

BV/S HOA

A Community of Neighbors

BV/S Neighborhood News

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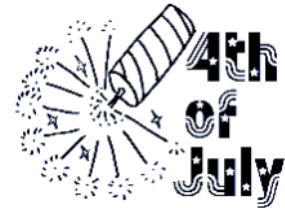
A Note from Our BV/S HOA President

Caleb McLain



After joining the neighborhood 4 years ago, I have regularly witnessed acts of kindness and cooperation among our neighbors – while they are in their yards, at block parties, on the Mom’s Group, and on the email group. Over the past few years our neighbors have helped each other overcome catastrophic weather events by reaching out in support of each other.

Every year, the HOA Board helps to bring the community closer with our Annual 4th of July Parade and making Christmas trees accessible for our neighbors. We also have great leaders who step forward as Block Captains to coordinate smaller gatherings and encourage families to step away from their computers to interact. I am proud of this community and my neighbors. I am grateful to serve this community of neighbors as the President of the BV/S HOA.



Though July is still 3 months away, the HOA is already begun planning our 13th Annual 4th of July Parade. We are always in need of extra hands to plan, prepare, and be a part of the festivities that day. If you are interested in learning more, and/or volunteering, please contact Nicole LaBarbera at events.bvshoa@gmail.com.

Stay Connected with Your Neighbors

Linda Strickland



Community Emails - The HOA Board uses emails on a limited basis to communicate with the entire neighborhood – both paid and non-paid members of the HOA. It is our goal to share information that is important to us as a group. The most recent message we sent was about a proposed Texas Senate bill that could have devastating effects on single-family neighborhoods. If you missed it, check the HOA website to read the post and see what you can do. <http://www.bvshoa.com>

BVSNeighbors Forum Group - Did you know we have an online discussion group for paid members of the BV/S HOA? The service is hosted on the Groups IO platform, which does not track data or include advertisements. This group allows neighbors to buy and sell items, help find lost pets, seek and share information, and request referrals and recommendations. The sense of community is evident within this group. The group is monitored, and posts are pleasant and friendly. There is an important option at the bottom of each email – *Reply to Sender*. This feature allows private conversations between two people. There are two other great features via the website. One is *Search*, which allows you to find previous posts that may answer your question. The second is how you wish to receive you emails – as they are posted, once a day, or only through the website. The guidelines, answers to frequently asked questions on how to navigate the email platform, as well as how to join the group are found on the HOA website at the end of the About BV/S HOA tab. <http://www.bvshoa.com/bvsneighbors-io-group.html>

Value of Participation - There are over 1,100 homes in this HOA, and within these homes are people who love the area for its natural beauty and for the sense of community. Each of us has skills and abilities that add to this neighborhood. We have many perspectives and stories, and it is the shared conversations that strengthen our community. Please consider joining the BV/S HOA as a paid member and join-in our fun. <http://www.bvshoa.com/join-now.html>

*Sometimes neighbors ask ...***“Why should I join the HOA? How can they help me?”**

Your HOA Board and Committees consist of volunteers. We have all volunteered because we care about our neighborhood and want it to be a welcoming and vibrant community that cares about one another and our neighborhood as a whole. Each month we discuss anything that involves our neighborhood; plan upcoming events; discuss issues facing our neighborhood; plan upcoming events; discuss issues facing our neighborhood; and address deed restriction questions and violations.

The HOA currently: hosts a 4th of July parade; organizes two garage sales a year; encourages and supports Block Parties; hosts an Annual Meeting in November; offers the opportunity for neighbors to have a Christmas tree delivered to their yard; sponsors the Holiday Lights Contest for HOA members; publishes two newsletters a year; delivers welcome folders to new neighbors; maintains a website and neighborhood email forum; and, sends out e-blasts for important information that may be of interest to all neighbors.

We would like to plan more activities for the neighborhood, but we need volunteers to help organize them. If you would like to volunteer or want further information, please contact mail.bvshoa@gmail.com. You are also welcome to attend our monthly Board meetings. We meet the second Tuesday each month at 5:00 p.m. at Balcones Country Club.

Everyone is welcome!

**Constable Patrols**

Don Gutierrez



The HOA is able to provide Constable Patrols on our streets for our safety due to the support of our HOA members. Complaints, concerns and requests for attention to traffic activities in our BV/S neighborhood are shared with the Constable. We appreciate golf cart owners responding to our concern regarding minors driving golf carts on our public streets.

