



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

FROM THE EDITOR:

As we ring in the new year of 2018, it is hard to believe that Ladera will celebrate its 6th anniversary. In 2012 the first residents began to move in. Many changes have occurred in these past six years. Not only has the landscaping begun to grow and mature, but we can see new buildings and neighborhoods which have popped up all over. In fact, Bee Cave Parkway had not been completed in early 2012. We also have an active HOA Board of residents who have worked tirelessly to improve the quality of living and will continue to do so.

I would like to suggest some New Year's resolutions for all of us to make Ladera a great place to live and a community of caring people.

1. Get to know your neighbors. Especially the ones who live on either side of you. You don't have to socialize with them, but help by watching their home when they are out of town, or collecting their mail.
2. Greet new neighbors and make them feel welcome.
3. Be there for each other. Over the past couple of years, I have noticed many notifications on Facebook and Nextdoor about lost mail. Not everyone in Ladera uses social media, so if you receive someone else's mail, it is a good opportunity to meet a new person by taking the mail to them. In addition, you can email me at satalamo@yahoo.com and I will send you a neighborhood address matrix. Many addresses in Ladera start with the same numbers. Did you know that three streets have a 4400?

4. Read the CC&R packet you received when closing on your home. This will help in knowing the community guidelines. If you see a neighbor who is in violation of one of the CC&Rs, let them know. They may not know they are in violation. In my experience, they usually appreciate the information.
5. Be positive about the reasons to live in Ladera. I can think of many including proximity to shopping and small towns around the Hill Country. I also believe some of the nicest folks I have ever met reside here. It is easy to get fixated on all the things that need to be fixed, but keep things in perspective and know that if we all come together, in a civil fashion, perhaps we can make a positive change.
6. Be mindful when using social media, like Facebook and Nextdoor. It is easy to blame and point fingers when passionate about an issue, but perhaps a better way to win hearts and minds is to form a committee and work together, whatever the issue. If you have an issue with someone, it is a better idea to take it offline by using private messaging or another avenue.
7. Remember that we are a diverse community and have diverse ideas, politically and socially. Respect is the key to harmony.
8. Get involved and informed. Attend Bee Cave City Council and Planning and Zoning Committee meetings, attend HOA meetings, attend neighborhood social events. You might make a new friend.

Again, Happy New Year to all.

Andrea Willott

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| Sheriff – Non-Emergency..... | 512-974-0845 |
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| Bee Cave Library | 512-767-6620 |
| Municipal Court | 512-767-6630 |
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Travis County Sheriff.....www.tcsheerif.org
Animal Control.....www.traviscountytexas.gov/health-human-services/animal-control

UTILITIES:

Water.....www.wtcpu.org
Trash.....www.texasdisposal.com
Electric.....www.austinenergy.com
Gas.....<https://texasgasservice.com>

NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORKING SITES:

www.laderahoa.org
www.nextdoor.com
www.facebook.com

join the following groups on Facebook:

Ladera, Bee Cave
Monty's Bee Cave Buzz
Bee Cave Bee

A PERSPECTIVE ON RESPECT

Contributed by Monty Parker, Ladera Resident and Bee Cave City Council Member

Most anyone tuned in to neighborhood or local social media posts are keenly aware there is a lot going on in Bee Cave and Ladera:

- From a City of Bee Cave perspective, there is the opening of the Hill Country Indoor facility, the ongoing saga of The Backyard development, the Austin Energy power line debacle, and numerous other issues.
- From a Ladera perspective, there is the development of the Target Tract, the ongoing debate over cut-through traffic and the possible conversion to private streets with gates.

The primary take-away I want to offer on all these things is “respect”. I would like to think that everyone is as tired as I am of the tone used by those who don’t agree. I probably experience it more than most of you since I’m an elected official, but everyone has been exposed to it.

Years ago, we seemed to begin an unhealthy transition from

respectful debate to condescending remarks that could, at times, be classified as public bullying. Unfortunately, we are experiencing this locally and not just on a national level. I’d like to appeal to everyone to take a step back and think twice about how you word things, particularly when expressing an opposing view. We can all learn from practicing restraint, listening with the intent of learning, and not trying to demonize or shout down someone who has a different opinion.

