As a teenager Robert Onstead delivered groceries for his uncle in Ennis, Texas. In 1954 when he was 24 years old, his father-in-law offered him a job at Randalls Super Valu store in Pasadena and gave him this advice: “Treat your customers the way you treat your family.” Onstead was a natural in the business, and soon opened his second store.

Twelve years later, he joined Norman Frewin and R.C. Barclay, instinctive entrepreneurs with two generations of experience in the grocery business, to develop the concept of a discount supermarket. Among their innovations were hot delis, onsite bakeries, electronic check cashing, scanners and mart carts for seniors. In 1999, Randalls became part of Safeway, Inc., a Fortune 100 company and one of the largest food and drug retailers in North America based on sales. Randalls currently operates 33 stores throughout the greater Houston area, 14 stores in Austin, and 63 in the Dallas/Ft. Worth Metroplex under the Tom Thumb banner.

The Randalls and Tom Thumb brands include more than 127 combination food and drug stores. Most include fresh seafood, floral, cosmetic, bakery and film processing departments. The premium Flagship Randalls and Tom Thumb stores have increased their take-out departments to provide fresh-made pizzas, pastas and barbeque. Many locations even offer bank branches, ATM’s, one-hour photo processing, drive-thru pharmacy windows, fueling stations and full-service counters where you can purchase movie tickets and pay utility bills and car license renewals.

To accommodate resident requests, Randalls has plans to screen the back of the store with extensive trees. This is an artist’s rendering of the view of the greenbelt and rear of the store upon maturity of landscaping.
Recycling

Clawson Disposal Expands Recycling, Accepts More Paper

Homeowners can add phone books, magazines, junk mail and cardboard to their Clawson Disposal recycling bin. This is good news as it encourages more homeowners to recycle and saves on those weekly trips to local area recycling dumpsters. Keep in mind, Clawson can only accept dry paper. If it looks like rain, they kindly ask you to hold paper recycling until the following week. All cans, glass and plastic containers should be rinsed with lids removed.

**Items accepted:**
- Aluminum, Steel and Tin Cans
- Clear, Green and Brown Bottles and Jars
- Chip Board, Cereal Boxes, Newspapers and inserts
- Magazines, Office Paper, Junk Mail, Phone Books, Paper Board and Cardboard
- #1 to #7 Plastic
- Styrofoam Drink Cups and Food Containers

**Items NOT accepted:**
- No Aluminum Foil
- No Pie Plates
- No Light Bulbs
- No Mirrors
- No Ceramics
- No Motor Oil
- No Wet/Faded Paper Products

To learn more about Clawson Disposal’s recycling program or request a recycling bin, call 512-259-1709 or email clawson@ecpi.com.

POOP Pollutes - Get the Scoop on What You Can Do

Do you leave your dog’s waste on your neighbor’s lawn or amenity area? You might not scoop the poop because you think it’s disgusting. Dogs create an average of a half pound of excrement per day. With 120,000 dogs in the Austin area, that adds up to 60,000 pounds of dog waste (equivalent to nearly five dump truck loads) per day!

It’s a subject everyone wants to avoid but can become a health risk to pets and children. When it rains, the waste washes into storm drains and travels to the nearest creek or lake untreated. Like human waste, it contains harmful bacteria and viruses. So please, Scoop the Poop – it’s the healthy and neighborly thing to do for cleaner feet, cleaner streets and cleaner creeks!

**Scoop the Poop**

**It’s the neighborly thing to do!**

Here’s how to help:

1. **BRING IT** – carry a scooper bag when walking your dog
2. **SCOOP IT** – use the baggie like a glove, scoop the poop, invert and seal the bag
3. **TOSS IT** – into the trash

New! Community Business Spotlight

Bright Eyes Photography

Crystal Falls residents Jennifer Porch and Shannon McDaniel started “Bright Eyes Photography” 9 years ago when their children were babies. Now they have six kiddos between them—Jennifer has a 9-year-old daughter and 6-year-old twin boys, and Shannon has three girls ages 7, 9 and 12. Taking their inspiration from the kids, Jennifer and Shannon specialize in creatively capturing children’s expressions, family connections and the energy of seniors embarking on a new chapter of life.

Bright Eyes Photography offers creative, natural light, on-location photographers and shoot throughout Leander, Cedar Park and Austin. Shannon and Jennifer are at every session and together make sure all of the details are covered—clothes and hair in place, keeping kiddos laughing, carrying gear, you name it! “Photo sessions with Bright Eyes are FUN,” exclaims Jennifer. “Expect fresh, unique and different!” Don’t be surprised if they drive up with a truck full of fun furniture ready to use in a field of flowers or an alley in downtown Austin.

Congratulations, You’re a Crystal Falls Rock Star

“And the Crystal Falls ‘Rock Star’ award goes to: 1317 Pasa Tiempo in Grand Mesa!” Using native rock, this owner has created beautiful arches and planter accents. Congratulations to Joe and Yvonne Luevanos; you are a Crystal Falls Rock Star!

The Crystal Falls Rock Star program recognizes artistic uses of natural stone and native landscaping that exemplify the community’s Texas Hill Country theme.

