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EARNEST MONEY AMOUNT
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PLANNING TO SELL A HOMEOWNER'S CHECKLIST



As you prepare your home for prospective buyers to view, here are a few things to consider.

Clean your home

Cleanliness signals to a buyer that the home has been well cared for and is most likely in good repair. A messy or dirty home will cause prospective buyers to notice every flaw.

Remove the clutter

Before you show it, have a garage sale, empty closets and donate what you can't sell. The less "stuff" in and around a home, the roomier it will seem.

Let the light in

Raise the shades. Open the blinds. Pull back the curtains. Put brighter bulbs in all the lamps (but not bright enough to cause a glare). Bright, open rooms feel larger and more inviting. Dark rooms feel small and gloomy.

Freshen up your space

Get rid of odors that may be unfamiliar or unpleasant. People are most often offended by odors from tobacco, pets, cooking and musty or sour laundry. Fresh flowers and potpourri can be used to your advantage. Other smells that attract positive attention include fresh baked bread or cinnamon.

Repair broken items

This includes plumbing, electrical systems and switches, windows, squeaky floorboards, TV antennas, screens, doors and fences; if it can't be fixed, replace it or get rid of it. A buyer might make a much lower offer if your house is in disrepair and will probably still insist that everything be fixed before taking occupancy. You're better off if you leave potential buyers no reason to offer less than you are asking.

Secure pets

Secure them away from the house when prospective buyers are coming. You never know if people will be annoyed or intimidated, or even allergic to them.

Take the kids for a treat

Take the kids for ice cream or go play at a local park. Children can be noisy and distracting to someone interested in looking at a home.

Paint

There's nothing that improves the value of a home more than a few cans of paint. And it's so often easier to paint a room than it is to scrub it. Stick with neutral colors.

Noise

Silence is a soothing sound that offends no one. Turn off the TV and radio. Soft instrumental music is fine, but avoid vocals.

Potential buyers
often welcome a home
that is clean, neat,
uncluttered...and quiet.

Get your home ready to sell!

Check out the checklist on the following pages.



This checklist will help you get your home ready to show.

EXTERIOR Replace, repair and/or paint any damaged: ☐ Window frames ☐ Plaster ☐ Wood siding Glazing Trim Screens ☐ Rain gutters Hardware ☐ Fences/gates ☐ Shutters ☐ Outdoor lighting □ Doors Clean/wash: Siding ☐ AC unit □Windows ☐ Pool/spa Screens ☐ Service areas ☐ Outdoor BBQ ☐ Trash cans Put 100-watt light bulbs in: ☐ Porch lights Garage ☐ Carport Remember: ☐ Haul away rubbish ☐ Clean oil stains from driveway/street ☐ Straighten woodpile ☐ Patch/reseal driveway ☐ Repair leaky faucets ☐ Clean up pet droppings ☐ Paint or varnish doors ☐ Make sure doorbell/ knocker works ☐ Paint or replace street numbers on house ☐ Make sure septic tank is odor free

LANDSCAPING
☐ Mow/edge lawn regularly
☐ Aerate/feed lawn
\square Overseed bare spots in lawn
☐ Water lawn regularly
☐ Remove/replace dead plants
Prune overgrown/diseased/ damaged shrubs
☐ Prune or remove shrubs/trees blocking window view
\square Stake up any sagging trees
\square Keep flower beds free of weeds
☐ Trim around base of walls and fences
☐ Replace any broken stepping stones
\square Adjust any sprinkler system
☐ Install fences or shrubs to hide any unsightly views
Repair or remove any broken or damaged landscape accessories such as:
☐ Fences
□Walls
□ Gazebos
□ Fountains

☐ Trellises or planters

CLEAN ALL ROOMS AND AREAS Clean especially around: □ Doors □Windows ☐ Light switches Baseboards ☐ Chair rails ☐ Wash lace curtains and have draperies cleaned ☐ Remove or pull back dark curtains ☐ Lubricate window slides (soap for wood silicon or a candle stump for metal) ☐ Lubricate doors, if necessary ☐ Clean ceiling light fixtures ☐ Check for cobwebs in all corners \square Fix any scratches in wooden floors ☐ Replace worn/broken flooring ☐ Remove or replace worn carpet ☐ Use area rugs where needed ☐ Empty wastebaskets ☐ Make the beds

☐ Fluff the pillows



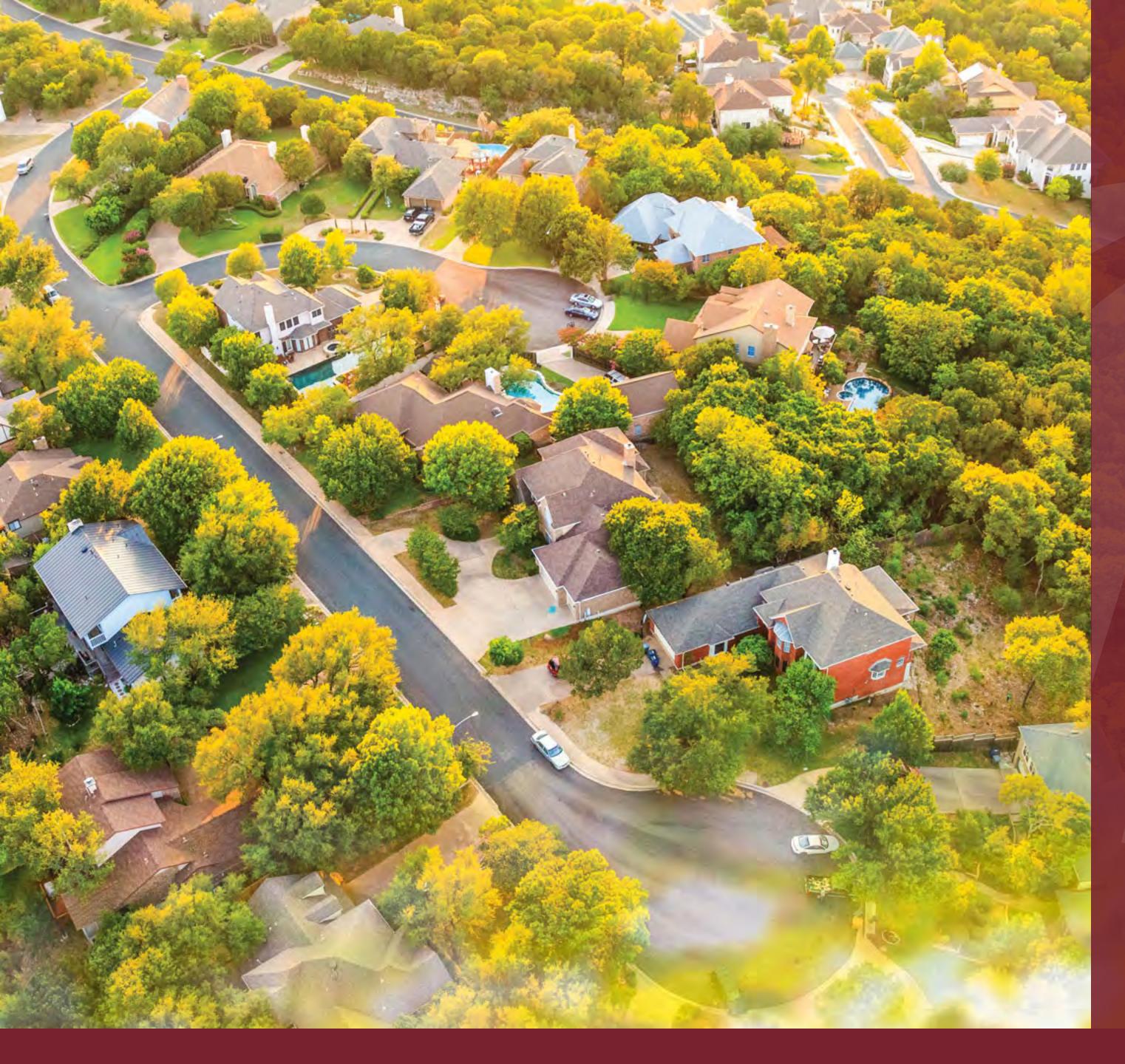


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☐ Keep dishes and food out of sight
☐ Clean appliances
☐ Clean range hood, including light bulbs
☐ Clean behind appliances
☐ Keep floor clean
☐ Clean light fixtures
☐ Make sure all electrical outlets work
☐ Eliminate cooking odors
\square Deodorize garbage disposal, dishwasher and refrigerator
☐ Clean out under sink
☐ Organize cupboards
☐ Put fresh shelf paper in cabinets
BATHROOMS
☐ Shine mirrors
☐ Keep wastebaskets empty/clean
☐ Clean out cabinets and remove nonessentials
\square Keep fresh, clean towels on towel racks
☐ Clean shower door — if sliding door, keep track well lubricated
☐ Remove soap residue, mildew and mold from sink/tub/shower
☐ Remove stains from porcelain sink/tub/toilet
☐ Replace shower curtain
☐ Tile grout
☐ Make sure toilet flushes properly; replace mechanism if necessary
\square Clean exhaust fan, heater; replace if broken or noisy

CLOSETS ☐ Keep closets clean and free of clutter ☐ Throw out or pack away nonessentials ☐ Adjust/repair sliding doors ☐ Lubricate sliding door hardware ☐ Paint, if needed **LAUNDRY AREA** ☐ Clean out area behind washer/dryer ☐ Eliminate any mildew odors **BASEMENT** ☐ Eliminate any signs of dampness ☐ Check for and eliminate cracks **HEATING/AIR CONDITIONING UNIT** □Vacuum ☐ Replace filter ☐ Clean intake vent ☐ Remove any stored items **GARAGE/CARPORT/SHED** ☐ Install 100-watt light bulbs ☐ Keep area clean/uncluttered ☐ Hang up/put away tools ☐ Clear away any cobwebs ☐ Remove oil/paint stains from floor ☐ Adjust tension rod to eliminate sag from overhead garage door ☐ Lubricate/adjust/repair garage door opener ☐ Paint if needed







APPRAISAL DISTRICTS



Atascosa Central Appraisal District

624 N. Main Street Pleasanton, Texas 78064 830-569-8326 www.atascosacad.com

Bastrop Central Appraisal District

212 Jackson Street Bastrop, Texas 78602 512-303-1930 www.bastropcad.org

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Medina County Appraisal District

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TEXAS IS A HOMESTEAD STATE



What About Homestead Exemptions?

Requirements

Homestead exemptions remove part of your home's value from taxation. If you want to receive a homestead exemption for the taxes on your home, the home must first qualify as a residence homestead on January 1 of the year in which you are applying. There are two requirements:

- 1. You must own your home on January 1. (If you are over 65 and/or disabled, the January 1 ownership and residency are not required.)
- 2. You must use the home as your principal residence on January 1.

What is a homestead?

A homestead can be a separate structure, condominium or a manufactured home located on owned or leased land, as long as the individual living in the home owns it. A homestead can include up to 20 acres if the land is owned by the homeowner and used as a yard or for another purpose related to the residential use of the homestead.

What homestead exemptions are available?

School taxes: All residence homestead owners may receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption from their home's value for school taxes.

County taxes: If a county collects a special tax for farm-to-market roads or flood control, a residence homestead owner may receive a \$3,000 exemption for this tax. If the county grants an optional exemption for homeowners age 65 or older or disabled, the owners will receive only the local-option exemption.

Age 65 or older and disabled exemptions: Individuals 65 and older and/or disabled residence homestead owners may qualify for a \$10,000 homestead exemption for school taxes, in addition to the \$15,000 exemption for all homeowners. If the owner qualifies for both the \$10,000 exemption for 65 and older homeowners and the \$10,000 exemption for disabled homeowners, the owner must choose one or the other for school taxes. The owner cannot receive both exemptions.

Optional 65 or older or disabled exemptions: Any taxing unit may offer an additional exemption amount of at least \$3,000 for taxpayers age 65 or older and/or disabled.

Optional percentage exemptions: Any taxing unit — including a city, county, school or special district — may offer an exemption of up to 20 percent of a home's value. But no matter what the percentage is, the amount of an optional exemption cannot be less than \$5,000. Each taxing unit decides if it will offer the exemption and at what percentage. This percentage exemption is added to any other home exemption for which an owner qualifies. The taxing unit must decide before July 1 of the tax year to offer this exemption.

