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Bee Cave Parks and Recreation Department to Host Fun Run for Bee Cave Friends of the Parks Foundation



The city of Bee Cave Parks and Recreation department and students from Lake Travis H.S. Junior AP Environmental Science class will be hosting a family fun run at Central Park in Bee Cave. No Bibs, No Timers; just start to finish! Event parking is located in the back parking lot of Dillard's

and will be identified with volunteers. People can register via Eventbrite link listed below. Ages 17 and younger are free, 18+ \$10 per participant. First 300 participants to cross the finish line receive a thank you gift! Scan QR Code for Link to sign up

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HILL COUNTRY GALLERIA APRIL EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

SATURDAY NIGHT CONCERT SERIES

Saturdays, April 13, 20 at 7 p.m.

Hill Country Galleria is hosting its popular Saturday Night Concert Series in the Central Plaza from now through June 1. The series continues in the fall from September 14 through October 12. Guests can sit back, relax and enjoy this free event with family and friends on the Central Plaza. Guests are encouraged to bring blankets or chairs to lounge on the grassy lawn during the show and arrive early to shop and dine at Hill Country Galleria retailers and even get their meal delivered straight to the Central Plaza. Austin City Limits Radio will be the host. Events are free and open to the public and dogs are welcome.

April Lineup

April 13 - Carson McHone Band

Years before Rolling Stone was praising Carson McHone's rule-breaking roots music, the Austin, Texas native played weeknights in local bars like The White Horse, keeping dancers dancing and drinkers drinking. With her 21st birthday still in the distance, McHone entertained late-night crowds bearing witness to the good times and bad decisions that fill a busy bar. It was a rare,

raw education. She pumped her music full of details from an early adulthood spent in the company of the heartbroken and high-toleranced. In 2015, McHone released Goodluck Man which earned her a cover story in The Austin Chronicle as well as the support of local icons like Ray Wylie Hubbard, who said she "writes songs like her life depends on it." Then she hit the road, touring the U.S. (and beyond) with acts like Shakey Graves, Gary Clark, Jr., and Joe Pug. Her writing style widened and her music evolved. McHone's 2018 release builds a similar bridge. Purposeful, pointed, and poignant, Carousel is a compelling ride. April 20 - South Austin Moonlighters

When Phil Bass, Chris Beall, Phil Hurley, and Lonnie Trevino Jr, four established Austin TX musicians, decide to join forces and play together just because it's fun, you're going to get something special. Such is the case for The South Austin Moonlighters, a band that blends blues, folk, soul, rock, and country, who can flip the switch from slow melodic country to gravelly rocking blues without a hitch. Think Little Feat meets Los Lobos with a splash of The Flying Burrito Bros, and you start to peel away the

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many musical layers of sound that makes up the S.A.M. Using a four part harmony at times accompanied with some brilliant guitar playing, S.A.M. plays with a full-bodied sound, and puts off an aura of down to earth Southern Blues and Country Rock, that can make even coldest days seem warm. The Band mainly does Originals songs in their set and for the love of music, they throw in choice Covers that fans and newbie fans absolutely love.

PHOTOS WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

April 12 - 20, times vary

The Easter Bunny will be visiting the Hill Country Galleria from April 12 through 20, and families can stop by to meet the Easter Bunny and get photos taken. It's free of charge to visit the Easter Bunny, however photo will be for purchase only. The Easter Bunny will be located indoors across the street from James Avery and the Central Plaza.

LAKE TRAVIS SPRINGFEST

Saturday, April 27 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce will bring SpringFest back to the Hill Country Galleria on Saturday, April 27. Presented by St. David's Emergency Center, SpringFest will be a full-day community festival filled with shopping, food, music and fun

for the whole family. SpringFest kicks off at 11 a.m. with unique shopping vendors, a KidZone the size of a football field, kid's performances and live music in the Central Plaza. Attendees can also view the latest in watercraft at the Boat Expo and tasty craft beers and Texas wines in the BrewHaus and WineStomp. There will be over 95 local and regional artisan vendor booths. Families are welcome and admission and parking are free. For complete details, please visit laketravisspringfest.com.

