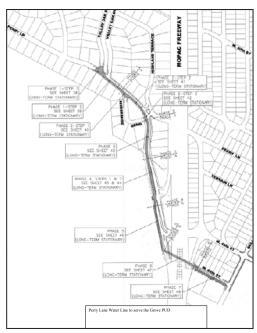


HIGHLAND PARK WEST BALCONES AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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PERRY LANE WATERLINE CONSTRUCTION TO SERVE THE GROVE PUD



Construction will begin in the next few months for a new waterline in Perry Lane, between Valley Oak and 44th Street area and tunneling under MoPac to Bull Creek Road, to serve the Grove PUD. Bids are due May 10 (prior to the deadline for newsletter articles). The project is titled "Construction Plans for Bull Creek Tract 24-Inch Waterline

Extension" and dated 2/05/2016. The project is privately funded and designed by the developer ARG Bull Creek but up for bid through the City of Austin process to qualify for the City's share of the oversize cost and to meet the requirements for MBE/WBE bid solicitation. Once the bids have been received and verified, the developer of the Grove PUD will enter into the construction contract. Most likely then we can learn of the calendar for the construction.

An excerpt of the plans showing the area of the road where the water line is to be placed and where the pavement is to be repaired at the end of the project accompanies this article. The file for the entire plans is large and can be downloaded with other documents associated with this project at https://www.

austintexas.gov/financeonline/vendor_connection/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=125249. Anyone may register at the Austin Finance Online to look at any bidding the City is doing (https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/vendor_connection/registration/registration user.cfm).

As part of the construction plan, a Traffic Management Plan (Detours) is included for the area of the road where the water line is to be placed and where the pavement is to be repaired at the end of the project. Please note that the plans call for the complete closure of the intersection of Perry Lane/(western side of) Valley Oak Drive for the first phase step of 10 steps of construction moving easterly down Perry Lane and ultimately boring under MoPac. The plans call for the successful contractor to provide seven days advance notice and an approved detour plan before any street closures (however it is unclear whether the notice is provided to the city only or also to the neighbors immediately impacted).

During construction, the bid document plans call for1) maintaining the posted 30 MPH speed limit, removable pavement markings, 2) a minimum travel lane width of 10 feet and 3) when to install temporary No Parking signs for each step. Since March 2017 after several inquiries, I have had no specific information from the private engineering firm, BGE, designing the project for the Grove PUD development. It is when the project went out for bids that copies of the plans were made available. According to the plans now available and downloadable, most of the Perry Lane/44th Street construction area is either adjacent to or part of the area HPWBANA had requested for a sidewalk (west side of Perry Lane between Horseshoe Bend and 45th Street and adjacent to Camp Mabry) as part of the traffic mitigation for the Grove. It was hoped that after inquiries were made that some coordination and cost savings could be had by having the sidewalk installed as part of the water line project. However, it appears that a sidewalk will not be included in the construction project.

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Austin Citywide Information Center. 974-2000 or 311
Emergency Police911
Non-emergency Police (coyote sighting, etc.) 311
Social Services (during work hours)211
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Highland Park West Balcones Area

City of Austin's Animal Services

I am an Animal Protection Officer with the City of Austin's Animal Services. With the advent of denning season, I would greatly appreciate your help in getting the word out about how to respond to coyotes in the community. Please share the attached brochure freely with residents. Please feel free to also use the text below (in blue) as needed for newsletter or email communication.

I am available to speak with citizens directly through yard audits and presentations; I can offer yard audits to assess for attractants or inspect outdoor animal enclosures, and I am also available for presentations with a group of neighbors (at no cost). Please let me know if I can ever be of assistance regarding coyotes and other wildlife concerns (email and phone are for non-urgent use only). If a neighbor would like to report a coyote sighting or other behavior, please advise that they call 311 so the call can be dispatched as appropriate.