The Bright Eyes duo meet with clients in person, before a session to plan the details—locations that fit your family or senior, clothing ideas for each person and ideas for displaying your portraits after the session. Knowing how special portraits are to a family, Bright Eyes wants you to LOVE the experience and your portraits.

Visit www.BrightEyesPhotography.com/blog to learn more and “like” them on Facebook.
Crystal Falls Voting Reps

In an effort to help voting reps effectively cover the growing number of homeowners throughout Crystal Falls, each voting rep is assigned a district within their community. This follows the model established for Grand Mesa (see map), allowing closer contact and communication between homeowners and voting reps.

The following Crystal Falls Voting Reps list indicates each community’s voting reps, their assigned districts and contact information.

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“Four Hands are Better Than Two”
Two Sisters Sitting Services
~ Petsitting, House sitting and Babysitting ~

No need to worry about who’s going to care for your pets or house when you are away for the day or on vacation. The “Two Sisters” of Crystal Falls, Kaths (14) and Jeanne (11) are six-year Grand Mesa residents (1418 Mirador). We thank our current clients & look forward to serving your family’s “sitting” needs this holiday season and beyond.

569-2829
katelandjen@twosisterssitting.com
www.twosisterssitting.com

We’re only a golf cart drive away... we have our own wheel! We’re established & experienced with references.
Texlawn Strives for Excellence in Crystal Falls

For over 12 years, Texlawn has worked for the Crystal Falls HOA to design and maintain unique, creative landscaping using native Texas Hill Country plants and boulders from the on-site quarry that existed long before the community began. Mike Whitton, owner of Texlawn, began the business in 1993 and has judiciously utilized five employees, four trucks and two trailers in the creation and maintenance of medians, parks and entrances highlighted by huge monument boulders surrounded by native grasses and plants throughout the community.

Following our philosophy of minimizing water usage and making use of native Texas Hill Country plants, Texlawn specializes in maintaining non-irrigated areas using methods and plants which work together to optimize the tough conditions. The extreme drought over the last three years presented new challenges, requiring the use of a water truck for the first time. In spite of the conditions, the landscaping has helped Crystal Falls win Austin Business Journal’s “Best Master Planned Community” award in 2010, Austin Home Builders Association’s “Best Xeriscape” award in 2004 and the Austin Chapter of Community Associations Institute’s “Excellence in Neighborhood Beautification” award last year.

Mike and the Texlawn crew continue to maximize resources and employ the latest products and methods to produce the highest quality landscaping. Residents benefit from their expertise in non-irrigated landscaping and native Texas plants and their familiarity with the conditions in Crystal Falls.

Solving Community Issues Together

Q. How long can I leave my holiday lights up?

A. The deed restrictions state that seasonal lighting can be enjoyed from Thanksgiving to January 14th.

Ask The View! Homeowners are encouraged to submit general property- and community-related questions to The View at Crystal Falls via email at news@mycrystalfalls.com. At least one question will be answered in each issue of the newsletter. Questions requiring immediate response should always be directed to Goodwin Management via email at randy.vogel@goodwintx.com.
Joint Effort Improves Safety at Whitestone Elementary

In response to concerns from Crystal Falls residents, The City of Leander Public Works department joined with The Lookout Group to install a new crosswalk for children to cross Crystal Falls Parkway in front of Whitestone Elementary. During the zoning process for the Crystal Falls Town Center, HOA members raised concerns regarding increased vehicle traffic on the south side of the Parkway impacting walkers to the school. Everyone agreed the best path for the children would be on the north side of the Parkway, if a new crosswalk was installed with appropriate signage and street markings for safety.

The two entities agreed to split the cost of the improvements, with the City contributing labor and the Lookout Group purchasing all materials for the project. On Oct. 11, Mike Siefert with The Lookout Group gave Pat Womack (Director of Public Works for the City of Leander) a check in the amount of $1,994.67 to cover the cost of materials. The crosswalk is now complete – another example of the City of Leander and The Lookout Group working together to benefit the community and address concerns from the residents.

Crystal Falls Encourages Dark Skies, Rural Atmosphere

The beauty of the Texas Hill Country is accentuated by the opportunity to look up and see the stars and moon at night. For some, this is a privilege that is treasured and seen as part of their quality of life and a tribute to the native land. The Crystal Falls deed restrictions encourage minimal exterior lighting so as to avoid light pollution, encourage dark skies and maintain a rural atmosphere for all residents. All exterior lights should be shielded and low wattage bulbs are required. HID, sodium and mercury vapor yard lights are not permitted.

In 1988, the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) was formed as an educational 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to preserving the nighttime environment and our heritage of dark skies. To achieve these goals, IDA supports efforts to use dark-sky friendly lighting, raise awareness about light pollution and educate others in the value of quality outdoor lighting that will save energy while minimizing light pollution. For more information on light pollution, IDA and outdoor lighting solutions, go to www.darksky.org.

