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Market
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MEYERLAND | 5222 Birdwood Road
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2020 SEASON SCHEDULE

PRESEASON

AT	VS	AT	VS	WK 1 - AT	WK 2 - VS	WK 3 - AT
AUGUST TBD KICKOFF TBD ABC 13	AUGUST TBD KICKOFF TBD ABC 13	AUGUST TBD KICKOFF TBD ABC 13	SEPTEMBER TBD KICKOFF TBD ABC 13	THURSDAY SEPT 10 7:20 PM NBC	SUNDAY SEPT 20 3:25 PM CBS	SUNDAY SEPT 27 12:00 PM CBS

WK 4 - VS **WK 5 - VS** **WK 6 - AT** **WK 7 - VS** **WK 8 - BYE WEEK** **WK 9 - AT** **WK 10 - AT**

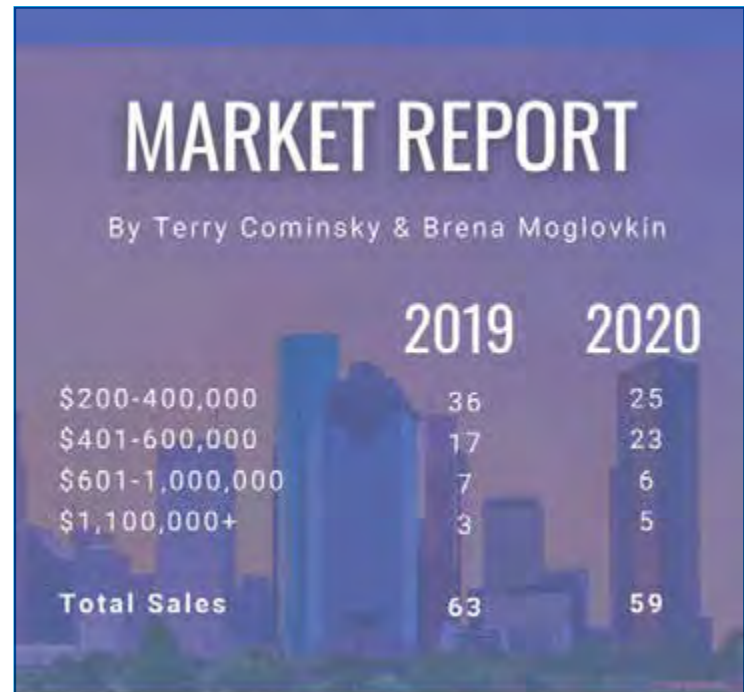
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SUNDAY OCT 4 12:00 PM FOX	SUNDAY OCT 11 12:00 PM CBS	SUNDAY OCT 18 12:00 PM CBS	SUNDAY OCT 25 12:00 PM FOX		SUNDAY NOV 8 12:00 PM CBS	SUNDAY NOV 15 12:00 PM FOX

WK 11 - VS **WK 12 - AT** **WK 13 - VS** **WK 14 - AT** **WK 15 - AT** **WK 16 - VS** **WK 17 - VS**

WK 11 - VS	WK 12 - AT	WK 13 - VS	WK 14 - AT	WK 15 - AT	WK 16 - VS	WK 17 - VS
SUNDAY NOV 22 12:00 PM CBS	THURSDAY NOV 26 11:30 AM CBS	SUNDAY DEC 6 12:00 PM CBS	SUNDAY DEC 13 12:00 PM CBS	TBD DEC 19/20 KICKOFF TBD TBD	SUNDAY DEC 27 12:00 PM CBS	SUNDAY JAN 3 12:00 PM CBS

