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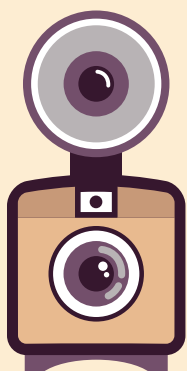
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### Do you take amazing photos?



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Bee Cave Library .....	512-767-6620
Municipal Court .....	512-767-6630
Lake Travis Postal Office.....	512-263-2458
Baylor Scott & White Medical Center.....	512-571-5000
City of Bee Cave .....	<a href="http://www.beecavetexas.com">www.beecavetexas.com</a>

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# Around Bee Cave



We are all very fortunate to call Bee Cave home. But, Bee Cave is more than just a place to live; it is a vibrant community brimming with family-friendly neighborhoods, chock-full of fascinating, talented people. Our variety is what makes us so both unique and extraordinary. However, sometimes, we get so busy, we lose sight of how interesting and diverse we've become.

We believe that getting to know the people who live nearby will help us create a sense of belonging and shared identity. We have created a column entitled, "Get to Know Your Neighbors" which we hope will strengthen connections, build trust in our wider community, and contribute to a happier neighborhood for everyone.

If you know of a person or a family that you believe is making Bee Cave a better place to live, please let us know. We would like to introduce them to your neighbors.

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Bee Cave Police Benevolent Foundation Gala  
Saturday, February 25th 6:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.  
Sonesta Bee Cave Hotel  
[www.bcpbf.org](http://www.bcpbf.org) for tickets

Lake Travis Education Foundation Illumination Gala  
Friday, March 1st  
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A Night in Old Bee Cave – benefiting Bee Cave Elementary  
Friday, March 31st  
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A vibrant poster for Kidventure Summer Blockbuster Summer Camp 2017. The background is a colorful, abstract painting of a sunset or sunrise over a body of water. On the right side, there is a portrait of a smiling young girl with dark hair, wearing a red t-shirt with a yellow "KIDVENTURE" logo. The text on the poster reads: "This Summer, Dream Big!" in large white letters, followed by "KIDVENTURE SUMMER BLOCKBUSTER" in large, bold, metallic letters, and "SUMMER CAMP 2017" in smaller white letters. At the bottom, it says "REGISTRATION BEGINS FEB 8" and "Kidventure.com/austin-summer-camp".

# BEE CAVE CITY COUNCIL

## Up Coming Meetings

**Tuesday, February 14th & 28th  
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### Book Club

Thursday, March 9th 7:00 P.M.

March Book: The Heart is a Lonely Hunter, by Carson McCullers  
No cost, welcome new members

### Story Time

Preschool Pals Storytime, Thursdays at 10:30 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.  
Toddler Tales Storytime, Fridays at 10:30 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.  
Free admission

### What's For Lunch?

Every First Wednesday – March 1st 12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.  
March theme is All About Bees with special guest  
Mike & Christine Flores  
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### Bee Cave Public Library

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## Bee Cave Chamber of Commerce

### January General Meeting

Guest Speaker Bill Bayless,  
CEO of American Campus Communities  
Wednesday, January 11th 5:00P.M. - 7:00P.M.  
Sonesta Bee Cave Hotel's roof-top bar, Meridian 98  
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Please visit [www.beecavechamberofcommerce.com](http://www.beecavechamberofcommerce.com) to find out more.*



# Around Bee Cave



The Bee Cave Police Benevolent Foundation is holding its annual fundraising gala at the Sonesta Hotel on the evening of Saturday, February 25th. The Foundation supports the Bee Cave Police Department with unexpected losses as well as promoting public safety for the community. More information including ticket purchases and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Teresa Campbell at 512-925-9139; [teresa@bcpbf.org](mailto:teresa@bcpbf.org)



## Lake Travis High School PTO February Speaker



Lake Travis High School PTO is honored to announce our February 13th, 2017 PTO General Meeting Speaker as Dr. Jan Ford Mustin from Peak Performance Institute. Dr. Mustin is a well known local author, speaker, and psychologist. Dr. Mustin will share insightful strategies to help you and your child identify any roadblocks and help you get your

student back on track and stay there.