Homestead exemptions remove part of your home's value from taxation.



Do I, as a homeowner, get a tax break from property taxes?

You may apply for homestead exemptions on your principal residence. Homestead exemptions remove part of your home's value from taxation, so they lower your taxes. For example, if your home is appraised at \$100,000 and you qualify for a \$15,000 exemption (this is the amount mandated for school districts), you will pay school taxes on the home as if it was worth only \$85,000. Taxing units have the option to offer a separate exemption of up to 20 percent of the total value.

Do all homes qualify for homestead exemptions?

No, only a homeowner's principal residence qualifies. To qualify, a home must meet the definition of a residence homestead: The home's owner must be an individual (for example: not a corporation or other business entity) and use the home as his or her principal residence on January 1 of the tax year. If you are age 65 or older, the January 1 ownership and residency are not required for the age 65 homestead exemption.

What documentation do I need to provide in order to obtain a homestead exemption?

A state law that took effect on September 1, 2011 has changed proof of residency requirements for homeowners applying for the property tax homestead exemption. It's vital that home buyers update their address on their driver's license and with the tax assessor/collector in their area.

- 1. Application for residential homestead exemption (available on the websites of most county appraisal districts).
- 2. Copy of driver's license or identification card from the Texas Department of Public Safety at *dps.texas.gov*.
- 3. If you do not own a vehicle, you must complete the non-ownership of motor vehicle affidavit (found on the application for residential homestead exemption), sign it before a notary public and attach a copy of a utility bill showing the homestead address.
- 4. The homestead exemption will not be allowed unless all the required documents show the same homestead address. All three documents must have the same address.

It's vital that home buyers update their address on their driver's license...

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ONE MONTH BEFORE THE MOVE ☐ Make arrangements to hire a mover or rent a truck. ☐ Make babysitting and/or pet care arrangements for moving day. \square File a change of address form at the post office. ☐ Change address on all newspaper and magazine subscriptions. ☐ Arrange for the transfer of all medical, dental and school records. ☐ Transfer medical, property, fire and auto insurance. ☐ Organize all move-related documents in one place, such as a folder or binder. TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE MOVE ☐ Cancel or transfer all utilities (water, gas, electric, telephone, TV/cable/satellite/Internet service). ☐ Check with your provider about cell phone service in your new location. ☐ Transfer prescriptions to a pharmacy near your new location. ☐ Transfer bank accounts. ☐ Collect or purchase all packing supplies; boxes, wrapping paper, bubble wrap, labels, markers, box cutters or scissors and packing tape. ☐ Pack up items in garage, attic and storage areas. ☐ Confirm arrangements with movers or truck rental. ONE WEEK BEFORE THE MOVE ☐ Begin packing boxes, labeling each as you fill it. ☐ Empty, defrost and clean refrigerator, freezer and stove. ☐ Return all rented movies, library books, video games, etc. ☐ Pick up anything outstanding such as dry cleaning, prescriptions, etc.

THE DAY BEFORE THE MOVE ☐ Do a final check of closets, cabinets and drawers.

☐ Make sure you have enough cash on hand for the move.

 \square Take out all trash.

☐ Fully charge all cell phones.

☐ Touch base with movers or truck rental for a final confirmation of arrangements.

THE DAY OF THE MOVE

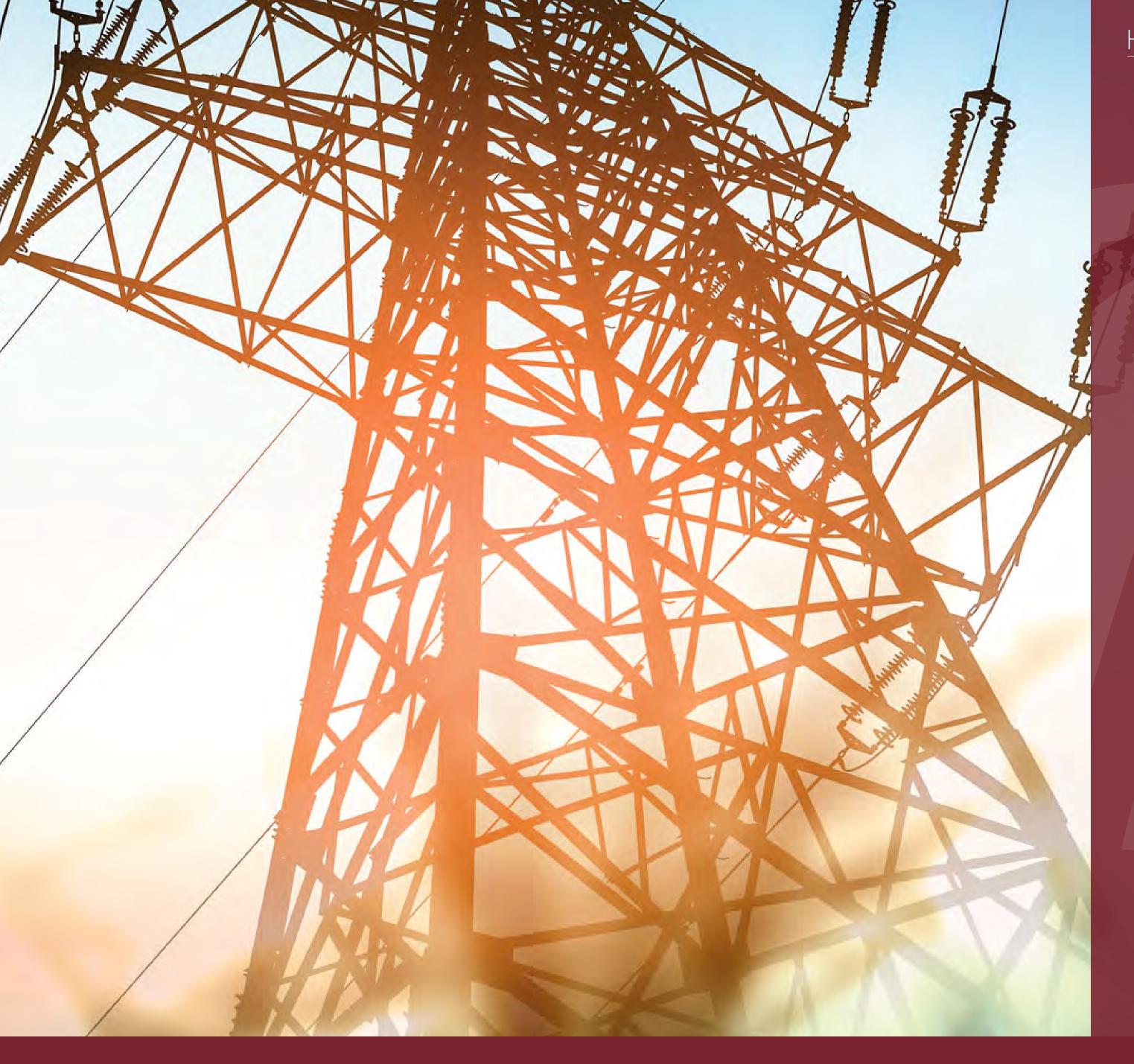
Exchange contact information with the movers in case you need to get in touch with them while in route. Include your old/new address, cell phone number and directions to new location.

☐ Keep jewelry and other valuables with you, in a box that you move yourself.

☐ Prepare a box of supplies that you will need right away on move-in day, such as cleaning supplies, snacks & beverages, toiletries, bath and bedding items, trash bags, disposable dishes, pet food, cell phone chargers, prescriptions, eyeglasses, changes of clothing, etc.

□ Do a final check before locking the doors. Confirm that you have turned off the furnace/air conditioner, lawn sprinklers and light switches. Have you turned over or left the keys and garage door openers?





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AND MORE



CITY OF AUSTIN

City Hall

301 W. 2nd Street Austin, Texas 78701 512-974-2000 | *austintexas.gov*

STATE OF TEXAS

Office of the Texas Governor

P.O. Box 12428, 78711 Austin, Texas 512-463-2000 | *gov.texas.gov*

HUNTING/FISHING LICENSES

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

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Lawyer Referral Service of Central Texas

512-472-8303 | *austinIrs.com*

Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas

512-476-5550 | *vlsoct.org*

State Bar of Texas

512-427-1463 | *texasbar.com*

UTILITIES

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Spectrum

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Electricity

Austin Energy

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512-930-3640 | gus.georgetown.org

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Telephone

AT&T — 800-288-2020

Grande Communications — 512-220-4600

Spectrum — 855-243-8892

Water/Wastewater

City of Austin — 512-494-9400 | *austintexas.gov*





SERVICE TRANSFER CHECKLIST



ALARM MONITORING NEW HOME		
OLD HOME		
CLEANING SERVICE NEW HOME		
OLD HOME		
ELECTRIC NEW HOME		
OLD HOME		
GAS NEW HOME		
OLD HOME		
INITEDNIET		
INTERNET NEW HOME		
OLD HOME		
LAWN SERVICES		
NEW HOME		
OLD HOME		
PHONE SERVICE		
NEW HOME		
OLD HOME		
POOL		
SERVICE NEW HOME		





CLOSING COST DEFINITIONS



Appraisal Fee

Cost for professional evaluation of the property's market value based on comparable sales, improvements on the property and location. (Fee usually set by the Appraiser.)

Assumption Transfer Fee

Fee is charged to the buyer, assessed by the lender for buyer to assume present loan.

Credit Report

A report of your credit history.

Discount Points

Points lender may charge to increase the investor's yield. May be paid by either buyer or seller. The number of discount points depends on the rate quoted and the current market rates.

Escrow Fee

The title company's service fee for acting as an escrow agent, carrying out contract instructions, obtaining execution and recording of necessary documents; disbursing sale proceeds; usually split between buyer and seller.

Filing Fees/Recording Fees

Fees for recording documents in the appropriate county; fee is determined by the number of pages per document.

Hazard Insurance

Fire and extended coverage casualty insurance protects property and contents in case of loss; required by lender for at least the loan amount.

Inspections

An examination of the property for various reasons such as termite inspections, mechanical inspections, roof inspections; parties may also require follow-up inspections after required repairs are completed.

Interest or Per Diem

Interest due on seller's existing mortgage through date of pay-off received. Interest is usually paid in arrears. Interest also includes prepaid interest on the buyer's loan for the remainder of the month in which closing occurs.

Loan Application Fee

Fee paid to the lender at the time of application; check with your lender.

Miscellaneous Lender Fees

May include fees for underwriting, processing, tax services fee, warehousing, etc.; varies with each lender. Check your lender's GFE (Good Faith Estimate) for disclosure and explanation.

Mortgagee's Policy

Policy insuring lender of validity and priority of its lien.

Origination Fee

Lender may charge purchaser a fee to originate a new loan.

Owners Title Policy

Policy that indemnifies the buyer against losses for covered defect in title. (Premium is set by the State Board of Insurance.)

Prepayment Penalty

A fee charged for early payoff of the seller's existing mortgage loan. If the penalty applies, it will be stated in the existing mortgage instruments of record.

PMI Premium/MIP Premium

Insures the lender against loss in the event of default by the borrower. (PMI-private mortgage insurance — conventional loans, MIP-mortgage insurance protection — FHA loans)

Prorated Taxes

Taxes are prorated with the seller paying taxes from January 1st through the closing date and buyer paying the remainder. Figures are usually based on actual taxes charged from the previous year. Any shortages or overages due at the end of the existing year are between the buyer and seller.

Realtor Fee

An amount paid to the brokerage firm representing the consumer (buyer or seller) for real estate services agreed upon in the property listing agreement or buyer representation agreement.

Restrictions

Recorded documents that restrict and limit the use of the defined property.

Survey

A statement (drawing) showing the corners, distances and directions of the boundaries of a tract of land along with easements, encroachments, etc. as may be required in the contract.

Tax Search Certificates

Certificate obtained to determine any unpaid property taxes or assessments that may constitute liens against the property.









Austin is a 24-hour town

populated by an upstart mix of musicians, tech experts, filmmakers, athletes and foodies, and our annual events calendar is proof. For a more comprehensive event list of the variety of things happening in Austin, visit **www.visitaustin.org/visit/events**.

JANUARY

Free Week

Red River Cultural District

The first week of January might be the best time for a music fan to visit Austin. Why? Hundreds of Austin bands participate in this annual event that encompasses multiple venues all over Austin.

