

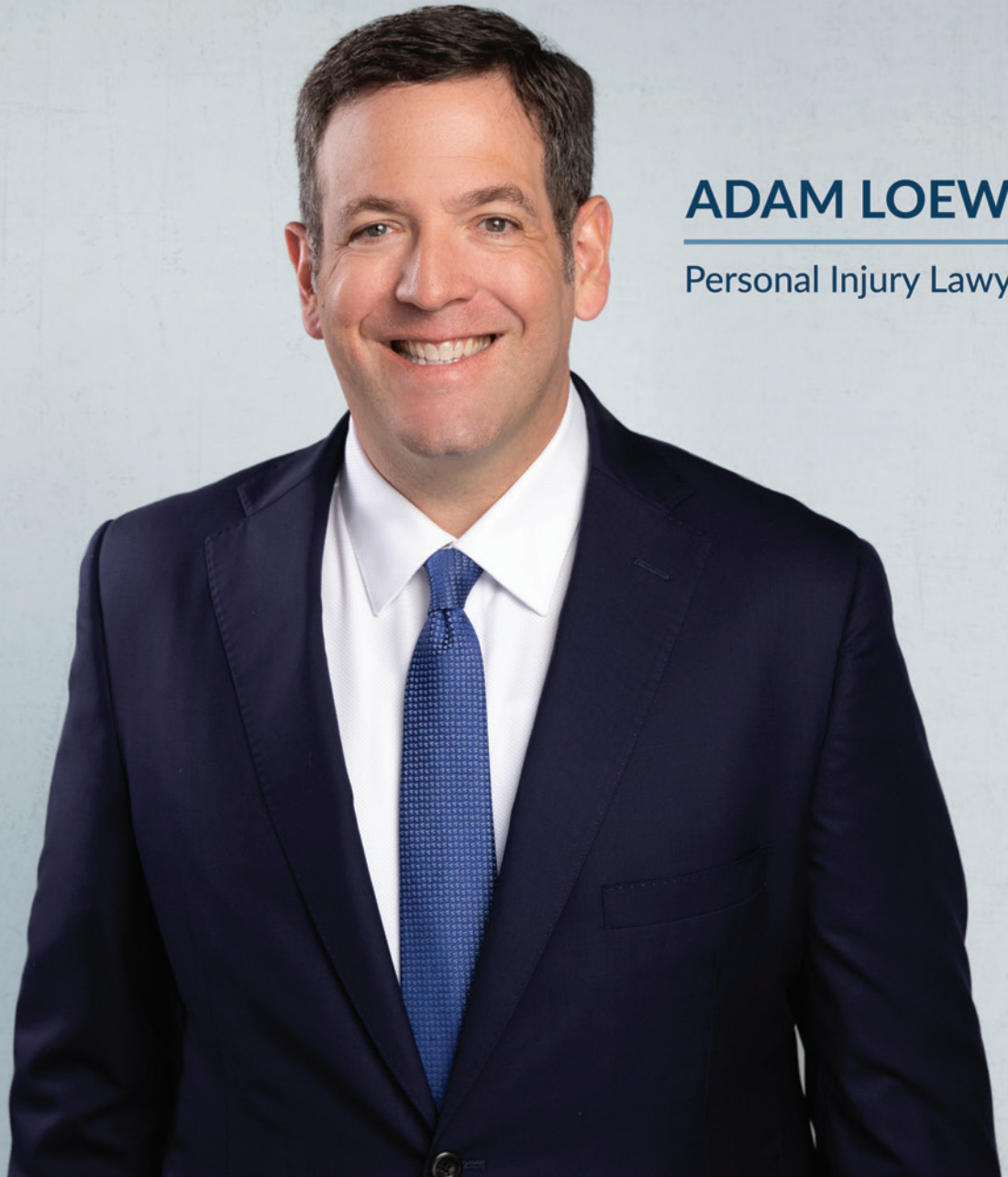


DECEMBER 2020 VOLUME 13, ISSUE 12

A Newsletter for the Residents of Legend Oaks II



Bicycle Accidents | Boating Accidents | Car Accidents | Dog Bites | Drunk Driving Accidents  
Injuries to Children | Motorcycle Accidents | Slip and Falls | Truck Accidents | Wrongful Death



