



Spicewood Estates

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Spicewood Estates Homeowner's Association Quarterly Newsletter

Calendar of Events

August 23	RRISD Starts School
September 5	Labor Day
October 10	No School (RRISD)

From the President's Corner

Dear Neighbors,

Happy belated 4th of July! Once again, our neighborhood hosted the annual July 4th parade attended by a tremendous amount of neighbors, as well as several folks from the neighboring Mountain neighborhood. As an established community, we have the reputation of being consistent as evidenced by adjoining neighbors attending our celebrations and, they are most welcome! As we paraded down the streets of Spicewood Estates with our children and dogs, we had the pleasure of our neighbors lining the streets with their folding chairs, drinking mimosas and cheering us on. Daniel Hills and his wife hosted the event on the lawn of their home with Jim's Ices quenching our palates and lots and lots of cookies and brownies donated by our neighbors. The Fire Department brought their hook and ladder and the kids had a blast! We are so fortunate to live in Spicewood Estates!

I wish you a safe and happy summer! Drive safely!

Fern Westhead
SEHA President

Spicewood Estates Homeowners Association Google Group-PLEASE HELP

Last year, I purchased a new computer. Unfortunately, when I tried to transition my neighborhood email list to the new computer, I lost my distribution lists! Since I had over 200 people on the lists for our neighborhood, you can imagine how long it took to rebuild the lists. If you haven't signed up for our new neighborhood Google group, please join today our new free, easy-to-use email group service. It would really help me personally to have everyone migrate to the Google Group because currently I have to post information on the Google Group and also send an email. Plus in the event of

future user errors (hope not!) on my part, you will still receive neighborhood information.

We will use this group as a way of communicating news and information to and among neighbors in Spicewood Estates. For example, it will provide a forum for buy/sell/trade of personal items, recommendations for contractors, lost and found notices of dogs, keys, etc., neighborhood activity groups and events, concerns about neighborhood animals or suspicious activities/security threats and City of Austin events and information or anything that you as a Spicewood Estates homeowner is interested in sharing with your neighbors.

Visit <http://groups.google.com/group/spicewood-estates-austin?hl=en&lnk=> and click on "Apply for group membership" on the right side of the screen to participate in this group. If you are using a different email address than you usually use for the messages on our current email distribution list, please include some information, e.g. name and address, so that we will recognize that you are a Spicewood Estates homeowner.

If you do not already have a Google Account, you will need to create an account. Note: this is NOT a signup for a Google email address. It is a way to create a password and nickname that you will use for the Google Group. When you are approved by one of the moderators, you can also receive posts to the site in your regular email box by just adjusting or editing your membership. You may choose to receive individual mails, a daily digest, just special bulletins, or no mail at all. If you subscribe to monitor discussions and receive announcements, your email address is not visible to the rest of the group. It only becomes visible when you create a post.

Social Chair Change

Best wishes **Daniel Hillis** in his new job in Baton Rouge. He was a great social chair and even organized the Fourth of July parade when he was leaving the next week! Many thanks for all your help in the social chair position. We want to also thank and welcome **Rhonda and Marty Stokley** who have accepted the social chair position. It is wonderful to have someone step up so quickly. Thanks again and welcome aboard!

Membership

Hi – my name is Sherri Lindsey, and I've had the opportunity to serve as membership chair for the past year. As I learn more about all of the members in the SEHA, I realize how incredibly valuable we are as a group and what a voice we have within our community. PLEASE feel free to give me a call if you want to discuss the benefits of membership, and PLEASE encourage your neighbors to join us! Have a wonderful and safe rest of your summer. [512-560-6196](tel:512-560-6196).

Yard of the Month Winners

A great big thank you, again, to Melinda Cassidy and Reeve Hobbie/Jim White for volunteering to judge the Yard of the Month for Sections I & II. Thank you also for the beautiful pictures on the website!



We recognized the following people in Section I & II for their efforts in beautifying their yards and sharing them with all of us during the past few months.