Martin Luther King Festival

Huston-Tillotson University

Join the march from the MLK statue at the University of Texas campus to historic Huston-Tillotson University to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy for Austin and the world.

FEBRUARY

Austin Marathon & Half Marathon

Downtown Austin

Austin will welcome nearly 20,000 participants from around the world for the Annual Austin Marathon & Half Marathon. This exciting event showcases Austin's scenic urban landscape for both runners and spectators alike.

Black History Month

Various Venues

To commemorate Black History Month, there will be events including film screenings and ceremonies throughout the city celebrating important people and moments in time in African-American history.

Carnaval Brasileiro

Palmer Events Center

Austin's Carnaval is one of the biggest Brazilian Carnaval celebrations outside Brazil. Brasileiro-style samba, costumes and wild abandon can all be seen in the heart of Texas.

MARCH

Austin Urban Music Festival

Auditorium Shores

More than 15,000 music revelers converge on Lady Bird Lake's Auditorium Shores to enjoy Austin's only music festival focused on R&B, neo-soul and hip-hop music.

Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays

The University of Texas

This premier track and field event brings together the best high school, college and professional athletes from across Texas, the U.S. and the world.



Rodeo Austin

*Travis County Exposition Center*Since its inception in 1938,
this local event has grown

from a simple stock show featuring
16 animals into one of the state's
premier rodeos. Over the course
of two weeks, the Rodeo features 10
ProRodeo events, a family-friendly fair,
daily concerts and more.



St. Patrick's Day Festival

Jourdan-Bachman
Pioneer Farms

This family-friendly St. Patrick's Day fest celebrates all things Irish. Come enjoy authentic Celtic music and dancers, Irish language workshops, the finest Irish imports and plenty of good craic!

SXSW® Music, Film and Interactive Conferences and Festivals

Various Locations

Austin Convention Center and more than 50 venues host noted filmmakers, musicians and multimedia artists from around the world, as they converge to showcase music, film and interactive media during this internationally-recognized event.

Zilker Garden Festival

Zilker Botanical Garden

For more than 60 years, the annual Zilker Garden Festival has been a one-stop, garden shopping destination when spring arrives in Central Texas. A family-friendly event, the garden festival offers something for everyone, including the annual flower show, live music, gardening talks, a kid's corner and food court.



ABC Kite Fest

Zilker Park

The nation's oldest kite festival features hundreds of kites in the air and is free to attend for people of all ages, complete with kite flying contests, food, games and more.

APRIL



Art City Austin

Palmer Event Center

Austin's original fine arts festival and national juried

art show of 200 locally and nationally recognized artists and galleries is a family-friendly event featuring local food trailers, beer, cocktails and interactive projects for kids of all ages.

Austin Food + Wine Festival

Auditorium Shores

Join top chef talent, sommeliers and winemakers from across the nation and Austin's own acclaimed gourmet scene for an indulgent, three-day epicurean adventure unlike any other, topped off with live musical performances.

Austin Reggae Fest

Auditorium Shores

A fundraiser for the Capital Area Food Bank, Reggae Fest features three days of reggae, world and dub talent, along with more than 50 vendors selling food and arts & crafts.

Capitol 10K

Downtown Austin

Texas' largest 10K race and one of the nation's top runs draws some 18,000 serious and not-so-serious runners.

Eeyore's Annual Birthday Party

Pease Park

Live music, beer, food, acrobats and costume contests surround this annual gathering of Austin's most eclectic locals. Eeyore's Birthday serves as a fundraiser to benefit many local, Austin nonprofits.

Euphoria Fest

Carson Creek Ranch

Live music, camping, yoga and a variety of mindful workshops come together at this immersive four-day festival.

Musical styles bridge the gaps between hip-hop, electronic, ambient, tribal and experimental.

Levitation Fest

Carson Creek Ranch

Mark your calendars, Levitation Fest will return to Carson Creek Ranch. Enjoy a weekend full of live music, psychedelic light shows, on-site camping and more.

Louisiana Swamp Thing and Crawfish Festival

The Austin American Statesman Parking Lot It's a Cajun festival in Texas. More than 5,000 pounds of crawfish are consumed at this annual event, which also features zydeco, brass band, funk, blues and rock music.

Moontower Comedy and Oddity Festival

The Paramount Theatre and other locations

Moontower Comedy & Oddity Festival presented by the Paramount Theatre brings to Austin, TX some of the funniest, wittiest and oddest world-class comics from around the globe. National headliners, up-and-comer and local Austin-based comedians ensure a hilarious night of fun.

MOTOGP™ Grand Prix of the Americas

Circuit of The Americas™

MotoGP™, the pinnacle of all motorcycle World Championships, joins the roster of racing events at the Circuit of The Americas™ track with a three-day series at the purpose-built Grand Prix venue. With the addition of this race, the new circuit is the first North American racing venue to host both two-and four-wheeled World Championship events.

Old Settler's Music Festival

Tilmon, TX

Central Texas' signature music event features Grammy-winning Americana, arts and crafts, camping, food and libations. Acoustic jazz, blues and bluegrass are all performed by old-time local faves and award-winning artists from around the world.

MAY

Austin Fashion Week

Locations around Austin

Austin Fashion Week showcases the work of fashion designers, photographers,



hair stylists, makeup artists and models from around the state of Texas with runway shows, designer meet-and-greets, themed parties and benefits for Austin non-profits.

Cine Las Americas International Film Festival

Various Locations

The festival showcases contemporary films and videos from Latin America (North, Central, South America and the Caribbean) and the Iberian Peninsula. Films and videos made by or about Latinos in the U.S. or the rest of the world, as well as films and videos by or about indigenous groups of the Americas are also invited to participate.

Latino Music Month

Various Venues

The many Latino music genres are showcased during performances on the Plaza at Austin City Hall each Friday at noon. Other special events throughout the month are presented as well.

Lifetime Capital of Texas Triathlon

Lady Bird Lake, Downtown Austin

Lifetime Capital of Texas Triathlon attracts all levels of athletes from top-ranked professionals to first-time triathletes. The event includes the USA Paratriathlon National Championship, sprint and international distances, First Tri distance and sprint and international distance relays.

Pecan Street Festival (Spring)

Historic Sixth Street

A free, family event, the Pecan Street
Festival is the oldest and largest art
festival in Central Texas. Musicians, food
vendors, artists and craftspeople turn
Sixth Street — historically called Pecan
Street — into a lively street fair where
there is something for people of all ages.

West Austin Studio Tour

Across West Austin

The West Austin Studio Tour is a free, self-guided tour that celebrates Austin's talented and wildly diverse creative community. The public is invited to discover new artistic talent; see working studios; learn about artists' tools, techniques and inspirations; explore galleries and a variety of exhibitions; and immerse themselves in the arts and local business communities.

JUNE

African American Book Festival

George Washington Carver Museum

This free, annual literary event showcases new works by and about African Americans. Notable speakers and authors will discuss their works and facilitate conversations.

ATX Television Festival

Downtown Austin

ATX Television Festival is the first festival devoted to Television's history and future. It functions like a traditional film festival with premieres of new series, current hits & cult favorites. ATX Television Festival

also offers access to the industry's leading professionals with cast and creator Q&A's and panels focusing on innovation in both production and content delivery.

Central Texas Juneteenth Celebration

MLK Blvd. and other locations

Juneteenth, also known as "Freedom Day" or "Emancipation Day," is the oldest known African American celebration commemorating the end of slavery. This annual event features a 2K walk/run, parade floats and entertainment and celebration at Rosewood Park.

Fun Stop 5k & Fest

Long Center for the Performing Arts

Anything is possible at this decade-old Austin extravaganza! Run, skip or race through the streets of downtown Austin wearing the wackiest costume. Unofficially known as "the slowest 5K you will ever run," this race is designed for amusement and fun.

Republic of Texas Biker Rally

Travis County Exposition Center & Downtown Austin

The state's largest motorcycle gathering attracts thousands of bikers for rides, parades and music.

Solstice Festival

Pan Am Park and Various Locations

This annual music festival celebrates the local Austin music community. The festival is held at Pan Am Park but unofficial parties are held at various venues around town during the weekend.



JULY

Fourth of July Fireworks and Symphony

Auditorium Shores

The Austin Symphony hosts an annual concert of patriotic music culminating in a spectacular firework display over Lady Bird Lake.

Hill Country Galleria Independence Day Festival

Hill Country Galleria

A free celebration of Independence in the Hill Country Galleria, featuring fabulous art, live entertainment and a fireworks display.

AUGUST

Austin Chronicle Hot Sauce Festival

Fiesta Gardens

If you want to beat the heat this summer then you have to eat the heat! Join the Austin Chronicle for one of the world's largest hot sauce festivals with as many as 10,000 spectators each year.

Austin Ice Cream Festival

Fiesta Gardens

The Annual Austin Ice Cream Festival is fun for the whole family. Games, activities, contests, live entertainment and of course, ice cream, will keep you cool and happy.

Austin Pride Festival & 5K

Fiesta Gardens along the shores of Lady Bird Lake

The PRIDE Festival is the largest annual LGBTQ advocacy and fundraising event in Central Texas. Dozens of non-profit

organizations and social clubs use the Festival as a platform to inform and interact with thousands of attendees. Each year, countless people find new organizations to join, causes to support and opportunities to volunteer.



Bat Fest

Congress Avenue Bridge

Celebrate this batty event as the world's largest urban bat

colony (two million Mexican free tail bats which take up seasonal residence beneath the Ann Richard's Congress Street Bridge) take to the skies for their nightly flight. Enjoy live music, children activities and costume contests.

Capital City Black Film Festival

Around Town

CCBFF celebrates African American filmmakers from across the nation and provides a stage for burgeoning talent. This festival packs in the fun with four days of events, seminars, parties, screenings and more.

SEPTEMBER

Austin Gay and Lesbian International Film Festival (aGLIFF)

Around Town

aGLIFF is the oldest and largest gay and lesbian film fest in the Southwest and the largest LGBTQ cultural event in Austin. Experience the festival in September and watch for monthly screenings around town.

Austin Museum Day

Museums Across Austin

Organized by the Austin Museum
Partnership, this special day features free
exhibitions and activities at participating
Austin-area museums and cultural sites.

Fantastic Fest

Alamo Drafthouse

Fantastic Fest is the largest genre film festival in the U.S., specializing in horror, fantasy, sci-fi, action and just plain fantastic movies from around the world.

FIA World Rallycross RX Championship

Circuit of The Americas™

The World RX Championship brings sprint-style automobile racing to the capital city. High profile drivers are equipped with RX Supercars hitting speeds up to 600bhp with the ability to accelerate from 0-60mph in less than two seconds. In addition to the rallycross super fans, COTA will have multiple activities and entertainment.

Free Day of Yoga

Across Austin

All day long, participating studios across the Austin area offer free classes as an opportunity for every age and fitness level.

Out of Bounds Comedy Festival

Various Locations

Comedians from around the country show Austinites their comedy chops and throw down in a mini-golf tourney.



Pecan Street Festival (Fall)

Sixth Street Austin

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Pecan Street — into a lively street fair
where there is something for people of
all ages.

Texas Craft Brewers Festival

Fiesta Gardens

The Texas Craft Brewers Fest is the largest beer festival for and by Texas Brewers. This annual event features the best of Texas craft beer and displays the thriving beer community across the Lone Star State.

Zilker Relays

Zilker Park

The Zilker Relays is a 10-mile team race. Each participant runs a 2.5 mile loop from one central festival/transition area. The team concept of the Zilker Relays is not unique, but the combination of a relay, festival home base, drinks and music, make this experience a favorite for runners of all calibers and ages.

OCTOBER



Austin City Limits Music Festival

Zilker Park

One of the country's largest celebrations of live music, this two-weekend, six-day festival brings the magic of the famed public TV series "Austin City Limits"

outside the studio and into Austin's most beloved park. More than 150 musical acts will take over eight stages along with local food vendors, brewers, pop-up shops and artists.

Austin Film Festival

Paramount Theatre and various locations

Recognized as one of the top film festivals in the country, this cinematic event shines the spotlight on top-billed films and Indies alike.



Dia de Los Muertos Music FestivalFiesta Gardens

The cultural celebration will feature renowned recording artists in the Latin and Texas music industries. The family-friendly festival will offer local food and beverages, cultural performances, Kids Zone activities and more.