Mark your calendar for Monday, February 13th at 9:15 a.m. Join us in the Black Box Theatre at the Performing Art Center for an eventful morning. Dr. Jan Mustin will speak on the topic of "Removing the Roadblocks to Academic Success." You can even purchase her book or CD titled "Removing the Roadblocks." Starbucks coffee and water will be served.

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# Prevent Oak Wilt – Don't Prune Oaks Feb 1st – June 30th

*Submitted by Johanna Arendt, Community Liason, Travis County Transportation & Natural Resources*

Oak wilt has claimed the lives of thousands of trees in Central Texas and beyond. Majestic oaks play a large role in this region's beauty and identity; it would be hard to imagine the Hill Country without them. They are an iconic part of many local businesses and neighborhoods, providing shade, beauty, and higher property values. Following simple preventive measures can go a long way towards stopping the spread of thisw destructive disease.

From February through June, avoid all pruning or cutting of oaks – this is the high season for oak wilt transmission. Any wounds that occur from construction, vehicles, wind, etc., should be painted as soon as they're discovered – ideally within ½ hour of being cut – with commercial tree wound dressing or latex paint. That includes freshly cut stumps and surface roots.

Pruning is least risky during the coldest winter days and extended hot periods in mid to late summer. Any time you prune though, the Texas Forest Service recommends painting all wounds and sanitizing pruning equipment between trees using denatured methyl alcohol (shellac thinner), isopropyl alcohol, or a general purpose household disinfectant such as Lysol, Listerine or Pine-Sol. Household bleach is not recommended.

Red oaks, including Spanish (now Buckley) oak, Shumard oak and blackjack oak, are very susceptible to oak wilt and play a key role in the disease's transmission. Oak wilt is caused by the fungus *Ceratocystis fagacearum*, which spreads its spores from "fungal mats" that form under the tree's bark. These mats have a sweet, fruity smell that attracts insects, especially the sap-sucking nitidulid beetle. After feeding and breeding on the fungal mats, these beetles fly away covered in fungal spores. As they visit other oaks, they spread the fungus through open wounds in the bark. The nitidulid beetle is only about the size of a pinhead, but is capable of flying as far as a mile away. While red oaks are the most susceptible to oak wilt, all oaks can become infected.

Fungal mats usually form on standing trees, but can also develop on logs, stumps and fresh firewood cut from infected oaks. Make sure to remove and either burn or bury infected oaks to prevent mats



*Leaves from a live oak showing signs of oak wilt. Photo provided by the Texas A&M Forest Service.*

from forming, and never store unseasoned wood from infected trees near healthy oaks.

The second way oak wilt can be transmitted is through the roots. Live oaks tend to grow together in dense mottes with interconnected roots, so the fungus can be transmitted easily among them. Oak wilt is occasionally transmitted through red oak roots as well, but the movement is slower and occurs over shorter distances than with live oaks. Root transmission can be prevented by cutting trenches four feet deep between infected and healthy trees, but by far the best option is to prevent infection in the first place.

So make sure NOT to prune oaks between February 1 and July 1, and ALWAYS paint wounds on oaks no matter what time of year it is. For more information on preventing and treating oak wilt, please visit [texasoakwilt.org](http://texasoakwilt.org), the website of The Oak Wilt Information Partnership, a project of the Texas A&M Forest Service, the Forest Health Protection branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service and the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin.

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## School Board Approves 2017-18 Instructional Calendar

Dear Lake Travis ISD Parents and Guardians,

Our school board approved the 2017-2018 instructional calendar at its regular meeting Tuesday night, January 17th. The calendar was developed in coordination with the District's Advisory Committee on Education (ACE), the District of Innovation (DOI) committee, and input from district and campus staff. The development of our instructional calendar is a critical task that affects our students, staff and community. It is important to applaud these committees and staff for their hard work and commitment.

