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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2ND, 2018 7:45 AM GROUNDHOG DAY

Phil will leave his burrow in Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania he will observe the weather conditions and look for his shadow he will then make his prediction for the remainder of winter.

FEBRUARY 7TH, 2018 7:00 PM BOOK CLUB

The Sweetwater Book Club will be meeting on February 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The book selection for February is Delicious by Ruth Reichl. For location information and to have your name added to the email group please contact Judith Young at judithyoung2014@gmail.com

FEBRUARY 7TH, 2018 10:00 - 11:00 AM STORYTIME

Storytime with the Bookmobile at the Clubhouse. Bring you kids to enjoy story time.

FEBRUARY 9TH, 2018 7:00 - 10:00 PM ROARING 20'S CASINO NIGHT

- RSVP only - \$25.00 per person, limited number of wristbands available. Roulette table, poker and blackjack tables, and craps. Catered hors d'oeuvres and cocktails provided. Come dressed to impress in your roaring 20's attire. Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Contact SweetwaterManager@Goodwintx.com for tickets and more information.

FEBRUARY 14TH, 2018 FUN FACT

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on Feb. 14, Valentine's Day. And Easter is on April 1, also known as April Fools' Day.

FEBRUARY 19TH, 2018 PRESIDENT'S DAY

FEBRUARY 21ST, 2018 STORYTIME

Storytime with the Bookmobile at the Clubhouse. Bring you kids to enjoy story time.

FEBRUARY 1ST - 28TH, 2018 CAMP GLADIATOR

Camp Gladiator Classes are held at the Sweetwater events lawn every Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 5:30am and 8:30am Also every Monday and Wednesday at 6:30pm.

Contact Camp Gladiator at (817)729-2554 Shelbybowden@campgladiator.com

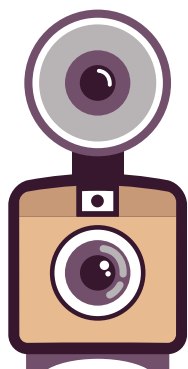
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COVER PHOTO

Do you take amazing photos?



Do you take great photos? Would you like to see your photo published? We are looking for great cover photos for upcoming issues of the *Sweetwater Life*. Our deadline for submittals is always the 9th of the month prior to the issue. All photos should be submitted electronically by the deadline date in high resolution (300 dpi) to sweetwater@peelinc.com. Portrait (vertical) photos work best.

To view other photos submitted please visit www.PEELinc.com/Sweetwater, and

view any of the past newsletters.

By submitting your photo you agree to allow your photo to be published in future issues of the *Sweetwater Life* or other Peel, Inc. publications. Call 512-263-9181 to find out how to have your business featured on the cover of the *Sweetwater Life*.

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ARTICLE INFO

The *Sweetwater Life* is mailed monthly to all Sweetwater 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 *Sweetwater Life* please email it to sweetwater@peelinc.com. The deadline is the 15th of the month prior to the issue.

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.....	www.traviscountytx.gov

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Sweetwater Life

SWEETWATER HOA ASSESSMENTS

Quarterly payments become due on:

JANUARY 1ST

APRIL 1ST

JULY 1ST

OCTOBER 1ST

The new 2018 quarterly dues payment is \$162.23. You have until the 16th to send in your HOA payment before a late fee of 1.5% is charged to your account.

The payment address is:
Sweetwater Master Community
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Payment coupon booklets will be arriving the mail in the next couple of weeks. Contact Customer Service if you have any questions at 512-502-7515 or info@goodwintx.com.

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**BE SURE TO REGISTER ON OUR
NEW HOA WEBSITE
WWW.SWEETWATERLIFE.COM !**

This is the official communication vehicle for residents of Sweetwater. Visit the site often for events, activities, news, updates and information about living in and around Sweetwater.

Residents of Sweetwater are encouraged to register, by clicking on the Registration button in the Log In box, located in the right hand corner of the homepage. During the registration process, you will have the choice to opt in to our mailing list, and to our Resident Directory.