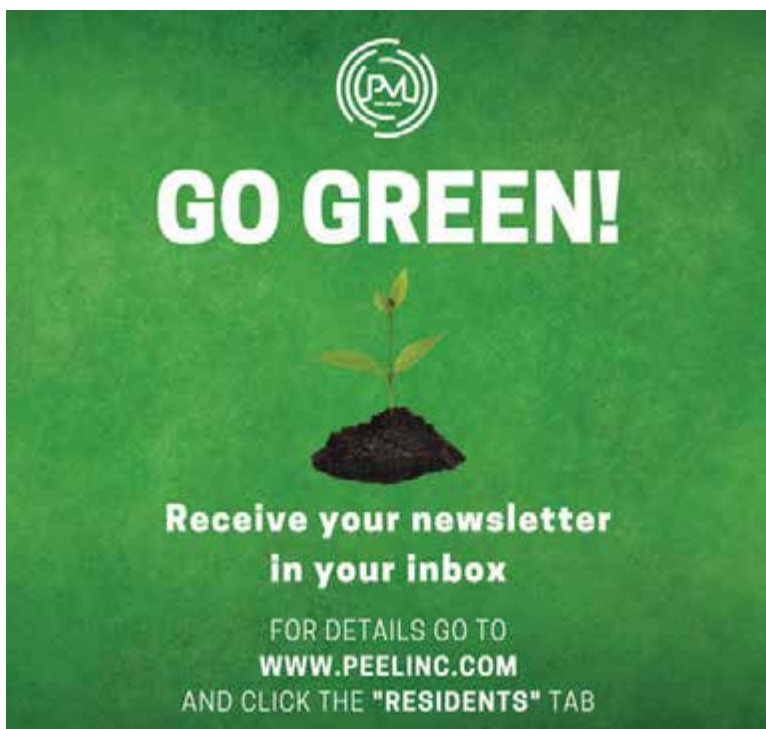
HOME GAMES ARE IN **BLUE**

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2020 is showing a positive trend in sales, even with the pandemic! Homes are currently selling for higher prices than in 2019. Isn't that great news! There are fewer "as is" flooded homes on the market. Homes that were flooded and remodeled are selling. Most of the new construction homes in Meyerland were built as custom homes by the homeowners. Some of those homeowners purchased lots or non remodeled homes on which to build their new dream home. Some built on their own property. Either way, this is what makes Meyerland such a strong neighborhood - great homeowners who are proud of the neighborhood and its long history of being a wonderful place to live. This is evidenced by the large number of residents choosing to stay in the community by raising, remodeling or building new. Builder new home sales are progressing and we believe this trend will continue to increase.

Feel free to call us for advice if you are considering remodeling, building, buying or selling. We care strongly about Meyerland and want to support the neighborhood's continued growth.



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MONTHLY TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 2020						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 T/R	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 TRASH TREE	10	11	12
13	14	15 T/R	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 TRASH	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 T/R	30	31		

OCTOBER 2020						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6 TRASH	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 T/R	14 JUNK	15	16	17
18	19	20 TRASH	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 T/R	28	29	30	31

RATES ARE AT ALL-TIME LOWS
Purchase and Refinance Season is Here!

PURCHASE

- 3% down for First Time Home Buyers up to \$510,400
- 5% down for others up to \$510,400
- 10% down up to \$650,000
- 15% down up to \$1,500,000
- 0% down Physician/Dentist loans

REFINANCE

- Reduce your rate - save money
- Change your term - payoff home quicker
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RIVER OTTERS

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



Most people assume that the animal they are seeing in area lakes and streams is a beaver but it could be a river otter. Most people don't realize that we have otters in our area.

River otters are fascinating little creatures. They are semi-aquatic spending about two-thirds of their time on land and the other third in the water. They live in dens called holts, near water, that have several tunnel openings with at least one leading them directly to a lake, stream, inland wetland or marsh. Their webbed feet and powerful

tails make them strong swimmers. When they're in the water, their nostrils and ears close to keep water out. They have a third eyelid, or nictitating membrane, that acts like the goggles we wear when we swim. It protects the eyes and helps them to see underwater. They can dive up to 60 feet and can hold their breath for up to eight minutes.

