



September 2024 Newsletter

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Letter from the President

Caleb McLain

This community is dynamic and exciting. Each year we welcome new families as they move into the neighborhood and become part of our community. We are brought together not just because of our address, rather we share our lives with those around us. Our children share classrooms; we share time walking our dogs or talking at the mailbox. We are all brought together by sharing pieces of our lives with each other, both joy and sorrow. Together we create stories and memories that are stitched into the fabric of our lives. Our children build the foundation of their future in our backyards, on our sidewalks, and with our neighbors.

We choose to be part of each other's lives. It is important that we continue to stay connected with those around us as we contribute and participate. The Home Owners Association works to create value for you by researching information for newsletters, curating a website for your benefit, organizing and funding the 4th of July Parade, reimbursing for block parties, and paying for constable patrols (yes, we have to pay for these patrols out of the membership dues since the city does not actively patrol this area).

In return, I ask you to participate in block parties to meet your neighbors - new and old. I ask you to participate in our homeowner events, like the 4th of July Parade, Christmas Trees, and our annual homeowners' meeting. I ask you to join the HOA because less than half of our residents are members. I encourage you to join the HOA Board of Directors.

I am proud to be part of this wonderful community of neighbors and honored to serve as your HOA President.

Who is a great candidate for the HOA Board of Directors?

Live in the neighborhood and pay HOA dues.
Love the neighborhood and want to help with your insights and skills.
Can meet second Monday of the month from 5-6 PM.
Stand for election at November Annual Meeting.
Apply via email by September 20th.

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National Night Out - Tuesday, October 1st

Join in the neighborhood celebration. Elizabeth Gomez is doing a fantastic job of organizing the different block parties. There still is time to get one going on your street.

If you want to know more, get a group going on your street, or get your block group on the list, contact Elizabeth via the email listed below.

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US Army Camel Corp



The City of Llano is having a celebration of its interesting history with Heritage Days, running October 18-20. There are many activities such as the Chuck Wagon meal (just like the cowboys on trail drives ate), plenty of music, food, crafts, and a visit from Doug Baum, who travels around Texas with a group of camels, sharing their very interesting history here.

In the mid-1800s, the US Army began an experiment using camels as pack animals

in Texas and to the west. Camels were purchased in Egypt and Turkey and stabled at Camp Verde near Kerrville, Texas. Experienced handlers came with the camels to teach the soldiers how to care for them.

The camels proved to be more hardy than horses and mules and completed several supply runs and mapping expeditions in Texas and to the west.

Llano is about an hour and a half drive west of Austin.

Llano Heritage Days

History of the Camel Corp

BTW - this is not the first time camels lived in Texas. If you go back a few million years, they roamed the gulf coast with rhinos and a relative of the elephant.

Ancient Texas

Driving Golf Carts

The lovely fall weather is here, and it is fun to cruise around in a golf cart. However, there are a few legal considerations. If the golf carts are driven on public streets, they must be licensed and insured. Also, the drivers of the carts must be the same - having a valid Texas Driver's License. You can read the opinion at <https://texasattorneygeneral.gov/sites/default/files/opinion-files/opinion/2021/kp-0364.pdf>.

The primary concern, of course, is for the safety of everyone in the neighborhood. There also may be liability and insurance consequences for parents who permit unlicensed drivers to operate golf carts on public streets. Those consequences could include a traffic stop, a traffic ticket, or a lawsuit in the event of damages. Coverage and liability may vary among insurers.

City of Austin - Large Brush Pick-up

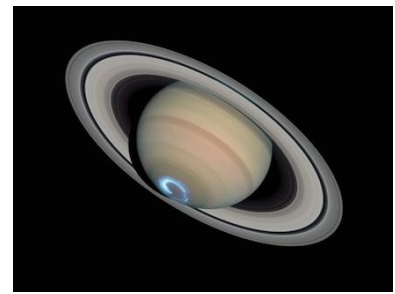
Pick up starts Monday, October 21, and you need to have the brush at the curb by Sunday the 20th. Go to the website to see what is allowed, what is not, and how to position at the curb. The City website is best viewed on a full screen.

City of Austin - Large Brush

Saturn Visible and Track the Space Station

Great news for sky watchers. From September through the end of the year, Saturn will be visible to the eye, and with a telescope, you can see rings.

Read more at the link. There is a short video with all the info you need and is well worth your time.



Earth Sky Website

Watching the International Space Station fly overhead is quite a memorable experience. With this website or the app, you can track the movement over Austin. The path needs to be at least 40 degrees for the best view.

NASA Space Station Tracker

Save The Date

The September Board Meeting is Changed to September 19. For more information contact us via email at communications.bvshoa@gmail.com.

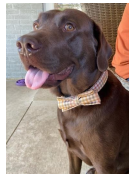
September 2024

2	Monday	Labor Day	RRISD, City, State
8	Sunday	National Star Trek Day	
19	Monday	BV/S HOA Board Meeting	Email for info
20	Friday	Applications for HOA Board Due	Email

October 2024

3-4	Thur-Fri	School Holiday	RRISD
14	Monday	BV/S HOA Board Meeting	Neighborhood*
21	Monday	Large Brush Pick-up	COA

* 5 PM - Spicewood Branch of Public Library, 8637 Spicewood Springs Rd.



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