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Q & A With District 7 Runoff Candidates

With none of the seven candidates running for the District 7 Councilmember's position on the City Council winning over 50% of the vote in the November general election, the top two vote getters, Gary Bledsoe and Mike Siegel, will be facing off in the December runoff election.

Crestview and Brentwood Neighborhood Associations will be jointly hosting a Q & A session to give residents an opportunity to ask questions about the issues that are most important to them.

When: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm
Where: Episcopal Church of the Resurrection Parish Hall
2008 Justin Ln.

While both candidates share many of the same goals, their approach to accomplish those goals will be very different. The candidate who wins the D7 runoff will play a pivotal role in the decisions made by the incoming council, not only having an impact on citywide policies but also playing a critical role in determining the future of neighborhoods that fall within district 7, especially with respect to land use.

Election day is Saturday, December 14. **Early voting** runs from Monday, December 2 – Tuesday, December 10.

Luminarias Along Arroyo Seco

Crestview and Brentwood's long tradition of luminarias along Arroyo Seco continues this year! Every evening starting on Sunday, December 22nd through Christmas on Wednesday, December 25, the lights along the arroyo will be a sight to see. Thanks to all of the volunteers whose work makes this a special event!



Austin Discontinues Citywide Twice Yearly Bulk and Brush Collection

Austin Resource Recovery (ARR) is changing how it offers bulk and brush collections to residential customers. Beginning in January 2025, the collections will no longer be made twice yearly but will convert to an on-demand service only. (Crestview was already switched to on-demand for bulk waste pick-up several years ago.) On-demand household hazardous waste (HHW) collection will also be launched citywide in January. Each service address will be able to schedule up to three collections per service every calendar year.



Collections will then reset at the beginning of the next year.

ARR customers will be notified by mail and via the Austin Recycles app when they can begin scheduling appointments for these collections. Once available, appointments can be made by downloading the Austin Recycles app, visiting AustinTexas.gov/MySchedule or calling Austin 3-1-1 (512-974-2000). The scheduling system will list which items or materials can be collected and customers will identify what they plan to set out. Customers will get an email confirmation after an appointment is made and a follow-up email prior to their appointment as a reminder to set out items. Crews will then collect the items on the scheduled day. Collections will not be made without an appointment.

For more information, visit austintexas.gov/OnDemand.

Genuine Joe Coffeehouse Has Reopened

Genuine Joe Coffeehouse has reopened at their original location at 2001 Anderson Lane with a few changes being made. In an Instagram post, the shop stated that they would be reopening with reduced hours. The business will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Additionally, the coffee shop has needed to increase their prices and will no longer be serving breakfast tacos due to the need for the business to cut back on stock. The post also stated that there would be more news to come regarding the demolition and the new location.

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Upcoming Events

- December 1st – First Sunday
in Advent
- December 24th – Christmas
Eve Service 5:30 pm - A
candlelight service with spe-
cial music, carols, a children's
participation activity, and light
snacks



A Family Affair - Demon Style

by Nancy Harris, CNA Treasurer

While there were many colorful and eye-grabbing Halloween displays in the neighborhood this year, the one that really caught my fancy was Sam and Jeseka's family tableau at 1800 Pasadena. One would be hard pressed to find another display that demonstrated the originality, creativity and imagination as their Halloween display.

But there is actually a larger story behind this year's ghoulish family Thanksgiving celebration (for what better time for the undead to give thanks than Halloween!). Six years ago Sam and Jeseka were inspired by the idea of creating something funny and entertaining for the neighborhood for their Halloween display. From this was born the idea of taking classic Halloween characters and putting them in a normal, non-spooky, typical weekend in Texas situation - a campfire with close friends, beer, and the obligatory guitar player.

It wasn't until the next year that the idea of having a theme each year was born. In Sam's words, "We realized these ghouls had a story to tell and it was one of love, family and togetherness, but from the undead perspective of demons from hell. Two of the main characters, Dreadilia and Todd, from the year's previous campfire got together, fell in love and decided to tie the knot... Hence, their wedding!"

The third year saw the couple celebrating their first Christmas together along with their newborn child Hellvin. Year four brought a celebration of Hellvin's first undead birthday complete with his favorite, a spider cake. The following year we celebrated the timeless tradition of evil Easter with the family, now including the couple's adopted pre-teen daughter Ghoulia.

Which brings us to this year - the latest chapter of this growing undead family's horror story... the tradition of Thanksgiving. As the family is gathered in the cozy confines of their kitchen, the main course is being removed from the oven. Is that just a scrawny turkey or more likely a plucked buzzard? Baby Hellvin is already working on dessert, spider cake, naturally. The attention to detail is mind boggling - from the spectral images peering through the windows to the severed head in the refrigerator. Even the smallest items seem chosen with care, such as a photo on the shelf that is a ghostly portrait of Dreadilia and Todd's wedding. While the scene has some spooky looking characters and somewhat unusual food fare, there is something light-hearted, humorous and very familiar about this family gathering.

If you were fortunate, as you stood contemplating the details, you might notice a furry creature curled up under the kitchen table. Suddenly, you would be surprised to see it rise up and perform a leisurely stretch. Are your eyes playing Halloween tricks on you? No, it would just be Weewaa, 17 years old and a sweetheart of a cat who seemed to feel that the stage wasn't complete without a live action element.

Sam and Jeseka collect their supplies from such sources as Spirit Halloween, Party City, Goodwill and Habitat Restore. This year they built the two walls for the kitchen complete with windows and wallpaper. The stove and refrigerator were saved after they were replaced with newer models. When asked how much time



Hellvin's first birthday

they spent on this year's display. Sam replied, "We lost count!" But I somehow suspect they enjoyed every minute.