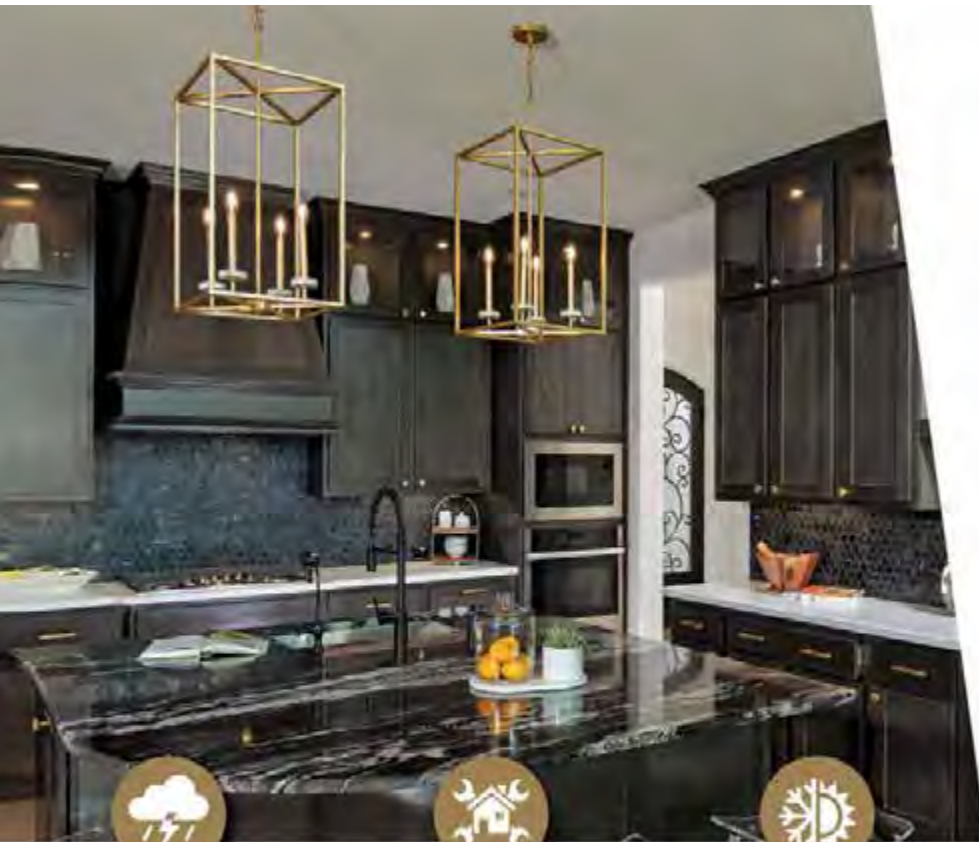
The diet of the river otter is mainly made up of aquatic organisms including fish, turtles, frogs, crayfish, etc. but since they're semi-aquatic, they've also been known to eat small mammals like squirrels and mice.

River otters are good communicators and have a variety of vocalizations. They yelp, whistle, growl and chirp and when threatened, they emit a scream that can be heard up to a mile and a half away!

Although they live alone or in pairs, river otters are very social and playful—guess you could call them party animals. The playful furballs roll down hills, juggle pebbles, wrestle, frolic in the water and even build themselves slides along the banks of rivers.

If you need assistance with an injured, orphaned or displaced animal, give us a call. In most cases, the animal doesn't need rescuing but we will help you make that determination. If the animal does need help, we will walk you through the process to keep both you and the animal safe. Our phone number is 713.468.TWRC. Our website has helpful information as well.

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'Horny toad' is the colloquial name for three species of horned lizards that are present in Texas. The Texas Horned Lizard (*Phrynosoma cornutum*) is the only one found in our area, with the Round-tailed Horned Lizard (*P. modestum*) occurring in West Texas and the Panhandle, and the Greater Short-horned Lizard (*P. hernandesi*) restricted to the higher elevations in the Trans-Pecos. All three species are protected by the state of Texas, with the Texas Horned Lizard being the first species in Texas to be granted this status.

With a proportionally small, spiny head with a blunt snout, a distinctly flattened body fringed with a double row of spiny scales, the dorsal or top side of the Texas Horned Lizard is covered with numerous small scales, each keeled or ridged down the center making them rough to the touch. The back of its head is bordered with 8 enlarged spines, four on each side, with the middle pair being the largest and often referred to as the lizard's 'horns.' Its overall color is gray or tan, with a light line down the center of its back, and a series of light-bordered brown spots on either side of the center line.

Active from late February to October, the Texas Horned Lizard is a strict dietary specialist, feeding almost exclusively of native harvester ants in the genus *Pogonomyrmex*. Estimates show that one lizard requires 20 ant colonies, and it will feed by moving from one colony to the next, consuming about 20 or so ants at each. These lizards are wizards at avoiding predators, having a wide variety of defenses. They can flatten themselves against the ground and easily blend into a substrate or forcibly stab their head spines

into the mouth of a predator, but the most fascinating defense is the ability to squirt blood from the corners of their eyes. They can aim a jet of blood directly into the face of a predator, and their blood elicits a powerful distaste that coyotes, foxes, bobcats, and even mountain lions cannot tolerate.

In the past, the Texas Horned Lizard was present in all parts of Texas except for the southeast and the extreme northeast portions of Texas. Populations began to decline after huge numbers of these lizards were shipped across the country as part of the commercial reptile trade, only to perish due to the lack of harvester ants as a main staple of their diet. Since then, the decline has continued, mainly as a result of broad pesticide use to control imported red fire ants that has also resulted in the loss of harvester ants from the landscape. Today, these lizards have largely been extirpated east of I-35 and I-37, except in a few localities with sandy soil. If you'd like to get involved in helping Texas Parks & Wildlife gather information on the presence, abundance and decline of this species, join the citizens science project by the Texas Nature Trackers called the Texas Horned Lizard Watch, which is available on their website.