Please note, the school board approved two (2) versions of the 2017-2018 instructional calendar, one with Expedited Waivers and one without. Expedited Waivers are available through the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and allow districts to incorporate additional days for Professional Development and Early Release. Should TEA rescind its waiver policy—or should any changes be made by the state legislature, the district will use the Optional version of the calendar with fewer Professional Development days and changes in Early Release days.

During Tuesday night's school board meeting, a revision pertaining to Professional Development days in December 2017 and January 2018 was made to the calendar posted in BoardBook. Therefore, please disregard the calendar contained in the January 17, 2017 BoardBook.

According to both versions of the new calendar, the first day of instruction will be Wednesday, August 16, 2017 and the last day of instruction will be Friday, May 25, 2018. Ending the year in May allows more time for planning for summer school and college enrollment for the summer sessions. Additionally, grading periods and semesters are more equally distributed with professional development occurring at the beginning, middle, and end of the year.

Finally, we have added 'LT Family Night' as a district event to be observed Wednesday, October 11. 'LT Family Night' was proposed by the Hudson Bend Middle School student council to the district's ACE committee last year. The intent of this designation is to spotlight the importance of family time for our students, parents and staff. As a result, the district has made a commitment that there will be no homework on 'LT Family Night.'

The school board-approved 2017-2018 instructional calendar and Optional calendar have been posted on each school website (under 'About Us' and 'QuickFind').

Through the work of our committees and input to principals from campus staff, we are confident the 2017-2018 calendar provides the framework for us to best meet the instructional requirements for our students as well as the professional development needs of our teachers and staff. We appreciate your patience through the calendar development and adoption process.

Sincerely,

Brad Lancaster, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools



# LT Lov

LTlov's Grants Funding Program provides financial support to other non-profit organizations aligned with our mission statement to support neighbors helping neighbors to overcome limiting circumstances. The money used to grant funds is collected from a diverse list of individuals, corporations, and foundations who believe in the mission of LTlov and trust our organizational efficiency and knowledge of local needs to be good stewards of their donations. In 2016, we funded 12 organizations with a total of \$37,994 dollars through our Annual Grants Funding program. If you're a non-profit and align with our mission, we invite you to fill out an application and submit it to [grants@ltlov.org](mailto:grants@ltlov.org) for review and further instructions. The deadline for applications for 2017 Annual Grants is Tuesday, March 21, 2017. Applications are available at [www.ltlov.org](http://www.ltlov.org). Pictured, local students received scholarships to attend the Austin School for the Performing & Visual Arts' World Drumming Camp week. Austin School for the Performing & Visual Arts is a four-time LTlov Annual Grant recipient.



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Every now and then, our employees find hydrants and water meters that are hidden by surrounding bushes or overgrown shrubs. If you have fire hydrants or water meters on or near your property, WCID 17 asks you to maintain the proper clearance. Water meters must be clear six feet (6') above the meter box, two feet (2') to each side, and have "free and clear" access, which means our technicians can easily access the meter. Fire hydrants must be visible from the street. All obstructions to a fire hydrant must be trimmed or removed, maintaining three feet (3') behind and five feet (5') to each side. Ground clearance of hydrant ports must be 18 inches (18") to the ground. Never paint a hydrant! Fire hydrants are color coded in accordance with the class of fire flow the hydrant provides for the fire department to quickly identify.

### ***Water Meters Must:***

- Be clear six feet above the meter box
- Have two feet of clearance to each side
- Have "free and clear" access, which means our technicians can easily access the meter

### ***Fire Hydrants Must:***

- Be visible from the street
- Have a three foot clearance radius all the way around
- Have ground clearance of hydrant ports of 18-inches
- Have all obstructions trimmed or removed
- Never be painted by anyone except WCID 17 staff

Customers are responsible for ensuring safe and efficient access to the meter and shutoff valve at all times and by connection to the service system, the user consents to the right of WCID 17 employees or agents to remove obstructions as necessary to maintain access to the meter. Since hydrant and meter accessibility and visibility is of great importance, WCID 17 asks you to maintain the proper clearance. We know most homeowner's prefer to do landscape adjustments themselves, but if there are still obstructions after proper notification is given, the District must take corrective action.

