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AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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ATTENTION RESIDENTS

The Highland Park West Balcones Area neighborhood association (HPWBANA) works to support our neighborhood in various ways including preservation, safety, beautification, and community engagement. Neighborhood participation gives us a stronger, united voice in civic life and joins us together in shared neighborhood projects.

We would like to ensure that HPWBANA is doing the very best it can to represent our neighbors so we need your help in identifying and prioritizing issues in our neighborhood as well as areas which would increase neighborhood engagement.

Please be on the lookout for a survey that will ask questions that will provide an opportunity for you to provide input on ways HPWBANA can best meet the needs of the neighborhood. Questions range from prioritizing issues that impact our neighborhood to interest in neighborhood activities and events.

As always, anyone who is interested in getting more involved with the neighborhood association in any capacity is more than welcome, and there are many opportunities to do so in various ways.

The link to the survey will be sent out via the HPWBANA list serve, and on our website: www.hpwbana.org. Additionally, the questions will be included on the upcoming annual membership renewal letter that will be sent in the regular mail. Please contact Dawn Lewis at secretary@hpwbana.org if you have any questions about this survey.

The results will be posted on our website and in our upcoming newsletter as well as discussed at board meetings, which are held the first Monday of the month, currently at the Old Quarry Library community room.

The HPWBANA board looks forward to hearing from you.

4 PRIZE BASKETS, 1,537 JELLY BEANS, 1,600 HIDDEN EGGS AND LOTS OF FUN

By Rebecca Wolfe Spratlin



Elizabeth (2), winner of the Golden Egg Basket Ages up to 2 with sisters Caroline (8) and Charlotte (5)

On Saturday, March 31 many families hopped on down to the HPWBANA sponsored Spring Perry Park Egg Hunt. Kids of all ages, divided into four age groups, searched the park and playground areas for the 1,600 candy-filled hidden eggs. Hidden in each area was one golden egg. The lucky finders of those four eggs, Elizabeth, Isabel, Tennison and Sienna won baskets filled with goodies; a chocolate bunny, rubber ducky bubble blower, jump rope, fun shaped erasers, a water bottle and other fun things. There was also a LARGE jar filled with jelly beans. Coming the closest to guessing the number in the jar won the jar. There were 1,537

jelly beans in the jar and Doug was the winner!

There was a wonderful turn out on the cool Saturday morning. It was great to see neighbors enjoying the company of each other and the kids running around having a great time...a true reminder of the fabulous neighborhood in which we live.

NOTE: The Spring Perry Park Egg Hunt, the Movies in Perry Park, the July 4th Parade and Weiner Roast, the Annual Board Meeting

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Highland Park West Balcones Area

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The HPWBANA Board meets on the first Monday of each month except December. Please go to HPWBANA.org for our current meeting location or contact president@HPWBANA.org.

HPWBANA is bordered on the north by 2222, on the south by 35th St., on the west by Mt. Bonnell Rd., and on the east by MoPac and by Bull Creek Rd. between Hancock Dr. and 45th St. Mail your membership dues to HPWBANA, P.O. Box 26101, Austin, Texas 78755

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and many other efforts are paid for through YOUR membership dues and donations. If you would like to support the Highland Park West and Balcones Area Neighborhood Association (HPWBANA), please go to HPWBANA.org and tap on "Get Involved" then "HPWBANA Membership." You can pay dues and donate via PayPal.



Isabel, winner of the Golden Egg Basket, Ages 3-4



Tennison, Winner of the Golden Egg Basket, Ages 5-7



Sienna, Winner of the Golden Egg Basket, Ages 8+



Doug, winner of the Jelly Bean Jar with sons Bennett and Meyer

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HIGHLAND PARK WEST BALCONES
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VOLUNTEERS [Really Badly] NEEDED

Movie in the Park

Saturday, June 2

5:00-6:00 pm and 9:00-9:30 pm



Help set up tents, run extension
cords and general set up
Help wrap-up event

July 4th Parade and Weiner Roast

Wednesday, July 4

8:00 am - 11:00 am



Set up tables, make snow cones,
roast wieners, judge decorations and
hand out prizes

Contact

Rebecca Spratlin

TEXT or Call 512-694-2191

volunteer@hpwbana.org



HIGHLAND PARK WEST BALCONES
AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Movie in Perry Park



