
2024 HOA Board

Last year there were no volunteers for the Board of Directors. Consequently, we have a small group of people with a lot to do.

Are you an organizer, planner, photographer, good with Wix or Constant Contact? Do you like to post on Facebook or talk to new people?

Then today is the day to volunteer. Send an email, and let's see how you can be part of this group. When you think about it, the efforts of so many before us are the reason this neighborhood is such a gem.

[Click here to send an email.](#)



Meet the 2024 HOA Board Members

Caleb McLain (Pencewood) – President

Caleb arrived in Austin 24 years ago with a job transfer from Dallas. Then the dotcom bubble burst, and he met his wife, so he made this great town home.

Caleb is a former sailor, wrestler, and rugby player. He completed his B.S. at Old Dominion University in Virginia, and later completed the Executive MBA Program with the University of Texas at Austin.

He moved into the neighborhood nearly 5 years ago with his wife, daughter, Lauren, and son, Jack. They love the neighborhood and this community. Together, they have an active schedule with volunteering and sports, including Westwood lacross and sports trainer, Canyon Vista football and wrestling, Huns Rugby, National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, and more.

Roland Segovia, Sr. (Cedar Crest Drive) – Vice-President

I am a native Texan who grew up in Corpus Christi. At age 19, I joined the Air Force and served until 1993, at which time I made the decision to move to Austin.

Since then, I have been employed with several companies as well as state and local government agencies. I have served as an IT Professional, IT Project Manager, and in various senior/line management positions. I currently am employed by Q2 in the position of IT Agile Coach Manager.

After owning several homes in Austin, in 2016 I finally settled down for good on Cedar Crest

Drive where I share my home with my partner Ryan and our dog Petra. I have a son, Roland Jr., who currently lives in Weslaco, Texas.

Since moving to Austin, I have volunteered for a range of causes such as Meals on Wheels, Austin Pets Alive, Austin Food Bank, Wee Rescue, Habitat for Humanity, and others. I participated in an HOA while living in another neighborhood. I will serve the BV/S HOA with integrity, and I offer my problem solving, IT, and Project Management skills.

Vivian A. Featherston (Arch Hill Drive) – Secretary

My husband, children, and I have lived in Austin since 2004 and have owned a home in Balcones Village since 2017.

With a background of over 20 years in the design and construction industry, I share my expertise in creative problem solving, project management, organizational skills, and technical talents with the BV/S HOA.

For nearly the past two decades I have volunteered with a range of groups, foundations, and projects with groups such as IIDA, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Meals on Wheels, Zero Landfill by Bee Dance, Northwest Swim Circuit, Habitat for Humanity, Austin Pets Alive, Social Design Alliance, and Feed the Community. Within the groups, I have held various positions including volunteer, Events Coordinator, Fundraising Chair, Circuit Rep Coordinator, Communications Chair, Treasurer, Director, and President. My combination of professional and volunteer experiences provides a foundation for creative approaches to problem solving.

For the HOA, my goal is to promote Balcones Village / Spicewood as a top-tier community by approaching solutions with the big picture in mind, and with a focus on community, schedules, and transparency.

Jacque Forrest (Spring Hollow) - Treasurer

My husband, Jay, and I relocated to Balcones Village 8 years ago to downsize and live close to our daughter and her family when I retired after a 40+ year career as a UT Chemical Engineer in the petroleum refining industry.

I've served on the BV/S HOA Board since 2016. In 2017, I accepted the responsibilities of chairing the ACC after the previous chairman resigned, and I continue to do so. Last year I was appointed to fill the unexpired term on the Board to be Treasurer when the previous one resigned. I am well qualified for this role because of my technical background and experience with computer tools, etc. I look forward to continuing my volunteer roles with the HOA.