In conclusion, we must also be cognizant of the fact that our (Ladera) “voices” travel outside our neighborhood boundaries, thus can, do, and will affect the area’s perception of our neighborhood and its citizens. Words mean something. Let’s choose them wisely.

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REMINDER

TAKE DOWN YOUR CHRISTMAS AND
HOLIDAY LIGHTS BY JANUARY 15TH!

HOA BOARD POSITION

The Ladera HOA board has three members whose terms are staggered so there are at least two experienced members on the board at all times. This year, one board position is up for re-election. The term of the newly elected board member will be for three years.

The homeowner's association will be calling for volunteers in early February to fill this position. An electronic form will be added to the website and all residents will be notified. The HOA will ask for a short bio to provide to residents during the election. The vote will take place at the annual Ladera HOA meeting in March at a date and time to be determined.

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To track missing packages, click on "Help". You can then click on "find missing mail" or "file a claim". If you receive emails or text messages from the post office indicating a package was left in your mailbox, there will be a tracking number, which you will need.

Also, there are many numerical addresses in Ladera which are alike. For example, I live at 4400 Tordera, but there are also two other homes beginning with 4400. One on Gallego Circle and the other on Tambre Bend. On two occasions, I have had to contact those homeowners who had received my package in error. If you would like the Ladera Address Matrix spreadsheet, please email me at satalamo@yahoo.com and I will forward it to you.

HOA ANNUAL MEETING IN MARCH

All Residents Encouraged to Attend

Please plan to attend the annual Ladera HOA meeting.

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Time: TBD

Place:

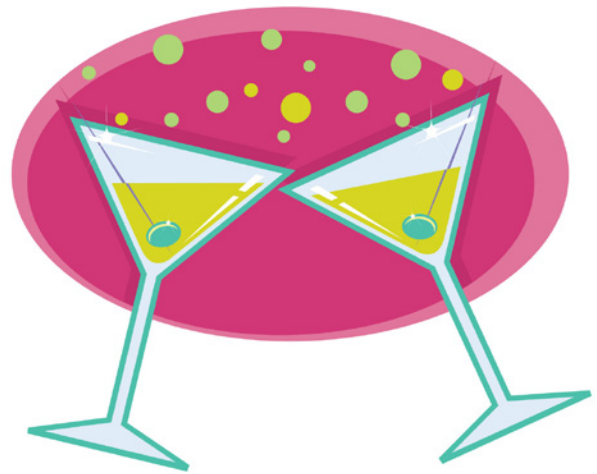
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This meeting will not only be informative, but will be your chance to ask questions and make suggestions to the HOA Board.

In addition, we will be voting on a Director position for the Ladera HOA Board.

How Your Wastewater Is Calculated on Your Water Bill

WTCPUA (West Travis County Public Utility Agency) will calculate residential wastewater flow for each customer based on the calculated average of monthly potable water metered and billed to the Customer during the previous December, January and February. If you have questions, please contact WTCPUA directly at 512.263.0125.



Ladera Ladies Happy Hour

Save these dates for the 2018 monthly Ladera Ladies Happy Hour:

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. Here are the dates for 2018:

January 3, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, July 4 (this date subject to change), August 1, September 5, October 3, November 7, December 5

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@gmail.com.

SANTA COMES TO LADERA

On Saturday, December 9, 2017, Santa came to Ladera. He visited with close to 100 parents and children.

A big thank you to the folks donating gifts for the Santa toy drive. You made some boy or girl very happy.

