



AUGUST 2018  
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# 14th Annual Bat Fest – August 18th, 2018

What will you see at Bat Fest this year? 1.5 million Mexican free-tailed bats emerging from under the bridge at dusk, 2 stages with live music, more than 50 arts & crafts vendors, delicious food and drinks, fun children's activities, a bat costume contest and other bat activities.

**Location:** Congress Ave Bridge

**Address:** 100 South Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78704

**Hours:** 4pm to Midnight

**Cost: Admission \$15 early bird while they last , \$20 cash at the gate. Kids 8 and under free with an adult.**

**VIP Tickets: Price \$140 early bird , \$200 regular price.**

Want to be in the front row? Get a VIP ticket. It includes access to VIP only designated areas featuring front row standing area at the main stage in the Austin American Statesman parking lot, also a front row area at the North Bridge stage, private restrooms, a tented backstage area with seating and tables near main stage, a voucher to be used at the official event merchandise booth for any event t-shirt available, reserved VIP parking in the nearby TXDOT lot, a private cash bar with the only mixed drinks available at the festival including

2 complimentary drink tickets\* for any adult beverage served at the bar (adult beverages can be purchased after drink tickets are used), 1 food voucher for the backstage catering area, water and soda. \*Must be 21 or older to consume beer, wine, or liquor in Texas. Rain or Shine event. Refunds and rescheduling are not possible.

## About the Bats:

Because bats are wild animals, it is hard to predict exactly when the emergence will begin but the flight usually begins between 7:00 – 8:45 p.m. For current emergence times call 512-327-9721 EX16. The emergence can last up to ½ hour as 1.5 million Mexican free-tailed bats head out for their nightly flight.

## Bat Costume Contest:

Prize is \$100 for Best Adult Costume and \$100 for best children's costume. Participants will be lined up on Stage, and the crowd will be asked to yell for the costume they like the best. Originality is encouraged.

by Roadway Productions

For additional information visit

<http://www.roadwayevents.com/event/bat-fest/>

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL TIPS FOR PARENTS

By PBS.org



Starting the new school year can be a time of great excitement... and anxiety. Help calm your child's fears (and your own) with these teacher-approved tips.

### Meet the new teacher.

For kids, one of the biggest

back-to-school fears is "Will I like my new teacher?" Breaking the ice early on is one of the best ways to calm everyone's fears. Take advantage of your school's open house or back-to-school night. Some teachers welcome phone calls or e-mails — another great opportunity to get to know each other before the year begins.

If personal contact with the teacher isn't possible, try locating the teacher's picture on a school website or in a yearbook, so your child can put a name with a face. If your child's teacher sends a welcome letter, be sure to read the letter together.

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Sheriff – Non-Emergency.....	512-974-0845

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Mills .....	512-841-2400
Patton .....	512-414-1780
Middle	
Bailey.....	512-414-4990
Small.....	512-841-6700
Gorzycki .....	512-841-8600
High School	
Austin .....	512-414-2505
Bowie.....	512-414-5247

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Water/Wastewater	
City of Austin.....	512-972-0101
City of Austin (billing) .....	512-494-9400
Emergency .....	512-972-1000
Texas State Gas	
Customer Service .....	1-800-700-2443
Gas related emergency.....	1-800-959-5325
Pedernales Electric Cooperative	
New service, billing .....	512-219-2602
Problems .....	512-219-2628
ATT/SBC Telephone	
New Service .....	1-800-288-2020
Repair .....	1-800-246-8464
Billing .....	1-800-288-2020
Allied Waste .....	512-247-5647
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### Tour the school.

If your school hosts an open house, be sure to go. Familiarizing your child with her environment will help her avoid a nervous stomach on the first day. Together you can meet her teacher, find her desk, or explore the playground.

With an older child, you might ask him to give you a tour of the school. This will help refresh his memory and yours.

### Connect with friends.

A familiar friend can make all the difference when heading back to school. You might try calling parents from last year's class and finding out which children are in your child's class this year. Refresh these relationships before school starts by scheduling a play date or a school carpool.

### Tool up.

Obtain the class supply list and take a special shopping trip with your child. Having the right tools will help him feel prepared. While keeping basic needs in mind, allow for a couple of splurges like a cool notebook or a favorite-colored pen. These simple pleasures make going back to school a lot more fun.

School supply lists also provide great insight into the schoolwork ahead. Get your child excited about upcoming projects by explaining how new supplies might be used. Let him practice using supplies that he's not used before — such as colored pencils or a protractor — so he will be comfortable using them in class.

