

Oak Wilt - ADU or Tiny House - Fire Safety  
Watch the Skies - Sashiko Art of Mending



**Just Say No To Oak Wilt**

Oak Wilt is in our neighborhood.  
Do you or your neighbors have oak trees?  
Do you love our tree lined streets?  
Do you know how Oak Wilt spreads?  
Do you know how to protect your trees?

**Click here to read more on our website.**

**Do not prune  
February 1st through June 30th.  
Hire certified arborists.**

**Notes from the Architectural Control Committee**

Changes in the City of Austin building codes (HOME Initiative) now allow the construction of Tiny Homes on the same lot as another residence. Developers offering this product have come to Austin.

Under the new city code, a homeowner can build a unit -- as long as you ALSO comply with the existing deed restrictions on your property, which can be more restrictive than the City property code.

If you are looking at this type of construction, consider these points. The deed restrictions in the BVSHOA subdivisions are more restrictive than those of the Austin city code. With few exceptions, our deed restrictions state your lot shall be used for single family residential purposes only, with no more than one residence on any lot.

A separate garage or guest house of one-story is permitted, provided:

- the floor area does not exceed six hundred square feet,
- the building is attached to the main house by a common wall or a covered

passageway, and

- the outer walls are the same construction and percentage of masonry as the main residence.
- In most cases, the minimum rear setback for any structure is 35 feet to the rear plot line.

**Short Answer - Contact the ACC because you need approval prior to construction.**

**[Click here to read more on our website.](#)**

## **Fire Safety**

The wildfires in Los Angeles have been a sobering situation for many people in the Texas Hill Country, as well as in our neighborhood. Travis County offers helpful tips and guidance for home safety on their website. Maybe Block Groups can get together to discuss and come up with ideas. Read more at the link.

### **[Travis County Wildland Fire Website](#)**

This video from Travis County describes five important tips for our homes.

### **[Helpful Tips for Protecting our Homes](#)**

## **Helpful Info on BVS HOA Website**

Know the best de-skunk wash before you need it.

Remember we still are in Wastewater Averaging - City of Austin

Licensed and Insured Drivers for Golf Carts is Texas Law

**[Click here to read more on our website.](#)**

## **Have You Paid Your Dues?**

Annual HOA dues are \$50. If you have not paid yet, hit the button, which goes to the website. Easy-peasy - all done in a couple of minutes.

If you are a member of the Neighborhood IO Email Group, dues need to be paid now. People who have not paid dues will be dropped in March.

## **Notes from BCC**

Patrick McGraw, General Manager of the Balcones Country Club, asked that all the neighbors consider this important information.

The Spicewood golf course is not open to anyone, including BCC Members. Anyone on this course is trespassing on private property.

Still have not hit that button? The HOA provides many services. Some things you see, such as the website and newsletter. Some things you do not, such as all the time and effort in helping people who are going through Oak Wilt remediation.

It is an excellent investment in our neighborhood.

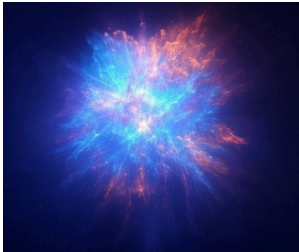
Dues

The Balcones golf course is for BCC Members and only permitted for golf activities (no running, walking, biking, etc.).

Spring Lake also is a part of the Golf Course, and fishing is never permitted.

The golf courses are owned by Balcones Country Club and are not public property. Parents may need to share this information with their kiddos, given the number of bike and dirt bike riders,

## Watch The Skies



### **T Coronae Borealis - Blaze Star**

This star has recurring novas every 80 years or so. It will bright enough to be seen in cities for a few days, but it will not pose a hazard.

It was expected in 2024, but now maybe sometime this year. This article has a great explanation of the event.

**Earth Sky Website - Blaze Star**

### **Lunar Eclipse - March 13-14**

Believe it or not - the March moon is known as the Worm Moon.

The peak of the eclipse will be around 2 AM on the 14th. However, we can see the beginning a few hours earlier.

The Earth Sky website discusses lunar eclipses, if you want a deeper dive.

**Earth Sky Website - Lunar Eclipse**

## **Sashiko - Japanese Art of Mending**

*Linda Strickland*

Have you ever had that perfect shirt - lots of wear but still the perfect weight and color. Then it gets a hole. What to do?? Try this simple art of mending. It is as if

you are celebrating the clothing with a decoration.

Sashiko is an ancient sewing technique from Japan that was used to repair and reuse clothing and fabrics. The stitching may vary from the plain to quite complex. Having done this myself, I can say it is satisfying to see your garments continue on with a bit of embellishment. You can go full on with the special needles and threads or adapt with embroidery needles and floss. However, the really big projects are best done with the larger items.

Definitely worth the time and effort,

**Art of Sashiko Mending Website**



## Four Points Construction

From a City of Austin Email -

*The City Council recently awarded a contract to Santa Clara Construction for duct bank replacement and construction in your area. This work is required to upgrade electrical infrastructure in the area for the foreseeable future. The limits of this project are along both sides of Four Points Drive from FM 620 to River Place Boulevard. Construction will begin at the LCRA electrical easement south of River Place Boulevard, shift to the easements on FM 620, then continue down Four Points Drive and back up to the LCRA electrical easement south of River Place Boulevard where work will be completed. We anticipate full completion by March of 2026.*

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Robert Allen at **[Robert.Allen@AustinTexas.gov](mailto:Robert.Allen@AustinTexas.gov)**.

## Save the Date

### February 2025

10	Monday	BVS HOA Board Mtg	5 PM Spicewood Library
11	Tuesday	Make a Friend Day	
14	Friday	Valentines' Day	
17	Monday	Presidents' Day	RRISD, State, Federal

### March 2025

9	Sunday	Daylight Savings Time Begins	Spring forward one hour
10	Monday	BVS HOA Board Mtg	5 PM Spicewood Library
17-21	Mon - Fri	Spring Break	RRISD
22	Saturday	International Goof Off Day	
31	Monday	Student Holiday	RRISD

Spicewood Branch of Public Library, 8637 Spicewood Springs Rd.



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