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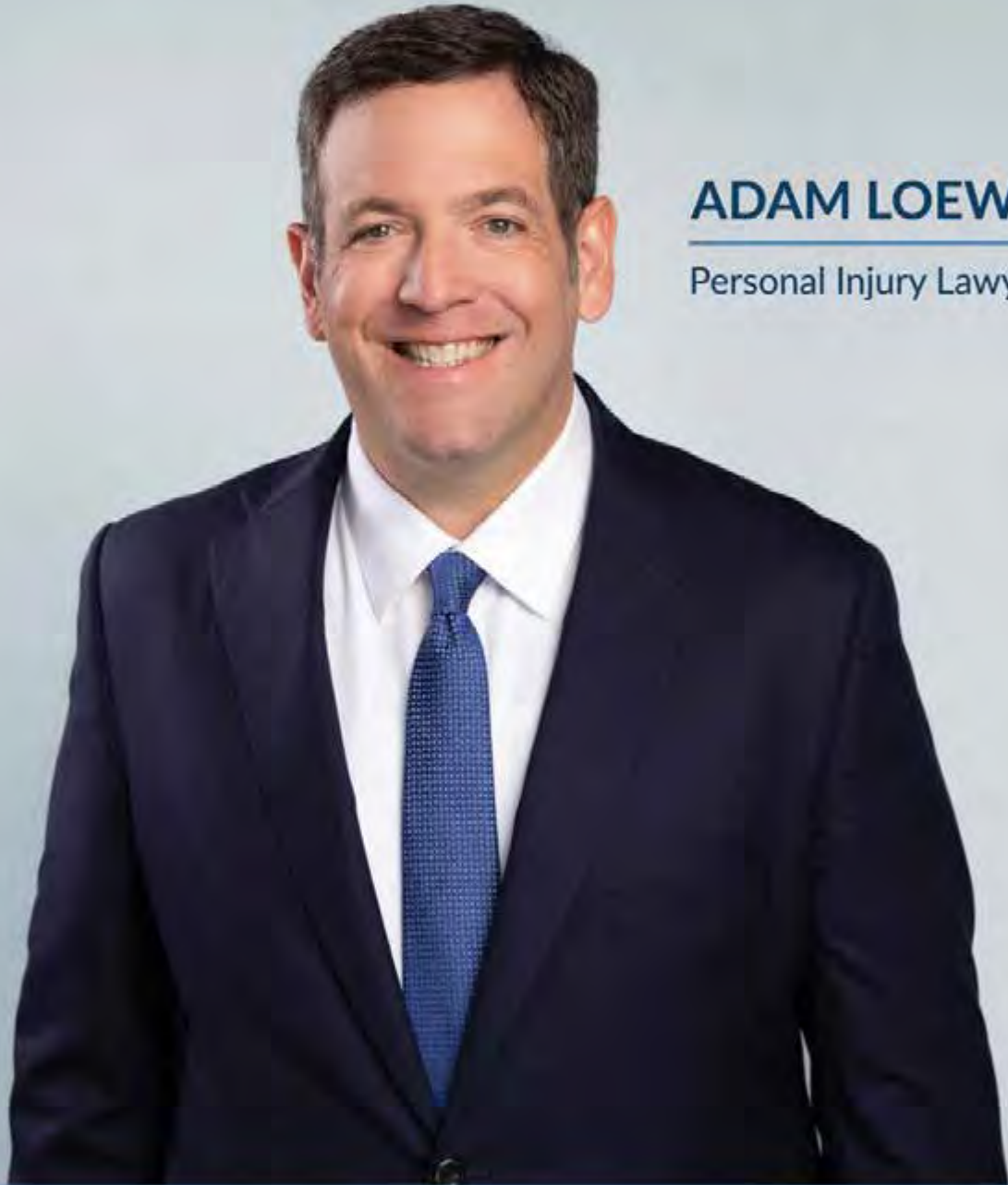


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Austin.....	512-414-2505
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UTILITIES

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City of Austin.....	512-972-0101
City of Austin (billing).....	512-494-9400
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Texas State Gas	
Customer Service.....	1-800-700-2443
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Repair.....	1-800-246-8464
Billing.....	1-800-288-2020
Allied Waste.....	512-247-5647
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City of Austin	
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Boy Scout Impacting Camp Mabry

Austin, TX – Jacob Kamperman a Circle C resident, member of Boy Scout Troop 395 in Southwest Austin, and student at Bowie HS, wanted to do something special to support Camp Mabry. When he approached TXARNG Natural Resource Manager Linda Brown at Camp Mabry he found a project that would support Camp Mabry and his love of the outdoors.