Login to your account at www.SweetwaterLife.com to view important HOA documents, upcoming events as well as view your account. Need assistance logging in? Contact the Sweetwater Manager at 512-502-2116 or sweetwatermanager@goodwintx.com.



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NEIGHBORHOOD DELEGATE ELECTION & ANNUAL MEETING:

Visit www.sweetwaterlife.com for information on the election & meeting

ASSOCIATION OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday-Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm Please email sweetwatermanager@goodwintx.com to set an appointment for pool fobs. HOA manager is occasionally out on property.

FITNESS CENTER:

The Developer is working hard to complete the Fitness Center as soon as possible. The current schedule is to have a grand opening of the new facility by mid-November

POOL FENCING REPLACEMENT:

For added security, the majority of pool fencing is being replaced to include taller fence panels. The work is expected to be completed by mid-November.

RESIDENT STREET PARKING:

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Local Jeweler Supports Medical Care for Children in Tanzania



Sir Zoltan David, internationally known artist located in the Bee Cave Galleria, is playing a major role in providing funds to support children with missing limbs.

Beginning in 2011, Sir David teamed up with a local non-profit, Africa's Promise Village to help impoverished children in Africa. Since that time his support has helped the non-profit provide medical care and education for 17 orphans living in Tanzania as well as helped to fund a 3 D Printed artificial limb for four little girls.

In 2017 Sir Zoltan David

designed a stunning necklace from his Bronze Age collection, featuring a 10.27 ct. Tanzanite stone. The captivating cat's eye gemstone is surrounded by a platinum ring of diamonds and set in a blue patinated bronze pendant, interlaced with pure platinum inlay. The jewelry piece, a one of a kind original design, will be auctioned on March 24th, 2018 at a fund raising event to be held at the Thrash Ranch overlooking the Perdarnales River.

Funds from the sale of the jewelry will be used to provide help and support for children who are missing a limb and for whom no medical help is available.

Additional information about the work of Africa's Promise Village can be found on their website at Africaspromisevillage.org or by calling Donna Gunn, 512-350-5880.

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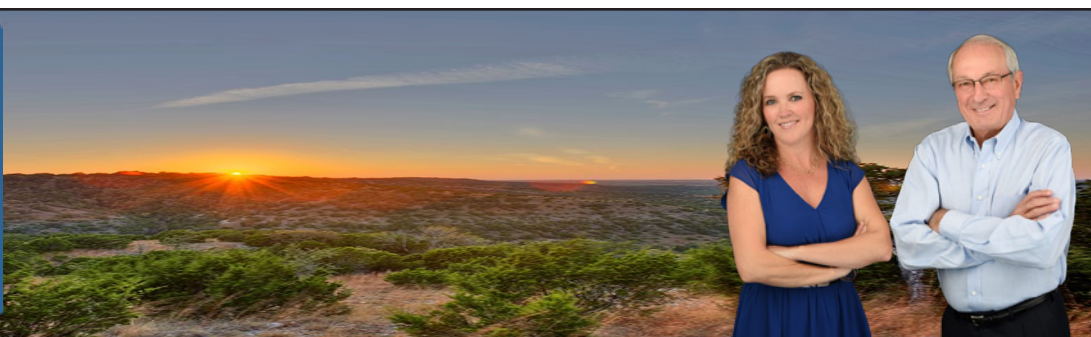
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As of January 7, 2017 MLS Stats for Sweetwater were as follows:

86 Homes Sold in 2017 at an average price of \$160.19 per square foot

9 Homes Pending Sales and 34 Homes Active on the market

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SPICEWOOD ARTS SOCIETY ART TREK VIEWS VAUDEVILLE

Take a behind-the-scenes peek at Austin vaudeville's storied past as the third Spicewood Art Society's Art Trek sets off for "Lights, Camera, Action!" February 8, 2018.

(This trek is nearly full. Check the website, www.spicewoodarts.org, for availability. Sign up as soon as possible.)