How to respond to coyotes in our neighborhood

As Austin grows, our interactions with wildlife increase. To keep coyotes and other wildlife wild, we can follow a few, simple preventative measures:

- Always keep trash and compost in a secure bin
- Keep your barbecue grill clean
- \bullet Keep the area under your fruit and nut trees free of droppings (a coyote's diet can be up to 40% fruit in Texas)
- Avoid feeding pets outdoors (if you must feed pets outside, feed during the daytime and remove the uneaten food as soon as the animal has finished).
- Feeding wildlife and feral cats can attract coyotes. In addition to coyotes eating the food, mice and other animals will be drawn to leftovers, which can subsequently attract predators such as foxes and coyotes.

Hazing

To discourage coyotes from associating people with safety and food, eliminate the food sources around your yard and engage in *hazing* if you see a coyote on your property. Hazing is a process used to reinforce a coyote's natural wariness without harming them. To haze, be big and loud: Wave your arms, shout, use noisemakers, throw non-edible objects in its direction (but not at it), or spray the animal with a hose. It shouldn't take much for the coyote to get the memo -- just be persistent and maintain eye contact. Do not haze if a coyote is sick, injured, with pups, or is in its territory or out at night.

Pet safety

- Be aware of possible coyote den sites when near natural areas. Coyotes are protective of pups and may view people or dogs (even larger dogs) as interlopers. Coyotes den, mate and birth pups generally from January to June and are most territorial then.
- Keep small pets inside if possible and monitor them when outside
- Provide secure shelters for poultry or other animals living outside
- Avoid using extendable leashes; walk dogs on leashes that are 4-6 feet in length
- Avoid letting dogs explore vegetation that you cannot see through For more information on hazing and pet safety, visit: http://www.austintexas.gov/department/coyotes-central-texas. For immediate

assistance, or to report a coyote that is sick or injured, call 311.

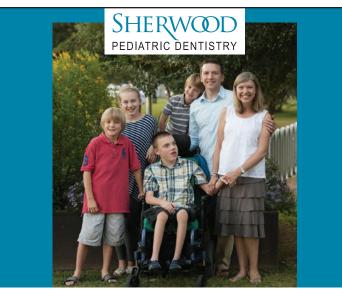
Denning

This Spring, coyote parents may be more active as they raise pups.

If a coyote is walking behind you and your dog, it may be exhibiting a behavior called 'flushing', or 'escorting'. Flushing is a normal behavior wherein the coyote is diverting the passerby because its pups are in the area, akin to a human parent being watchful while their child is on the playground. If the animal has become visible, its focus is on the dog. If you see a coyote while walking with your dog, do not run. Make sure your dog is secured and at your side or pick up smaller dogs and leave the area calmly.

While coyotes are not strictly nocturnal, do not tolerate coyotes in roads, sidewalks, driveways, or fenced yards during the day. You can influence the behavior of a coyote through a simple process of negative reinforcement called hazing. Doing so will help it relearn to avoid people during the day. The more an individual coyote is hazed using a variety of tools and techniques by a variety of people, the more effective it will be for the entire community. For more information on hazing please visit: http://www.austintexas.gov/department/coyotes-central-texas

Coyotes can have multiple dens and may move their litter to prevent flea buildup or if they feel unsafe. Coyotes only den while they are raising their family; in June or July when the pups are old enough, the family will leave their den.



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Mud daubers create a mud

structure that they provision with insects and/or spiders; they lay an egg on each prey item within a cell in the nest, and then seal the nest off. When larvae hatch from eggs, they eat the items provisioned for them, pupate, and then emerge as adults to begin the process over.

Management is not usually needed for mud daubers as they do not guard their nest like other wasps. While they are capable of stinging, they are not considered to be aggressive. If you do not like the look of the mud nests, you can remove them with a putty knife.

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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Lettuce Recycle!

by Dena Houston

WHY WE DON'T RECYCLE - Part III

REASON 3 – THERE IS TOO MUCH TO RECYCLE!