APRIL WINE WALK

Thursday, April 11 from 5 to 9 p.m.

Hill Country Galleria is hosting its monthly Wine Walk on April 11 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. This event is open to everyone and perfect to bring family, friends or a date for a fun way to spend a Thursday evening, shopping various retailers and discovering great wines. Participants will start at Twin Liquors to pick up a map that is both a guide to the walk and a ticket for each wine walk stop. The Wine Walk's last stop will be a restaurant so winewalkers can sit down and end their walk with dinner.

CAMP GLADIATOR FREE WORKOUTS Saturdays, April 6, 13, 20, 27 at 9 a.m.

Camp Gladiator is hosting anyone over the age of 14 for free workouts in the Galleria's Central Plaza every Saturday. Join Camp

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Gladiator to experience their boot camp-style community workouts. Recommended to bring water, a towel and a mat.

LONE STAR FARMERS MARKET

Sundays, April 7, 14, 21, 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*Note: Hill Country Galleria will open at 12 p.m. on Sundays, with some restaurants and services opening earlier.

Hill Country Galleria is home to The Lone Star Farmers Market. This event hosts the same great vendors as before and also offer face painting and other kids' activities along with live music. Rain or shine, The Lone Star Farmers Market will be there, providing local produce to the community. More information can be found at www. lonestarfarmersmarket.com.

TRIVIA NIGHT AT THE GINGER MAN

Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 7 p.m.

The Ginger Man at the Galleria will be hosting trivia every Tuesday at 7 p.m. with Unknown Trivia, hosted by Alden Schaub. Prizes offered from their featured brewery of the week.

LIVING & COLLECTIVE AND LULULEMON RUN CLUB April 12 and 26 at 9:30 a.m.

Living & Collective, a group of health and nutrition coaches, is hosting a run club in partnership with Lululemon on March 29 at 9:30 a.m. Participants should bring water and wear running shoes.

Attention Parents of Graduating Seniors!

We would like to recognize our graduating seniors by including a small picture and a few lines about where your child will be attending college. Please send your information to articles@peelinc. com (include the newsletter you would like to recognize them in, photo, name, etc).





News for WCID Customers PREVENT STORMWATER OBSTRUCTION AND POLLUTION



The WCID 17 Stormwater Committee is working with the local community to ensure that all state and federal regulations protecting our drinking water resources are being met. The committee develops and implements stormwater pollution monitoring, control and outreach efforts in order to form an alliance between municipal and community groups to protect our raw water drinking source, Lake Travis.

Storm drains are designed to remove excess water from streets during rainy weather, vehicle washing, and from over-irrigation of grassy areas. Unlike the wastewater from inside homes and businesses that flows through sewer and treatment plants, outside water runoff flows through manmade components (ditches, pipes, inlets, catch basins, and ponds) and natural components (streams, flood plains, wetlands.) Being on the lookout for storm drain blockages and monitoring what we allow into these drains will help to control the quantity of flow and enhance the quality of stormwater draining directly to Lakes Travis and Austin.

Anyone living in the Central Texas area knows the problems a heavy rainfall or severe thunderstorm can create. Roads become impassable and standing water remains long after the storm passes. As water flows, runoff collects and transports soil, pet waste, pesticides, oil and grease, plastic bags, cigarette butts and other pollutants to the lakes. This contaminated flow pollutes our waterways and is harmful to wildlife, aquatic life, plants and humans. Even during the driest day of summertime in Texas, we produce 14 million gallons of stormwater flows from activities such as car washing and lawn watering.

Please be mindful that all drain inlets must be protected from harmful disposals, even yard trimmings. Yard trimmings can clog a storm drain and cause unnecessary backup of water. What can you do? It is simple! Dump NOTHING down the storm drains that you wouldn't swim in or drink.

As with any new initiative, it will take time for the full effect of the Stormwater Quality Program to be realized. However, substantial improvements in maintenance services and better drainage care should be visible with your watchful eyes helping near your home. Education and teamwork will be key as we move forward together to protect our beautiful lakes.





