



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

Hidden Park *for Davenport residents*

Although it seems that winter did not quite make it to Texas this year, we are definitely seeing signs of spring. It has prompted some of you to ask about the "Hidden Park" that is maintained by the Davenport Ranch Master Neighborhood Association.

The Hidden Park may be approached by vehicle through a controlled gate on the south side of Westlake Drive just past the east end of Carry Back. You need a card to open the gate.

You may pick up your card any week day between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. at our office, 11149 Research Blvd. Suite 100. You will be asked to sign a waiver, and anyone at the front desk can issue you a card. One card is allowed per household at no cost. Additional cards and replacements for lost cards are \$25.00 by check payable to Davenport Ranch Master Neighborhood Association.

The park has a recently installed a play scape, and there is a tennis court as well as the entrance to a walking trail. The setting itself is relaxing with a small creek and hill country native vegetation. This area is to be used by Davenport residents only.

Please enjoy your park.

Earline J. Wakefield
Property Manager

TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING

In spite of the drought, most Davenport Trees have survived and even thrived. So it seemed like a good time to remind you about trimming back your abundant foliage.

Much of Davenport Ranch's charm can be attributed to the mature trees and luxuriantly landscaped yards found throughout the neighborhood. It fulfills the American ideal of beautiful tree-lined streets.

Unfortunately, for someone batting the branches aside as they walk down the sidewalk or feeling the scrape of branches on the top of their car, the lush foliage loses its charm. After recent rains, the problem is worse because the branches get heavy and droop even lower.

A related problem is the vegetation that spreads its branches across the sidewalk. It might look romantically abundant as it drapes its blooms onto the pavement. However, a mom pushing a stroller, an elderly person with a walker or a child who is running along the sidewalk might be forced into the street.

Please take a look at your trees. They should be trimmed to thirteen feet above the roadway and eight feet above the sidewalk. If yours are lower than that, please trim them as soon as possible. They could be considered a hazard, especially for those using the sidewalks. Then look a little lower to make sure that your shrubs and flowers are staying within your yard and not straying onto the sidewalk.

In an effort to maintain the charm to your tree lined streets, we will continue to send letters when we see a problem with low hanging branches or encroaching shrubs.

Earline J. Wakefield
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Founded in 1933 as Austin Civic Theater, ZACH has been a major player in the Austin Theatre and Theatre Education life of this region for almost 80 years. Our speakers this month are Joy Selak, the Board President at ZACH, and Nat Miller, ZACH's Education Director. They will be telling us about the work they do in theatre education and theatre for youth at ZACH as well as working with arts education in the Austin school system. They will also share with us the progress on their new state of the art Topfer Theatre under construction on the expanding campus.

Joy has served on ZACH's board for 8 years. Nat recently joined the organization from the Paramount, where he was education director. Nat is also a former high school teacher and received his MFA in Theatre Education from the University of Texas.

WHEN AND WHERE:

Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at Green Pastures Restaurant, 811 West Live Oak Street, pre-payment \$20.00. Reservations are required.

TIME:

11:30 a.m. socializing, Luncheon begins at noon.

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DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
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4/6 - Fri.	Schreiner (DH)	1 p.m.
4/6 - Fri.	Sul Ross State (DH)	5 p.m.
4/7 - Sat.	Sul Ross State (DH)	12 p.m.
4/20 - Fri.	Schreiner (DH)	5 p.m.
4/20 - Fri.	Texas Lutheran	7 p.m.
4/21 - Sat.	Texas Lutheran (DH)	1 p.m.
4/21 - Sat.	Schreiner (DH)	1 p.m.

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34th ANNUAL PECAN STREET FESTIVAL CELEBRATES AUSTIN THIS SPRING

Enjoy Local Artistry and Music Saturday, May 5 and Sunday, May 6

The celebrated bi-annual Pecan Street Festival is pleased to announce the Spring 2012 festival will take place on May 5 and 6, 2012 in downtown Austin. The FREE festival features artisans and musicians from all over the U.S. and introduces observers to cultures from around the globe. Festival goers can find paintings, woodwork, candles, jewelry, clothing, home décor other useful and whimsical household items.

This year, the festival aims to encourage green living with the use of recycling programs and organic vendors. It will also promote healthy living by providing fresh food options and a “calorie counting” challenge. Proceeds benefit local city and non-profit organizations, such as The City of Austin and Austin Boxer Rescue in years past. Speaking of pets, the Pecan Street Festival invites Austin residents to bring their four-legged friends for some canine fun, courtesy Austin Pets Alive.