It is challenging enough to recycle the items we bring into our lives - water bottles, cans, newspapers, etc., but it is frustrating when we are faced with recycling all the unsolicited materials that come to us. Below are some ways to STOP these unwanted materials.

UNWANTED STUFF AND HOW TO STOP IT!

PHONE DIRECTORIES



Ah – I remember the good ole' days of looking joiward to go telephone directories. The first thing you did when you received them was to check to see if your telephone number was listed correctly. I loved the yellow pages directory because there was a whole section of coupons in the back. Then, there was the special table in the hallway where the phone with the 25foot cord lived. The table had a special

shelf specifically for the telephone directories.

The day came when we no longer used those directories and they could not be recycled curbside. We had to take them to special collection bins, set up in grocery store parking lots, for the old directories and the new ones we didn't want.

Now, every year, a phone directory still appears in everyone's driveway in my neighborhood. If yours goes directly into your blue recycling cart, as mine does, you can request that you not receive one by going to the following website: https://www.yellowpagesoptout.com/.

UNWANTED CATALOGS AND MAGAZINES

My husband has been very diligent about reducing our unwanted catalogs, magazines, and mail. He has stopped delivery of at least 50 catalogs and magazines by using the following website: www. Catalogchoice.org. This website is provided by a non-profit service that sends merchants your catalog "opt out" request or guides you how to do it. Sometimes, just contacting the company directly that sends a catalog or magazine is the fastest way to get it stopped.

WEEKLY GROCERY STORE FLYERS

The weekly retail store mailer is produced by a company called Red Plum. If you love these mailers with coupons and specials advertised, that is great, but if your mailer goes directly into the blue recycling cart, you can stop receiving these flyers by visiting the following website:

https://www.redplum.com/tools/redplum-postal-addremove.html. Be patient; it can take up to 6 weeks to stop receiving this mailer.

THE FREE NEWSPAPER

The Austin American Statesman sometimes throws a Sunday

newspaper in all of my neighbor's driveways for several weeks to promote their paper. If you want this free paper, that is great, but if you do not, just call the Statesman's Circulation Department at 800-445-9898 and tell them.

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AMAZON PACKAGING

Have you ever received what you consider "too much packaging" from Amazon? There is a way to give feedback to help reduce the amount of packaging. Just call Amazon at 866-216-1072 and have the service representative fill out a customer feedback form to register your concern.

Mattress Stakeholders Meeting

I was recently invited to attend a stakeholders' meeting for mattress recycling. Below is a summary.

Currently, all mattresses picked up curbside during bulk collection go directly to the landfill. Mattresses are problematic for several reasons, principally bed bug contamination and the inability to be compressed in the landfill. Austin Resource Recovery is considering ways to collect mattresses and take them to Houston where a company will break them down and recycle all the parts - metal, wood, fabric etc. Stay tuned for further developments!

STAY TUNED FOR THE JULY COLUMN OF LETTUCE RECYCLE: ALL ABOUT PLASTICS - THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY!

Here is a very informative City of Austin recycling website: 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

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ARMS OF HOPE

Arms of Hope is currently reaching out to local neighborhood associations and offering our free pick up service to all who want to donate to a good cause.

I am a Collection Coordinator for the group and recently found your information on hoodhomesblog.com.

We would like to work with several other Neighborhoods in Austin and Killeen every year when you host any Neighborhood or Community Rummage Sales or Recycle Days.

We can arrange neighborhood pick-ups after neighborhood yard sales and we pick up Clothes – Shoes – Household Miscellaneous – Furniture and much more, if you can reuse it we can pick it up.

In the past we have scheduled large and small neighborhoods, our trucks will come by at a designated date and time and will collect items that may have not been sold and residence no longer want to hold on to.

As long as everything is bagged or boxes and ready for pick up we will offer our free donation pick up service.

YES.... FREE of charge just call us and we will schedule a truck to come out.

Because we have worked with several other Neighborhoods we have lots of pick up ideas to share with Neighborhood Association Leaders like yourself.

