



# The HPWBANA News

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Organize Your Neighbors  
And Let Us Know  
What You Have Planned

Contact: Frances Allen  
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or

Register your group with Rosie Salinas:  
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Prizes will be awarded by HPWBANA!

## Congratulations to HPWBANA Wildlife Habitats

*By Jessica Winslow*

There is still time to apply for certification for your yard as a Wildlife Habitat as part of the City of Austin's Wildlife Habitat Challenge. And HPWBANA is offering a free gallon of Blue Bell ice cream to each family that receives certification before October 31.

### So far these wild neighbors have had their yards certified as Wildlife Habitats:

- Lynda and Gaylon Oswalt, 5105 Beverly Hills Drive
- Robert and Barbara Tocker, 4905 Beverly Skyline
- Bill King, 4805 Westfield Drive
- Brian and Michelle Wood, 5103 Lucas Lane
- Robert Feiner, 60010 Mt. Bonnell

The Neighborhood Habitat Challenge begins May 1 and ends Oct. 31. The top three neighborhoods that have met all the challenge criteria and certified the most number of habitats will be awarded First, Second and Third place prizes. Neighborhoods that take the challenge must also organize a community invasive plant removal and promote gardening for wildlife through neighborhood newsletters and websites in addition to certifying the highest number of yards as habitats during the contest period. Upon completion of the challenge neighborhoods must register their neighborhood with the Wildlife Austin program.

Residents can certify their yards by visiting the National Wildlife Federations website, [www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife](http://www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife) or by requesting a pre-paid habitat certification application (limited quantity) from the Wildlife Austin program at 512-327-8181 x29.

Please contact Jessica Winslow at [jwinslow@Austin.rr.com](mailto:jwinslow@Austin.rr.com) with questions or if you have been certified during the contest period (May 1 through October 31). For more information visit [www.keepaustinwild.com](http://www.keepaustinwild.com).

## Pics Inside This Issue



### Annual Meeting & Neighborhood Get Together

Wednesday, October 22nd  
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Jorge's Restaurant - 2203 Hancock Dr.  
Join HPWBANA on the patio to  
celebrate a great year and announce  
the winners of our Neighbors Night Out  
contest!

### Message From the Board

This month, HPWBANA will be having our Annual Board meeting at Jorge's restaurant in October. (See ad in this newsletter for exact date and time.) This is a great opportunity to meet your board members and socialize with some of your fellow neighbors! If you can't make this meeting, no worries! Every board meeting is open to the public, so feel free to stop in and catch up on issues affecting the neighborhood.

# Highland Park West Balcones Area

## Helpful Phone Numbers

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The HPWBANA Board meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month except December. Meetings are held from 7:00 – 8:45 p.m. at the Yarborough Library, 2200 Hancock Drive. All neighbors are invited to attend. [www.hpwbana.org](http://www.hpwbana.org)

HWPBANA is bordered on the north by 2222, on the south by 35th St., on the west by Mt. Bonnell Rd., and on the east by MoPac and by Bull Creek Rd. between Hancock Dr. and 45th St.

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Please attend our next monthly meeting

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

Jorge's Restaurant

2203 Hancock Drive

5:30 - 7:30 pm

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## Volunteer at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Expo!

Help Keep Austin Beautiful (KAB) make recycling a success at this year's Texas Parks and Wildlife Expo on October 4th & 5th.

40,000 visitors are expected to participate in this event, and that means a lot of recyclables. We need volunteers to make sure these materials are recycled instead of ending up in a landfill. KAB's outreach efforts will also include several tables full of interactive educational activities to help expo visitors understand the importance of recycling and waste reduction.

All volunteers receive a FREE t-shirt and are invited to enjoy the exhibits and demonstrations after their shift.

**Dates:** Saturday, October 4th & Sunday, October 5th

**Times:** shifts vary

**Location:** TPWD Headquarters - 4200 Smith School Road, Austin TX 78744

**Register Online:** [www.keeppaustinbeautiful.org/recycle](http://www.keeppaustinbeautiful.org/recycle) (registration link near the bottom of the page)

**Contact:** [Jessica@KeepAustinBeautiful.org](mailto:Jessica@KeepAustinBeautiful.org) or 512.391.0617 x 901

## Thanks Neighbors!

*From Highland Park Baptist Church*

We want to thank our neighbors for using the bin in our front parking lot to recycle paper! The proceeds from recycling helped send our high school youth to South Texas and Mexico and to buy supplies and food for orphanages and a landfill community. Our recycle money also helps send our middle school youth to Mission Arlington to teach backyard Bible school and do community service work at the mission. We hope you will continue to recycle paper with us to support our youth mission trips.