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# Around Bee Cave

## NATURE WATCH

### THE PRESERVES AROUND US

by Jim and Lynne Weber

One of the main reasons Austin is such a wonderful place to live is because it is interlaced with a patchwork of preserves, which together comprise the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve (BCP) System. In 1992, voters in the City of Austin passed Proposition 10, approving \$22M in bonds for the sole purpose of acquiring and improving lands to protect air and water quality, conserve endangered species, and provide open space for passive public use. Jointly owned and managed by the City of Austin, Travis County, the Lower Colorado River Authority, the Nature Conservancy, the Travis Audubon Society, and private landowners, the BCP's ultimate goal is to set aside 30,428 acres that contribute to the quality of all life here in Austin.

A multi-agency conservation effort that operates under a regional permit issued under the Endangered Species Act by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the BCP consists of several tracts of land in western Travis County. It is important to note that a 'preserve' is different than a 'park', and is set aside for the purpose of maintaining a natural state rather than developed for recreational use. The BCP protects prime habitat for the endangered Golden-cheeked Warbler, a bird species that is found only to breed within Central Texas' specialized mix of native, mature Ashe Juniper (often incorrectly called 'cedar') and stands of Live, Spanish, and Shin oak trees. This type of mixed oak-juniper woodland grows mainly on our moist steep-sided canyons and slopes, providing the warbler with the food, water, and nest-building material it needs to breed.

In addition to the Golden-cheeked Warbler, 7 other endangered species make the preserve system their home, including the Black-capped Vireo, Tooth Cave Ground Beetle, Tooth Cave Pseudoscorpion, Tooth Cave Spider, Kretschmarr Cave Mold Beetle, Bone Cave Harvestman, and Bee Creek Cave Harvestman. These last 6 species are called karst invertebrates, arthropods that spend their entire existence underground in karst formations. These karst features, such as caves, sinkholes, cracks, and crevices, were formed by the dissolution of calcium carbonate in limestone bedrock by mildly acidic groundwater. Over 70 other rare plant and animal species also exist on the preserves, making this region one of the most biologically diverse areas in the country. As such, Central Texas is happily home to more habitat conservation plans than any other region in the United States.

These wild and beautiful areas require management plans in order for them to remain pristine habitats. This includes establishment of secure boundaries and rules for access control, maintenance of appropriate trails, species monitoring, habitat enhancement, and – last but not least – public education and outreach to promote good neighbor relations. As Austin residents, we can do our part to become stewards of these unique habitats. While in the preserve system, we can stay on marked trails, travel only on foot, and “take only photographs, leave only footprints.” In our neighborhoods, especially those that border preserve tracts, we can landscape with native plants, remove invasive plants, eliminate pesticide use, be responsible pet owners, practice water conservation, and always respect preserve boundaries.

Most importantly, we can all minimize further negative impacts on the fragile habitat that surrounds our neighborhoods by caring for the preserves through volunteering. Some of the activities you can become involved with in the preserve system include long-term habitat restoration, gathering and planting native seeds, removing non-native invasive plants, leading guided hikes, and learning about and sharing your knowledge of the native plants and animals that make this such a special place to live. For more information, visit the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve website at <http://www.austintexas.gov/bcp>.

Send your nature-related questions to [naturewatch@austin.rr.com](mailto:naturewatch@austin.rr.com) and we'll do our best to answer them. If you enjoy reading these articles, check out our two books, *Nature Watch Austin & Nature Watch Big Bend*, both published by Texas A&M University Press, and our blog at [naturewatchaustin.blogspot.com](http://naturewatchaustin.blogspot.com).



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