Formula 1 United States Grand Prix

Circuit of The Americas™

Drivers will be in Austin competing in the Formula 1 United States Grand Prix this fall. Built around a state-of-the-art 3.4 mile circuit track with capacity for 120,000 fans and an elevation change of 133 feet, the facility is designed for any and all classes of racing — from motor power to human power.

Oktoberfest

German Free School

The German-Texan Heritage Society holds this annual festival, featuring live music, food, a biergarten, kid's activities and more at the historic German Free School.

Texas Fireworks Dia de los Muertos Celebration

Krieg Baseball Field

Light up your Halloween night with pyrotechnics at Krieg Softball Fields, presented by Planet K.

Texas Monthly BBQ Festival

City Terrace at The Long Center

This tasty festival only has four rules: muster as many of Texas' best BBQ joints as possible; have them serve up their specialties side-by-side; let smoke and sauce fly for five intoxicating hours; and finally, let "The People" decide who made the best goods.

Texas Teen Book Festival

St. Edward's University

The Texas Teen Book Festival has evolved into one of the premier literary events in the country and hosts about 50 authors each year. Book lovers of all ages attend the Festival annually, enjoying readings, panel discussions, signings, cooking demonstrations, live music, local food, YA authors, children's activities and exhibiting vendors from across the state.

NOVEMBER

Austin Celtic Festival

Pioneer Farms

This annual festival is the largest gathering of Celts in Central Texas.

The event is home to four stages of Irish,
Scottish and Breton music, dance, sports,
storytelling, workshops and more.



Austin Powwow

Travis County Exposition Center

For more than 25 years, the Austin Powwow features music, dancing, food and arts & crafts in celebration of American Indian Heritage.

Blue Genie Art Bazaar

6100 Airport Blvd.

The Blue Genie Art Bazaar is a unique holiday art show held in Austin, Texas.

The Bazaar features handmade artwork and gifts from over 200 local and regional artists — with a portion of proceeds going to Make-A-Wish® Foundation.

Christmas at the Caswell House

Caswell House Austin

Christmas at the Caswell House has been an Austin community tradition since 1983. The Austin Junior Forum transforms this historic home into a winter wonderland.



Chuy's Christmas Parade

Congress Avenue

This spirited holiday parade features a procession of

giant balloons, marching bands, vintage cars, celebrities and floats to usher in the season of giving.

East Austin Studio Tour

Various Locations

More than 70 Eastside studios open their doors for the public's viewing and purchasing pleasure.

Texas Book Festival

Texas State Capitol

The Texas Book Festival has evolved into one of the premier literary events in the country and hosts about 250 authors each year. More than 40,000 book lovers of all ages attend the Festival annually, enjoying readings, panel discussions, signings, cooking demonstrations, live music, local food, YA authors, children's activities and exhibiting vendors from across the state.

Turkey Trot

The Long Center

ThunderCloud Subs' 5-mile run/1-mile walk is a good way to work up a Thanksgiving appetite.

Zilker Tree Lighting

Zilker Park

This Austin tradition is continuing its 50+ year run of light displays, interactive shows and holiday-themed walkthroughs.

DECEMBER

Armadillo Christmas Bazaar

Palmer Events Center

Shades of old Austin are reflected at this market with eclectic gifts and local entertainment from more than 160 artists and merchants.

Austin Asian American Film Festival

Around Town

The Austin Asian-American Film
Festival (AAAFF) promotes Asian and
Asian-American cultures and experiences
through the media arts, showcasing

top quality cinema and supporting the creative talents of Asian-American artists.

Austin's New Year

Auditorium Shores

This alcohol-free, family-friendly event celebrates the diversity and creativity of the city with visual art installations, jugglers, storytellers, fire dancers and other festive performances.

Cherrywood Art Fair

Maplewood Elementary

This neighborhood fundraiser benefits the eastside arts scene. Enjoy local food artisans, live music, 80+ artists, kids crafts and a silent auction at the annual event.



German-Texan Heritage Society Christmas Market

German Free School

The German-Texan Heritage Society's annual market offers shoppers handmade and imported crafts, decorations, ornaments and more. Browse the market, visit Sankt Nikolaus, listen to traditional German Christmas music and enjoy a cup of Glühwein (hot spiced wine), gingerbread cookies and other sweet baked treats.

Holiday Sing-Along & Downtown Stroll

Texas State Capitol

Join hundreds caroling in front of the Capitol as the tree is lit before heading down Congress Avenue for live music, shopping, art and much more.



Luminations at the Wildflower Center Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Thousands of luminaries and twinkling lights turn the center into a holiday wonderland during Luminations, an Austin holiday tradition.



Trail of Lights *Zilker Park*

The Austin Trail of Lights is part of the Austin experience,

lighting up the season with a celebration of community, memories and fun. With a beautiful array of lights the tree is lit following a 5k run, which allows the Trail of Lights to be lit and showcased.

Winter Wonderland at The Circuit

Circuit of the Americas

Millions of lights illuminate a magical world of holiday amusement at Circuit of The Americas. There is something for everyone to experience and enjoy including a Skating Rink, Human Snow Globe, Singing Trees, Petting Zoo, Camel Rides, Santa's Workshop, Carnival Rides, Hot Air Balloon Float, Merry Movies on The Lawn, Delectable Food, Shopping Galore, Tunnel of Lights and much more.

ANNUAL ARTS & CULTURE EVENTS

JANUARY - MARCH

Taste of Black Austin
Austin Area Jazz Fest Concert Series

APRIL – JUNE

Austin International Poetry Festival
Art City Austin
Fusebox Festival

JULY - SEPTEMBER

Zilker Summer Musical
Texas Biennial (every other year)

OCTOBER – DECEMBER

Viva la Vida Festival & Parade Ballet Austin's The Nutcracker

ANNUAL FILM EVENTS

JANUARY – MARCH

OUTsider Film Festival

APRIL – JUNE

Austin Youth Film Festival
Films for the Forest
Hill Country Film Festival
Indie Meme Film Festival
Off Centered Film Festival

JULY - SEPTEMBER

Austin Music Video Festival
Austin Revolution Film Festival
Millennial Film Festival

OCTOBER – DECEMBER

Austin Comedy Short Film Festival
Austin Short Film Festival
Austin Polish Film Festival
Cinema Touching Disability
Other Worlds Austin





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Visit Austin

Visit Austin is the official destination marketing and sales organization for the city of Austin. An accredited member of Destinations International, Visit Austin is contracted by the city to market Austin nationally and internationally as a premier convention and leisure destination. Visit Austin houses the Austin Film Commission, Music Office and Sports Commission. The organization is a private, nonprofit 501(c)(6) corporation operating as an independent agency for more than 20 years. Locally, tourism and hospitality supports an estimated 121,900 jobs and pumps an estimated \$7.4 billion into Austin's economy. The hotel bed tax produces \$509 million to support local arts, entertainment and recreation (including music), and tourism generates \$640 million in state and local taxes.

Sources: Dean Runyan Associates and Texas Workforce Commission, 2016

Population

2+ million in the metropolitan area and 947,890 within Austin city limits, making Austin the 11th largest city in America. It was the eighth fastest-growing large city in the nation from 2014 to 2015.

Area

Austin envelops a 2,705 square-mile metro area, with 232 square miles within the city limits.

Elevation

Elevation varies from 425 feet to approximately 1,000 feet above sea level. One of its highest points, at 780 feet, is Mount Bonnell.

Weather

Nearly 300 days of sunshine annually, with an average year-round temperature of around 70° F and 32" annual rainfall.

History

Founded as "Waterloo" in 1839 by Jacob Harrell, the city was renamed for Texas colonist Stephen F. Austin.

Taxes

8.25% sales tax; 15% total hotel tax (9% city tax, 6% state sales tax).

Airport

Austin-Bergstrom International Airport is 7.5 miles from downtown with nonstop service to 80 destinations, with flights to international destinations including London, Cancun, Mexico City, Guadalajara, San Jose Del Cabo, Toronto, Punta Cana, Amsterdam (SXSW 2018 only), Stockholm (SXSW 2018 only), and seasonal summer flights to Frankfurt, Germany.

State Capitol

Built from 1882-88 out of "Sunset Red" granite and measuring 302 feet high, the Texas Capitol is 14 feet higher than the nation's capital in Washington, D.C. Legislators meet every other year.

University of Texas at Austin®

Located just north of downtown, UT is one of America's largest public universities with 342 undergraduate and graduate degree programs, about 3,090 faculty and more than 50,000 students. Hook 'em Horns!

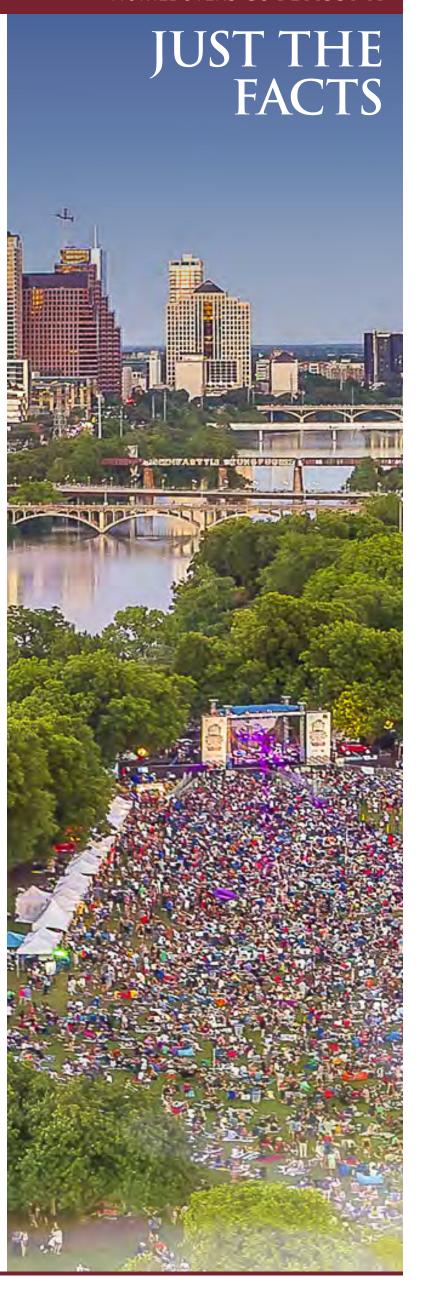
Film Capital

Moviemaker Magazine named Austin as the #9 City to Live and Work in 2017. Austin film is home to the likes of directors Robert Rodriguez, Mike Judge and Richard Linklater.

A Little Batty

Austin is home to North America's largest urban bat population, with anywhere from 750,000 to 1.5 million Mexican free-tailed bats roosting under the Congress Avenue Bridge from April through October.





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Outdoors

Austin is home to more than 300 parks, including 360-acre Zilker Park. The Anne and Roy Butler Hike & Bike Trail follows the edge of Lady Bird Lake for ten miles and historic Barton Springs Pool welcomes swimmers to 68-degree, spring-fed waters year-round.

Live Music Capital of the World®

Live music can be enjoyed at more than 250 venues throughout Austin. The city is also home to more than 2,300 recording artists including such famed personalities as Willie Nelson, Asleep at the Wheel, Bob Schneider, Gary Clark Jr., Spoon, Shinyribs and more.

Entertainment Districts

The Historic 6th Street, South Congress, West 6th Street, Red River Cultural District, Warehouse, 2nd Street, South Austin, East Austin, Central Austin and Rainey Street Historic District are among the "hot spots" for listening to live music, dining and taking in the nightlife scene.

Austin City Limits

The longest running music show on television (Austin City Limits) spawned the Austin City Limits Music Festival, which draws 450,000 people and takes place for two weekends each October. It generates an economic impact of around \$277.4 million (2016).

- First year of festival was 2001
- Festival expanded to two weekends for the first time in October 2013

SXSW[®] Music, Film and Interactive Conferences and Festivals

Each March, SXSW attracts the world's leading creative professionals to Austin, Texas for a singular mix of industry conferences, trade shows and festival. SXSW also injects hundreds of millions of dollars into the local economy, including more than \$348.6 million in economic impact and 440,000 in attendance (2017).