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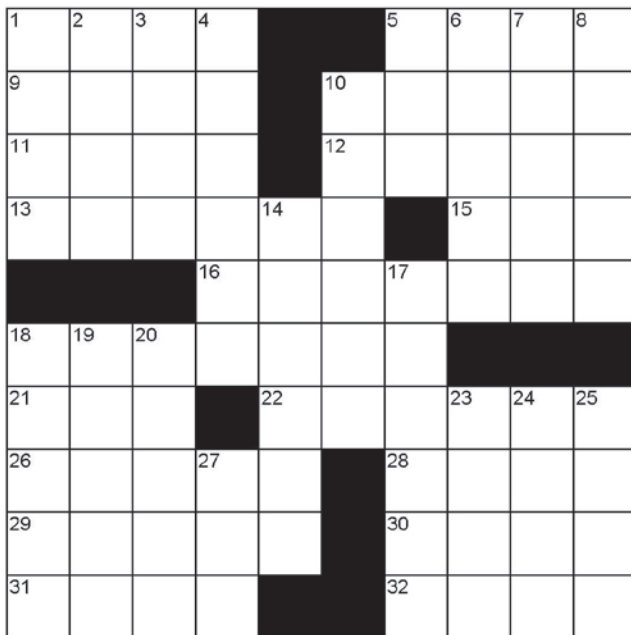
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10. Horse-like animal
11. Eye
12. Foreign
13. Substitute
15. What a nurse gives
16. Heavy
18. Luau guitar
21. Moved quickly
22. Despot
26. Filth
28. Water (Spanish)
29. Devourer
30. Quieted
31. Brood
32. Glen

DOWN

1. Stare at
2. One who gets things done
3. Fees
4. Spread out on the couch
5. Entire
6. Quoth
7. Melt ore
8. Girl detective Drew
10. Idly
14. ___-totter
17. President Ford
18. Goads
19. Gold weight
20. Marry
23. Accent mark
24. Void
25. Leggy
27. Kitten's cry

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IT'S ANOTHER NEW YEAR...



"Happy New Year!" That greeting will be said and heard for at least the first couple of weeks as a new year gets under way. But the day celebrated as New Year's Day in modern America was not always January 1.

ANCIENT NEW YEARS: The celebration of the new year is the oldest of all holidays. It was first observed in ancient Babylon about 4000 years ago. In the years around 2000 BC, the Babylonian New Year began with the first New Moon (actually the first visible crescent) after the Vernal Equinox (first day of spring). The beginning of spring is a logical time to start a new year. After all, it is the season of rebirth, of planting new crops, and of blossoming. January 1, on the other hand, has no astronomical nor agricultural significance. It is purely arbitrary. The Babylonian new year celebration lasted for eleven days. Each day had its own particular mode of celebration, but it is safe to say that modern New Year's Eve festivities pale in comparison. The Romans continued to observe the new year in late March, but their calendar was continually tampered with by various emperors so that the calendar soon became out of synchronization with the sun. In order to set the calendar right, the Roman senate, in 153 BC, declared January 1 to be the beginning of the new year. But tampering continued until Julius Caesar, in 46 BC, established what has come to be known as the Julian Calendar. It again established January 1 as the new year. But in order to synchronize the calendar with the sun, Caesar had to let the previous year drag on for 445 days.

THE CHURCH'S VIEW OF NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS: Although in the first centuries AD the Romans continued celebrating the new year, the early Catholic Church condemned the festivities as paganism. But as Christianity became more widespread, the early church began having its own religious observances concurrently with many of the pagan celebrations, and New Year's Day was no different. New Years is still observed as the Feast of Christ's Circumcision by some denominations. During the Middle Ages, the Church remained opposed to celebrating New Years. January 1 has been celebrated as a holiday by Western nations for only about the past 400 years.

NEW YEAR TRADITIONS: Other traditions of the season include the making of New Year's resolutions. That tradition also dates back to the early Babylonians. Popular modern resolutions might include the promise to lose weight or quit smoking. The early Babylonian's most popular resolution was to return borrowed farm equipment. The tradition of using a baby to signify the new year was begun in Greece around 600 BC. It was their tradition at that time to celebrate their god of wine, Dionysus, by parading a baby in a basket, representing the annual rebirth of that god as the spirit of fertility. Early Egyptians also used a baby as a symbol of rebirth.

AULD LANG SYNE: The song, "Auld Lang Syne" is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year. At least partially written by Robert Burns in the 1700's, it was first published in 1796 after Burns' death. Early variations of the song were sung prior to 1700 and inspired Burns to produce the modern rendition. An old Scotch tune, "Auld Lang Syne" literally means "old long ago," or simply, "the good old days."