The trip begins with the vaudeville exhibit at the Harry Ransom Center. After lunch at the Roaring Fork, trekkers take a walking tour of the Driskill Hotel and other historical buildings along Congress Ave. The day ends with a tour of the Paramount Theatre, originally built for vaudeville.

Vaudeville traces its origins to fifteenth century France, mixing barbed satire with humor and song. The Ransom exhibit examines the century-long run of vaudeville through the late nineteenth and early twentieth century in the United States and its far-reaching influence on today's comedy, television and film.

Opening in 1915 as a vaudeville theatre where Harry Houdini performed in 1916, the Paramount was converted in 1920 to a "grand movie palace" and was Austin's premiere theatre for years. Restored to its former splendor, it still hosts more than 250 performances a

year, screens more than one hundred films and is a principal venue for South by Southwest. Find out more at www.paramountaustin.org.

Sign up by January 25 through the website, www.spicewoodarts.org. The tour is limited to 20 participants. The bus will leave the Barton Creek Lakeside Club lot, 1900 Clubhouse Dr., Spicewood, at 8:30 a.m. and return there at 4:30 p.m. All transportation, food, gratuities, and admissions are covered in the trek price of \$120.



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NATURE WATCH

RASCALLY RACCOONS

by Jim and Lynne Weber

Although easily recognized by its bandit mask and ringed tail, the Northern Raccoon (*Procyon lotor*) is a widespread mammal but not often seen due to its nocturnal habits. It consumes a highly varied diet, is very intelligent and curious, and possesses a far greater manual dexterity and mental ability than cats and dogs, enough to defeat any but the most determined defense of garbage cans or home gardens. Much has been made of the intelligence of raccoons, with recent studies showing they are capable of remembering tasks for up to three years, possessing a mental acuity more closely approximating that of monkeys.

Denning above ground in tree cavities, chimneys and attics, underground in old burrows, storm sewers and crawl spaces, raccoons mate from February to August with 2 to 5 young (or kits) in each litter. Previously thought to be solitary, related females can share a common breeding territory, while unrelated males live together in small groups to guard their mating opportunities against potential rivals. Raccoons have a large array of over 50 vocalizations, including hissing, growling, purring, squealing, and chirping. They can run up to 15 mph, are efficient tree climbers, and can survive unharmed if dropped from heights of up to 40 feet. Raccoons are found throughout all regions in Texas, but they are seldom found far from water, which has an important influence on their distribution and breeding success.

Contrary to popular belief, raccoons do not wash everything they eat, but they do manipulate their food (appearing to wash it when water is available) in order to tactually experience the object rather than actually clean it. In fact, the word 'raccoon' was adopted into English from a now extinct language called Powhatan, which was spoken by the native peoples of Tidewater

Virginia, and translated to mean 'one who rubs, scrubs, and scratches with its hands.'

Raccoons exhibit rascally behavior by stealing food out of pet dishes, eating fish out of backyard ponds, and knocking over trash cans and scattering the contents. Additionally, they can carry and spread disease like rabies and parvovirus. However, since they are scavengers, they play an important role in keeping our ecosystems healthy by cleaning up carrion (keeping our surroundings sanitary), eating other species we humans consider pests (when numbers get out of control), and spreading the seeds of native

plants (by consuming berries and nuts).

You can do your part to keep their destructive behavior at bay by resolving conflicts compassionately. Contain available food sources by putting your trash out in the morning instead of the evening, feeding your pets indoors, and placing netting over ponds containing fish. Close all entry points to your home and other outdoor structures, so they are not used as dens to raise young. If a family of nesting raccoons is found in or around your home, they should not be removed until the end of nesting season in the fall. Separating the young from their mother will mean they will starve to death, and trapping and moving the family will



Northern Raccoon

likely result in death from resident raccoons, and is a Class C misdemeanor in Texas (this applies to transporting or selling live raccoons, coyotes, and foxes from, to, or within the state).

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