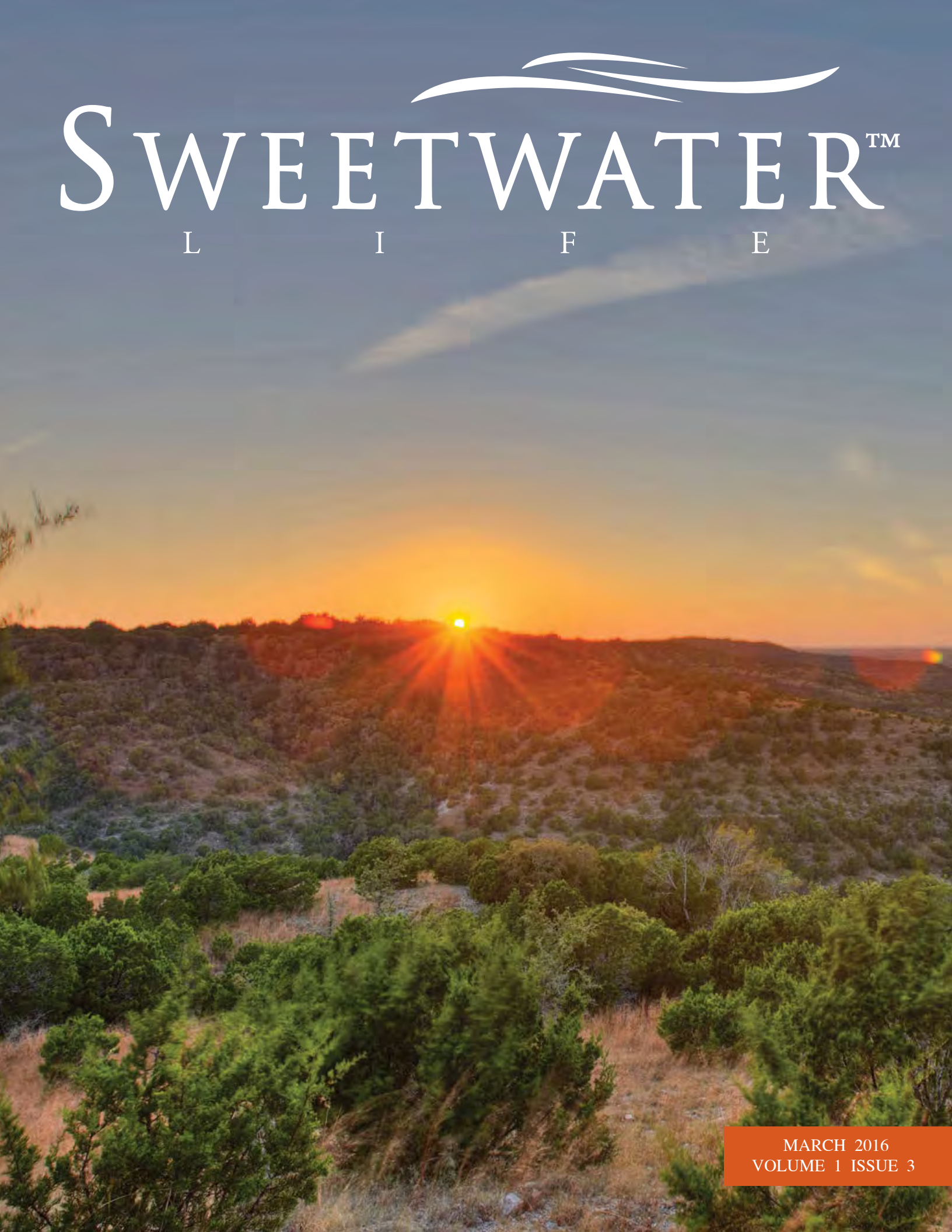




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## UPCOMING MARCH EVENTS

### **MARCH 2ND**

#### HOA STORYTIME

9:30-10 am

You're LUCKY to be neighbors with these moms & tots! Come join your neighbors for a seasonal craft, snacks, and stories!

### **MARCH 2ND**

#### BOOKCLUB

7-8 pm

Add a little humor in your life in March and discuss Shoveling Smoke by Austin Davis. You are welcome to bring a snack or treat to share!

### **MARCH 1ST, 8TH , 15TH , 22ND , & 29TH**

#### YOGA WITH PHOEBE

Enjoy Yoga with Phoebe every Tuesday from 7:15-8:15 pm in the clubhouse.