**ADAM LOEWY**

Personal Injury Lawyer



**LOEWY LAW FIRM**  
HELPING INJURED TEXANS

LoewyFirm.com  
(512) 280-0800

## NEWSLETTER INFO

### NEWSLETTER

Articles .....legendoaks@peelinc.com

### PUBLISHER

Peel, Inc.....www.PEELinc.com, 512-263-9181

Advertising.....advertising@PEELinc.com, 512-263-9181

### ADVERTISING INFORMATION

Please support the businesses that advertise in the Legend Oaks newsletter. Their advertising dollars make it possible for all Legend Oaks II residents to receive the monthly newsletter at no charge. No homeowners association funds are used to produce or mail the newsletters. If you would like to support the newsletter by advertising, please contact our sales office at 512-263-9181 or [advertising@PEELinc.com](mailto:advertising@PEELinc.com). The advertising deadline is the 8th of each month for the following month's newsletter.

## APD REPRESENTATIVES

### OFFICER JEFFREY BINDER

(covers north of Convict Hill toward William Cannon)

Desk 512.974.4415 / email: [Jeffrey.Binder@austintexas.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.Binder@austintexas.gov)

### OFFICER JOSH VISI

(covers south of Convict Hill toward Slaughter)

Desk 512.974.4260 / email: [Joshua.visi@ci.austin.tx.us](mailto:Joshua.visi@ci.austin.tx.us)

## ASSOCIATION CONTACTS

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President - Duane Pietsch .....512-431-7467

.....legendoaks2hoa.duane@gmail.com

Secretary - Maria Bergen.....919-230-3248

.....mariablegendoakshoa2@gmail.com

Director -Nikki Tate.....512-700-1795

.....Legendoaks2.nikkiatate@gmail.com

### POOL COMMITTEE:

.....poolcommittee.legendoaks2@gmail.com

### RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Suzanne Johnson.....stoprope@gmail.com

### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Jeffrey Stukuls

Cameron Von Noy

### LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE:

Craig Powell.....craig@powelllandscapedesign.com

*If anyone would like to join a committee, they can contact*

*[Legendoaks2.nikkiatate@gmail.com](mailto:Legendoaks2.nikkiatate@gmail.com)*



Your  
Ad  
Here!

contact us today to hear about  
our New Year specials  
[advertising@peelinc.com](mailto:advertising@peelinc.com)



## NATURE WATCH

### MERRY MISTLETOE

by Jim and Lynne Weber



*Beloved Emarginea Moth*

medieval times branches of mistletoe were hung from the ceiling to ward off evil spirits. With the process of immigration and settlement of North America, traditions associated with the European plant were transferred to the New World and evolved into a folklore all its own.



*Christmas Mistletoe*

species. It has small, elliptical evergreen leaves and smooth green stems covered by short hairs, with tiny green flowers on the male plant and shiny white berries on the female plant. Widely used in the United States as a Christmas decoration, it is especially common growing on Sugar Hackberry, Cedar Elm, Honey Mesquite and other hardwood trees in Texas as well as Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Mississippi.