Saturday, June 2
Begins at Dusk

**Field Behind
Highland Park Elementary**

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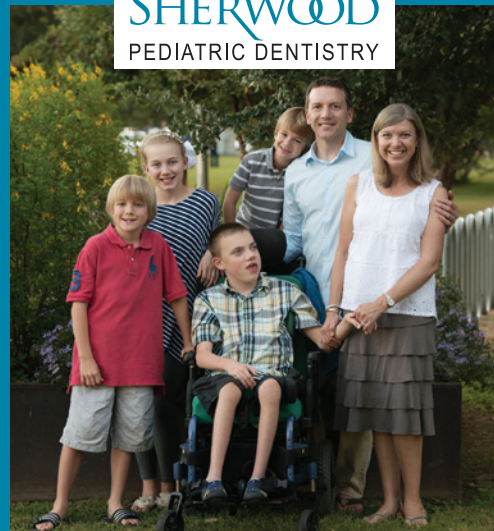
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Highland Park West Balcones Area

GIRLS EMPOWERMENT NETWORK'S campGEN SUMMER CAMPS INSPIRE CENTRAL TEXAS GIRLS IN GRADES 3 – 8 TO OWN AND USE THEIR POWER

This summer the Girls Empowerment Network will host a two-part campGEN Summer Camp Series with weeklong summer camp sessions for girls entering grades 3-8.

campGEN girls participate in interactive workshops that are designed to help girls feel more confident as they navigate girlhood. The program engages Girls Empowerment Network's girl experts and female role models as camp counselors. The two-part Summer Camp Series for girls entering grades 3-8 includes:

- campGEN – Part 1, held June 18-22, kicks off with "Own My Power." This camp focuses on building confidence and self-love. Girls will explore stress management, identity, self-compassion and body positivity. Activities include yoga, art and craft projects, writing, talent shows and games.
- campGEN – Part 2, held July 16-20, continues the conversation with "Use My Power." Girls will focus on using their confidence to advocate for themselves and others. Girls will explore and practice confident communication, advocacy, healthy friendships and values. Activities include role playing, skits, a fun community advocacy project, and games.

"Our entire team is excited to invest our time and energy into programming that makes campGEN summer camp fun and an experience to remember," says Caroline Crawford, program director. "This year our summer camps build on one another, and we see girls signing up for both sessions soon once they learn to OWN their power, then they can put it into practice and USE their power. We know they'll walk away with a strong sense of self and be ready for another school year."

Network (GEN) helps girls discover they are powerful people. Through school-based programs and community events for girls, parents and schools, GEN ignites power in girls ages 8 – 18 by teaching them skills to thrive and believe in their ability to be unstoppable. campGEN was created to expand Girls Empowerment Network's services that empower girls to navigate the challenges of girlhood.


Both campGEN summer camp sessions will be held in Downtown Austin at First Baptist Church, located at 901 Trinity Street, Austin, TX 78701, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Drop off begins at 8:00 a.m. and aftercare is available until 5 p.m. for \$50. Each five-day session costs \$330.

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LETTUCE RECYCLE!

by Dena Houston

WHY WE DON'T RECYCLE – Part II

In the previous Lettuce Recycle, I talked about recycling being confusing. In addition to trying to figure out what can and cannot be recycled, it takes organization to make recycling happen easily around the house. It often takes extra inertia to get the recyclable materials to the appropriate collection bins. For example – you're upstairs in the study, clearing out the stash of catalogs, and the blue recycling bin is WAY OUT in the garage – what to do? There's the trashcan, empty and right there. Who wants to take all those catalogs downstairs and out to the garage? This question leads me to the next reason why people don't recycle:

REASON 2 - RECYCLING IS INCONVENIENT

Here are some solutions!!!

HOW TO COLLECT RECYCLABLES EASILY – have collection containers where you generate a lot of recyclable materials.

- In the office or study, have a container for paper.
- In the kitchen, have an extra container for cans and plastics – these containers can be placed under the sink or in the pantry.
- In the playroom or entertainment area, have a container for plastic water bottles, soft drink cans, newspapers, and magazines.
- Set aside a collection bag for the plastic bags that go to the grocery store plastic collection bins.
- For curbside composting, keep a covered container (I use a ceramic compost collection container with a filter in the lid) on the counter, under the sink, or in the laundry room. Please remember to use a compostable bag in these collectors.
- Add visual reminders on some of the containers to help the family remember what can and cannot be recycled. Pictures can be added to help the younger members of the family.

HOW TO SPEND LESS TIME TO PREPARING THINGS TO RECYCLE One of the stumbling blocks to recycling is preparing items to be recycled. With “single stream”, as we have in Austin, there is very little prep work to be done. Here are some of the roadblocks and how to deal with them.