Suzie LaPlant (Spring Hollow) – Membership Chair

I grew up outside of Cleveland, Ohio and earned a bachelor and master's degree in New York and Illinois. I got a job right out of graduate school in Miami, FL and stayed there for over 30 years, working in urban planning and public mass transit in management. At Miami-Dade Transit, I was responsible for "passenger facilities management" that included hundreds of bus bays, over 10,000 bus stops, thousands of benches and bus shelters, and a crew of non-violent first-time offenders sentenced to prison, who kept them all *mostly* clear of trash. They called me the Bus Stop Queen!

My husband and I retired and moved to Balcones Village in 2006 to be near his son's blended family, which now includes 6 grandchildren or step-grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. I have volunteered for several organizations over the years, but I have been continually at Texas Oncology in the infusion room since 2007 and now train all the new volunteers at the Balcones facility off Mopac.

In previous years with the HOA, I've served as Secretary, Membership Chair, and Signage Coordinator on the HOA Board and was part of the team that updated the HOA By-Laws. I am now on the Architectural Control Committee and back to being the Membership Chairperson.

In my free time, I manage to stay busy volunteering and trying to find landscape plants that can survive hungry deer and our weather extremes.

Linda Strickland (Vista View Drive) – Communications Chair

About 16 years ago, my husband, Mike, and I found just the right house and moved to the neighborhood. We've been blessed with neighbors who are like family and the wonders of our local wildlife roaming outside the back fence.

In my early years, I earned a Masters in Education and started as a Special Ed Teacher. One of the important ideas I learned was that the most successful teaching starts where the child is. Later, I became a commercial appraiser, which always was interesting with new people, unusual experiences, and the unexpected (ask about the Brahma bull). In addition to valuation of a variety of commercial properties, I worked on eminent domain projects, as well as serving as an expert witness in hearings. The most important skill of a commercial appraiser is to identify what is physically possible, legally permissible, and financially feasible. After retiring, I began the best of all my jobs – leading field trips for children and their parents at a local farm. Walking the fields, telling stories to the children about how things grow, and seeing the interest on those little faces was the best time ever.

I joined the BVS/HOA Board as the Communications Chair where I now write the newsletters and even created the new website. I enjoy this work very much and use those important skills I learned along the way – have a goal, start where the people are, and fill the middle with some fun and joy.

Preparing for Winter Weather



Three years ago during Snowmageddon, we learned some important lessons. While we are not expecting rolling blackouts or loss of water this time, some of us might need help in one way or another. This is where neighbors are as good as gold. Do you have phone numbers and emails of the people on either side, as well as the three across the street? If not, get that info today. If enough neighbors do this, then you can make a master list for your part of the street.

The link below goes to an excellent article from NPR with links to other sources. It is well worth your time to scroll through to see if you are prepared.

Also, one important lesson learned - get your laundry done now.

[Winter Prep Hints](#)

Solar Eclipse - April 8th



The total eclipse is coming soon, and the path runs from Mazatlan to Newfoundland, which puts us at the edge. Hotels already are booked because central Texas is a prime viewing spot. Heavy traffic notices for that weekend and Monday are out, too.

For us, it will begin at 12:06 PM and end at 3:07. The totality will start around 1:30.

The link goes to a site with lots of info, as well links for glasses and other items. All glasses are not made the same, so get ones that are certified for solar viewing.

Save The Date

JANUARY

1	Monday	New Year's – RRISD, State, Federal
2	Tuesday	Winter Break - RRISD
3	Wednesday	Teacher Workday - RRISD
4	Thursday	Trash and Composting Slide 1 Day - COA
4,10,17		Christmas tree recycling - COA
9	Tuesday	BV/S HOA Board Meeting – 5 PM - Email for location
15	Monday	MLK Jr. Birthday – RRISD, State, Federal

FEBRUARY

5	Monday	Bulk Item Pick-up Begins - COA
12	Monday	BV/S HOA Board Meeting – 5 PM - Spicewood Br. of Austin Public Library
14	Wednesday	Valentine's Day
19	Monday	Presidents' Day – RRISD, State, Federal



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