Jacob has had a connection with Camp Mabry since he started camping on the base as a Cub Scout at 6 yrs old. Over the years he has spent endless hours at Camp Mabry visiting Texas Military Forces Museum, attending Muster Day and Reenactments, hiking the trails, and volunteering at the annual Fishing Derby.

Dr. Brown and her team have been working to restore the undeveloped areas of Camp Mabry back to their natural form, 65% of Camp Mabry's 375 acres are undeveloped. Jacob wanted to support a project that improved the natural environment and increase the diverse wildlife on the base.

Jacob identified a need for Bat houses. He led volunteers designing, building, and installing three double chamber bat houses. The new bat houses will give bats the opportunity to bring their insect-eating presence to the fields of Camp Mabry. Jacob felt the need to increase the Bat population to offset the concerns around diseases spreading in the Central TX bat population. In May 2019 Pseudogymnoascus destructans (Pd) was detected at Bracken Cave Preserve, in the hill country. PD fungus can cause White-nose Syndrome (WNS) which kills bats. Across North America, WNS has killed millions of hibernating bats over the past decade, causing the most severe threat to bats on the continent.

Jacob's project, which took over 200 volunteer hours to complete fulfills the requirements for the William T. Hornaday award. The Hornaday is a program that promotes sound stewardship of natural resources and respect for the outdoors. The Scouting award was created in 1914 by Dr. Hornaday. Hornaday was a pioneer of natural resource conservation, who was instrumental in preventing the extinction of American bison. Fewer than 1200 medals have been awarded in the last 80 years, and it is an honor that requires a great commitment and achievement over periods of months or even years to earn.

Lettuce Recycle!

by Dena Houston

QUESTIONS FROM OUR READERS – PART 3

This is the last part of a three-part series on questions from our readers. Recycling can be very confusing; I encourage you to send me your questions at recycling@hpwbana.org. I will answer your questions personally.

ARE PLASTIC ROLL-ON DEODERANT CONTAINERS RECYCLABLE? Only completely empty plastic roll-on deodorant containers with the recycling symbol on the bottom are recyclable. Aerosol containers (any kind, including deodorant) are recyclable in the blue cart ONLY if they are completely empty. Partially full aerosol cans are a fire hazard at the recycling processing facility. They must go into the trash can or be taken to the Recycle & Reuse Drop-Off Center.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COMPOSTABLE AND BIODEGRADABLE? Compostable material is always biodegradable, but biodegradable material is not always compostable. Compostable materials will break down in a compost pile and become dirt or humus. Biodegradable products are designed to break down into smaller pieces, but they never become dirt or humus. For example, a biodegradable plastic bag degrades into small pieces of plastic, while a compostable plastic bag becomes dirt. Therefore, it is important that you place only compostable materials and bags into the green curbside compost collection bin.

MY PIZZA BOXES LOOK CLEAN. CAN I THROW THEM INTO MY BLUE RECYCLING BIN? No. Even if the box looks clean, it has absorbed grease that is not visible. This grease makes the cardboard unable to be processed properly for recycling. All pizza boxes can go into the green curbside compost collection bin or the trash can.

MY NEWSPAPER GOT WET BUT NOW IT IS DRY. CAN I PUT IT INTO MY BLUE RECYCLING BIN? No. When any paper gets wet, the paper fibers shrink, making the paper less valuable. Also, wet paper is at risk for contamination from whatever contaminated it. Wet paper can go into your green curbside compost bin or into the trash can.