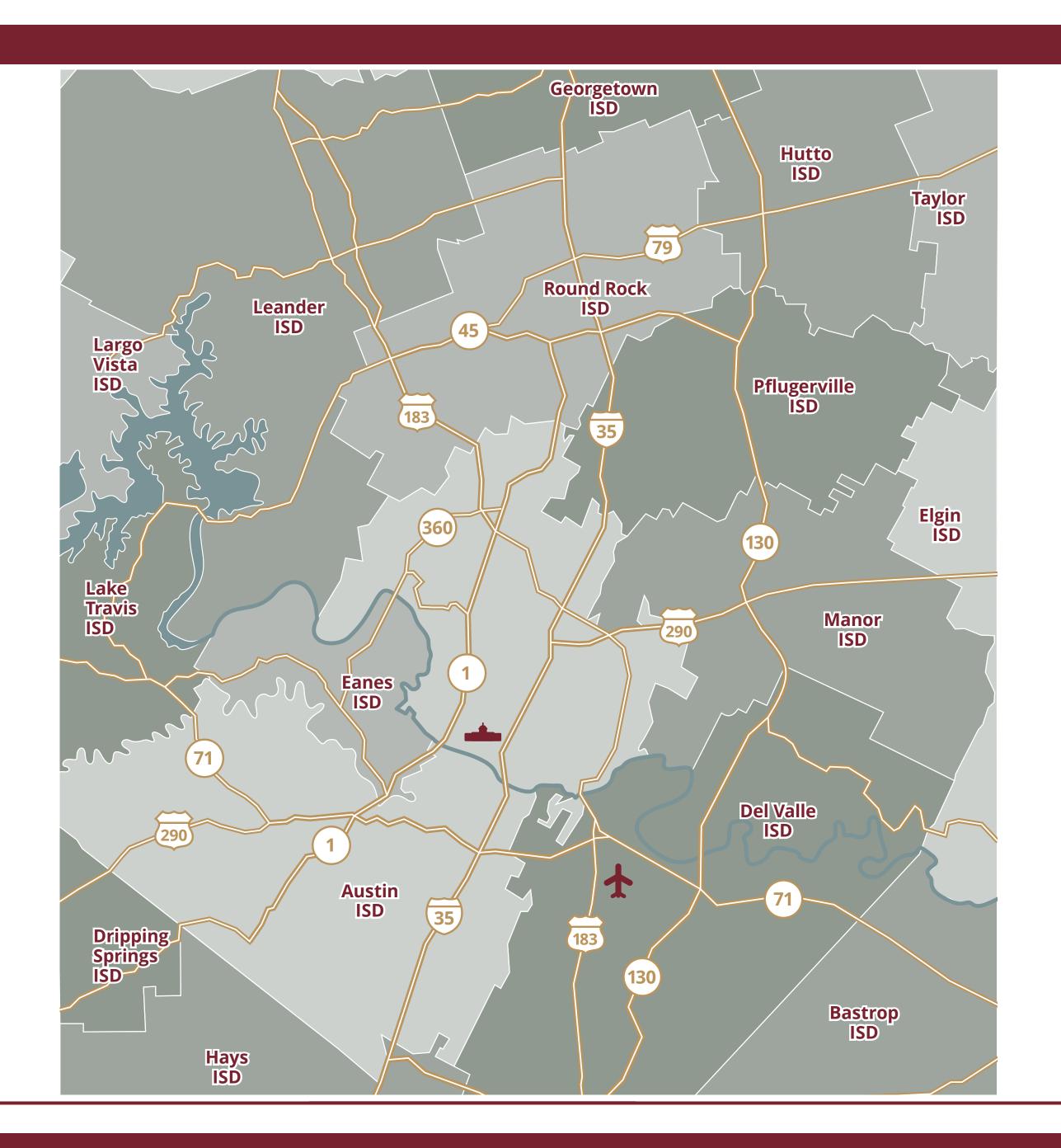






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EDUCATION







PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Austin ISD

512-414-1700 | *austinisd.org*

Del Valle ISD

512-386-3000 | *dvisd.net*

Eanes ISD

512-732-9000 | *eanesisd.net*

Elgin ISD

512-281-3434 | *elginisd.net*

Hays Consolidated ISD

512-268-2141 | *hayscisd.net*

Hutto ISD

512-759-3771 | *hipponation.org*

Lake Travis ISD

512-533-6000 | *Itisdschools.org*

Leander ISD

512-570-0000 | *leanderisd.org*

Liberty Hill ISD

512-260-5580 | *libertyhill.txed.net*

Lockhart ISD

512-398-0000 | *lockhartisd.org*

Manor ISD

512-278-4000 | *manorisd.net*

Pflugerville ISD

512-594-0000 | *pfisd.net*

Round Rock ISD

512-464-5000 | *roundrockisd.org*

San Marcos Consolidated ISD 512-393-6700 | **smcisd.net**

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Austin Achieve Public School

Harmony Public Schools

6 campus locations in Austin

Wayside Schools Charter District

3 campus locations in Austin

The Goodwill Excel Center

Responsive Education Solutions 6 campus locations in Austin

KIPP Austin Public Schools

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

ACE Academy

3901 Shoal Creek Blvd., 78756 512-206-4070 *austingifted.org*

All Saints' Episcopal School

209 W. 27th St., 78705 512-472-8866

allsaintseds.org

Austin Christian Academy

1010 FM 1626 W., 78748 512-292-7848

austinchristianacademy.org

Austin International School

4001 Adelphi Ln., 78727

512-331-7806 *austininternationalschool.org*

Austin Jewish Academy

7300 Hart Ln., 78731 512-735-8350

austinjewishacademy.org

Austin Montessori School

5006 Sunset Trail, 78745 6819 Great Northern Blvd., 78757 5677 Oak Blvd., 78735 512-892-0253

austinmontessori.org

Austin Peace Academy

5110 Manor Rd., 78723 512-926-1737 *apacademy.org*

Austin School for the Performing & Visual Arts

1110 Guadalupe St., 78701 512-522-7782

Austin Waldorf School

theaustinschool.org

8700 South View Rd., 78737 512-288-5942

austinwaldorf.org

Brentwood Christian School

11908 N. Lamar Blvd., 78753 512-835-5983

brentwoodchristian.org

Calvary Episcopal School

603 Spring St., Bastrop, 78602 512-321-1610

calvaryschool.net

Casa Montessori Childhood Development Center

404 Atlanta St., #B, 78703 512-474-4119

casa-montessori.org

Casner Christian Academy

3838 Steck Ave., 78759 512-453-6605

casnerchristian.org

Cathedral School of St. Mary

910 San Jacinto Blvd., 78701 512-476-1480

smcschoolaustin.org

Cedar Park Montessori School

400 E. Whitestone Blvd., Cedar Park, 78613 512-259-8495

cedarparkmontessori.com

Cedars Montessori School

9704 Circle Dr., 78736 512-288-1245

cedarsmontessori.com

City School

1844 Teri Rd., 78744 512-416-7744

cityschooltexas.org

Community Montessori School

500 Pleasant Valley Dr., Georgetown, 78626 512-863-7920

community-montessori.org

Concordia High School

1500 Royston Ln., Round Rock, 78664

512-248-2547 *chsaustin.org*

Girls' School of Austin

2007 McCall Rd., 78703 512-478-7827

thegirlsschool.org

Good Shepherd Episcopal School

3201-B Windsor Rd., 78703 512-476-4393

Grace Academy

gsesaustin.org

225 Grace Blvd. Georgetown, 78633 512-864-9500

gracetx.org



Hawthorne Montessori School 1414 Kramer Ln., 78758

512-821-9900 *hawthornemontessori.com*

Headwaters

807 Rio Grande St., 78701 512-480-8142 *headwaters.org*

Hebrew Preparatory School

2127 W. Parmer Ln., 78727 512-977-0770 *hebrewprepschool.com*

Hill Country Christian School of Austin

12124 RR 620 N., 78750 512-331-7036 *hillcountrychristianschool.org*

Hill Country Christian School

1401 Davis Ln.
San Marcos, 78666
512-353-8976
hillcountryschool.net

Holy Family Catholic School

9400 Neenah Ave., 78717 512-246-4455 *holyfamilycs.org*

Hyde Park Schools

High School: 11400 N. Mopac Expy., 78759 512-465-8333 Elementary and Middle School: 3901 Speedway, 78751 512-465-8338 hp-schools.org

Kids R Kids Learning Academy

15111 Avery Ranch Blvd., 78717 512-218-9669 *krkaustin.com*

Kirby Hall School

306 W. 29th St., 78705 512-474-1770 *kirbyhallschool.org*

Lake Hills Montessori Austin

600 N. Cuernavaca Dr., 78733 512-263-9342 *lakehillsmontessori.com*

Lake Hills Montessori Bee Cave 3930 RR 620 S., 78738 512-263-5585 lakehillsmontessori.com

Magellan International School

7938 Great Northern Blvd., 78757 405-397-3487 *magellanschool.org*

Mariposa Montessori School

3338 Paisano Trail, 78745 512-428-4280 *mariposamontessori.com*

The Master's School

1664 Centerpoint Rd., San Marcos, 78666 512-392-4322 *mastersschool.org*

Paragon Preparatory School

5206 Balcones Dr., 78731 512-459-5040 *paragonprep.com*

Parkside Community School

3207 W. Slaughter Ln., 78748 512-472-2559 parksidecommunityschool.org

Primrose School of Bee Cave

3801 Juniper Trace, 78738 512-263-0388 *primroseschools.com*

Primrose School of Four Points

6606 Sitio Del Rio Blvd., 78730 512-795-9101

primroseschools.com

Primrose School of Shady Hollow

12341 Brodie Ln., 78748 512-282-2341

primroseschools.com

Rawson-Saunders School
2614-A Exposition Blvd., 78703
512-476-8382
rawsonsaunders.org

Redeemer Lutheran School

1500 W. Anderson Ln., 78757 512-451-6478 **redeemerschool.net**

Regents School of Austin

3230 Travis Country Cir., 78735 512-899-8095 *regentsaustin.org*

Renaissance Academy

14401 Owen-Tech Blvd., 78728 512-252-2277 *racademy.org*

Round Rock Christian Academy

301 N. Lake Creek Dr., Round Rock, 78681 512-255-4491 *rrca-tx.org*

San Juan Diego Catholic High School

2512 S. 1st St., 78704 512-804-1935 *sjdchs.org*

San Marcos Academy

2801 RR 12, San Marcos, 78666 512-753-8000 smabears.org

Santa Cruz Catholic School

1100 Main St., Buda, 78610 512-312-2137 sccstx.org

Sapientia Montessori School

1220 Cottonwood Creek Trail, Cedar Park, 78613 512-260-2261

Shoreline Learning Center

sapientiamontessori.com

15201 Burnet Rd., 78728 512-681-3255 shorelinelearningcenter.com

St. Andrews Episcopal School

5901 Southwest Pkwy., 78735 512-299-9700 *sasaustin.org*

St. Austin Catholic School

1911 San Antonio St., 78705 512-477-3751 *staustinschool.org*

St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School

9300 Neenah Ave., 78717 512-388-8846 *saviochs.org*

St. Francis School

300 E. Huntland Dr., 78752 512-454-0848 *stfrancis-school.org*

St. Gabriel's Catholic School

2500 Wimberly Ln., 78735 512-327-7755 **sgs-austin.org**

St. Helen Catholic School

2700 E. University Ave., Georgetown, 78626 512-868-0744 **shcslions.org**



St. Ignatius Martyr School
120 W. Oltorf St., 78704
512-442-8547
school.st-ignatius.org

St. Louis Catholic School
2114 St. Joseph Blvd., 78757
512-614-6622
slcsaustin.org

St. Mary's Catholic School
520 Washburn St., Taylor, 76574
512-352-2313
stmarystaylor.org

St. Matthew's Episcopal School 8134 Mesa Dr., 78759 512-345-8314 stmattsaustin.org

St. Paul Lutheran School
3501 Red River St., 78705
512-472-8301
stpaulaustin.org

St. Theresa's Catholic School
4311 Small Dr., 78731
512-451-7105
st-theresa.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal School 6500 St. Stephens Dr., 78746 512-327-1213 sstx.org

Sterling Classical School
12800 Angel Side Dr.,
Leander, 78641
512-259-2722
sterlingclassicalschool.com