- Cleaning out bottles and jars – A quick rinse is ALL that is needed to recycle a bottle or jar, even those pesky mayo and peanut butter containers. They do not have to be squeaky clean. With peanut butter containers, just add a little hot water and soap, shake, and you're done!
- Price labels on produce plastic bags – Plastic recyclers prefer that you remove the sticky labels before putting the bags into the plastic collection bins at the grocery store. To avoid removing a label from every bag, just put all the labels on one bag for check out.

HOW TO GET THE FAMILY TO HELP RECYCLE

- Have recycling collection as a part of the household chores the kids can do.
- Set a good example.
- Discuss why we recycle and the City's goal of Zero Waste. All anyone has to say is “Do we want a landfill in our backyard?”

BATTERY RECYCLING UPDATE – Home Depot no longer accepts all batteries for recycling; now they accept only rechargeable batteries.

Many of the Austin public libraries and the Recycle & Reuse Drop-Off Center accept most batteries. Here is a link to all of the places in Austin where batteries can be recycled:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/page/battery-drop-locations>

BLUE JEANS GO GREEN – Although this program is 10 years old, it is new to me. This is a denim recycling program that collects denim across the country and upcycles it into UltraTouch™ Denim Insulation, providing a portion of the home insulation produced to communities in need. To date, over 1,000 tons (2,000,000 pieces) of denim have been collected and diverted from landfills. There are two stores in Austin where any denim (pants, shorts, skirts, jackets, etc.) can be donated. They are Madewell and J. Crew. They will even give a \$20 discount or gift card on new jeans purchased. They will also accept donations even if new jeans are not purchased. Here is the website for more information on the Blue Jean Go Green program: <http://bluejeansgogreen.org/>

QUESTIONS FROM OUR READERS AND THE ANSWERS:

I JUST SPILLED COFFEE ON MY MORNING NEWSPAPER – CAN I RECYCLE IT? No. Any paper that has become wet (even if it has dried) is contaminated and cannot be recycled in the blue curbside bin.

However, it can go into the green composting bin for curbside composting.

Toe Jeans Go Green™ denim recycling program

Here is a very informative City of Austin recycling website that tells how various items can be recycled

<http://www.austintexas.gov/what-do-i-do>

Here is a new City of Austin website to help link you to most of the charity shops in Austin. It is called the Austin Reuse Directory.

<http://austineconetwork.com/austin-reuse-directory/>.

Stay tuned for future tips that will include creative ways to recycle or reuse. If you have any questions or recycling ideas, please send them to: recycling@hpwbana.org

SCALE INSECTS

Scale insects are divided into two basic categories- soft scales and hard, or armored, scales. Soft scales produce a soft, thin, cottony, powdery, or waxy covering that cannot be separated from their body. They also produce a lot of honeydew (a sweet, sticky substance excreted by some insects). Hard scales produce a hard, shield-like covering made of shed skins and wax that conceals their body but is not attached to the body.

Scale insects lay eggs which hatch into crawlers. Eggs are usually hidden under the female's body, but some may be placed under a cottony or waxy covering secreted by the female. The first instar is called a "crawler" because when they emerge from the egg, they move around on the plant to locate a place to settle down and feed. Crawlers may be transported to other plants by wind, people, or animals such as birds. After they choose their spot, the insects typically do not move for the rest of their life.

Scale insects cause damage to plants by puncturing and removing plant juices via their piercing-sucking mouthparts. This can lead to yellowing, wilting, leaf drop, or sometimes killing sections of the plant. Soft scales produce honeydew which can lead to growth of a black fungus called sooty mold that can further stress your plant. Depending on the type of scale, they may be found on foliage, stems, or even roots of the plant.

Tips for managing scale insects:

- Prune sections that contain scales from the plant and discard in sealed bags.
- Try spraying the plant with a high pressure water spray to knock the insects from the plant.
- Try treating the plant with insecticidal soap or horticultural oil.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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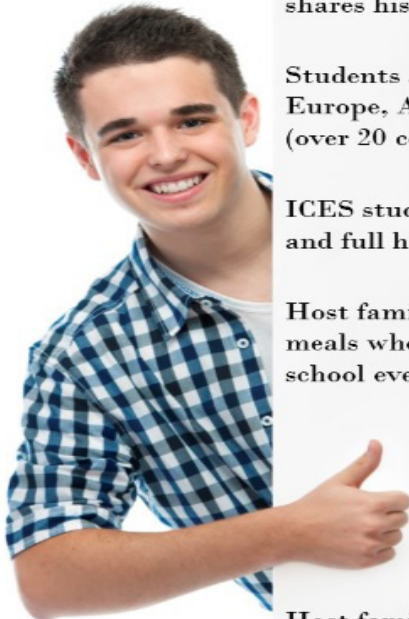
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