### **MARCH 3RD, 10TH , 17TH , 24TH , & 31ST**

#### ZUMBA WITH SAM

Enjoy Zumba with Sam every Thursday from 7-8 pm in the clubhouse.

### **MARCH 8, 9, & 10TH**

#### 3-DAY PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

7 - 9:10 PM

Kevin Gourley will be hosting a 3-Day Photography Workshop on these evenings from 7-9:10 pm for a cost of \$25 to each resident. This is an AMAZING opportunity to learn such a special art from a pro! Please come join us for this special event.

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### **MARCH 11TH**

#### STARGAZING & SMORES

7-10 PM

Please join Planetary Geologist Eddie Hrncir for another EXTRAORDINARY event here in Sweetwater. Eddie is an expert and has taught Astronomy & Physics Labs at Texas A&M University in Corpus Christi & Kingsville. At this amazing star party, you will learn about constellations with hands on demonstrations with a powerful and giant computer-guided telescope! This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for our residents and will be right here in Sweetwater!

### **MARCH 26TH**

#### EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

10 AM - 12 PM

Join us for our very own Sweetwater Easter Egg Hunt! This EGGstravaganza will include an egg hunt, pictures with the Easter Bunny, activities for kiddos, and much more!



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# Sweetwater Life

## SWEETWATER SOCIAL EVENTS

From plunging into the fifty two degree water at the Sweetwater Pool to crazy games and a lot of laughter at ladies night, January and February's events have started this year out with a bang! Storytime was beary special in January and full of stories all about bears. Sweetwater kiddos sang songs, listened to stories, decorated their own bear masks, and even went on a bear hunt! Book club has taken flight again this year and members are enjoying discussing their monthly reads over treats with great neighbors. Make sure you follow the posts on Nextdoor to see which book is up for next month, it's never too late to join!

Sweetwater residents were looking saucy while getting their sweat on Thursday nights with Sam in Zumba class. Phoebe is making sure to keep residents extra toned and stretched out, relieving the stress that comes with a new year. Another program that is coming our way in March, because of high demand, Camp Gladiator will be beginning workouts starting March 8th & 10th at 5:30 am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. We look forward to having them in our community as well!

Fire & Ice Ladies night got a little silly in January! Games were a hit at this event and brought laughter to the ladies of Sweetwater who attended. Now, when we pass one another at the grocery store, school, or around the neighborhood, it will be hard to forget your "sign" and some of you might not ever live that one down. What a fun time everyone had!

Cupid's Cocktail Night brought the residents of Sweetwater together for a classy evening with great conversation, food, fire, and wine! The patio heaters and fire made for a nice setting outside by the pool on that gorgeous February evening. Couldn't have asked for better weather!

We hope to see you all at the events coming up in March! There is so much to choose from in March: Stargazing & S'mores with Planetary Geologist Eddie Hrcir, Photography classes with professional photographer Kevin Gourley, a charmed storytime, book club, plenty of exercise/fitness programs to choose from, and our Easter Eggstravaganza! In March, there is something for everyone to enjoy!

Events to look forward to in April & May:

### APRIL

The Sweetwater Wildflower Festival will be held on April 23rd from 11am- 4pm. Bring your family, friends, your appetite and even your wallet for tons of shopping and great resources right here in your own community. There will be live music, food trucks, bounce houses, facepainting, and other activities for kids, educational sessions in the clubhouse, and tents lining the sweetwater clubhouse circle with variety of things to browse and shop!

Fright Night Bingo Lights - Join your neighbors for a little friendly competition! Come out to play some bingo on Friday, April 8th from 6-8 pm with your kiddos and friends. We will have light snacks, refreshments and prizes for the winners. So come out and have a good time playing Bingo!

### MAY

Mother's Day Storytime Craft- Come join Moms and Tots on May 4th from 9:30-10 am for a special outdoor playdate, storytime, and Mother's Day craft. Snacks and juice boxes will be provided for the kiddos. Hope to see you there!

The Great Movie Night – Get your popcorn, candy, & soda ready for The Great Movie Night on Saturday, May 21st from 8-10:30 pm on the sports field & clubhouse. Come meet your neighbors at this "Great" event for families of all ages and start the summer with some pizzazz.



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## 3rd annual Sweetwater Wildflower Festival to be bigger, better

Mark your calendar, and tell friends and family to mark theirs too! The third annual Sweetwater Wildflower Festival is set for Saturday, April 23, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and it promises to be bigger and better than ever.