CAN I RECYCLE PLASTIC LIDS IF THEY DON'T HAVE THE RECYCLING TRIANGLE ON THEM? No. The triangle marked on plastics tells what the plastic is made of. This helps sort the plastics properly at the MRF (manufacturing recycling facility). If plastic is not labeled, the MRF won't know how to process it. These types of plastics need to go into the trash can.

ARE PHOTOGRAPHS RECYCLABLE IN THE BLUE BINS? Old photos are not recyclable because of the chemicals used in the photographic process. Newer digital photos are recyclable, much like magazines. To tell the difference, tear the photo. If it tears in layers, rather than cleanly ripping apart, you have an "old school" photo and need to put it into your trash can.

Here is a very informative City of Austin recycling website:
<http://www.austintexas.gov/what-do-i-do>

PLEASE REMEMBER – WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!!!

If you don't know how to recycle something, put it into your trash can so that it doesn't contaminate the recycling stream.

CICADA KILLER WASPS



Cicada killer wasps are very large wasps reaching up to 1 ½ inches long and can be somewhat frightening if you see them flying about your lawn. These wasps have a reddish-brown head and thorax, a black and yellow abdomen, and wings with a rusty tinge. Females are capable of stinging, the stinger is a modified egg

laying structure, but are rarely aggressive. Males look similar to females and are territorial; they will buzz near you if you enter their territory. Once you leave the male's territory, the wasp will ignore you.

Cicada killers can be considered beneficial insects since they help to control cicada populations. Cicadas, common in Texas trees in the summer, are stung and paralyzed by female cicada killer wasps then carried back to a burrow dug in the ground by the female wasps. The female wasp pulls the cicada into the burrow where it is tucked into a side tunnel and has an egg deposited upon it. When the egg hatches, the cicada killer larva eats the cicada(s) provided.

Cicada killers usually do not warrant any control methods. If people are uncomfortable with large wasps flying over their lawn or do not like the holes caused by the wasps, then insecticidal dust can be sprinkled around the opening of the burrow. Tamp the dust around the opening with your shoe and as the wasps work on cleaning out the entrance to the burrow, they will pick up the dust on their body and eventually die.

Please note that cicada killer wasps are often mistaken for Asian giant hornets (AGH), also referred to as "murder hornets". AGH have not been found in Texas and have only been located in Washington state within the U.S.

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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Reimagining Public Safety

Key Changes in the FY 2020-21 Proposed Budget



\$11.3 million reduction to the Austin Police Department's Forecast Budget

- Eliminated 100 vacant police officer positions from the forecast budget for a total reduction of \$9.2 million
- Delayed the July 2020 cadet class resulting in an estimated \$1.5 million reduction
- Delayed scheduled replacement of duty weapons resulting in a \$400,000 reduction
- Transferred Austin Center for Events staff to the Development Services Department for a reduction of \$200,000

Reallocation of \$11.3 million to fund alternative public safety strategies and public health services

- \$3.0 million to enhance the work of the Office of Police Oversight and the Equity Office, rewrite the Austin Police Department's General Orders, and conduct and implement audits
- \$2.7 million to improve mental health first response by expanding the Integral Care-EMCOT contract for clinical staff and telehealth services, increasing community outreach to underserved communities, and adding 7 new positions to the Community Health Paramedic program
- \$2.3 million reallocation within the Austin Police Department budget to replace the department's 15-year old records management system, which will allow for more-efficient records keeping
- \$1.1 million to increase the capacity of mental health services, family violence programs, and immigrant legal services provided by Austin Public Health
- \$1.0 million transfer to the Housing Trust Fund to support key affordable housing goals, including preserving and creating reasonably priced housing within the city of Austin
- \$900,000 reallocated within the Austin Police Department's budget to fund targeted training related to trauma-informed response, unconscious bias, and racial and cultural sensitivity, as well as training to safely administer Naloxone to someone experiencing a drug overdose
- \$300,000 to support the newly formed Civil Rights Office, which is tasked with enforcement of City ordinances and federal statutes prohibiting discrimination

Next steps: Reimagining public safety programs & services

- Emergency call center & police dispatch
- Forensics lab
- Vehicle licensing
- Nuisance abatement
- Park Patrol, Lake Patrol, & Airport Police
- Administrative & management services
- Crisis intervention & mental health response
- Officer wellness
- Internal affairs
- Protective services
- Victim services
- Officer training
- Governance



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COVID-19 and so many other things seem to make this a particularly difficult time. This month we'll be exploring how to "Thrive in the Wilderness."



