

# October 2024 Newsletter

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HOA Annual Meeting November 7 - Election Links - National Night Out Monarch Butterflies - Sky Watch - COA Brush Pickup



# You are Invited to the Annual Meeting

There are many reasons to attend the meeting. Of course, there will be interest tables with people sharing info you might not have realized you need to know. How about good food or some nice swag? Maybe you want to put a face to the people who work behind the scenes. Who takes care of the finances, membership, the website, helps with deed restrictions, or writes the newsletters?

It is a time to vote for new members to join the Board of Directors, pay your 2025 dues and order a Christmas Tree. If you want to take care of these things online use the following link.

### **BVS HOA Annual Meeting**

Thursday November 7
6-7 PM Social Hour
7-8 PM Meeting
Balcones Country Club

## **Vote - Pay Dues - Order Christmas Tree**

The most important reason is something not so tangible - making new friends and finding people with similar interests. We are fortunate to live in an area with people from all over the world and who have extraordinary life stories.

We 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 people recognize it. Mark your calendar, and come to the meeting!

# Election Day - Tuesday, November 5

The number of elections is large - national, state, local, and school board. You may want to write a list of your preferred candidates to take with you when you go to vote.

#### Vote 411 offers a list of elections based on address.

Click this link to the website.

### Early voting for the 2024 Election

#### Travis County

Monday, October 21 through Saturday, October 26 - 7 AM - 7 PM Sunday, October 27 - 12 PM - 6 PM

Monday, October 28 through Friday, November 1 - 7 AM - 7 PM Thursday, October 31 through Friday, November 1 - 7 AM - 10 PM in some locations Click this link to find voting locations.

#### Williamson County

Monday, October 21 through Saturday, October 26 - 7 AM - 7 PM Sunday, October 27 - 12 PM - 6 PM Monday, October 28 through Friday, November 1 - 7 AM - 7 PM Click this link to find voting locations.



# **National Night Out Was a Great Success**

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, which certainly was the case here.

In our area, the gatherings have become block parties with good food and conversations. This year Elizabeth Gomez coordinated the block parties, and many had visits from the firefighters. It was a special treat for the kiddos, who got tours of the fire engines.



### **Monarch Butterflies**

Monarch Butterflies are on their way to Mexico, and central Texas is a meeting hub for much of US. This year the sightings are much lower and some question whether or not the butterflies will be able to continue this journey.

Another unsolved mystery is how monarchs find the overwintering sites each year. Somehow they know their way, even though the butterflies returning to Mexico or California each fall are the great-great-grandchildren of the butterflies that left the previous spring. No one knows exactly how their homing system works; it is another of the many unanswered questions in the butterfly world.

Click here to learn more about the great migration.

Click here to see the real time migration map.

Click here and scroll down to read more about the Monarchs on the HOA website.



### **Sky Watch**

Peak times for the Orionid Meteor showers are October 20 and 21 around midnight. These meteors come from Halley's Comet. We will have another chance to see the meteors in May when the comet is outbound.

The EarthSky website offers great info on many subjects, and has a good and short video about the meteors.

### **EarthSky - Orionid Meteors**

Comet A3 also is making an appearance this month. The best times to observe are earlier in the evening, which is better for many of us. Also, there is a possibility of a second surprise comet in late October and early November.

EarthSky - Comet A3

# City of Austin - Brush Pick-up

Pick up starts this Monday the 21st. Trucks come through usually with a claw arm. Remember this when placing your brush stack. 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.

		SAVE THE DATE	
		October 2024	
21	Monday	Large Brush Pickup	COA
22	Tuesday	Smart is Cool Day	
27	Sunday	Mother-in-law Day	
		November 2024	
1	Friday	Student Holiday	RRISD
3	Sunday	Daylight Savings Ends	
5	Tuesday	Election Day	
7	Thursday	<b>HOA Annual Meeting</b>	**
11	Monday	Veterans' Day	Federal, State
18	Monday	<b>BVS Board Meeting</b>	***
25-29		Fall Break	RRISD
28	Thursday	Thanksgiving	Federal, State
29	Friday	Day After Thanksgiving	State

<sup>\*\*</sup> Balcones Country Club - Social Hour 6-7 PM - Meeting 7-8 PM



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