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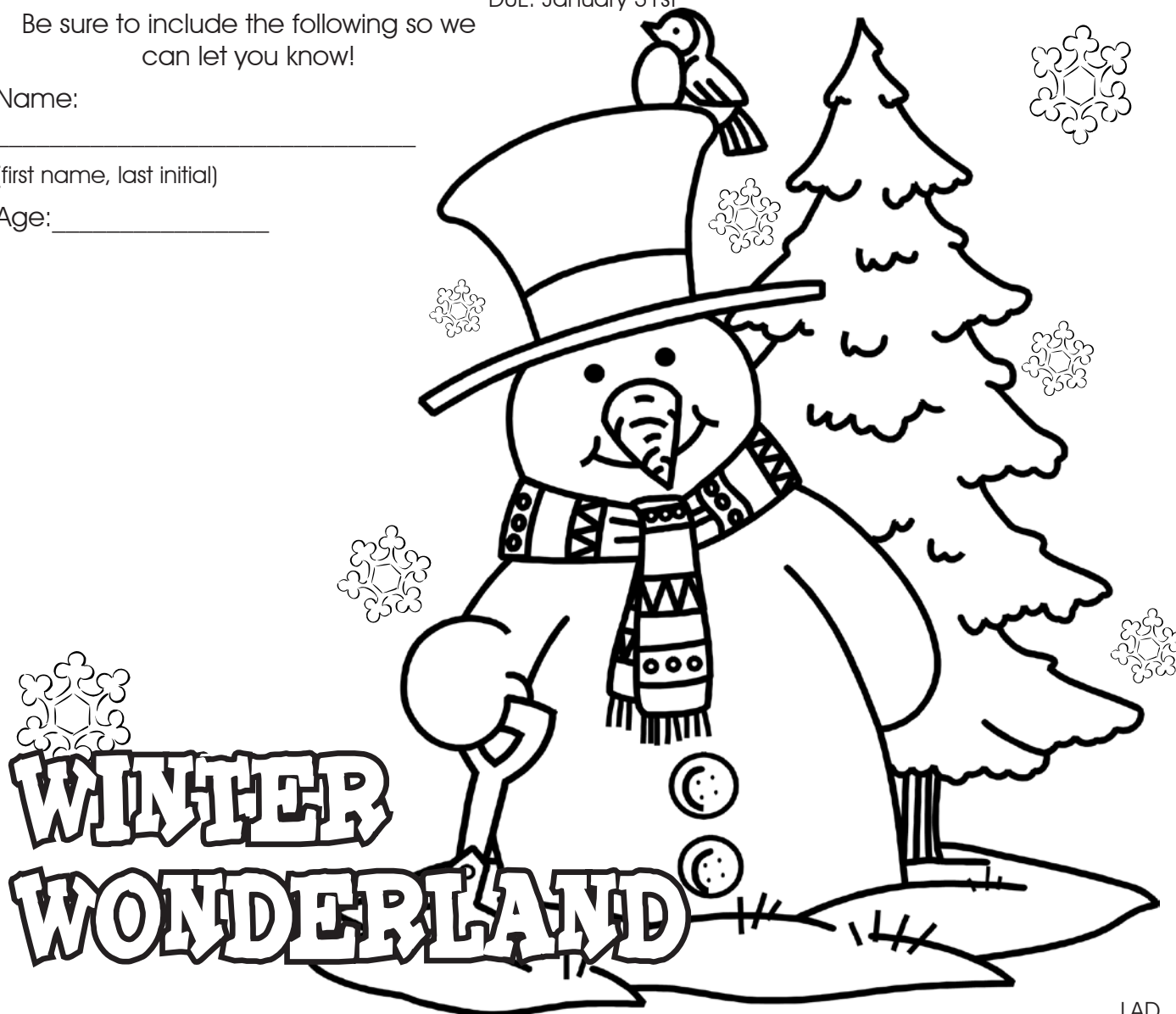
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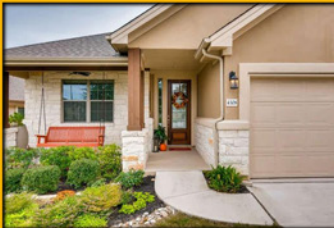
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