### Avoid last-minute drilling.

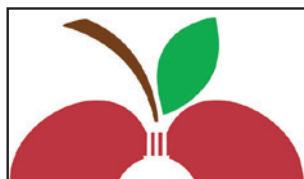
When it's almost time to stop playing, give a five-minute warning. Giving clear messages to your child is very important.

### Chat about today's events and tomorrow's plans.

While it is important to support learning throughout the summer, don't spend the last weeks of summer vacation reviewing last year's curriculum. All kids need some down time before the rigors of school begin. For some kids, last-minute drills can heighten anxiety, reminding them of what they've forgotten instead of what they remember.

### Ease into the routine.

Switching from a summer to a school schedule can be stressful to everyone in the household. Avoid first-day-of-school mayhem by practicing your routine a few days in advance. Set the alarm clock, go through your morning rituals, and get in the car or to the bus stop on time. Routines help children feel comfortable, and establishing a solid school routine will make the first day of school go much smoother.



## Austin Independent School District 2018-2019 School Calendar Grade Reporting Periods



July 2018  
District Closed: July 2 - 6

### August 2018

- 6-9 New Teacher Orientation
- 13-15 Staff Development
- 16-17 Planning & Prep
- 20 First Day of Classes

### September 2018

- 3 Student & Staff Holiday - Labor Day

### October 2018

- 8 Student Holiday - Elem. Parent Conference;  
Secondary Staff Development

### November 2018

- 19-23 Thanksgiving Holiday

### December 2018

- 21 Winter Break Begins

### January 2019

- 2 Student Holiday - Staff Development / Professional Learning Exchange Day
- 3-4 Student Holiday - Staff Development / Campus Identified District of Innovation Days
- 7 Classes Resume
- 21 Student & Staff Holiday - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

### February 2019

- 18 Student Holiday - Elem. Parent Conference;  
Secondary Staff Development  
1st Bad Weather Makeup Day

### March 2019

- 18-22 Spring Break

### April 2019

- 19 Student Holiday - Staff Development  
2nd Bad Weather Makeup Day

### May 2019

- 24 Last Day of Classes
- 27 Staff Holiday - Memorial Day
- 28 Staff Development
- 29 Planning & Prep / Professional Learning Exchange Day

### Legend

- Student/Staff Holiday
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Student Holiday
- Staff Development/  
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Secondary Staff  
Development
- New Teacher Orientation
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Note: Individual campuses may have identified additional professional development days through District of Innovation. Please check campus websites for campus specific calendars.

Approved by the AISD Board of Trustees 01/22/18

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For more information about important District dates and events, and religious holidays which may affect student attendance, please check our website [www.austinsisd.org](http://www.austinsisd.org)





**Through Aug 23, 2018**  
**06:00 AM until 08:00 PM**

The dog days are upon us so Austin Parks Foundation has partnered with Texas Rowing Center to host Dog Days every Thursday from July 26th to August 23rd! 50% of proceeds from each day will go back to Austin Parks Foundation, so head out on the water with your pup while also giving back to Austin's parks.

There are a limited number of doggy life vests available, so bring your own if you have one!

Check out more about Austin Parks Foundation:

[www.austinparks.org](http://www.austinparks.org)

To learn more about Texas Rowing Center:

[www.texasrowingcenter.com](http://www.texasrowingcenter.com)

## Cost

See website for pricing

## Location

Texas Rowing Center

1541 West Cesar Chavez

Austin, TX

## Additional Information

### Sponsor

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## Zilker Theatre Productions presents: All Shook Up Through Aug 18, 2018 08:15 PM until 10:00

Zilker Theatre Productions is kicking off its 60th anniversary season with its production of All Shook Up, celebrating six decades of free musicals in Austin with a callback to the rock 'n' roll era. All Shook Up combines all the magic of the Broadway and the hip-shaking rock 'n' roll of Elvis Presley. The free show features 24 of Elvis's hits in a family-friendly story celebrating the power of music, inclusion and good old-fashioned roustabout rebellion. This season's run includes 26 hip-shaking performances every Thursday through Sunday, from July 6 to August 18. Keeping with Austin tradition, the show is open to the public and absolutely free. Join Zilker Theatre Productions as they celebrate one of Austin's oldest and most treasured summer rituals!

### Cost

\$0

### Location

Zilker Hillside Theatre

2206 William Barton Dr  
Austin, TX

### Additional Information

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## Back To School

School starts in August, so now is the time for drivers to pay closer attention to the school zones in the neighborhood. We want to remind you that the speed limit in a school zone is 20mph and traffic fines double!

