold into slavery or worse by their father by providing them with a dowry so that they could be married. Over the course of many years, Nicholas's popularity spread and he became known as the protector of children.

Over time his name evolved to Santa Claus as his reputation and popularity spread throughout the world. Other names he has been known by include Saint Nick, Kris Kringle and Father Christmas. His reputation for bringing gifts to the homes of well-behaved children on Christmas Eve in the early morning hours has spread from country to country but is probably best known right here in the United States.

Santa Claus is generally regarded as a portly, joyous, white-bearded man—sometimes with spectacles—wearing a red coat with white fur collar and cuffs, white fur-cuffed red trousers, and black leather belt and boots and who carries a bag full of gifts for children. Most likely, the milk and cookies many families leave out for him on Christmas Eve have contributed to his robust figure. This image became popular in the United States and Canada in the 19th century from the descriptions provided by those lucky individuals who have actually spotted him performing his good deeds.

Santa Claus is said to make lists of children throughout the world, categorizing them according to their behavior ("good" and "bad" or "naughty" and "nice") and to deliver presents, including toys, and candy to all of the well-behaved children in the world and perhaps lesser gifts to those less well-behaved children. Others believe Santa brings gifts to all, regardless of behavior, just to spread good cheer.

He accomplishes this feat with the aid of his elves, which make the toys in his workshops at the North Pole, and his flying reindeer, which pull his sleigh. He is commonly rumored to live at the North Pole and shout out "ho ho ho" quite often.

The stories of Santa Claus entering dwellings through the chimney are shared by many European and American seasonal gift-givers. Santa's entrance into homes on Christmas Eve via the chimney first became part of American history through the poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas" where the author described him as an elf.

It is not known for sure whether today's Santa is the same individual as the St. Nicholas that existed hundreds of years ago. He just might be according to some experts but, then again, others say he is a descendent in a long line of Santas so that the tradition of giving out of love can live on forever. Regardless, this is certainly something to think about. And while it's impossible for all of the Santa Claus stories to be verified as exactly true or accurate, there is one thing we can absolutely be certain about: Santa Claus is coming to town!!



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Pumpkin Cake Roll

INGREDIENTS

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| 3 eggs | 1 C granulated sugar |
| 2/3 C pumpkin | 1 tsp. lemon juice |
| 3/4 C flour | 1 tsp. baking powder |
| 2 tsp. cinnamon | 1 tsp. ginger |
| 1/2 tsp. nutmeg | 1/2 tsp. salt |
| 1 C finely chopped nuts | Powdered sugar |

DIRECTIONS

Beat eggs on high speed for 5 min.; gradually beat in sugar. Stir in pumpkin and lemon juice. Stir together flour, baking powder, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, and salt. Fold in pumpkin. Spread in greased and floured 15x10x1" pan. Top with nuts. Bake at 375° for 15 min. Turn out on towel sprinkled with powdered sugar. Starting at narrow end, roll towel and cake together. Cool. Unroll.

FILLING:

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| 1 C powdered sugar | 2 - 3 oz. pkg. cream cheese |
| 4 T margarine | 1/2 tsp. vanilla. |

Beat until smooth. Spread over cake. Roll and chill.



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