

# THE BULLETIN

*Belterra Community News*

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News for the Residents of Belterra

## The New Story Festival and the Compassionate Austin Co-op!

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You are invited to the New Story Festival, a new annual gathering for community, creativity, and the common good. The Festival is March 29-31, 2019 at Huston-Tillotson University. This is the "signature festival" of Compassionate Austin (an inclusive Austin movement to create a more compassionate city).



We are launching a new collective initiative, the Compassionate Austin Co-op and will host the inaugural Offers & Needs Market at the Festival on March 31st from 5:00-6:30 pm! Join the Co-op today! Join a diverse collective of organizations and individuals across our community who commit to enacting the City Council's Compassionate Austin Resolution, practicing compassionate action on behalf of Others, Self, and the Earth.

We welcome businesses, schools & educational entities, civic organizations, faith-based groups, advocates, artists, musicians, news representatives (TV, radio, newspapers, etc.), design-thinkers, innovators, healers, family, friends, neighbors, etc.... (basically any and everyone who is committed to compassionate action on behalf of others, self, and the Earth). We invite you to attend the Festival and, of course, to join the Compassionate Austin Co-op and participate in the Offers & Needs Market.

**Co-op Members receive both public recognition & tangible benefits:**

- Free pass to the New Story Festival, the signature festival of Compassionate Austin.
- Invitation to the Offers & Needs Market, an innovative way to connect and collaborate with likeminded organizations.
- Recognition on [compassionateaustin.org](http://compassionateaustin.org) and at the New Story Festival.

- Half-off on exhibitor fees at the New Story Festival.
- Discounted rates on the Compassionate Integrity Training group workshops.

\*\*There is no cost to join the Co-op or attend the Offers & Needs Market.

### How to Join the Co-op!

Step 1: Complete the online membership form found on the "Compassionate Austin Co-op" page at [compassionateaustin.org](http://compassionateaustin.org).

Step 2: Download and display the Co-op badge on your website, social media, and/or establishment.

Step 3: Participate in the Co-op's Offers & Needs Market at least once a year.

### Participate in the Co-op's Offers & Needs Market!

An Offers & Needs Market is a 90-minute guided process for participants to identify and exchange knowledge, skills, and resources.

The Market combines community asset-mapping and sharing-economy principles, to enhance your own work exponentially through collaboration with others!

Whether for free, barter, or a set rate, participants might offer or need things like:

- Professional skills or services
- Consulting in various areas of expertise
- Tools, vehicles, food/drink, meeting space
- Volunteers or financial support
- Anything else they are able to share!

### There is no cost for Co-op Members to participate.

The first Offers & Needs Market will be held at the New Story Festival at Huston-Tillotson University on Sunday, March 31, 5:00-6:30 pm.

The New Story Festival is a Festival where we all belong. Join the Co-op and Offers & Needs Market where we share, connect, and support each other! We look forward to seeing you there! Thanks so much!

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## Aeration Now Can Help Your Spring and Summer Irrigation



In order to prepare your lawn for a healthy spring growing season, you should employ basic lawn care practices at this time of year, which includes aerating your yard. It is important that nutrients reach the soil beneath your grass, and aeration can help you get that done.

Aeration involves making small holes in the soil to allow air, water and nutrients to get to the grass roots.

This helps the roots grow deeper and produce a stronger, more vibrant lawn.

Aerating helps alleviate soil compaction. Compacted soils have too many solid particles in a space, which prevents proper circulation of air, water and nutrients within the soil. Excess lawn thatch or heavy organic debris buried under the grass surface can also starve the roots from these essential elements.

So when is the right time to get this aeration done? These next six to eight weeks leading up to the spring season, when grass begins to grow again, is a good time to aerate.

The two main aeration tools are the spike aerator and a plug aerator. The spike aerator poke holes in the ground with a solid piece of metal. Plug aerators remove a core or plug of grass and soil from the lawn. Most landscaping companies and horticulturists recommend the use of the plug aerator. The machines can be rented or you can have a lawn care service aerate for you. After aerating, it's always a good idea to apply about a half-inch of compost over the aerated yard. The compost fills in the holes left by the plug aerator and brings organic materials into the root zone.

If you have noticed that your turfgrass isn't looking its best or that water has difficulty penetrating through the soil surface, it may be time to aerate your lawn. Lawns with clay soils that get a lot of foot traffic typically require aeration more often as they become compacted over time. Here's a great tip to check to see if your yard needs to be aerated.