Please consider keeping us on a list of non- profits you may want to partner up with and if so I have included my direct line for more information.

Help me make a difference in someone else's life this Spring. Touching Lives and Reaching Generations

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF DAY

Neighbors, Save yourself a trip across town! Drop off your household hazardous waste on

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The accepted items are oil, paint (up to five gallon container), batteries, antifreeze. No spray paint accepted .



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Coyotes are

- Mainly active from dusk to dawn.
- Overly protective if mating or their pups are nearby (January-June).
- Omnivores (eat plants and animals).
- Found mostly near greenbelts and in brushy areas.
- · Likely to return if they found a food source near you, (pet food, trash, birdseed, fruit tree droppings, compost, dirty BBQ grills, and unfortunately, outside pets)
- Fearful of loud noises.
- More likely to approach humans if you have fed them. Nationwide, a third of the negative coyote encounters with people were after humans intentionally gave them food.
- More likely to approach small dogs and cats left alone outside.

If you have chickens, they need to be secured on your property. If you feed feral cat colonies, please feed at the same time every day, and pick up containers and any leftover food before you leave the site.

Coyotes are not

- Naturally aggressive towards people.
- · Usually pack travelers. They are more likely found in pairs.
- Controlled by killing them. National scientific studies have shown more move into the territory and have more litters earlier and more often in their lifetime.
- · Leaving. The most successful efforts in other cities involve public outreach and education on how to safely coexist.



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Wildland Fire Precautions

With warmer temperatures and drying vegetation, residents need to be reminded of the need for wildfire/brush fire safety awareness and preparedness.

Do not park vehicles on the dry grass. The heat from the vehicle's exhaust system can cause the grass to catch fire.

Remove combustible materials from around your home. Keep grass mowed short.

Pack critical medicines, important documents, and family heirlooms to be ready to leave at a moment's notice.

Agree on an evacuation plan that includes what to do if you get separated and where you'll go in case of evacuation.

TEN SIMPLE STEPS TO PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM WILDLAND FIRE

Wildfire can strike home if you have not taken some steps to protect your house and property. The actions and precautions listed below are designed to help you prepare your home and lessen the threat of wildland fire damage to you and your property.

- 1. LPG/propane tanks should be far enough away from buildings for valves to be shut off in case of fire. Keep area around the tank clear of flammable vegetation.
- 2. Store gasoline in an approved safety can away from occupied buildings.
- 3. All combustibles such as firewood, wooden picnic tables, boats and stacked lumber should be kept away from structures.
- 4. Clear roof surfaces and gutters regularly to avoid build-up of flammable materials such as leaves and other debris.
 - 5. Remove branches from trees to a height of 15 feet or more.
- 6. In rural areas, clear a fuel break of at least three times the fuel length around all structures.
- 7. Have fire tools handy such as: ladder long enough to reach your roof, shovel, rake and a bucket or two for water.

- 8. Place connected garden hoses at all sides of your home for emergency use.
- 9. Assure that you and your family know all emergency exits from your home.
- 10. Assure that you and your family know all emergency exits from your neighborhood.

Each family should be proactive to prepare for emergencies: Prepare a Basic Emergency Supply Kit; Make a Plan for Safety and Communicating with Family; Be Informed; and Get Involved in Preparing the Community.

A wealth of information to help you is available at: http://www.ready.gov/wildfires http://txforestservice.tamu.edu/main/article.aspx?id=8512

HEART GALLERY TEXAS



Meet Exzavyor (12)! He is a fun kiddo, who works hard in school and always strives to do his best. If you enjoy a quick pickup game or throwing the football around or kicking a soccer ball, Exzavyor just might be the perfect fit for your family. He would is waiting for a family to call his own!

Interested in adoption or foster care? There are no fees to adopt from the foster care system regardless of which agency you work with. The first step is to choose a child placing agency to begin your journey. Learn more about starting the adoption process and the children waiting for forever families at www.heartgallerytexas.com.



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