What is in store for next year? Sam says, "It's too early to say... We have some ideas but we usually don't know what it's going to be until right before, unless we have an old stove and fridge laying around ☺! So we will just have to wait and see what new adventures and joys 2025 brings for Dreadilia and Todd's family, and for Jeseka and Sam's imagination to bring it to life – demon style – for us to share with them.



Time to Renew Your 2025 CNA Membership

A new year is just around the corner and all Crestview Neighborhood Association dues are up for renewal.

Since the early 1980s when the Crestview Neighborhood Association was formed, CNA has been dedicated to preserving and promoting the quality of life, safety and residential character of our neighborhood. Any resident living within the boundaries of Crestview (Lamar, both sides of Justin, Burnet Road and Anderson) are eligible to join the association. Dues are \$10 per year per household (up to 4 adult members) and are paid on a calendar year basis. To join the association or to renew your membership through December 2025, please use the form below. Make checks payable to Crestview Neighborhood Association or CNA. Or to pay with PayPay, log into your PayPal account and send your \$10 dues to joincrestview@gmail.com. Any questions regarding your membership can be directed to the Treasurer at joincrestview@gmail.com.



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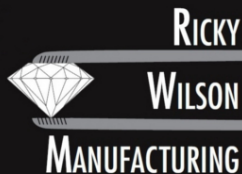
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POP A TOP TUESDAY
\$2 off Top Pick, Top Special, Top Dog sandwiches and canned beer

FRIDAY FAMILY MEAL NIGHT
12 piece Mixed Fried Chicken dinner with 2 Family Size Mashed Potatoes & 2 Family Size Coleslaw

WING IT WEDNESDAY
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Kids Corner – Hilarious Riddles

Word play, puns, and puzzles are a great learning tool for children. Kids might think they're a game, but at the same time you're secretly teaching them critical thinking skills — it's like hiding vegetables in a bar of chocolate. And to get you started in raising an enthusiastic puzzler, consider these riddles for kids.

Yes, they're silly. Yes, they're ridiculous. And, yes, some contain far too many puns. But isn't that the fun of it all?

Kids' understanding of a riddle will depend on their age range, but concern about whether they'll "get it" shouldn't stop you from riddling them. You might be surprised to find that your child either a) loves the game regardless of whether they understand what they're playing or not or b) keeps mulling over the riddle for a few days coming up with different answers each day. And each answer to a riddle for kids is an opportunity to explore their ideas, understanding of abstract thoughts, and just giggle. Because let's be honest, kids have hilarious answers to confusing questions.

As a bonus, once your child has mastered some of these riddles, tell them to make their own. You might be shocked to discover what clever ideas they come up with.

If you don't keep me, I'll break. What am I?

A promise.

There's only one word in the dictionary that's spelled wrong. What is it?

The word "wrong." It's the only word that's spelled W-R-O-N-G.

What two things can you never eat for dinner?

Breakfast and lunch.

I'm tall when I'm young. Short when I'm old. What am I?

A candle.

What question can you never answer yes to?

"Are you asleep?"

What goes up but never goes down?

Your age.

The more of this there is, the less you see. What is it?

Darkness.

If you threw a yellow stone into a blue sea, what would it become?

Wet.

What belongs to you but is used most often by everyone else?

Your name.

What has legs but cannot walk?

A chair.

What is easier to get into than out of?

Trouble.

What has a tongue but cannot talk?

A shoe.

What is so delicate that it breaks when you say its name?

Silence.

What has a head and a tail but no body?

A coin.

If you feed me, I grow, but if you give me water, I die.

What am I?

Fire.

What has the head of a cat, the tail of a cat — but is not a cat?

A kitten.



More riddles on page 5!

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(Editor's Note: As we go to press, these items are on the agenda, and the final votes by council are unknown.)

The City Council continues to "reimagine" Austin with items on the November 21 City Council agenda.

Limiting Drip Irrigation

You may use drip irrigation in your garden because of its ability to conserve water and efficiency over conventional sprinklers. The city has noticed that, though, and it is introducing a new ordinance (Item 6) to restrict the use of drip irrigation in your yard at the same level as conventional sprinklers. Remember that the City's water system leaks 6.9 billion gallons of water per year – enough to fill 12,000 Olympic-sized swimming pools.



Huge Bonuses for Housing in Industrial Zones

The Council is also considering an ordinance (Item 81) to create a new district, PDA 2, that will apply to industrial areas and near highways, including a density bonus program DB240 (Item 82) to go with it, allowing residential development.

Why are teddy bears never hungry?

Because they're always stuffed.

I go around all the places, cities and towns but never come inside. What am I?

A street.

This bonus would allow up to 240 feet of height. A letter from UT researchers says: "...But the DB240 proposal before you actually adds residential uses to an area currently zoned for high intensity uses, including uses that spew pollutants known to endanger people living nearby into the air. And I understand that current uses would be grandfathered."

More DB90 Giveaways

Additional DB-90 upzoning is being considered in East Austin along 2nd (item87) and 5th (Item 89) Street and East 38 1/2 Street (Item 94) in Cherrywood, where 74 existing affordable housing units would be slated for demolition, with several others in the lineup on West 24th (Item 111), Vargas Road (Item 85) and Willow Creek (Item 96).

Should Hotel use Satisfy Residential Requirements in Density Bonuses?

In the flurry of upzonings all across the city that is incompatible with the surrounding or nearby neighborhoods – the city council has adopted a whole new definition of affordable housing. (Item 112) In a case involving a small lot on West 5th Street, they have decided that "hotel use" can substitute for multi-family housing – in requesting to double the allowed height from 60 to 120 feet.

The more you take away, the larger it becomes? What is it?

A hole.

What kind of cup doesn't hold water?

A hiccup.



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