Strickland Christian School 7415 Manchaca Rd., 78745 512-447-1447 stricklandschool.com Summit Christian Academy 2121 Cypress Creek Rd. Cedar Park, 78613 512-250-1369

summiteagles.org

Trinity Episcopal School
3901 Bee Caves Rd., 78746
512-472-9525
austintrinity.org

Veritas Academy
13401 Escarpment Blvd., 78739
512-891-1673
veritasacademy.net

Wonderland School
302 Country Estates Dr.,
San Marcos, 78666
512-392-9404
thewonderlandschool.com

Xplor of Austin
5915 La Crosse Ave., 78739
512-288-0061
xplortoday.com

Zion Lutheran School 6001 FM 1105, Georgetown, 78626 512-863-3065 zionwalburg.org

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5930 Middle Fiskville Rd., 78752
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austincc.edu

Austin Graduate School of Theology

7640 Guadalupe St., 78752 512-476-2772 *austingrad.edu*

Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary 100 E. 27th St., 78705 512-404-4800 austinseminary.edu

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78727
512-255-3622
baylor.edu/business/awemba

Baylor University Executive

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11400 Concordia University Dr.,
78726
512-313-3000
concordia.edu

Huston-Tillotson University
900 Chicon St., 78702
512-505-3028
htu.edu

Park University
10415 Morado Cir., 78759
512-385-7275
park.edu/Austin

Seminary of the Southwest 501 E. 32nd St., 78705 512-472-4133 **ssw.edu**

St. Edward's University
3001 S. Congress Ave., 78704
512-448-8400
stedwards.edu

1001 E. University Ave.,

Georgetown 78626 512-863-6511

southwestern.edu

Temple College — Taylor Center 516 N. Main St., Taylor, 76574 512-352-2688

templejc.edu

Texas State Round Rock Higher Education Center

1555 University Blvd. Round Rock, 78665 512-716-4001 *rrc.txstate.edu*

Texas State Technical College

1600 Innovation Blvd. Hutto, 78634 512-759-5900 *tstc.edu*

Texas State University 601 University Dr.

San Marcos, 78666 512-245-2111 *txstate.edu*

University of Texas at Austin 110 Inner Campus Dr., 78705 512-471-3434 utexas.edu

Western Governors University — Texas

12515-8 Research Blvd., Suite 250, 78759 877-214-7011 **texas.wgu.edu**

AOMA Graduate School of Integrative Medicine

4701 West Gate Blvd., 78745 512-454-1188 aoma.edu



Art Institute of Austin

101 W. Louis Henna Blvd., Ste. 100, 78728 512-691-1707 *artinstitutes.edu/Austin*

Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts

6020-B Dillard Cir., 78752 866-552-2433 escoffier.edu/locations/Austin

The College of Health Care Professions

6330 E. U.S. 290, Ste. 180, 78723 800-487-6728 **chcp.edu**

DeVry University — Austin

316 W. 12th St., 78701 512-231-2500 **devry.edu**

National American University

6836 Austin Center Blvd., Ste. 270, 78731 512-813-2300 national.edu/locations/ campuses/Austin

South University

1220 W. Louis Henna Blvd., Round Rock, 78681 512-516-8800 **southuniversity.edu/Austin**

Southern Careers Institute

1701 W. Ben White Blvd., Suite 100, 78704 844-783-6569 **scitexas.edu**

Strayer University

8501 N. MoPac Expy., 78757 512-568-3300 *strayer.edu*

Texas Health and Science University

4005 Manchaca Rd., 78704 512-444-8082 **thsu.edu**

University of St. Augustine for Health Services

5401 La Crosse Ave., 78739 800-241-1027 **usa.edu**

University of Phoenix — Austin Campus

10801 N. MoPac Expy., Ste. 100, 78759
512-344-1400

phoenix.edu





HOMEBUYERS GUIDE AUSTIN

HOSPITALS
AND MEDICAL
CENTERS



Arise Austin Medical Center 3003 Bee Caves Rd. 512-314-3800 arisemedicalcenter.com

Austin Lakes Hospital
1025 E. 32nd St.
512-544-5253
austinlakeshospital.com

Austin Oaks Hospital
1407 W. Stassney Ln.
512-440-4800
austinoakshospital.com

Austin State Hospital
4110 Guadalupe St., #635
512-452-0381
hhs.texas.gov

Baylor Scott & White Medical Center bswhealth.com

- –100 Medical Pkwy., Lakeway 512-654-5000
- -300 University Blvd., Round Rock 512-509-0100
- -305 Mallard Ln., Taylor 737-888-3100

Cedar Park Regional Medical Center

1401 Medical Pkwy., Cedar Park 512-528-7000 *cedarparkregional.com*

Central Texas Medical Center

1301 Wonder World Dr. San Marcos 512-353-8979 **ctmc.org**

Central Texas
Rehabilitation Hospital
700 W. 45th St.
512-407-2111
kindredhealthcare.com

Cornerstone Hospital chghospitals.com

- -4207 Burnet Rd. 512-706-1900
- -4681 College Park Dr., Round Rock 512-671-1100

Cross Creek Hospital
8402 Cross Park Dr.
512-549-8021
crosscreekhospital.com

Georgetown Behavioral
Health Institute
3101 S. Austin Ave., Georgetown
512-819-1100
georgetownbehavioral.com

Encompass Health Rehabilitation
Hospital of Austin
330 W. Ben White Blvd.
512-730-4800
encompasshealth.com/

Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Round Rock 1400 Hester's Crossing Rd.

Round Rock 512-244-4400

austinrehab

encompasshealth.com/ roundrockrehab

Hospital at Westlake Medical Center 5656 Bee Caves Rd.

512-327-0000 westlakemedical.com

Northwest Hills Surgical Hospital 6818 Austin Center Blvd. 512-346-1994 northwesthillssurgical.com **PAM Specialty Hospital** 200 Memorial Dr., Luling

830-875-8400 postacutemedical.com

Rock Springs

700 SE Inner Loop, Georgetown 512-819-9400 *rockspringshealth.com*

St. David's Healthcare stdavids.com

- -Heart Hospital of Austin 3801 N. Lamar Blvd. 512-407-7000
- -St. David's Georgetown Hospital 2000 Scenic Dr., Georgetown 512-943-3000
- **-St. David's Medical Center** 919 E. 32nd St. 512-476-7111
- -St. David's North Austin Medical Center 12221 N. MoPac Expy. 512-901-1000
- -St. David's Rehabilitation Hospital 919 E. 32nd St. 512-544-5100
- -St. David's Round Rock
 Medical Center
 2400 Round Rock Ave.,
 Round Rock
 512-341-1000
- -St. David's South Austin Medical Center 901 W. Ben White Blvd. 512-447-2211
- -St. David's Surgical Hospital 1201 W. Louis Henna Blvd. Round Rock 512-248-7000

Ascension Seton Healthcare Family healthcare.ascension.org

- -Dell Children's Medical Centerof Central Texas4900 Mueller Blvd.512-324-0000
- -Ascension Seton Edgar B.
 Davis Hospital
 130 Hays St., Luling
 830-875-7000
- -Ascension Dell Seton Medical Center at the University of Texas 1500 Red River St. 512-324-7000
- -Ascension Seton Medical Center Austin 1201 W. 38th St. 512-324-1000
- -Ascension Seton Medical Center Hays 6001 Kyle Pkwy., Kyle 512-504-5000
- -Ascension Seton Medical Center Williamson 201 Seton Pkwy., Round Rock 512-324-4000
- -Ascension Seton
 Northwest Hospital
 11113 Research Blvd.
 512-324-6000
- -Ascension Seton Shoal Creek Hospital 3501 Mills Ave. 512-324-2000
- -Ascension Seton Southwest Hospital 7900 FM 1826 512-324-9000
- -Ascension Seton Smithville Regional Hospital 1201 Hill Road, Smithville 512-237-3214

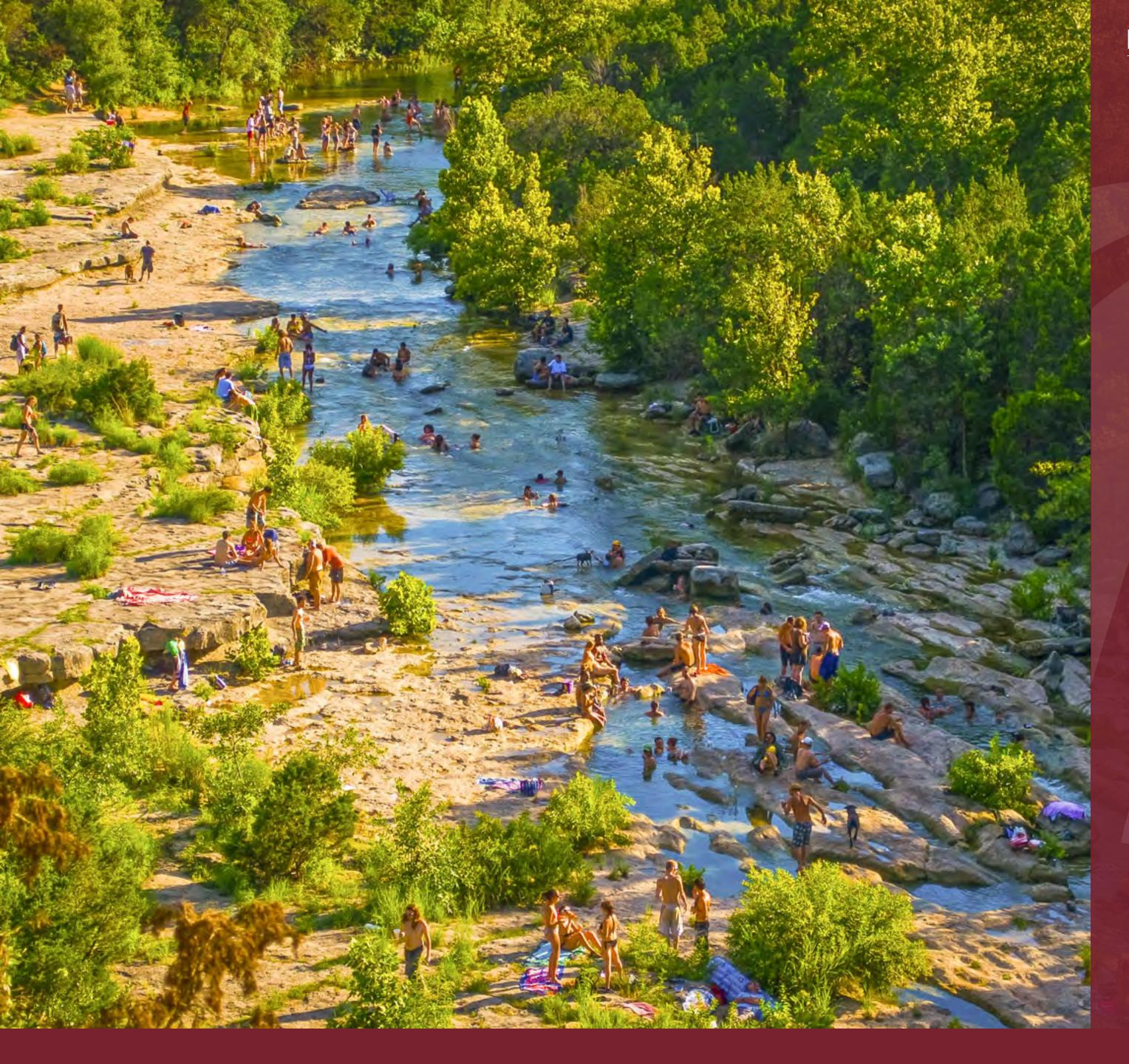
HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CENTERS

Texas Neuro-Rehab Center 1106 W. Dittmar Rd. 512-444-4835 texasneurorehab.com

Vibra Rehabilitation Hospital of Lake Travis 2000 Medical Dr., Lakeway 512-263-4500 vibrahealthcare.com

Warm Springs Rehab Hospital
5980 Kyle Pkwy., Kyle
512-262-0821
postacutemedical.com

Wellbridge San Marcos
1106 N. I-35, San Marcos
512-353-0194
wellbridgesanmarcos.com





Family Friendly

With so many great activities for kids, it's easy to see why the Live Music Capital of the World® might be the capital of family fun, too. From museums and outdoor activities, below are just a few highlights.

