

# Canyon Creek CHRONICLE

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## The canyon creek firewise plan

### Your Responsibility and Awareness

Because Canyon Creek enjoys a close proximity to natural greenbelt areas, we all have a responsibility to be aware of and mitigate the certain wildfire risks. Wildfires are inevitable and can be due to natural events, accidental, or by a deliberate act of arson. Regardless of the cause for a wildfire, embers may travel aloft and put your home at risk. Following the Firewise principles for ALL of our homes will help to minimize those risks.

### What can you do?

Member Firewise / Greenbelt Clearing:

- Reduce the risk to your property as well as the entire neighborhood by employing and Firewise Principles around your property.
- If you live along the the Canyon Creek greenbelt, check to make sure that you do not have any unnecessary fire load behind or to the side of your property. While you do not own the greenbelt property, a wildfire will indiscriminately surge through any yard clipping and brush that may have collected. This fire load may not have been put there by you, but we need to work together to remove it. You do not need permission to enter the HOA greenbelt.
- Complete the following Member Firewise / Greenbelt Clearing application and send to [arc@canyoncreek.com](mailto:arc@canyoncreek.com).

### Additional Information

- As posted on the City of Austin webpage, our next scheduled large brush collection will start on August 13, 2018. Please be proactive! You

may begin to minimize your fire load by discarding brush in lawn bags though normal weekly collection.

- No fires of any kind are allowed in any part of our Canyon Creek HOA greenbelt areas as it poses a certain risk to property damage and to the lives of our residents. Call the fire department at 911 to report any fire regardless if contained or not. Call the police at 911 to report any suspicious persons that you believe may be involved in any fire building activity. Please contact your board at [board@canyoncreek.net](mailto:board@canyoncreek.net) if you wish to pass along any additional information.

- Be aware that the Canyon Creek board may seek to motion to codify certain fines against members that fail to engage in cleaning up debris that they may have discarded into the HOA Greenbelt area. Especially note the areas marked in dark pink in this chart.

- Contact Mark Weaver at 512-423-9251 if you would like to assist with the Canyon Creek Firewise project.

### What is next?

- Follow the Firewise resources now to start pulling out any fire-load / debris from your property. If you live on the Greenbelt, remove and fire load / debris from behind your property regardless if the fire load / debris was placed by you or not. You will NOT be fined by the Canyon Creek HOA for any debris put out early for a large brush collection pickup. You may be fined for any fire load / debris left behind your property.

Additional resources and information can be found at the Canyon Creek HOA website: <http://www.canyoncreek.net>

## Canyon Creek Annual Back to School Pool Party Hosted by the Canyon Creek HOA

Sunday, August 12th

4 pm – 7 pm

11401 Boulder Ln, Austin, TX 78726

Visit the Canyon Creek HOA facebook page for more information.

[www.facebook.com/CanyoncreekHOA](http://www.facebook.com/CanyoncreekHOA)



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Sheriff – Non-Emergency.....512-974-5556  
Hudson Bend Fire and EMS

### SCHOOLS

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Westwood High School .....512-464-4000

### UTILITIES

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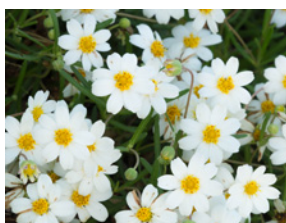
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## What's In Season At The Wildflower Center

*Submitted by Amy McCullough, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Photography by Wildflower Center*

Here's what's likely to be blooming, fruiting or setting seed in Central Texas this time of year. Look for these native plants around town, at the Wildflower Center and perhaps in your own backyard!

### BLACKFOOT DAISY (MELAMPODIUM LEUCANTHUM)



Love the look of a low mound of flowers spilling over a rocky ledge? So do we, and short-and-stout blackfoot daisy does the trick. This charming member of the aster family spans areas at least twice as wide as it is tall (about 6 inches), covering a lot of ground with plentiful white blooms. *Melampodium leucanthum* can take the heat; flourishes in dry, gravelly soil; and makes a lovely plant for garden edges. It's easy to confuse with white zinnia (*Zinnia acerosa*), but blackfoot daisy has more white ray petals (8 to 13 versus 4 to 7). The name "blackfoot" is said to refer to the dark bases of stems, against which this perennial's flowers really pop. It can bloom from March through November and attracts bees and butterflies. You know what they say: Good things come in small, low-growing packages.

### TEXAS GAYFEATHER (LIATRIS PUNCTATA VAR. MUCRONATA)



Our craftier wildflower fans have probably heard of "chenille stems," an alternate name for pipe cleaners. It's not a bad alias for plants in the genus *Liatris*, either, known commonly as gayfeathers. These purple perennials bloom long and tall, jutting velvety spikes of color into gardens and not asking for much in return: Texas gayfeather (a common *Liatris* 'round these parts) is heat and drought tolerant, loves full sun, and thrives in limy, rocky soils. As if that weren't enough, it brings in the butterflies. Also known as Texas blazing star (probably due its cometlike appearance), *Liatris punctata* var. *mucronata* looks even more like wands of chenille once it's gone to seed — this is one plant that can't stop / won't stop when it comes to looking fluffy.

**Find these plants at the Wildflower Center and learn more about them at: [wildflower.org/plants-main](http://wildflower.org/plants-main)**

### ATTN:ASPIRING PLANT NERDS

The Wildflower Center has plenty to offer those feeling back-to-school ambition: Our fall classes include everything from native plant gardening and plant ID walks to foraging for edible plants and stop-motion nature animation. Come on over and learn something new. More info at [wildflower.org/learn](http://wildflower.org/learn).

## Guidance on Signage in Canyon Creek

The board would like to clarify our community's policy on signage. While we may have changed management companies, there have been no changes to our sign compliance regime. If a notice has been received in error, please contact the management company or the board to express your concern.

- In the interest of improving neighborhood security, the Site Inspector will not cite for unobtrusive signs announcing homes protected by an alarm company.

- In the interest of school spirit, the Site Inspector will not cite for signs in support of students participating in school activities (band, sports, etc.)

- Display of political signs is subject to Texas Property Code – Display of Political Signs, Section 202.009. The display time period is: "An applicable election period consists of the time period commencing 90 days before the date of the election to which a sign relates and continuing until the 10th day after such election date."

- Signs marketing property are permitted on the owners Lot under the DCCRs, section 3.3. (i.e. "For Sale" signs)

- All other signs are prohibited under the DCCRS.



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