



REGION VIII

FEBRUARY 2011

Clippings



Next Meeting:

**Tuesday,
February 8, 2011**

6:30 pm – Social
7:00 pm – Dinner

Location: TNLA Office,
7730 South IH-35, Austin, TX 78745
(map on page 5)

Cost: Free

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Speakers/Programs at the February Meeting:



Legislative Update

Jim Reaves, TNLA

Jim Reaves is the Director of Legislative & Regulatory Affairs at TNLA, a position he has held since March 2006. In August of 2006, Mr. Reaves was a founding member of the Texas Employers for Immigration Reform (TEIR) and currently serves on their Executive Committee. TEIR is a coalition made up of a large cross section of businesses in the state to promote comprehensive immigration reform at the federal level.



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Amy Edwards

Hortica Insurance & Employee Benefits

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a note from your **REGION VIII CHAIR**

Hold on your hats because this next year's going to be a whirlwind of changes.

First of all, congratulations to Amy Graham for being selected the new TNLA President starting in June this year! Amy Graham has always been a great mentor and leader! Ultimately, it will be sad to see Eddy Edmondson retire as he also stood so strong as our leader. I hope you will all take time to congratulate both Amy and Eddy on their new ventures.

We are also so close to you having a whole new Board. If you haven't met Jared Pyka, your upcoming TNLA Region Chair, you really need to come to our next meeting to get introduced. Both Jared and Brad Seever, the incoming Vice-Chair, bring a whole new burst of energy and enthusiasm, with their own progressive ideas to the table. This is a great time to bring us your ideas for any changes you might want to see.

As I move out of my position as Chair, I do want to thank all of you who were so supportive. It was surprising to know that so many of you were actually reading my little Chairman's Notes, and that you made the extra effort to attend our wonderful meetings and events. Behind the scenes, I hope I was instrumental in helping our region. But, I am extremely confident that you will find new leadership and motivation to keep you all together.

Please continue to attend our meetings and stay cohesive. I truly believe that we can contribute more as a unit, rather than individually. I am proud to call myself a Past Chair and I am even prouder to be a member of our wonderful association.



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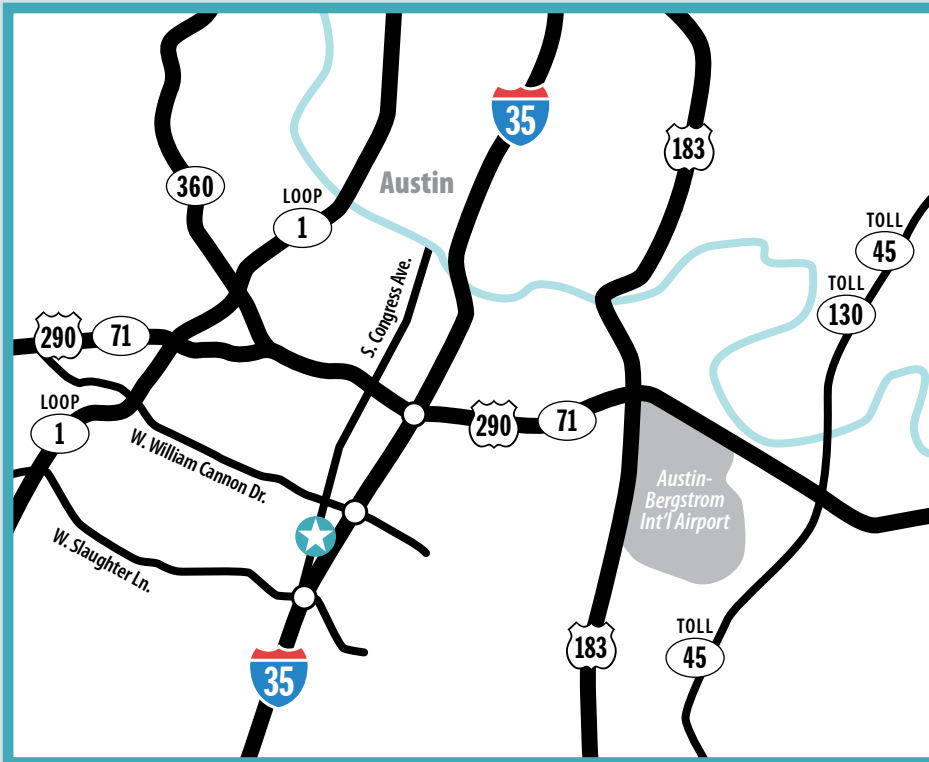
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New Event Announcements