The days of taking the kids out in the backyard or to a local park to look through a telescope are still here and, hopefully, will continue with a small effort on the part of us all.
Feral Hogs In Grand Mesa

Once again, the Leander area is being annually frequented by the unwelcome feral hogs. According to Texas Agrilife Extension Service, there are an estimated 2.6 million feral hogs in Texas alone. Farms, ranches and rural communities have been dealing with the devastation the hogs leave behind for years now, with at least $52 million each year in damages to Texas agriculture and residential landscaping.

It is a fact that most of our hogs are coming from the massive 23,000-acre Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge just west of Crystal Falls and across Nameless Rd. from Grand Mesa. This refuge was intended for endangered songbirds, paid for with your tax dollars and fees imposed on development. Managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), this preserve has been a success in maintaining habitat for the birds but has also been a breeding ground for the hogs. Although Travis Co. has worked in conjunction with the USFWS to trap the hogs, the entities have, in our view, done a poor job of managing the hog problem, some people on the undeveloped portions of Crystal Falls have had hunters and traps placed to control the hogs. From the beginning, the developer of the Grand Mesa deed restrictions) has had hunters and traps placed to control the hogs. From the beginning, the developer of Crystal Falls had hunters and traps placed to control the hogs.

Part of living in the rural Texas Hill Country is learning to live alongside the “critters.” But the less hog the better. Here are some things you can do: 

- The most obvious preventive measure is to install a steel picket fence. There are various types, but the picket style is the most effective. The hogs will hit their heads on it and will generally stop. The most effective styles are those with vertical pickets at least 5 feet high.

- Other options include traps, barking dogs, avoidance of feeding deer and proper landscaping maintenance. Professional trappers can be hired, or residents can build their own trap (the meat is very tasty). Raised beds, berms and other loose areas of soil easily rooted are very attractive to the hogs, as well as plants that are not native to the Texas Hill Country. Plants such as agave, mahu grass, lantana, Mexican sage and butterfly weed add color and beauty without attracting the hogs. A complete list of native Texas Hill Country plants can be found in the Landscape Design Guidelines. Most importantly, lawns and beds should be treated with pesticide twice a year to eliminate white grub worms.

- Hogs and other wildlife will never be eradicated - and for the most part we wouldn’t want to eliminate all of the “critters.” But the less hog the better. Here are some things you can do: The most obvious preventive measure is to install a steel picket fence. Other options include traps, barking dogs, avoidance of feeding deer and proper landscaping maintenance. Professional trappers can be hired, or residents can build their own trap (the meat is very tasty). Raised beds, berms and other loose areas of soil easily rooted are very attractive to the hogs, as well as plants that are not native to the Texas Hill Country. Plants such as agave, mahu grass, lantana, Mexican sage and butterfly weed add color and beauty without attracting the hogs. A complete list of native Texas Hill Country plants can be found in the Landscape Design Guidelines. Most importantly, lawns and beds should be treated with pesticide twice a year to eliminate white grub worms.

Sources and Helpful Resources

For more information on feral hogs in our area, visit:

Anyone affected by feral hog damage is encouraged to contact David Maple at David_Maple@fws.gov. Now is a good time to voice your feelings regarding the hogs, as they are accepting input on additional hunting opportunities on the preserve until Jan. 1, 2013. You may also contact Rufus Stephens, Travis Co. District Leader with the Texas Parks & Wildlife at 830-896-2300.

Holiday Events

- **Armadillo Christmas Bazaar**
  - Palmer Events Center, Austin
  - Dec. 12-24 | 11 am to 11 pm Daily
  - Art fair and music festival rolled into one, it has long been a favorite scene for holiday shopping, Austin style. Find handmade gifts and fine art from sophisticated to funky.

- **Trans-Siberian Orchestra: The Lost Christmas Eve**
  - Cedar Park Center
  - Dec. 20 | 4:00 pm
  - A diverse soundtrack fusing elements of rock, classical, folk, Broadway and R&B.

- **SH 130 Now Open From Seguin to Georgetown**
  - A new section of SH 130 recently opened, allowing for a non-stop traffic bypass to the frequently congested I-35 corridor through Austin. Drivers can purchase a TxTag and travel the entire 90 miles of toll road between Seguin and Georgetown for about $12 or use the pay-by-mail service for a slightly higher rate. SH 130 is accessible from Leander by traveling south on 183A and taking 45 East to connect with the roadway on the northeast side of Austin. From Crystal Falls, this toll road provides easy access to Austin Bergstrom International Airport and the new Formula1 racetrack.

  The new sections of SH 130 have the fastest speed limit in the United States, 85 mph.

$500 REWARD

for information leading to the successful prosecution of any person vandalizing Crystal Falls HOA property!

It’s YOUR investment and neighborhood, protect it!

Call 512-970-5269

Community Clubs, Events and Announcements

- **Men’s Monday Night Football**
  - The Crystal Falls Monday Night Football group has grown over the last five years from two neighbors getting together to watch a game to over 30 resident members today. Members host a single event, either at their home or a local venue, and participants either bring their own beverages or pay their own drink tab at the venue while the host covers the food cost.

  What a great way to get neighbors together, form new friends and sponsor a community spirit! To learn more about the Monday Night Football group, email Jim Hefty at jhefty@austin.rr.com or call (512) 259-2344.
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Have a safe holiday!