May 2011

- Section I: Vickie & Tony Mara
9410 Topridge
- Section II: Paul and Leah Fonech
10706 Keystone Bend

June 2011

- Section I: Maryann & Ed Dolph
10807 Leafwood Lane
- Section II: Jason & Stephanie Stakes
10900 Keystone Bend

July 2011

- Section I: Sue & Larry Laurent
10907 Leafwood Lane
- Section II: Dan & Sheri Pearson
9300 Ashton Ridge

**Meals on Wheels
and More
is critically short of
Volunteers.**

**Please help your
homebound neighbors.**

The Need is Now!

Call 476-6325

It's the right thing to do.

Neighborhood Directories

Spicewood Estate Homeowners' Association provides directory service to its members. The directory contains emergency numbers, City of Austin information and neighborhood information along with Bylaws and Covenants governing the association. Directories will be out in first week of July. If you are member of SEHA, you should receive one along with your newsletter. If you are a paid member of SEHA, and didn't receive your directory please contact Alice Latino to confirm your membership status. If your information is not correct, please send an email with correct information to meghalk@hotmail.com. If you are not a member, please considering becoming one. Please contact Sherri Lindsey.

www.aatlcpets.com

Pet Sitter

Ginny Conklin

***References Available**

(512) 799-4848

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Austin Neighborhoods Council

Our neighborhood participates in the Austin Neighborhoods Council. They have many interesting speakers that come to the monthly meetings to present a variety of topics that pertain to you as a homeowner and taxpayer. Please check out the website at <http://www.ancweb.org/> for past and future meeting discussions. The meetings are the 4th Wednesday of every month from 7-9 PM at the Austin Energy Building, 721 Barton Springs Rd. If you see a meeting topic that interests you, you are welcome to attend.

Neighbor's Book Nook

Since so many of our neighbors are avid readers we thought a book review column might be fun! Let's get book recommendations from readers of all ages --- from elementary school, tweens, teens to adults! Why was that mystery or thriller or biography or "whatever" so hard to put down? What is the best new read aloud for toddlers and preschoolers? Submit your recommendation (25 words or less), title/author to laurene@austin.rr.com.



Marilyn Appleby shares this review:



I read two books by Lisa Genova and found them moving and informative. They are both novels and give a very interesting perspective on two medical conditions. The first one "Still Alice" is about early onset Alzheimer's Disease. As this is a medical condition that effects millions both directly and indirectly every day, this is a story that needs telling. This book is not only about the disease but about Alice and her family.



The second book is "**Left Neglected**". Left neglect is a cognitive disorder caused by damage to the right side of the brain. This book tells the story of a highly educated business woman and her family as they adjust to the changes this bring to their lives.



SEHA Fourth of July Parade

Patriotism was in abundance during the 27th annual Spicewood Estates Independence Day parade. The Austin Fire Department's Quint 38 led the way again this year! Thanks to the Austin Fire Department for their strong support of our annual parade.

Over 100 kids and adults participated to make this, once again, one of the neighborhood's favorite events. Thanks to everyone who got out in the early morning heat to support our parade. Special recognition was given to the following participants in these categories:

Best Decorated Stroller/Wagon: Emma Marsden
Best Decorated Tricycle: Simon Gross
Best Decorated Big Kid's Bicycle: Faith Kubala
Best Decorated Little Kid's Bicycle: Noah Cush
Most Patriotic Walker: Catherine Morris
Best Decorated Wild Card: Angie Dubroca
Most Patriotic Pet: Roxie Kubala

The parade ended where it started, at the Hillis residence on Wintergreen Hill where folks visited with the firefighters, enjoyed Jim Jim's water ice, cool drinks, and a wide assortment of cookies. While we were enjoying refreshments, the firefighters extended the fire truck's ladder and took some cool photos of us from the top of the ladder. Thanks to all who participated for making this year's parade a big success!

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