FROM THE TRAVIS COUNTY AGRILIFE EXTENSION

Termite Training for Homeowners

Thursday, February 17, 2011
9:30-10:30am

Travis County Agrilife Extension
Office
1600-B Smith Rd., Austin TX 78721
(512)854-9600

There's an old saying in the pest control industry... "there are two types of homes in Texas- those with termites and those that will have them within 7 years." Which category do you fit into? This class will arm homeowners with information so they feel comfortable discussing management options for termites with pest professionals. Do you know how termites look for food? Can you tell the difference between ants and termites? Come to learn how to identify the types of termites found in Central Texas and their management options.

Planning and Planting the Spring Vegetable Garden

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10am-12pm

Sunshine Community Garden
4814 Sunshine Dr., Austin TX 78756

Free! Hands on seminar gives you knowledge on plant & seed selection, tips for increased germination, spacing and other techniques to ensure gardening success. Street parking available only.

This seminar is free and open to the public. It is presented by the Travis County Master Gardeners, a volunteer arm of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Travis County. www.tcmastergardeners.org

Taking Care of the Lawn

Saturday, February 19, 2011
10am-12pm

Sunset Valley City Hall
3205 Jones Rd.,
Sunset Valley, TX 78745

Two incredible sessions on lawn care. Join us for one or both. "It's Dead! How to Establish a New Lawn" from 10-11AM; "How to Promote Lawn Health" from 11am-12pm. Learn what to do to start a new lawn or replace a lawn, including grass varieties, soil preparation, and watering. Discover easy mowing, irrigating, and fertilizing tips for maintaining your lawn. Parking in Tony Burger Center across the street from Sunset Valley City Hall

This seminar is free and open to the public. It is presented by the Travis County Master Gardeners, a volunteer arm of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Travis County. www.tcmastergardeners.org



Rose Workshop

Saturday, February 12, 2011, 9:00am-2:00pm

Zilker Botanical Garden, 2220 Barton Springs Rd, Austin TX 78746

Learn which roses do well in Central Texas, how to make roses thrive and avoid costly mistakes. \$25 registration fee includes lunch and a one-year membership in the Austin Rose Society, instructions booklet on growing roses, propagating roses from cuttings, soils for roses, handling rose insects and pruning roses. Register at www.austinrosesociety.org or pay at the door from 8:30-9:30am. Questions call (512)836-4679.

Wildlife Insect Control

Insects, in my opinion, are the most destructive situation that we deal with -- they are more damaging than disease or drought.

We know that there are two (2) groups of insects - the beneficial insects and the destructive ones.

Since our goal is to get away from pesticides but still have insect control - let's go the beneficial route.

Consider the ladybug. Ladybugs are symbols of good luck.

Ladybugs are not all "ladies", as some are males, out of the necessity to reproduce. Ladybugs are a kind of beetle which is similar to a bug. Bugs have a mouth that sucks and beetles have a mouth designed to tear and rip. Ladybugs help control aphids,



scales, whiteflies, thrips and caterpillars, among others.

One ladybug can consume 5,000 pests in it's life.

There are well over 4,000 ladybug species and not all are red with black spots. Some have yellow, black or orange backgrounds. Some have white spots.

In the middle of this good news, there is the multicolored Asian ladybug which is considered an invasive exotic pest.

To attract ladybugs avoid the use of pesticides, plant a variety of wildflowers and let a small portion of your landscape grow wild. This in turn also attracts other natural predators which will keep insects in check and will call for less water use which is also a good thing.

-Written by Bill Elzey, Showplace Lawns

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Update from TDA
82nd Legislative Session Update**

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