Send your nature-related questions to naturewatch@austin.rr.com and we'll do our best to answer them. If you enjoy reading these articles, check out our books, *Nature Watch Austin*, *Nature Watch Big Bend*, and *Native Host Plants for Texas Butterflies*, (all published by Texas A&M University Press), and our blog at naturewatchaustin.blogspot.com.

Ease Into Education



(Family Features) If there's one constant this year, it's change. With another school year comes even more change, but you can help your family make a smooth transition with some planning and preparation.

Allow time for adjustments. After months of later bedtimes and laid-back schedules, kids and parents alike need a little time to adjust to a new mindset. Start gradually dialing back bedtime and scheduling time for educational activities and lunchtime a few weeks before school begins. This gives you plenty of time to work out any glitches while avoiding the resistance and disruption that more abrupt changes can bring.

Map out a visual guide. Especially after spending more time at home, having everyone headed in different directions may feel a bit overwhelming. This may be particularly true if your school model requires non-traditional scheduling or if you're making a return to a more rigorous extracurricular activity schedule. For younger kids and those who learn better by seeing than hearing, a visual representation can help illustrate how schedules will be changing. Color coding by person or activity can help everyone understand who should be where and when.

Make evenings easier. A household with school-age kids is seemingly bustling all the time, but evenings are often especially busy with activities, homework and other commitments competing for attention. Gathering everyone around the table for a meal may be a challenge, so when you do succeed, give yourself permission to shave time where you can. For example, keeping disposable tableware on-hand lets you skip the cleanup on nights you don't want to do dishes and spend more time assisting with science projects and cheering on athletic teams. Premium options like Chinnet Classic White plates are strong enough for the heaviest, messiest meals so you don't have to worry about spills and leaks.

Set a positive tone. Transitions happen more easily when the destination is exciting and appealing. Help kids get excited about a return to school by talking about what they're looking forward to and offering reassurance about their concerns. Allow kids to put a personal touch on supplies they'll be excited to use, such as a new backpack or headphones for online learning. Put simply, model positivity for students to mirror as they head into a new school year.

Spend family time together. At the end of each day, once everyone is done with school and work, make some time for a physical activity the whole family can participate in. Whether it's a walk around the neighborhood to get some fresh air or a game of tag or soccer in the backyard, getting active together can be an easy way to spend time winding down and bonding.

Look for more inspiration to ease your family's return to learning at MyChinnet.com.

Enjoy More Convenient Mornings

How you begin each day sets the tone for the hours that follow. Put yourself on course for a successful, stress-free day by eliminating hassles and introducing some tricks to make each morning as convenient as possible.

Find a routine that works: Numerous parenting experts recommend routines for children, but they're beneficial for grownups, too. A regular routine takes the guesswork out of what comes next so you can go through the motions of getting ready before your brain is fully engaged. There's no perfect order for getting things done, just find what works best for your family. With a little trial and error, you can create a system that gives you peace of mind that every box gets checked before the family scatters in different directions each morning.

Wake up prepared: Even the best routines sometimes go awry, so it's a good idea to plan ahead and minimize the impact. Using the evening to ensure each student has everything he or she needs for the next school day eliminates a lot of commotion in the morning. Designate a place for school items, whether it's a hook or spot by the door for backpacks or a cubby near the home school space. Use the same approach to select and lay out clothes for everyone before bed.

Rev up all your senses: Creating positive energy can be a whole-body experience. Add some upbeat music, throw open the blinds and get that coffee brewing. Signaling to your senses that it's time to take on a new day can help you shake off any lingering drowsiness and shift into a more productive mode. It's an approach that is both practical and fun, so you're setting a positive tone for the whole family.



Take your java on the go:

It's not always realistic to sit and savor your first cup of coffee, but that doesn't mean you should sacrifice your morning energy burst. Many experts suggest avoiding coffee on an empty stomach, so taking it on the go and using your limited time to grab a bite to eat is a better alternative. Brew your cup and go with an option like the Chinnet Comfort Cup insulated hot cup, which has double-layer insulation and an easy fit snap-and-go lid to make taking your coffee on the road (or around the block

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