



Thank You Station House 44 for Leading Our 4th of July Parade

Our 14th Annual 4th of July Parade was a sparkling success - happy people - fancy trikes and bikes, and 51 red, white, and blue golf carts. Plus, we had visits from the crew of AFD Station House 44 (on Four Iron) and our Travis County Constable.

Our wonderful volunteers include Ainsley Holder, who sang the Star Spangle Banner, and the Scouts who helped with setting up. Neighbors volunteered with the parade and judging the golf carts. Also, families delivered notices, set out flags, and picked them up. They helped out in ways you did not see but that were very important.

The Zinn and Hollie families and GTX Construction Services (Erin Klingemann) donated funds for the flags. Cupprimo, Moonies Burger House, Shipley Donuts, Torchy's Tacos, and Handel's Ice Cream donated gift cards and coupons.

This year we had an opportunity to partner with Stroll Magazine, and several of the advertisers. Did you enjoy your Kona Ice? Thank In-Charge Electric. How about that tasty sandwich from Graze Craze, or gift card to Cover 2 Restaurant? Mellissa Stout provided the gift cards for the Best Decorated Golf Carts. Those fun yard games came from Austin Bounce House Rentals. A special thanks goes to Tanya Badillo of Stroll Magazine for the fun giveaways and bringing these companies together for the parade. [Read More.](#)

Sharing all the names reflects the breadth and depth of our community. The people who donated were happy to do so, and the people who received were thrilled.

Your HOA Board gives grateful thanks to the neighbors and friends, who came together to join in such a happy gathering.

Calling 311 and 911

In general, use 911 when someone is injured, crime is in progress, or perpetrator still is on premises.

If the people no longer are on site, then use 311.

[Austin Police Guidelines](#)

In the past few weeks, two neighbors reported a theft of a truck and attempted theft of a car. Also, mail was taken from a mail box.

Similar reports have come in throughout the year, as well as unusual visits from people looking for work.

The Round Rock Police shared that there is a well-organized group, rotating around Texas looking for cars and trucks. Ford pickups rank high on the list.

What to do? The obvious ideas are making sure all vehicles are locked and not leaving mail in your mail box. Post on BVS FB

group and the Neighborhood Email group. Also, know your immediate neighbors and share emails and phone numbers. Do you know "Your Five" - three people across the street and ones on each side? This is where block groups and parties are very helpful. When you can put a name to a face, it is easier to talk.

BVS HOA Website has more information [HERE](#).



Central Texas Caves

Long ago many underground rivers flowing through soluble rock, such as limestone, formed stunning cave systems, and several are near Austin.

The caves have interesting histories - used by American Indians, outlaws, a church, and even a speakeasy during prohibition.

Most have trails for the less and more athletic.

Fees vary, but are around \$20-25 for adults and \$10-20 for children. All require signing up in advance for a tour.

Many of us are familiar with Inner Space Caverns on IH 35 near Georgetown. There are other nearby caves such as Colorado Bend State Park, Longhorn Caverns, Natural Bridge Caverns, and Cave Without a Name.

While the Sonora Caverns in west Texas are not nearby, they are included because they rank among the most beautiful caves in the world.

If you do decide to visit, check out nearby towns for a snack and a walk around the main square.

There are many interesting stories, such as what happened in Marble Falls when the Texas Capitol burned in 1881. The people offered free granite in exchange for a railroad spur from Burnet. Scottish people heard of the need for experienced stone masons and made the long trip to Texas. Many stayed, and that is one of the reasons we see Scottish names.

Caves are on both public and private lands and many are open to the public. Two places to start planning an adventure are linked below. We share the links for information only and not as an endorsement.

[Texas Cave Trail](#)

[Wild Caves Tours](#)

Perseids Meteor Shower

The Perseids Meteors put on a reliable show when the weather cooperates. This year they are visible from July 14th to August 24th, with the peak on August 13th.

The link goes to Space.com, which has a good explanation of the event and how to watch. The short video is a great way to understand the bigger picture for both adults and children. Even if you don't plan to watch the sky, take a look at the video. Good information there.

[Perseids Meteor Shower](#)



Save the Date

July 2024

4	Thursday	Independence Day	State, Federal
20	Saturday	Space Exploration Day	

August 2024

12	Monday	BVS HOA Board Mtg	Neighborhood*
13	Tuesday	First Day of Classes	RRISD
19	Monday	Bulk Item Pickup	City of Austin
27	Tuesday	LBJ Day	State

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

City of Austin guidelines on Bulk Item Pickup [HERE](#).



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