

Oak Wilt Meeting on Jan. 23 - Avian Flu at Arboretum Ponds
Time for Dues - Share Your Ideas - Planetary Parade



**Oak Wilt Meeting
With Camille Wiseman
TAMU Forest Service**

Balcones Country Club
Thursday, January 23
7-8 PM

[Click Here to RSVP](#)

Oak Wilt Meeting

Camille Wiseman has long been interested in our environment. She earned a degree from Texas State University in geography and environmental studies. She also has a background in riparian restoration and agricultural land management, as well as assisting non-profit groups in Central Texas with a focus on conservation.

In her work as a Woodland Ecologist with Texas A&M Forest Service, she advises property owners on a number of issues, one being the Oak Wilt disease that affects the oak trees in the central Texas area.

We are fortunate to have her speaking at our joint meeting with Balcones Country Club about Oak Wilt, which has been identified in our neighborhood. She will address identification, spread, control, and treatment of the disease.

Mark this meeting on your calendars because it is of prime importance to each and every one of us. Whether we have oak trees in our yards or value our beautiful tree-lined streets, this meeting is for all of us.

The meeting is open to anyone living in this area whether or not you pay dues to the BVS HOA or are a member of the BCC. If you plan to attend, please RSVP so we can provide for



the best meeting arrangements. Water and tea will be provided.

Helpful Info on BVS HOA Website

Old Lampasas Dam Project

Wastewater Averaging - through March

Licensed and Insured Drivers for Golf Carts is Texas Law

Hot Topics / BVS HOA Website

Dues

It is January and time to send in your dues. They are \$50 per year and cover operating expenses. If these newsletters and the website are helpful, know the platforms cost several hundred dollars annually. Do you enjoy the 4th of July Parade? The HOA purchases prizes, as well as insurance. Have you been to a Block Party? Most likely the HOA contributed to the food expenses. Do you like the Christmas Lights? The HOA pays the winners a cash prize. Also, the HOA will help paid members with expenses related to Oak Wilt treatments for their trees.

Fewer people are paying dues, and some have even said they don't care, although they enjoy the benefits. So take a moment to be among those who do care and help provide much needed financial

Tell Us What You Think

As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance our neighborhood activities, we are considering bringing back or adding a few exciting events.

So far, some people have suggested a Spring Garage Sale and other interesting ideas.

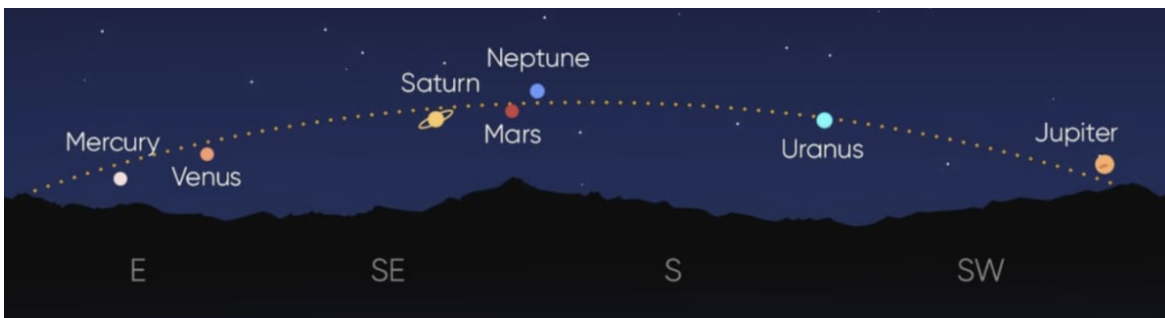
We value your input and would love to hear your thoughts and suggestions. Your feedback is important to us and will help us make decisions that best serve our community's interests.

Please email Elizabeth Gomez at the link below.

support for the BV/S HOA.

Dues

Contact Events



Planetary Parade

The next planetary alignment will take place on January 21, 2025. In the evening, just after sunset, six planets — Mars, Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune, Venus, and Saturn — will align in the sky. Four of these planets (Mars, Jupiter, Venus, and Saturn) will be easily visible to the naked eye. You'll need a telescope or high-powered binoculars to see Neptune and Uranus.

The link below goes to the Star Walk website, which has great info on the big parade. They also have an app, if you are interested. How many planets will you see?

Star Walk - Planetary Parade

Avian Flu - Arboretum Pond Area

Several deceased ducks have been found at the ponds near the Arboretum office complex. Texas Parks and Wildlife completed testing and found they were positive for Avian Flu. This disease is moving through some wild bird populations as they've migrated south for winter.

The public can assist in interrupting HPAI transmission by limiting all unnecessary contact with wild birds, including not feeding or causing waterfowl to congregate in parks. To help combat this outbreak, it is recommended that all bird feeders and bird baths be taken down as these allow birds to congregate and spread disease easily to each other. Do not handle any sick or dead wildlife or allow any pets to consume

any wild carcasses. [Texas Parks and Wildlife News Release - Link](#)

Should you encounter birds with symptoms such as sudden death, gasping, or diarrhea, contact the Travis County offices of Texas Parks and Wildlife.

[Travis County TPWD Link](#)

H/T - Caroline Williams



Western Sayings

Linda Strickland

My Dad grew up in the farming and ranching world where life lessons are well learned. The western life lends itself to many sayings, as I imagine many other places do, as well. When you get a bit older, it is interesting how many you recall and how they apply in your life.

It might be a fun family activity to see how everyone interprets some of the sayings. If something makes no sense to you, then drop me a line, and I'll help out.

Courage is being scared to death...and saddling up anyway.

Always drink upstream from the herd.

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it over and put it back into your pocket.

Generally, you aren't learning anything when your mouth's moving.

He's all hat and no cattle.

Don't go where the path is clear. Make a new one, and leave a trail.

Every trail has puddles.

If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging.

Real cowboys never run; they just ride away.

When you lose, don't lose the lesson.

You don't have to tell everything you know.

Always ride on the top half (referring to gas tank in your vehicle).

Western Sayings Email

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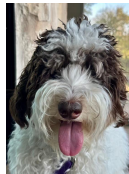
January 2025

1	Wednesday	New Year's Day	State, Federal, RRISD
6	Monday	Student Holiday	RRISD
7	Tuesday	School Starts	RRISD
13	Monday	BVS HOA Board Mtg	5 PM Spicewood Library **
20	Monday	Inauguration Day / MLK Birthday	Federal, State, RRISD
23	Thursday	Oak Wilt Meeting	7-8 PM Balcones Country Club
24	Friday	National Compliment Day	

February 2025

10	Monday	BVS HOA Board Mtg	5 PM Spicewood Library **
11	Tuesday	Make a Friend Day	
14	Friday	Valentine's Day	

** Spicewood Branch of Public Library - 8637 Spicewood Springs Rd.



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