In its 34th year, The Pecan Street Festival is a local tradition that celebrates the city’s artistic and diverse culture and commemorates everything “Austin.” From magic shows for the kids to three live music stages for the adults, there is something for everyone to enjoy. This Spring, the Festival is also placing an emphasis welcoming the Hispanic community in conjunction with Cinco de Mayo. Without a doubt, attending The Pecan Street Festival is the best FREE weekend Austinites can have!

The Pecan Street Festival is the oldest and largest art festival in Central Texas. What started in 1978 as an opportunity for Austin merchants to sell their products has become an Austin tradition that attracts more than 300,000 people every year and generates \$43 million in economic impact. Visit www.oldpecanstreetfestival.com to learn more about the festival.



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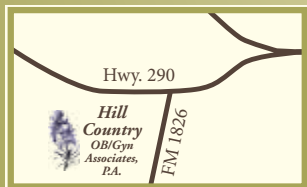
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Plant of the Month

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A plant that has bloomed pretty much throughout the winter is the Purple Trailing Lantana. Obviously, the bloom is purple; however, there is also a white variety. The purple seems to be a tad bit hardier. This low growing, trailing groundcover does best when given plenty of room to spread and even drape over low walls. The blooms occur on the ends of the stems, so a good pruning a couple of times a year keeps the plant “in check” and colorful. In the heat of the summer, blooming slows dramatically. A few days of warm weather (in winter) and the blooms appear again. The plant is pretty winter hardy and mostly evergreen. Very drought tolerant!

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5. Mom
9. Rubber cement, for example
10. Confuse
11. Snaky fish
12. To that time
13. Residential district
15. East southeast
16. Freedom
18. Firearms
21. Extra-sensory perception
22. Group of four
26. Ooze
28. Move gently
29. Singing voice
30. Level
31. Sulk
32. Marrow

DOWN

1. Gets older
2. Type of cheese
3. Flower start
4. Ensnare
5. Males
6. Not before
7. Slightly wet
8. Awry
10. What a gum chewer blows
14. Troublemaker
17. Believe
18. Vermin
19. Small island
20. China
23. Praise
24. Afloat
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Legacy We Leave For Our Children

Undoubtedly, as parents, we have thought about the money we will leave behind for our children. Have we ever thought about the part of our spirits that we want our children to inherit? Granted, our children are unique individuals. But, we can still leave footprints in the sands of time that will continue to connect us with our children, long after we die.

Our children will learn their own life lessons. But, that should not stop us from modeling survival skills to our children that have helped us handle the struggles of life. We can nurture resilient children by talking to them about our core values through sharing photographs, conversations and dining table games. Our children will learn from us, both consciously and sub-consciously, the skills that can help them weather the physical and mental storms of life. The time spent in reflecting on what really matters to us and communicating the same to our children can make our bonds with our children richer and more meaningful.

My parents actively reinforced the value of gratitude in me. Being mindful and expressing thankfulness for every experience has attracted many positive forces in my life. Gratitude is the

legacy that my parents have left for me. Legacy is a priceless gift that we can pass down to the generations that come after us. Legacy unites us with our ancestors, children and grand-children. Legacy is thinking about what qualities our ancestors have blessed us with, that we will continually strive to transmit in our kin.

It is important to ask ourselves some questions. Which qualities do we value: Humor and Power of laughter; Faith and Spirituality; Forgiveness; Pride; Compassion or something else? Do our children know of our values? What effort am I making in leaving a physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually strong legacy for my children? What difference can I make in the lives of my children in April 2012 through daily affirmations and encouragement?

We leave a legacy when we make a positive impact on our children's souls. This legacy is pure, powerful and long-lasting. Just like wood becomes stronger and harder when immersed in water, our legacy can preserve the resilience of our children.

Sugandha Jain is a Master Registered Texas Trainer. She is the Director of Accreditation at a local preschool.

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INGREDIENTS:

- fresh corn on the cob in husks
- 2 sticks unsalted butter, room temperature
- 2 T fresh parsley, minced
- 1 - 2 T cayenne pepper (depending on your taste)
- 1 T salad supreme seasoning
- 1 T fresh cracked pepper
- salt to taste

DIRECTIONS:

In a small bowl combine butter and herbs/spices, mixing well. Set aside. Remove outside corn husks to reveal pale green and tender husks. Gently peel them away from the cob and remove all the silk. With a spoon, spread a thin layer of the butter mixture over the corn and gently bring the husks back into place. They will stick to the butter, but I like to use a husk to tie a knot at the top of each ear of corn. Grill over medium heat on your grill for about 20 minutes or until tender. To serve, have your guest peel the husks back and use them as a handle!

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