*Great Purple Hairstreak*

From the earliest times mistletoe has been considered one of the most magical, mysterious, and sacred plants found in European folklore. Originally used to bestow life and fertility, as a protection from poison, and as an aphrodisiac, in

In Central Texas, two species of mistletoe are native, the Christmas Mistletoe (*Phoradendron tomentosum*) and Oak Mistletoe (*Phoradendron leucarpum*). The genus comes from the Greek 'phor' which means thief and 'dendron' which means tree, as both species are semiparasites that steal water and nutrients from their host trees. Christmas Mistletoe is by far the most common of the two

While mistletoe is often viewed by humans as a nuisance, it is an important species for wildlife. It is the larval host plant for the Great Purple Hairstreak butterfly and the Beloved Emarginea moth, and its berries are relished by winter resident bird species such as Cedar Waxwings, Eastern Bluebirds, and American Robins. These birds eat the berries and spread the seeds through their droppings and by wiping their beaks on tree

branches, both of which may cause a new plant to take hold. Interestingly, seeds deposited in this way first spend considerable time and energy developing their roots within the branch's tissue before sprouting external stems and leaves.

While ancient folklore has attributed a wide range of mystical abilities to mistletoe, none is more fascinating than the myth of Frigga, the Norse Mother Goddess worshiped by pre-Christian people of northern Europe, and how mistletoe became her sacred plant. She was believed to be the mother of Balder, the God of the Summer Sun, who had a dream of death. Alarmed by this dream, Frigga went to all the elements, plants, and animals to seek a promise that no harm would come to her son. Balder was thought to be safe from harm by anything on or under the Earth.

But Balder's enemy, Loki, was the God of Evil, and he knew of the one plant that Frigga overlooked. It was the lowly mistletoe, which grew neither on nor under the Earth itself, but on the branches of oaks and other trees. Loki made an arrow tip with the mistletoe, and gave it to the Hoder, the blind God of Winter, who used it to strike Balder dead. The sky paled and everything wept for the Sun God, who was restored by Frigga after working with the elements for three days. The tears she shed for her son were said to be the pearly white berries of the mistletoe, and in her joy at his resurrection she kissed everyone who passed beneath the tree on which it grew.

Thus began the custom that whomever should stand beneath the humble mistletoe will come to no harm, but receive only a kiss as a token of love. Merry mistletoe to you and yours!

Send your nature-related questions to [naturewatch@austin.rr.com](mailto: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](http://naturewatchaustin.blogspot.com).



*Mistletoe Flowers*



*Mistletoe Berries*



## Lettuce Recycle!

by Dena Houston



### ONLINE SHOPPING – A HOLIDAY RECYCLING CHALLENGE!

The pandemic has forever changed many of our shopping habits. Online shopping has become the “go to” for many of us for safety as well as convenience. Online shopping, however, creates all kinds of recycling challenges. My holiday gift to you is some guidelines to help with this recycling process.

- **BROWN MAILING ENVELOPES LINED WITH BUBBLE WRAP OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF PADDING** – Place in the trash can. They are mixed materials that cannot be separated for recycling.
- **PLASTIC MAILING ENVELOPES LINED WITH BUBBLE WRAP** – Take these to the plastic bag collection bins.
- **BROWN PACKING PAPER** – This goes into the recycling bin.
- **BUBBLE WRAP AND AIR PILLOWS** – These go into the plastic bag collection bins. Remove the air from the air pillows. Bubble wrap in good condition can go to mail packaging stores. Call ahead of time to be sure they have space for them.
- **CARDBOARD BOXES** – These go into the recycling bin. If there are more boxes than will fit in the bin with the lid closed, they can be folded and set next to your blue bin. They will be picked up at no extra charge.
- **CELLOPHANE** – This goes into the trash can.
- **CRINKLE CUT PAPER** - Like shredded paper, it cannot go into your recycling bin, but instead can go into your green compost can. Please put in a paper or compostable bag.
- **STYROFOAM** – Blocks, chunks, meat trays, takeout containers, sheets, and pouches are accepted at the Recycle & Reuse Drop-Off Center (RRDOC).
- **STYROFOAM PEANUTS** – Shipping peanuts are not accepted at the RRDOC. Mail packaging stores will take these. Call ahead of time to be sure they have space for them.
- **TISSUE PAPER AND WRAPPING PAPER** – This can go into the recycling bin. Wrapping paper with glitter or foil is not recyclable; put it in the trash can.
- **GIFT BAGS** – Glossy gift bags or any with glitter or flocking goes into the trash can.
- **HOLIDAY CARDS** – Cards without glitter or foil can go into the recycling bin.
- **RIBBON AND BOWS** – These go into the trash can.