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# Highland Park West Balcones Area

## Mayfield Preserve Awarded Grant from Austin Parks Foundation

By Nadene Morning

Take a walk through the woods of Mayfield Preserve (3505 W 35th St) and you may notice some big changes in some areas. Volunteers have been busy the last few months removing the invasive plant ligustrum in huge quantities. Areas that were once thick with ligustrum are now open and filled with sunlight. These areas can now recover as the native plants grow and the newly scattered native seeds germinate.

Most people visit Mayfield Park to check out the peacocks, gardens and ponds. A very welcoming 22 acre nature preserve surrounds Mayfield Park, open to all. With its' established trail system put in by scouts and volunteer groups over many years, it is a real gem to our local neighborhood.

Invasive plants are taking its toll on many preserves in the Austin area and Mayfield is no exception. The volunteer effort to clear the preserve of ligustrum started in the winter/spring of 2008 and has really picked up momentum this summer. About 1/3 of the preserve has been completed. The new group Friends of Mayfield Preserve was formed to work with Preserve Manager Rene Barrera and help coordinate the volunteer efforts.


A significant boost came from the Austin Parks Foundation when they supported the effort by awarding the Friends of Mayfield Preserve a grant to hire American Youthworks Environmental Corp for a week.

ECorps has already spent many days at Mayfield Preserve cutting and treating the big stumps and managing/chipping the brush piles.

Although Friends of Mayfield Preserve formed specifically to help with the invasive plant problem in the preserve, other future projects in the preserve are of interest such as helping get the bridges replaced that washed away a few years ago in the storms.

The Mayfield Park 2nd Saturday monthly gardening workday has been expanded to include preserve related projects so if you would like to get involved please join us. Even if you need to complete community service hours we have projects. If you have questions please contact Nadene Morning, ntmorning@hotmail.com.

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### Website for Mayfield Park and Preserve

Mayfield Park/Community Project recently launched a website to help with awareness of community efforts in this park.

[www.mayfieldpark.org](http://www.mayfieldpark.org)

**Interested in:**

- What projects are active for the cottage?
- How many volunteer gardens are available to adopt?
- Information about the peacocks?
- Preserve activities?
- How to get involved?



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## Recipe of the Month: Mini Cheesecakes



**Ingredients**

- |   |                |
|---|----------------|
| 12 vanilla wafers                       | ½ C sugar      |
| 1 8 oz. packages cream cheese, softened | 1 tsp. vanilla |
|   | 2 eggs         |

**Directions**

Line muffin tin with foil liners.  
Place one vanilla wafer in each liner. Mix cream cheese, vanilla, and sugar on medium speed until well-blended. Add eggs. Mix well. Pour over wafers, filling 3/4 full. Bake 25 min. at 325°.  
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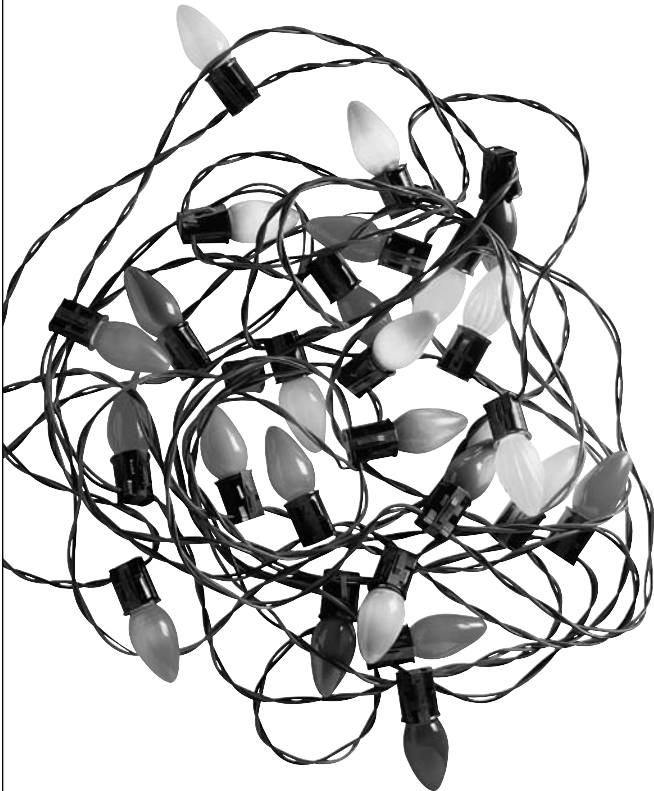
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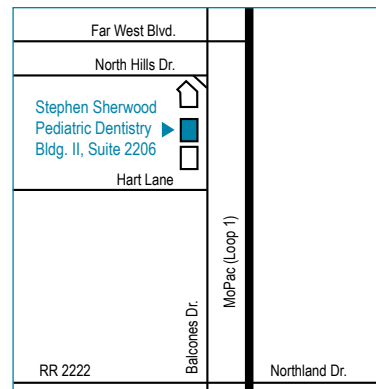


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