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Enjoy a morning at the park and explore the beautiful trails of Lakeway! This FREE noncompetitive run and walk will begin at 9:00 AM with refreshments following the race. Participants may choose to run or walk either 3 miles or 5 miles through the scenic trail system of the Hamilton Greenbelt 1, located across from the Lakeway Justice Center. The course winds along canyon walls and high cliffs, across fern covered creeks, and through tall native tree forests.

Registration is now available online by visiting www.lakewayfop. org or by picking up an entry application at the Lakeway Activity Center and at the registration boxes at the entrances to City Park, The Canyonlands, Hamilton Greenbelt I and Hamilton Greenbelt II. Or register on event day between 8:00AM to 9:00AM. Commemorative T-Shirts will be available for \$15 with all proceeds from donations and sales going to the maintenance of the trail systems in Lakeway.

This is a great opportunity for runners and walkers, as well as families with children in strollers and dogs to enjoy an outing and meet other outdoor enthusiasts. For more information regarding Friends of the Parks or the Wilderness Run & Walk, please contact director & chair Sheryl Kelly at 512 997 8880. Hope to see you there!



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Keeping Scenic Highways Scenic

By Sen. Robert Nichols, Sen. Kirk Watson and Rep. Geanie W. Morrison

The State of Texas has drawn a line in the sky that limits the height of billboards along our highways. Unfortunately, many billboard owners have ignored it.

A significant number of the billboards across our state, regulated by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), exceed the decades-old height limit of 42.5 feet. This is despite the fact the permit application for every state regulated billboard requires the owner to certify their proposed billboard will comply with this height limit along with other permit provisions.

During the 2017 legislative session, a House amendment was added onto Senate Bill 312, the TxDOT sunset bill which allows the agency to continue to operate. To ensure legislative intent was clear to all, Senator Nichols and Senator Watson held a conversation before a vote was taken on the Senate floor to clarify the amendment being accepted was only to grandfather the billboards over 42.5 feet which were built before 2017. They also clarified that the legislative intent was clear in keeping the billboard height the same for all other billboards. This dialog was put into writing and printed into the Senate journal to show clear legislative intent.

In the months following the 2017 Session, the Texas Transportation





Commission, the five-member TxDOT governing board, proposed new rules on this issue. While telephone calls were made and a letter sent to the Commission clarifying the intent of the legislation which was passed, the Commission decided to ignore the decision of the Legislature. They passed a rule to allow all of the approximately 20,000 existing billboards to raise the height to 85 feet, beginning in September 2019, unless a bill is passed by the Legislature this session stating otherwise.

To address this issue this session, Senate Bill 357 (Nichols, R-Jacksonville) and House Bill 3368 (Morrison, R-Victoria) have been filed, which instruct TxDOT to maintain the current 42.5 feet maximum height for all billboards, past and future. The bill also contains a narrow exception to allow approximately 200 billboards subject to settlement agreements with TxDOT to be taller.

Senate Bill 357 has passed the Senate with a bipartisan and unanimous vote of 31-0. The companion Bill, House Bill 3368, will be heard in the House Transportation Committee soon, but the billboard industry is working to stop it. You can add your voice to this debate by contacting your state representative and asking for a vote in favor of House Bill 3368 by Rep. Geanie W. Morrison.

There are very strong opinions on both sides of billboard issues. To some, billboards are a blight on our beautiful landscape. To others, they're an effective tool for economic stimulus and communication. We believe that maintaining the height at 42.5 feet limit is a compromise that will allow billboard advertisements to continue without doing undue harm to the beauty of our great state.

We hope all Texans can agree, and will join us in telling your state representative to pass House Bill 3368 to instruct TxDOT to keep the current height at 42.5 feet! To find your House member, along with contact information for local and Austin offices, go to "Who Represents Me?" at https://capitol.texas.gov/Home.aspx.

Senator Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville, SB 357 Bill Author, and former TxDOT Commissioner

Senator Kirk Watson, D-Austin, SB 357 Co-Author Representative Geanie W. Morrison, R-Victoria, HB 3368 Bill Author



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Prevent Oak Wilt

DON'T PRUNE OAKS FEB IST - JUNE 30TH

Information provided by 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 this 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 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, 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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