Using a shovel, dig a square-foot section of grass about six inches deep and take a look at it. If the grass roots don't extend further than two inches deep into the soil, your lawn would benefit from aeration.

If you plan to aerate your own yard, here are a few helpful tips to get the job done.

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**The Dripping Springs Farmers Market  
 is each Wednesday from 3p - 6p.**

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- Before you get started, make sure the soil is moist enough. There's nothing more frustrating than trying to aerate soil that is bone dry. Aerating the day after a rain shower or watering your lawn the day before is advised.

- Most aeration machines cover only a small percentage of soil surface per pass, so make multiple passes over the most compacted areas. Save resources (and your energy) by leaving unaffected areas alone.

- The soil plugs can be left on the ground after aeration and allowed to decompose. Or, you can rake them into piles to throw in the compost bin. However, this isn't necessary as it should take about two to four weeks for the soil cores to break down naturally. Sprinkle compost (sand or peat moss can be used instead of compost) over the lawn to fill in the holes.

- An aeration myth is that if you apply a pre-emergent herbicide on your lawn in the spring, aerating your lawn will destroy the herbicide "barrier." This is not true — research shows that aeration will not affect crabgrass control or weed prevention.

After aerating, it's important to continue appropriate lawn care practices.

Aerating will help you save water over the spring and summer seasons. Instead of running off or only penetrating a few inches,

water will be better absorbed in an aerated yard. That makes your entire landscape and your water bill happier.

### Did you know...

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, outdoor water use varies greatly depending upon geographic location. In dry climates such as that in the Trinity Glen Rose District, a household's outdoor water use can be as high as 60 percent. Some experts estimate that as much as 50% of that irrigation water is wasted due to inefficient watering techniques, wind and evaporation.



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## Still on the Fence About Hosting an Exchange Student?



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and health insurance. All you provide is room/board and three meals a day. Oh and TLC...but that's free.

Live in the middle of no where? Small town? Not a big deal. Some kids prefer to get away from the hustle and bustle of big cities. The exchange students also do pretty well in small schools, as they usually get to be the center of attention and make friends rather quickly. Our students also get chances to travel to New York, Washington DC, Hawaii and California...so they can get their fill of the city life and return back to the peaceful sounds of nature.

Do you consider yourself a boring person? More than likely this is not true, and you should quit being so hard on yourself. Your student

will make friends. Your student will meet other exchange students. Your student will attend activities offered by our program. Your student will get involved in sports and school clubs. Your purpose is not to entertain them. But you might find that you bring a little adventure to each others lives.

Kids are too young? Great! Lots of students love young kids, and your kids will love them. It's beneficial to introduce your kids to new cultures at a very young age. You're preparing them to accept people no matter what the religion, color of their skin, or language they speak. That my friend, is good parenting.

Don't hold back! This is a great experience for both parties. You get the opportunity to change a child's life. You get the satisfaction of seeing them grow, even after they leave your home into becoming a doctor, a lawyer, a diplomat, artist, teacher...the list goes on. And you contributed to that success! And the best part of it all, is you gain another family member for life. We need people like you to give these kids a chance.

STS Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to place exchange students in our area. If you are interest in hosting, please contact me at 832-455-7881 or at [vicki.stsfoundation@yahoo.com](mailto:vicki.stsfoundation@yahoo.com). I'll be happy to answer any question you might have and get you started on hosting your very own student!

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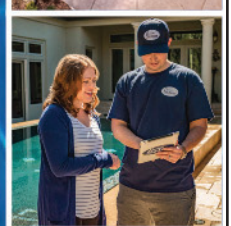
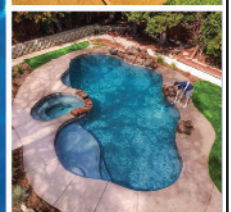
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The 4th Annual Musical Collage benefits locally founded nonprofit, Power For Parkinson's.

This unique event features 8 local musicians/bands of varied genres performing one arresting work after another. Music lovers will be captivated by surprising shifts between three different stages to create the "Collage." Each performer has a connection to the disease and plays to honor those affected by Parkinson's Disease.

This event is an opportunity for music lovers, friends, and those with a Parkinson's connection to come together and support Power for Parkinson's efforts to provide free exercise, dance, singing, and social activities to our local Parkinson's community as well as globally through a home video series.

**More info and tickets:**

**<https://www.powerforparkinsons.org/musical-collage>**

**Questions?**

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