One of the most exciting announcements is that this year's Wildflower Festival will benefit Austin Pets Alive, which works hard to save the area's most at-risk animals. There'll also be live music, food trucks and activities for the entire family.

There will be many activities for pure fun, along with educational activities designed to help residents get the most out of Sweetwater's beautiful natural environment. These include sessions on stargazing, nature photography, beekeeping and wildflowers.

Many details are still being finalized as the Sweetwater team works to make this year's Wildflower Festival the best ever, but here's what you can expect so far.

The live entertainment will include professional musicians, along with talented up-and-coming stars from our local Lake Travis ISD schools.

Food trucks will include Texas Chili Queens, RosaritaTX, Stony's Pizza and many more. There will also be local market vendors at the festival, spotlighting everything from local foods and artisans, to companies focusing on health and home.

Austin Pets Alive will have a number of its star mascots ready to meet and greet you. You can take a professional photo of you and your pet at the Sweet Spot Corral Dog Park, with the \$10 donation going to Austin Pets Alive.

Other activities will include face painting, bounce houses, wildflower painting, demonstrations and much more.

Last but not least, the festival will celebrate the acres of wildflowers that will be in bloom throughout Sweetwater. Nature makes no guarantees, of course, but with last year's rains and Sweetwater's partnership with the experts at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, we're feeling very optimistic!

Parking will be limited the day of the festival. In order to make sure that we can accommodate everyone, we are asking all residents and their friends and family to refrain from driving down to the festival, if at all possible. Please park at your homes and walk down to the festival.

We are in need of many volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering during the festival, please contact the Sweetwater Lifestyle Director, Bess Ouahidi at [bess.ouahidi@goodwintx.com](mailto:bess.ouahidi@goodwintx.com).

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# RETIRE BETTER WHAT DO YOU WANT?

WITH JOSH STIVERS

This month, I want to take a bit of a detour from our usual conversation about investments, taxes, and estate planning, and ask you a simple question - **What do you want?**

Often, we spend so much time focusing on the specific needs of our life that we can lose focus of the things matter most to us. When it comes to financial planning, most discussions surround rates or return, income planning, and taxes, but there are questions we have found to be fundamentally more important than these specific details. Ask yourself the 3 questions below and be honest with your answers.

## **What do you want out of life?**

I know the answer to this question changes dramatically over time, but it should always be the lens through which we make important decisions. In conversations with clients over the years, I have found the answer to this question to be the primary driver in the direction our investment planning conversations take. If you are not clear on where you are going, then how do you know if you are on the right path?

## **What do you want out of your finances?**

Money is nothing more than a tool to help you live out the answer to the question above. Once you answer the first question, it is much easier to determine how you want your finances to serve you. Many people are looking for financial

freedom. How are you currently positioning your assets to help you feel more free?

## **What do you want out of your relationships?**

It has been said that no man is an island. This is especially true in the world of proper estate and investment planning. Most people have at least 3-5 financially focused relationships. The most common include their attorney, accountant, realtor, investment broker, and banker. I cannot stress enough the importance that all of these advisors be on the same page. Many people are missing a vital relationship. I like to refer to this relationship as the financial architect (or quarterback for the sports enthusiasts out there).

As your life progresses and fundamentally changes and transitions over time, having a trusted advisor to help manage the different financial relationships makes a tremendous impact in your overall success. Most professionals focus solely on their unique skill set, and this is what we want them to do. I would encourage you to begin a relationship with an advisor that can coordinate the different aspects of your financial life with these different professionals.

If you would like further information on this topic or to receive a copy of our report on retirement investment planning, please send your requests to the email below. As always, we are here to answer your pressing questions and concerns regarding retirement investment planning.

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Perry homes in Sweetwater are priced from the \$330,000s to \$420,000s. More than 20 plans are offered, ranging from approximately 1,600 to 3,000 square feet. Many plans are brand-new, while others are bestselling classics. All feature Hill Country architecture with timeless combinations of stucco, stone and other materials that blend beautifully with the natural environment of Sweetwater.

Many plans offer outdoor living areas, including the one-story Plan 1950, which will open later this spring as Perry's decorated model home. To view all Perry plans offered in Sweetwater, visit [www.sweetwaterliving.com](http://www.sweetwaterliving.com), and click on the Homefinder feature.

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