### RESPONSE TO PLASTICS ARTICLE FROM NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO

Many of my Lettuce Recycle readers contacted me about a recent story on NPR about plastic recycling. Here is the link to that story: <https://www.npr.org/2020/09/11/897692090/how-big-oil-misled-the-public-into-believing-plastic-would-be-recycled>. Ken Snipes, the director of Austin Resource Recovery, responded to that article. Following is the link to his response: <http://www.austintexas.gov/blog/recycling-austin-remains-resilient-during-covid-19>.

### QUESTION FROM A READER

**CAN I COMPOST OR RECYCLE DISPOSABLE MASKS?**  
No. They are made with non-woven materials and elastic, neither of which will compost. These must go into the trash.

Here is a very informative City of Austin recycling website that offers help in finding out how to recycle specific items: <http://www.austintexas.gov/what-do-i-do>.

If you have any questions or recycling ideas, please send them to: [recycling@hpwbana.org](mailto:recycling@hpwbana.org).

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL OF MY WONDERFUL READERS AND TO THE AWESOME NEWSLETTER EDITORS WHO PUBLISH LETTUCE RECYCLE!



Nicholas Madsen

Because  
you've been  
through enough.  
  
I've got it  
from here.

*This combat veteran  
will fight for you!*



**MADSEN**  
— LAW OFFICE —

**Injury and Insurance Law  
Kyle, Texas**

**512-358-1616**







OAK HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH INVITES YOU TO JOIN US THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

Christmas Eve services @ 11 AM, 3 PM (Indoors & Online) & 5 PM (Outdoors)  
Indoor services will be live-streamed on facebook at: [www.facebook.com/OakHillUMC](https://www.facebook.com/OakHillUMC)



Please visit [www.oakhillumc.org/joy](https://www.oakhillumc.org/joy) for more info on our services & events.

All services and events will observe social distancing & require a mask & reservations.  
Please visit the website above for reservations and any changes due to COVID.



The Legend Oaks newsletter is a private publication published by Peel, Inc. It is not sanctioned by any homeowners association or organization, nor is it subject to the approval of any homeowners association or organization, nor is it intended, nor implied to replace any publication that may be published by or on behalf of any homeowners association or organization. At no time will any source be allowed to use The Legend Oaks newsletter contents, or loan said contents, to others in anyway, shape or form, nor in any media, website, print, film, e-mail, electrostatic copy, fax, or etc. for the purpose of solicitation, commercial use, or any use for profit, political campaigns, or other self amplification, under penalty of law without written or expressed permission from Peel, Inc. The information in the newsletter is exclusively for the private use of Peel, Inc.

DISCLAIMER: Articles and ads in this newsletter express the opinions of their authors and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Peel, Inc. or its employees. Peel, Inc. is not responsible for the accuracy of any facts stated in articles submitted by others. The publisher also assumes no responsibility for the advertising content with this publication. All warranties and representations made in the advertising content are solely that of the advertiser and any such claims regarding its content should be taken up with the advertiser.

\* The publisher assumes no liability with regard to its advertisers for misprints or failure to place advertising in this publication except for the actual cost of such advertising.

\* Although every effort is taken to avoid mistakes and/or misprints, the publisher assumes no responsibility for any errors of information or typographical mistakes, except as limited to the cost of advertising as stated above or in the case of misinformation, a printed retraction/correction.

\* Under no circumstances shall the publisher be held liable for incidental or consequential damages, inconvenience, loss of business or services, or any other liabilities from failure to publish, or from failure to publish in a timely manner, except as limited to liabilities stated above.