If you are not an HOA member, please join today so we can continue this important service. <http://www.bvshoa.com/join-now.html>

HOA Welcome Wagon

Suzie LaPlant & Gail Buckley



Our HOA sponsors a Welcome Committee to meet and greet neighbors as they settle into our neighborhood. In addition to welcoming our new neighbors and answering any questions they may have, they also receive a Welcome Folder containing a letter from the HOA President, a copy of the Deed Restrictions for their property address, helpful contact numbers, benefits of joining the HOA, activities sponsored by the HOA and an invitation to join and support our HOA. If you know of a new neighbor, please let us know. membership.bvshoa@gmail.com

Block Captains

Becky McLain

Block Captains act as a liaison between the HOA Board and the community to communicate notable events to their block/area, as well as serve as a point person for neighbors to report issues/concerns in the neighborhood. Since not every block is covered currently, we are looking for more volunteers. blockcaptains.bvshoa@gmail.com

**BV/S HOA Board and Committee Member Contact Information**

General Inquiry/To Volunteer - mail.bvshoa@gmail.com

Membership/Welcome Committee: Don Gutierrez – membership.bvshoa@gmail.com

Treasurer: Jacque Forrest - treasurer.bvshoa@gmail.com

Architectural Control Committee: acc.bvshoa@gmail.com

Neighborhood Block Captains Chair: Becky McLain – blockcaptains.bvshoa@gmail.com

Special Events Chair: Nicole LaBarbera - events.bvshoa@gmail.com

Communications: Linda Strickland - communications.bvshoa@gmail.com

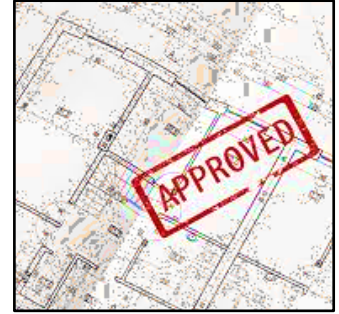


A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC)

Spring brings new home projects and outdoor living ideas!

Remember to **SUBMIT** plans of all exterior projects **by email to the ACC** for approval **BEFORE** you get permits from the City of Austin or start construction. This will help you avoid problems with Deed Restriction compliance and unnecessary costs.

- **Deed Restrictions apply to ALL** properties/owners (HOA members or not)
- **Deed Restrictions are enforced!**
- **BV/S Building Setbacks MUST be followed.** BV/S deed restrictions are **more restrictive and supersede** those set by the City of Austin.



The BV/S neighborhood has 24 Sections, each with different Deed Restrictions. **KNOW YOUR SETBACKS** and other restrictions by taking a few minutes to review your Section's document at www.bvshoa.com/deed-restrictions.

Most Important to Remember

- **Carpports & Garages** - All garages and carpports **MUST be side or rear facing!**
- **Sheds, Outbuildings, Guest Houses, etc.** - **ALL** buildings, sheds, outbuildings and guest houses **must be attached** to the house with a covered walkway or common wall, as well as comply with BV/S Setbacks, have the same exterior materials as the house, and meet the 75% minimum masonry.
- **Fences** - Only wood, wrought iron and masonry fences are allowed. No plastic fences or wire fences of any type, including bull-wire or chain link, are allowed.
- **Shade Sails** are considered temporary structures and **not allowed** per our BV/S Deed Restrictions.
- **Pools, Decks, Patios** - In-ground pools and ground-level decks and patios are allowed and can extend into the rear or side setback.
- **Patio Covers, Outdoor Kitchens, Playhouses & Playscapes** - All are allowed. Above-ground structures cannot be closer to your property lines than your Section's Rear or Side Setbacks. Remember BV/S Deed Restriction Setbacks **supersede** those set by the City of Austin. Please consider your neighbors particularly with the height of playhouses and playscapes.

THANK YOU to All BV/S Homeowners for being in partnership with the ACC by complying with our Deed Restrictions that are key in maintaining the look and feel of our neighborhood, in preserving our property values and in providing some protection from any changes in the City Codes for ourselves and future generations! **Contact the ACC with any questions at acc.bvshoa@gmail.com.**

Note: Deed restriction information in this document is typical of most sections and does not replace the original, legally enforceable, Deed Restrictions that are on file with Travis and Williamson Counties.

Spicewood Springs Branch Library

Hannah Fassett, Library Manager



Keep the whole family reading with weekly youth activities at the Spicewood Springs Branch, including Preschool and Toddler Storytimes every Wednesday morning. Join the 2023 Keep Austin Reading challenge and get rewarded for reading a different themed book each month. Participants who complete ten challenges will receive a special prize.

Log your books online at austinpubliclibrary.beanstack.org or come in person to your nearest branch to collect a reading log and prize stickers for each month. There will be many events for youth and adults taking place at the branch, and lots of ideas for activities for families to do anywhere via Beanstack, our new summer learning app. If you are hosting a block party, we'd love to come out and offer a table or activity. The library also has a free meeting room that is available for neighborhood associations to host meetings if that is something you ever need. We look forward to seeing you soon. Hannah.Fassett@austintexas.gov

Upcoming Neighborhood Events



- April 29 (rain date May 6) – Neighborhood Garage Sale**
- May 22 – Large Brush Collection**
- July 4 – Neighborhood Fourth of July Parade**
- August 21 – Bulk Item Collection**
- Oct. 23 – Large Brush Collection**
- Nov. 2 – HOA Annual Meeting**