

A surprise response from local businesses and National Night Out

A Thank You Surprise

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After the Fourth of July Parade, I delivered thank you notes to the companies that gave us gift cards and coupons for the drawings, as well as to our AFD friends at Station House 44.

The responses were surprising. The firefighters shook my hand, saying how much they enjoyed being with the neighbors. The people at the other places loved the stories of how happy people were to win their coupons. At Handel's I shared that the kids were cheering when their parents won. Even the other customers were smiling and laughing.

As I thought about all these people, I realized that everyone was happy to be part of a larger group of friendly people and to have their efforts recognized. Most of us who live here know that our area not only is physically beautiful with the trees and wildlife, but also filled with kind and caring neighbors. It may not be tangible, but I can assure you that others recognize it.

This area began as an experiment in the 1960s - subdivisions built around golf courses and outside the city limits. Back then many people were golfers, and the HOA sponsored many community activities. Now, around 60 years later, people still are playing golf, and the HOA continues to be active in promoting community spirit.

The HOA only works through the efforts of people who pay annual dues and volunteer time to help with management and activities. Read more on the HOA website.

<https://www.bvshoa.com/hot-topics>

National Night Out - Tuesday, October 1st

National Night Out began in the 1980s as an experiment in helping neighbors along residential streets get to know each other, as well as meet the police and firefighters working in their communities. When people know each other, it helps foster understanding and camaraderie.

In our area, the gatherings have become block parties with good food and conversations. This year Elizabeth Gomez is coordinating the block parties so the police and firefighters can visit each one.

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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Austin Police Department - Community Connect Website

The Austin Police Department has launched the Community Connect website, hosted on the City of Austin Open Data Portal. We are in the Adam-8 sector. The incidents are divided by type and offer insight on what is going on.

We present this information for awareness and not fear. Just as we understand that we can lose water in ice storms or city repair projects and keep a few gallons on hand, knowing what some unfriendly folks are up to can be helpful, as well.

<https://data.austintexas.gov/stories/s/gvuv-736h>

City of Austin - Bulk Pick-up

Pick up starts this Monday the 19th. Trucks come on separate dates for the different types of items. 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.

<https://www.austintexas.gov/bulk>

Save the Date

August 2024

13	Tuesday	First Day of Classes	RRISD
19	Monday	Bulk Item Pickup	City of Austin
27	Tuesday	LBJ Day	State

September 2024

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

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



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