**YOU'VE  
PROBABLY  
SEEN OUR  
WORK\***

*\*and didn't even realize it.*

**\$1/SQ FT OFF  
3M CERAMIC  
PRESTIGE FILMS**

*Cannot be combined with other offers.  
Limited to one discount per customer.*



**SUNSATIONAL SOLUTIONS**

The latest technologies in window film provide maximum protection against heat and fading without changing the look of your windows.

Schedule a free estimate to learn more about what your neighbors have already discovered:



**Authorized Window  
Film Dealer**

**\$25 OFF  
ANY SERVICE**

*Cannot be combined with other offers.  
Limited to one discount per customer.*

**WINDOW FILM IS THE  
BEST INVESTMENT  
YOU'LL NEVER SEE.**

**[www.sunsationalsolutions.com/schedule](http://www.sunsationalsolutions.com/schedule)  
or call us at 512-246-8468**

**We specialize in**

**Solar Control Films  
Privacy Films  
Decorative Films  
Custom Films  
Safety & Security Films  
Surface Protection Films  
Resurfacing Films**



PEEL, INC.

1405 Brandi Ln  
Round Rock, TX 78681

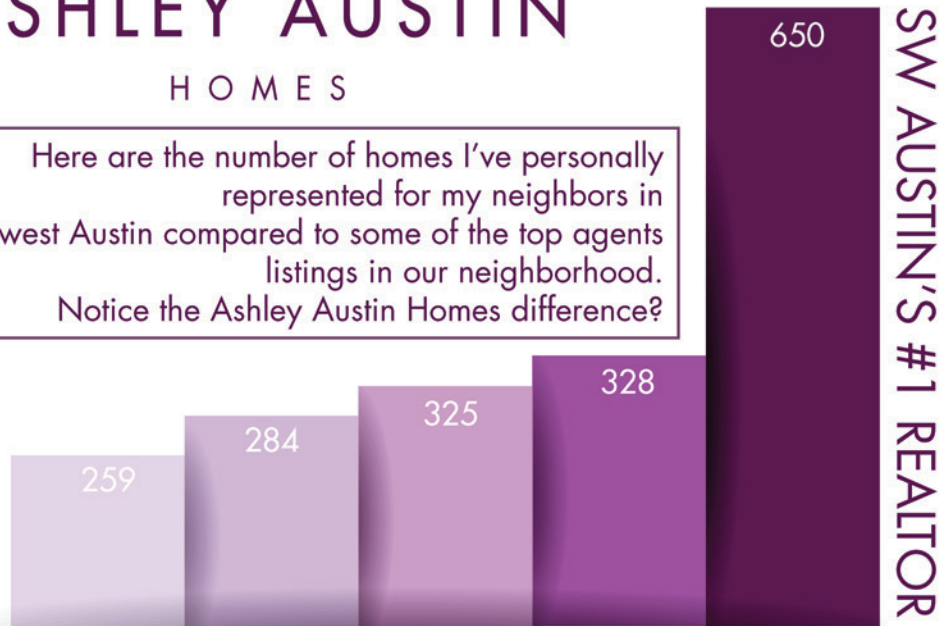
PRSR STD  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
PEEL, INC.

LO

# ASHLEY AUSTIN

## HOMES

Here are the number of homes I've personally represented for my neighbors in Southwest Austin compared to some of the top agents listings in our neighborhood. Notice the Ashley Austin Homes difference?



2010 - 2020  
as of 9.28.2020 ABOR Data



getting **THE BEST RESULTS** for  
my neighbors in **SOUTHWEST AUSTIN**

IN 2020, OUR HOMES  
HAVE SOLD FOR  
**10% MORE** THAN THE  
AVERAGE SELLING PRICE OF  
THE TOP REALTORS IN OUR  
NEIGHBORHOOD!

THERE'S A REASON WE HAVE  
149 FIVE STAR REVIEWS ON ZILLOW



WWW.ASHLEYAUSTINHOMES.COM  
512.217.6103



SOLD IN 3 DAYS



SOLD IN 2 DAYS



SOLD IN 1 DAY



SOLD IN 3 DAYS