Austin Nature and Science Center

2389 Stratford Dr. 512-974-3888

Located inside Austin's famed Zilker
Park, the ANSC is a beautiful and exciting
outdoor park for children and families.
Kids can see live wildlife, dig for fossils at
the Dino Pit and discover hidden gems of
the landscape at the Naturalist Workshop.
The ANSC offers multiple programs for
adults as well, such as rock climbing,
caving and night canoeing. The park is
free and open until 5 p.m. daily.

Zilker Park/Barton Springs Pool

2201 Barton Springs Rd. 512-476-9044

Austin's 361-acre park is home to picnic facilities, a disc golf course, a large playground for children, the Zilker Zephyr train (great for kids/families) and Barton Springs Pool, an urban oasis where swimmers plunge into 68-degree, spring-fed waters. Parking: \$3, Pricing \$1–5. Free picnic facilities and playground.

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

4801 La Crosse Ave. 512-232-0100

Founded in 1982, the center commemorates Lady Bird Johnson's

contributions to the Hill Country environment and landscape, as well as introduces locals and visitors alike to native plants and flowers. Throughout the year, the center also welcomes families and gardening enthusiasts for events and educational sessions. Admission is \$12 for adults and free for children 4 years and under.

LBJ Presidential Library

2313 Red River St. 512-721-0200

Exhibits chronicle the political life and times of LBJ. The First Lady's Gallery highlights the legacy of Lady Bird Johnson. The collection's focus is on six decades of American history and how the Johnsons fit into those times.

Texas State Capitol

1100 Congress Ave. 512-463-4630

This sunset red edifice is the largest of America's 50 statehouses and stands 14 feet taller than the U.S. Capitol. Parking garage is located at 1201 San Jacinto Blvd. Free guided tours depart every 15 minutes from the south lobby.



ICONIC MUSIC VENUES

With more than 250 Austin establishments showcasing live music, it's hard to know where to turn. Check out a few iconic venues found below.

Austin City Limits Live at The Moody Theater (ACL Live)

310 W. Willie Nelson Blvd. 512-225-7999

Austin City Limits Live at The Moody
Theater is a state-of-the-art, 2,700+
person capacity live music venue that also
serves as the new home of the KLRU-TV
produced PBS program "Austin City
Limits," the longest running music series
in American television history. The Moody
Theater is one of two dedicated live
music venues in the country built to the
U.S. Green Building Council's LEED rated
standards of sustainability.

Antone's Nightclub

305 E. 5th St. 512-814-0361

Since first opening on Sixth Street in 1975, this club has hosted the likes of B.B. King, Buddy Guy, Eric Clapton and Stevie Ray Vaughan. Now the legendary club has moved to the corner of Fifth and Lavaca streets, but it remains the home of the blues in Austin.

The Continental Club

1315 S. Congress Ave. 512-441-2444

This is one of the city's favorite historic venues since 1957. After a short stint as a burlesque club, the Continental Club



became a favorite performance spot of such legends as Stevie Ray Vaughan, Joe Ely, Kinky Friedman and WC Clark. Upstairs, the Continental Gallery features mellow music and jazz.

Emo's Austin

2015 E. Riverside Dr. 512-693-3667

Alternative, underground, punk and indie bands have been calling this intimate venue home since 1990. With one stage inside and one in the outdoor beer garden, there's a chance to see two shows simultaneously. The walls are covered with murals, and the stool Johnny Cash perched on during his performance here is mounted on the ceiling.

The Mohawk

912 Red River St. 512-666-0877

Great indoor/outdoor venue with a large patio overlooking the main stage. This is the new hub of the Red River District; the lineup includes indie rock, electronica, metal, punk and hip hop music.

The Saxon Pub

1320 S. Lamar Blvd. 512-448-2552

This is one of the coolest venues in town. It has a "dive" atmosphere, but offers great blues, rock and country acts.

Stubb's BBQ

801 Red River St. 512-480-8341

Stubb's combines two of Austin's best features: live music and barbecue.
Sit down for a tasty dinner, and then stick around for a local band on the indoor stage or a touring band outdoors. The Sunday Gospel Brunch is also popular.

SPORTS & OUTDOORS

There's a reason Austin is often ranked one of the fittest cities in the country.

From cycling to stand-up paddle boarding, water-biking to leisurely canoe-paddling,

Austin offers an abundance of outdoor activities and sports.

Take a look at a few select locations below, and learn more about what our Sports Commission has to offer here.

Barton Creek Greenbelt

Various locations and access points across South Austin.

Barton Creek Greenbelt is an urban oasis. Its trails provide opportunity for biking, running, rock climbing, swimming and hiking.

Austin Golf Trail

11612 Bee Caves Rd. 888-588-2871

Texas' capital city is one of the country's premier golf destinations, and the Austin Golf Trail provides full-service concierge support in booking golf rounds at dozens of local courses, as well as

booking hotel accommodations and other Austin-centric activities. The one-stop golf-shop program allows golfers to book exclusive golf packages or design their own.

Barton Springs Bike Rental

1707 Barton Springs Rd. 512-480-0200

Barton Springs Bike Rental offers bike tours around Austin, including the Austin in a Nut Shell tour, The Peace Love & Zilker tour and the Rainey Street Pub Crawl Experience!

Congress Avenue Bridge Bats

100 S. Congress Ave.

Seasonal (April through October)

Austin is home to North America's largest urban bat colony; between 750,000 and 1.5 million Mexican free-tailed bats.
These nocturnal wonders emerge from under the Congress Avenue Bridge in search of insects. People watch from the top of the bridge, boats on Lady Bird Lake and local restaurants and hotels as the mammals roll out at dusk and shadow the Austin sky. This free event has become one of the most spectacular and unusual tourist attractions.



Congress Avenue Kayaks

74 Trinity St. 512-809-8916

This location caters to first-timer kayakers. Let the pros show you how! Congress Avenue Kayaks offers easy to paddle, kayaks and stand up paddle boards for rent by the hour or by the half-day on Lady Bird Lake, next to the Congress Avenue Bridge.

Lady Bird Lake/Canoe and Paddle Board Rentals

Rowing Dock, 2418 Stratford Dr. 512-459-0999

Kayak, canoe or paddle board on the clear, calm waters of Lady Bird Lake, and catch a great view of the skyline.

Lady Bird Lake Hike & Bike Trail/Stevie Ray Vaughan Memorial

Downtown, from MoPac Expressway to Pleasant Valley Road

At the south end of the Ann Richards
Congress Avenue Bridge, find access to
the Hike & Bike Trail, which winds around
Lady Bird Lake for 10 miles in the heart of
downtown. It's great for a morning walk
and is usually packed with locals, visitors
and celebrities alike. The Stevie Ray
Vaughan memorial is on the south bank
of the lake, just west of the South First
Street Bridge.

PARKS/CENTRAL

Hancock Golf Course and Recreation Center 811 E. 41st St.

Lamar Beach in Town Lake Metropolitan Park 1200 W. César Chávez St.

Pease District Park 1100 Kingsbury St.

Shoal Creek Greenbelt 2600 N. Lamar Blvd.

Waller Beach at Town Lake Metropolitan Park 30 East Ave.

PARKS/WEST

Big Walnut Creek Nature Preserve 9221 E. U.S. Hwy. 290

Commons Ford Ranch
Metropolitan Park
614 N. Commons Ford Rd.

Emma Long Metropolitan Park 1600 City Park Rd.

Hielscher Tract Greenbelt 6801 La Crosse Ave.

Lions Municipal Golf Course 2901 Enfield Rd.

Mayfield Nature Preserve 3505 W. 35th St.

Vireo Nature Preserve 1403 N. Capital of Texas Hwy.

PARKS/SOUTH

Auditorium Shores at Town Lake Metropolitan Park 900 W. Riverside Dr.

Barton Creek Greenbelt 3755 S. Capital of Texas Hwy.

Bauerle Ranch Metropolitan Park (Slaughter Creek Greenbelt) 2715 Lynnbrook Dr.

Blowing Sink Research Management Area 3705 Deer Ln.

Blunn Creek Nature Preserve 1200 St. Edward's Dr.

Butler Park at Town Lake Metropolitan Park1000 Barton Springs Rd.

Butler Shores at Town Lake Metropolitan Park 200 S. Lamar Blvd.

Circle C Ranch Metropolitan Park on Slaughter Creek 6301 W. Slaughter Ln.

Deer Park at Maple Run Preserve 4929 Davis Ln.

Dick Nichols District Park 8011 Beckett Rd.

Dittmar District Park 1009 W. Dittmar Rd.

Dove Springs District Park 5801 Ainez Dr.

Gaines Greenbelt 3918 S. Mopac Expy.

Garrison District Park 6001 Manchaca Rd.



Goat Cave Karst Nature Preserve

3900 Deer Ln.

Latta Branch Greenbelt 7910 Beckett Rd.

Mabel Davis District Park 3427 Parker Ln.

Mary Moore Searight Metropolitan Park 907 Slaughter Ln.

Onion Creek Greenbelt 7002 Onion Creek Dr.

Onion Creek Metropolitan Park 8652 Nuckols Crossing Rd.

Onion Creek Soccer Complex 5600 E. William Cannon St.

Onion Creek Wildlife Sanctuary Nature Preserve 4435 E. SH71

Roy Kizer Golf Couse 5400 Jimmy Clay Dr.

Stephenson Nature Preserve and Outdoor Education Center 7501 Longview Rd.

Williamson Creek Central Greenbelt 5120 S. 1st St.

Williamson Creek
East Greenbelt
4618 E. William Cannon Dr.

Williamson Creek West Greenbelt 6312 Brush Country Rd.

Zilker Metropolitan Park 2100 Baton Springs Rd.

Zilker Nature Preserve

301 Nature Center Dr.

PARKS/EAST

Bartholomew District Park 5201 Berkman Dr.

Boggy Creek Greenbelt 1114 Nile St.

Colony District Park 7201 Colony Loop Dr.

Colorado River Wildlife Sanctuary5827 Levander Loop

Colorado/Walnut Greenbelt 8001 Delwau Ln.





HOMEBUYERS GUIDE AUSTIN
DINING &
ENTERTAINMENT



POPULAR CUISINE

Tex-Mex has only been a household word in Texas since the mid-1900s, but this cuisine took shape many years ago as Anglo settlers and Texas ranchers attempted to recreate northern Mexican cuisine with their ingredients of choice. Dishes are heavy on the starch but provide pure bliss with a heavy mix of shredded cheeses, meat (vegetarian options too), beans, peppers, spices and flour tortillas. Austin has no shortage of Tex-Mex restaurants, and a crowd favorite dish is queso — melted cheese, seasoned and served warm as a dip for tortilla chips.



Traditionally, Texas barbecue (BBQ) involves slow cooking various meats for extended periods of time. Here in central Texas, the typical style of preparation is to rub the preferred meat with spices, then cook over indirect heat with pecan or oak wood

in a pit. Annual competitions determine the top barbeque here in Texas, and many award-winning pit masters can be found right here in Austin. In fact, in 2015, Aaron Franklin of Franklin Barbecue broke ground as the first ever pit master awarded a James Beard Award. At many of these restaurants, visitors will experience laid back, cafeteria-style vibes and should expect to get a little messy. Locals seem to know what's best.



Explore Austin's vibrant mobile food vendor scene (food trucks) — an inexpensive, popular way to dine with locals. Many food trucks and trailers have stationary locations around the city, but be sure to check each truck's calendar for special pop-up dates

and places. All over town, chefs are eschewing brick-and-mortar establishments and instead serving inexpensive, unpretentious cuisine whipped up in the back of refurbished Airstreams and concession trailers. The trend is so hot that officials estimate more than 1,000 mobile food vendors are in Austin. For more info, check out: www.austintexas.org/visit/food-and-drink/food-trucks.

CHEFS TO WATCH

- Barley Swine's Bryce Gilmore
- Emmer & Rye's Kevin Fink
- Olamaie's Michael Fojtasek
- Snow's BBQ Pitmaster Tootsie Tomanetz
- Launderette's Laura Sawicki

FOOD TOURS

For a fun and unique dining experience, check out a food tour from one of Austin's many local tour companies, such as Austin Eats Food Tours or Rocket Electrics Austin Food Tours. Both companies showcase the best of Austin's culinary scene and are guided by knowledgeable foodies.