### Other changes to be aware of include;

- Children behaving unpredictably
- School Bus Stops
- Crossing Guards – please obey the guards! Remember, they are there for the safety of you and your children
- New areas of traffic congestion
- Be prepared for delays
- Use of cell phones in schools zones is prohibited!

Please give yourself extra time in the mornings and mid-afternoons and remember if you are traveling in a school zone to slow down.

## Time To Slow Down!



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# INVASIVE SPECIES IN AUSTIN

*Texas Invasive Plant and Pest Council – Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, UT-Austin*

We Need Your Help to Stop the Spread

## STOP THE SPREAD

There are many things you can do to help stem the tide of invasive species. One of the most effective ways to manage invasive species is for recreationalists such as boaters, fishermen, pet owners, and gardeners to Take Action. Here are some easy everyday things you can do to meet the Invasive Species Challenge:

### BOATERS AND ANGLERS

You can “Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers” by following these tips for preventing the transportation of aquatic invasive species:

- **CLEAN, DRAIN AND DRY YOUR BOAT, TRAILER AND GEAR EVERY TIME YOU LEAVE A BODY OF WATER!**

- Inspect your boat, trailer and gear and remove all plants, animals and foreign objects from hulls, propellers, intakes, trailers, and gear before leaving a launch area.

- Drain all water from your boat, including the motor, bilge, livewells and bait buckets before leaving a lake.

- Wash your boat, trailer and other equipment before traveling to a new waterway.

- If you are leaving a water body that is known to have zebra mussels, leave your boat and trailer out of the water for at least a week or wash it at a commercial car wash using high-pressure, hot (140 degrees F) soapy water to kill microscopic zebra mussel larvae that may be hitching a ride.

- Never transport water, animals, or plants from one waterbody to another -- either intentionally or accidentally! Do not release live fish, including bait, into a new body of water.

- Anglers should be sure to remove material from and wash all fishing tackle, downriggers and lines to prevent spreading small, larval forms of aquatic invaders.

- Before leaving any body of water, examine all your equipment, boats, trailers, clothing, boots, buckets etc and remove any visible plants, fish or animals. Remove mud and dirt and even the smallest plant fragments.

- Whether you have obtained bait at a store or from another body of water, do not release unused bait into the waters you are fishing. If you do not plan to use the bait in the future, dump the bait in a trashcan or on the land, far enough away from the water that it cannot impact this resource. Also, be aware of any bait regulations, because in some waters, it is illegal to use live bait

### PET, AQUARIUM AND WATER GARDEN OWNERS

If you have acquired an undesirable pet or fish species for your aquarium or water garden, it is important not to release these plants or animals into the environment. Follow these tips for

aquarium hobbyists and backyard pond owners.

- Buy from reputable dealers, whose non-native pets are properly labeled, legally imported, and not harboring foreign pests and diseases.

- Don't release aquarium fish, other animals, or plants of any kind into a natural body of water. Some ornamental fish can and have established themselves in the wild and have a negative impact on native species. Lionfish and the algae eater, *Plecostomus*, are examples.

- Don't release pets into the wild. Cats prey on small mammals and birds, and some pet amphibians and reptiles can impact native species and carry diseases.

- When you and your pet are in an area with known invasive plants, be sure to remove all seeds from your clothing and your pet's fur before traveling to a new place.

### TRAVELERS, HIKERS, BIKERS, BIRDERS, AND CAMPERS

If you engage in terrestrial recreational activities like camping, hiking, biking or birding, take care not to be an unwitting vehicle of dispersion.

- Don't transport items such as fire wood, hay, soil, or sod from one area to another. They may contain seeds, diseases, insects, or other potentially invasive organisms that are not yet found in Texas.

- Prevent carrying invasive species on your cars, bicycles and motorcycles. Check vehicles for seeds and pieces of plants.

- Wash your boots and socks before you hike in a new area. Invasive weed seeds are common hitchhikers.

- Abide by local laws to prevent the spread of serious insect pests (like the Emerald Ash Borer), weeds (like Cogongrass), and diseases (like Oak Wilt).

### GARDENERS

Not all non-native species are bad, but some plants that look lovely in your garden might be harmful invaders that will make their way into natural areas. Learn to be plantwise for some easy tips on how to manage your garden to preserve the unique qualities of neighboring wildlands.

