



Did everyone watch the eclipse? Some people discovered that the sunlight through the trees created mini eclipses on the ground. Share your photos.

Birds are migrating through Texas on their way to warmer places. Over two million went through Travis County Saturday night.

Many people go all out with Halloween decorations. Post the streets of the houses with the best decorations on BVS email or FB groups so everyone can drive a **Spooky Trail of Lights**.

The HOA Annual Meeting is November 2 at the Balcones Country Club from 6-8.

Migrating and Over-Wintering Birds

The [Birdcast Migration Dashboard](#) has daily updates of the birds coming through our area. Most birds migrate at night, and Saturday over 2 million birds crossed through Travis county, flying at an average altitude of 1,900 feet and speed of 21 MPH. The website also has a list (with pictures) of the birds that are likely to be in the group. During the day, we may see flocks gathered at water sources such as those on the golf courses. Check out the website to see what is going on overhead.

In Central Texas, we have many birds who stay through the winter. [Bird Advisors](#) has comprehensive information about who we may see and how we can support them. The site has printable lists (with pictures) of local birds, and it is a great way to encourage interest. Scroll to the end for info about feeders and food.

In addition to fresh water, a variety of seeds and feeders may be successful. The placement of feeders should consider windows and be either adjacent to or more that 30 feet away. Otherwise, the reflection of nearby trees in windows gives the appearance of more trees, rather than a window, and birds fly into them. There is a niche market for window decals to deter bird strikes, but with double-pane windows, decals placed inside do not show through. If placed outside, they may not survive direct exposure to the elements. However, putting a few small sticky notes on the interior of windows or patio doors is very effective in stopping bird strikes.

Happy bird watching, and share which type of seeds and feeders you find most popular with your crowd.

HOA Annual Meeting - November 2 - 6 to 8 PM

The Board Members of the BV/S HOA invite you to the Annual Meeting on Thursday, November 2 at the Balcones Country Club. The Social Hour is 6-7 PM and is followed by the meeting from 7-8 PM.

During the social hour, you can enjoy appetizers, visit with service providers, meet members of the Board, and maybe make new friends. It is not a fancy meeting, and most people dress business casual. If you wish to pay dues and/or order Christmas trees, someone will be available to help. Dues are \$50 (check or credit card). Trees are \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members.

There is no vote this year, as no one came forward to run for the Board of Directors.

The meeting will begin with presentations from representatives of City of Austin Code Enforcement and the US 183 Mobility Project. Board Members will follow with brief reports.

If you've not attended a meeting before, consider this a sincere, personal invitation to come. New faces and friends we've not yet met are most welcome. Mark your calendars because this is the meeting you want to attend.

November 7 - Election Day

This election cycle has 14 Constitutional Amendments from the State, 2 propositions from Travis County, and 1 from Round Rock ISD. The [Travis County Website](#) has a sample ballot and map for early voting.

In addition to the Constitutional Amendments, Williamson County has 2 propositions. Their info is available on the [Wilco Elections](#) page.

The League of Women Voters has a breakdown of the 14 State Amendments [Here](#).



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