

Christmas Trees - Holiday Lights - Helpful Tips Branch Weaving - Night Skies

Trees - Trees - Trees

First off - let's have a round of applause and cheers for Jason Lee who organized the tree deliveries. There are many moving parts to this project, and once again, it went quite well. All the volunteers who unloaded the trees Friday night and delivered them Saturday morning - in the rain - deserve special thanks, too.



Did you pay for a tree, and was it delivered to your yard Saturday morning?

Great, now go directly to decorating.

Did you pay for a tree, but it was not delivered to your house?

1-Check the HOA website to see if you are on the list. [Paid Trees List - HOA Website](#)

2-If you are on the list, then contact us at communications.bvshoa@gmail.com, go to Jason Lee's house, and pick it up. Leave a note on the front porch with your name and address, saying you picked up your tree. 8812 Crest Ridge Circle - trees near the curb next to the house.

3-If you paid but are not on the list, then email Jacque Forrest, the HOA Treasurer, and she will help sort things out. treasurer.bvshoa@gmail.com

We have 12 trees available for purchase for both HOA members and non-members.

1-If you want one, go to the website and purchase a tree or bring a check (\$50 HOA members and \$60 for everyone else).

2-Go to Jason Lee's house to pick it up. 8812 Crest Ridge Circle - trees near the curb next to the house.

3-Leave a note in the box on Jason's front porch saying you got your tree. If paying by check, leave it on the front porch.

4-If you paid on the website and trees run out before you get there, please let us know via "Contact Us" on the website, and the payment will be refunded ASAP.

<https://www.bvshoa.com/>

No deliveries - only pick up. First come - first served.

Once the trees are sold out, messages will be posted on the email group, FB group, and the website. Also, trees will be removed from the website store.

Holiday Lights Contest

Many years ago, our family drove all the way to this neighborhood to look at the Christmas lights. When we moved here 17 years ago, the first thing one of the kids said was - Hey, isn't this the place we used to drive through to see the lights? There is something special and memorable about our neighborhood. *(from Linda Strickland)*

Two years ago, we started a new tradition of asking families to drive the neighborhood (Balcones Village and/or Spicewood) to find the best of the best lights. We've heard from several people, who said it was a wonderful family experience. Apparently, a few dogs have participated, too.

Create memories with your tweens and teens, other family members, or your canine family and volunteer to judge the Holiday Lights.

Three nights, December 13-15 (Saturday through Sunday) are set aside for driving the neighborhood in search of the best lights.

FYI - Everyone be sure your homes are ready and lighted up December 13-15.

Click the email link (Elizabeth Gomez - HOA Events) and let us know you want to judge. We have score sheets, maps, and suggestions for judging. The only qualification is a love of pretty lights.



[Volunteer for Holiday Lights](#)

Looking Back at 2024 and Ahead to 2025

While there were many world events this year, one constant was the community spirit in our neighborhood. Did you attend our great 4th of July Parade or maybe a Block Party? How about a National Night Out or Eclipse party? Our HOA works behind the scenes to foster these and many other services, such as this newsletter and the website.

Looking forward, we want to continue to support our community of neighbors. Do you have ideas or feedback for us to consider? If so, please reply via the email link.

[Ideas for 2025](#)

Remember These Helpful Tips - Check the Website for More Info

City Wastewater Averaging - November through February - Chance to lower water bill

Lampasas Dam Project - Major impacts on Spicewood Springs Road traffic

Deer mating season - Lots of running - slow down and use your peripheral vision

Christmas Lights and Bucks with big antlers - not the best pairing

Oak Wilt - Some cases in our neighborhood - best practices for your trees

Hot Topics - BVS HOA Website



Branch Weaving

Free time, rainy weather, odds and ends, and a y-shape branch make for a weaving project.

Smaller branches can be finished fairly quickly. It is a great opportunity to use the leftovers in your craft shelf / closet / room.

Branch Weaving



Night Skies

We've got two meteor showers and a large full moon this month.

The Geminids peak around the night of December 14 and early morning hours of December 15.

The Ursids peak in the night between December 22 and 23.

Night Skies - Time & Date

Save the Date

December 2024

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| 6 | Friday | Christmas Trees Arrive | HOA |
| 7 | Saturday | Christmas Trees Delivered | HOA |
| 9 | Monday | BVS HOA Board Mtg | 5 PM Spicewood Library |
| 13-15 | Fri-Sun | Holiday Lights Judging HOA | |
| 18 | Wednesday | National Twin Day | |
| 20-04 | | Winter Break | RRISD |
| 24 | Tuesday | Christmas Eve | State |
| 25 | Wednesday | Christmas Day | State, Federal |
| 26 | Thursday | Day After Christmas | State |
| 31 | Tuesday | New Year's Eve | |

January 2025

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| 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 |

Spicewood Branch of Public Library, 8637 Spicewood Springs Rd.

Want to volunteer?

Send an email. communications.bvshoa@gmail.com



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