- If you don't know it, don't grow it!
- Avoid exotic plants that self seed and show up outside of your garden.
- If you see your local nursery selling invasive plants or seeds, let them know about your concerns.

- Landscape and garden with plants native to your area. Visit the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center's Native Plant Information Network for resources to help with creating low-maintenance and colorful native plant gardens.

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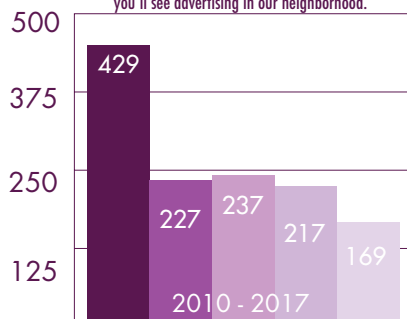
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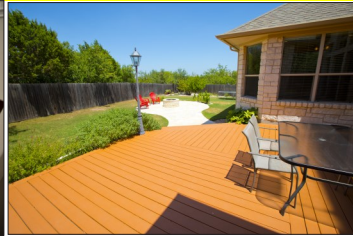


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Below is the current activity of the John Squires and the Squires Team in Circle C Ranch and Southwest Austin in the last couple of weeks. John personally applies his maximum effort on *each* of his listings to get excellent results for his seller clients every time. John also thoroughly researches the micro-market anytime he helps his buyer clients purchase a new or re-sale property to insure they are purchasing properly and not over-paying, even in this hot market. Not all of these homes are worth what sellers are asking for them, as evidenced by some homes that are now sitting on the market for an extended period of time. John personally handles each of his clients himself and they are never handed off to another agent or assistant. John has sold hundreds and hundreds of homes in Circle C Ranch and Southwest Austin and he can sell yours too. Call for a quick response. **512 970-1970**. Thanks!

10904 La Estrella Cove John's new listing is **“Just Listed”** at **\$565,000**. Stunning white stone w/wood floors, soaring ceilings and 1/4 acre back yard w/downtown views! 4 beds, plus an office and nice game room. Manicured yard and garden!



11112 Pairnoy Lane John's Listing is **“Contract Pending”** and was listed at **\$729,000**. Stunning Streetman w/wood floors, media room, 4 beds, 4.5 baths. Absolute trophy house close to school and pool.

6356 Tasajillo John's listing is **“Contract Pending”** and was listed at **\$519,000**. Wilshire model plan backing to private greenbelt with huge oak trees. 4/2.5 with big game room.



10622 Pinkney Lane John's Listing is **“Contract Pending”** and was listed at **\$385,000**. Wood floors take you thru this amazing floor plan with an inviting tree-shaded lot for pets and kids. Close to school.



7903 Espanola Trail in Granada Hills—John's buyer is **“Contract Pending”** and was listed at **\$475,000**. Gorgeous remodel on 1 acre backing to creek. John got this property for his buyer with 3 other competing offers on the same house!



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We have known John for over five years during which time we have engaged his services to find a house in N. Austin and sell our Circle C home. We were those undecided buyers that ideally, any realtor would run away from, but not John. This year was the year for us to have decided our minds about moving, and John helped us buy a house near Spicewood Springs and 183 close to our offices. It is a very competitive market over there and John helped us make a really good offer with competing bids and got us the house under asking price. John also held open house at our Circle C home and got us more than one offer on the first weekend of listing! He provided great help with bringing in a staging expert, yard guy, and other small tips and tricks before listing. Although being a busy, busy top Circle C realtor, MAGICALLY John was always available to show us a house all the way North in Austin traffic any day, any time of the week that was convenient to us. We have changed our minds on location, price point, must-haves and what not! And yet, John always showed up with his best realtor game on as though we were a brand new client. His expertise on what is going on inside a house is top notch and he was able to point out potential negatives and positives that we would have missed otherwise, with technical expertise just as good as a home inspector. We were looking at homes of all ages and he could tell us all possible history such as builder or little and big construction details prevalent at that time which was really good education for us. Knowing our vision, John would even sit down with us to discuss potential cost of upgrades, etc. Having a lot of work done at the new house by now, we can confidently say that together we were pretty spot on! During the entire time, he never rushed us into putting an offer on any house that we weren't comfortable with.

No one can match John's professionalism and expertise on Austin market. He is undoubtedly an overall great guy to work with - over text, call, meet in person, always a delight to discuss anything housing market or otherwise. #RealtorForLife! Thank you so much again John! Dipal Parmar and Viraj Menon 7209 Red Pebble