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The homes you see on both sides of this newsletter is some of the Squires Team's home-sales activity in Southwest Austin for the month of July, 2020.

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Hey Southwest Austin, the market is extremely active right now, as buyers are back out in droves, placing all of our listings under contract and taking advantage of CHEAP interest rates! John has been getting his clients incredible interest rates, like 2.875% on a 30 year fixed rate mortgage! The Squires Team enforces and practices the strictest Covid protocol guidelines when listing homes and showing properties to buyers. If you would like to speak with John Squires to list your home for sale or help you in the purchase of your next home, please call/text him directly at **(512) 970-1970**.



Call John Squires' real estate 'sell' phone at **(512) 970-1970** at any time or text for a quick response. Thanks!



6216 Tasajillo Trail of Circle C Ranch is **"JUST LISTED!"** John is bringing his newest listing on the market, as soon as it's ready. It's a gorgeous 2-story Wilshire Home backing to permanent greenbelt. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, PLUS a huge game room upstairs. Enjoy the view from your family room looking out over the greenbelt or sip your morning coffee on the back deck while watching deer graze, just past your wrought-iron fence. Barrel tile roof and gated community. Walk out your back door and straight to the Circle C Ranch soccer fields! Thoughtfully priced at **\$529,000**. John Squires built the first two homes in Park West back in 1997, thus starting this gated, sub-neighborhood of Circle C Ranch. To see this gorgeous home or to learn more on Park West, just call John. He's the real estate expert in Southwest Austin.



John Squires supports APD and all first responders with monthly donations to give back to the families of those injured or who have fallen serving our community.



1474 Flint Rock Loop is **"JUST SOLD!!"** In Rimrock. Need a manicured acre lot backing to permanent greenbelt? There's plenty of elbow room out here with many homes coming on the market. John sold this gorgeous 1-story, loaded with upgrades to his thrilled buyer this week. 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, media room, outdoor kitchen and NEW POOL coming! **\$565,000**.

7924 LaDera Verde is **"JUST SOLD!"** in Circle C Ranch. John Squires placed this stunning D.R.Horton home under contract before the home made it to the market. This is a beautiful home backing to permanent greenbelt with a custom deck! 4 bedrooms. 3 full baths with 2 bedrooms and 2 full baths downstairs. The deep cul-de-sac is great for kids to play and make friends. Circle C Ranch at it's best. Rockin' at **\$575,000**.





Call John at (512) 970-1970 to list your house for sale and/or buy another!

John Squires sells homes other Southwest real estate experts cannot! 8335 La Plata Loop of Lewis Mountain Ranch was listed by two other southwest area brokerages for 375 days on the market and they could not sell it. John met with the sellers and set forth a plan to get it sold. John had the home professionally staged at his expense, properly marketed the home, held open house and placed the home under contract in 10 days... The home is now **"JUST SOLD!!!"**. Allow John to meet with you and get your home sold faster and for more money. No one knows the southwest Austin market, the builders, the floorplans and different area's values better than John. Listed at **\$685,000**.



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11004 Pairnoy Lane in Circle C Ranch Hielscher is "JUST SOLD!" John just placed this amazing unicorn property under contract before market with his thrilled buyers. This is a uber-rare Streetman, Barton 2, model-home floorplan, highly upgraded, on a 1/2 acre~ with in-ground pool and hot tub. The entire property backs to permanent greenbelt, has outdoor living areas/fireplaces/soccer field and more! All at the end of one of the most desirable cul-de-sacs in all Circle C Ranch. Call John and he can help you too. Priced in mid **\$820,000's**.



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