FOOD RESOURCES

The city is home to a variety of other excellent dining guide resources, such as below:

- Austin Monthly's Best New Restaurants
- Austin American-Statesman's Best Restaurants in Austin
- Austin Chronicle's First Plate
- Do512's Best Food Trucks in Austin
- Eater Austin
- Austin Food Blogger Alliance



THE PIT

John Mueller Meat Co. 201 E. 9th St., Georgetown blackboxbbq.com

La Barbecue 2027 E. César Chávez *labarbecue.com*

Louie Mueller Barbecue 206 W. 2nd St., Taylor *louiemuellerbarbecue.com*

Stiles Switch BBQ & Brew 6610 N. Lamar Blvd. stilesswitchbbq.com

Stubb's Bar-B-Q 801 Red River stubbsaustin.com

FANCY FARE

Jacoby's Mercantile 3235 E. César Chávez St. jacobysaustin.com

Lenoir 1807 S. 1st St. *lenoirrestaurant.com*

Parkside301 E. 6th St.

parkside-austin.com

Vespaio 1610 S. Congress Ave. *austinvespaio.com*

MEXICAN WITH A TWIST

Chuy's

Several locations around town *chuys.com*

Maudie's
Several locations around town
maudies.com

El Arroyo 1624 W. 5th St. *elarroyo.com*

El Mercado 1302 S. 1st 1702 Lavaca St. and 7414 Burnet Rd. elmercadorestaurant.com

Trudy'sSeveral locations around town
901 Little Texas Ln. C *trudys.com*

Matt's El Rancho 2613 S. Lamar Blvd. mattselrancho.com

Fonda San Miguel 2330 W. N. Loop Blvd. **fondasanmiguel.com**

Curra's Grill 614 E. Oltorf St. currasgrill.com

El Chile Café y Cantina 1809 Manor Rd. elchilecafe.com

Juan in a Million 2300 E. Cesar Chavez St. juaninamillion.com

La Condesa 400 W. 2nd St. *lacondesa.com*

Polvos 2004 S. 1st St. and 14735 Bratton Ln., Ste 205 polvosaustin.com

ASIAN-INSPIRED EATERIES

Top Chef: Texas winner chef
Paul Qui owns the popular East
Side King (*eastsideking.com*), with
trailers around East Austin and
brick-and-mortar locations near
the University of Texas campus
and on South Lamar.

Elizabeth Street Café 1501 S. 1st St. **elizabethstreetcafe.com**

Ramen Tatsu-Ya
8557 Research Blvd. #126 and
1234 S. Lamar Blvd.
1600 E. 6th St.
ramen-tatsuya.com

Komé

5301 Airport Blvd. #100 *kome-austin.com*

Shanghai Chinese Restaurant 6718 Middle Fiskville Rd.

Sway 1417 S. 1st St. **swaythai.com**

The Clay Pit (Indian) 1601 Guadalupe St. *claypit.com*

Koriente 621 E. 7th St. *koriente.com*

Korea House Restaurant & Sushi Bar

2700 W. Anderson Ln., Ste. 501 *koreahouseaustin.com*

Pho Van 8557 Research Blvd., Ste. 120 Uchiko

4200 N. Lamar Blvd. *uchikoaustin.com*

PIZZA PIES

Home Slice Pizza 1415 S. Congress Ave. **homeslicepizza.com**

Bufalina 1519 E. Cesar Chavez St. **bufalinapizza.com**

East Side Pies 1401 Rosewood Ave. 5312 Airport, Ste. G and

13265 N. Hwy. 183, Ste. B *eastsidepies.com*

The Backspace507 San Jacinto Blvd. *thebackspace-austin.com*

Pieous166 Hargraves Dr.

facebook.com/Pieous

Tittle Deli & Pizzeria
7101 Woodrow Ave.

Iittledeliandpizza.com

Mangia 12001 Burnet Rd., Ste. D mangiapizza.com

Southside Flying Pizza
2206 S. Congress Ave. and
1224 S. Lamar Blvd.
11600 Mancheca Rd., A
southsideflyingpizza.com

Via 313 Pizza
1802 E. 6th St.
700 W. 6th St.
61 Rainey St. (at Craft Pride)
3016 Guadalupe St., Ste. 100 and
6705 U.S. Hwy. 290, #503
via313.com

DINING & ENTERTAINMENT



UNBEATABLE BURGERS

Hop-doddy Burger Bar 1400 S. Congress, Ste. 190A **hopdoddy.com**

Casino El Camino 517 E. 6th St. **casinoelcamino.net**

Sandy's 603 Barton Springs Rd.

P. Terry's Burger Stand
Multiple locations
pterrys.com

Counter Café
626 N. Lamar Blvd. and
1914 E. 6th St.
countercafe.com

24 Diner 600 N. Lamar Blvd. **24diner.com**

Gourdough's Public House 2700 S. Lamar Blvd. *gourdoughs.com*

Dan's Hamburgers 844 Airport Blvd. 4308 Manchaca Rd. and 5602 N. Lamar Blvd. dans-hamburgers.com

Dirty Martin's 2808 Guadalupe St. **dirtymartins.com**

Top Notch Hamburgers 7525 Burnet Rd. **topnotchaustin.com**

Hat Creek Burger Co.

Several locations around town *hatcreekburgers.com*

Shady Grove1624 Barton Springs Rd. **theshadygrove.com**

ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS

Across Austin there are many neighborhoods and entertainment districts, each with their own unique character and filled with many things to do, eat and drink.

South Congress (SoCo) District

Just south of Lady Bird Lake, "SoCo" is a vibrant and walkable Austin neighborhood packed with eclectic boutiques, murals, eateries and music venues. Pick up a pair of boots at Allens, or discover something new at Parts & Labour.

6th Street District

For nightlife stroll down Austin's most famous street for more than a dozen blocks of restaurants, bars and live music venues including Maggie Mae's, Parish, Midnight Cowboy and Shakespeare's Pub.

West Sixth Street Entertainment District

Head west on Sixth Street from Lavaca to Lamar to shop and dine at Austin's most iconic home-grown retailers, eateries and dives including the flagship Whole Foods Market, Waterloo Records, Ranch 616, Dirty Bill's, BookPeople and more.

Red River Cultural District

From big-name acts to local icons, Red River Street rocks with the sounds of the Live Music Capital of the World®. Stroll from venue to venue to tune into a diverse showcase of sounds. Dance the night away at Empire Control Room, dive into the local scene at the Sidewinder, see your favorite touring band at Mohawk or party it up at Cheer Up Charlies.

Rainey Street Historic District

Rainey Street has a laid-back vibe and is home to a row of converted bungalows that provide an only-in-Austin live music and bar experience. Roam the district to find local craft beers at Craft Pride, top shelf cocktails at Half Step, award-winning cuisine at Emmer & Rye, artisan sausages at Banger's and food trucks of every flavor.

Warehouse District

The industrial Warehouse District rests in the heart of downtown Austin. Sip on craft cocktails at upscale bars such as Peché and Garage, dance the night away on Rainbow Row at Oilcan Harry's or Rain, and relax with some local music at Cedar Street Courtyard or Speakeasy.

2nd Street District

Keep things local at some of Austin's newest retail shops and boutiques in the 2nd Street District. Upscale coffee-houses, wine bars and restaurants rest between favorites including Violet Crown Cinema, Eliza Page and the first brick-and-mortar ModCloth.

South Austin

South Austin is a fresh taste of old Waterloo. A mix of quaint and contemporary houses, long-running vintage shops and eateries by some of the city's top up-and-comers populate this lively nook of town. Visit expansive Zilker Park, stop by the Long Center or ZACH Theatre for a performance or explore everything from coffee shops to art galleries on South First Street.

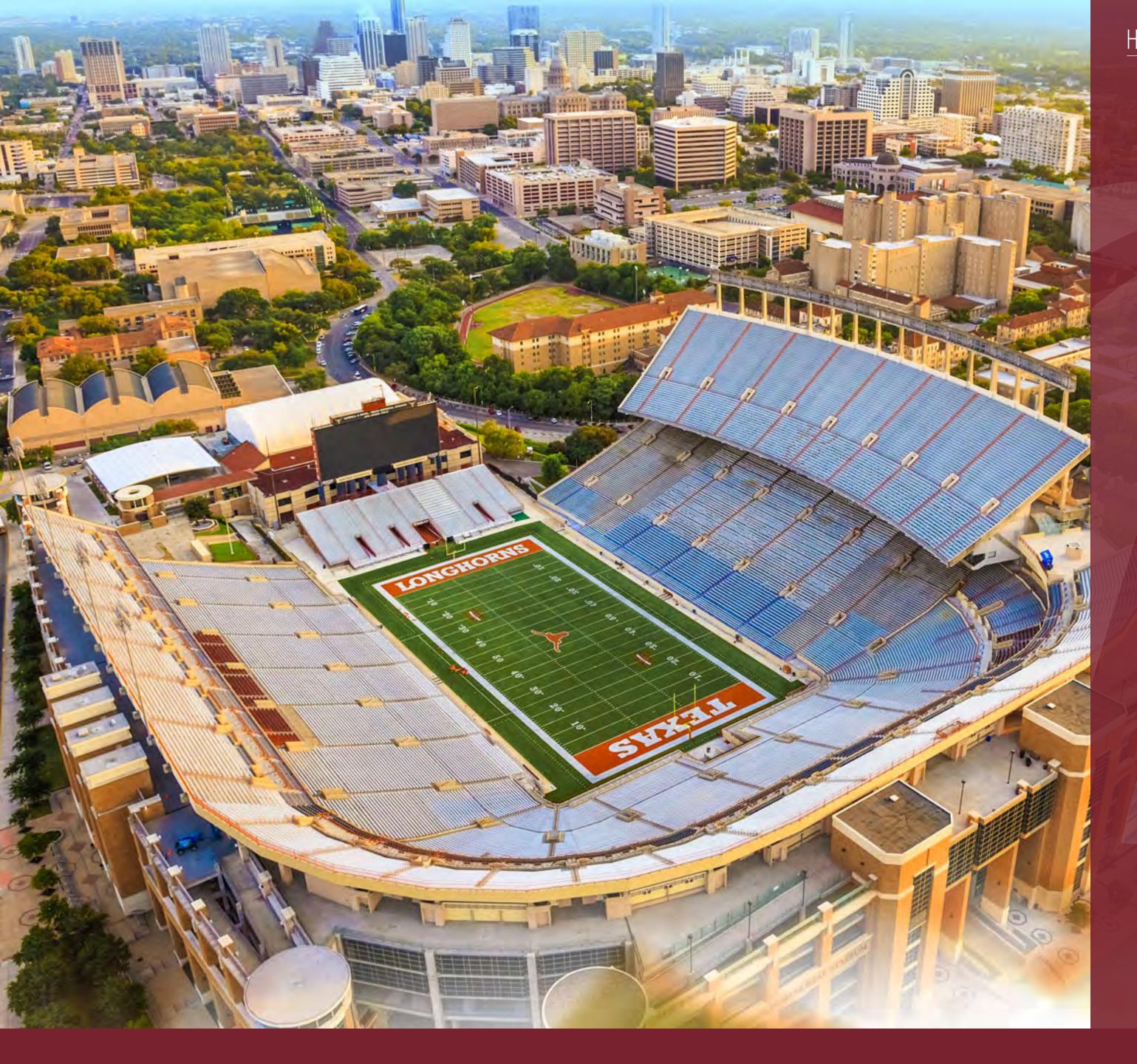
East Austin

Head to East Austin to experience one of the fastest-growing and most alternative areas in town.
Roam East Sixth Street for quirky bars and graffiti-style murals, taste some of the biggest flavors in town on East Cesar Chavez and don't miss Six Square, the city's African American Cultural District, for a tour of the city's most historic cultural attractions.

DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

Central Austin

Just ten minutes north of downtown, near the sprawling University of Texas at Austin campus, Central Austin is quickly becoming home to some of Austin's best local eateries and shops. Cafes and vintage thrift stores rest comfortably between quaint neighborhood homes and bars along the North Loop and Burnet Roads.



HOMEBUYERS GUIDE AUSTIN
SPORTS IN
AUSTIN



Ask any Austinite about their favorite sport and you'll hear anything from football to cycling.

It's no secret that this is a sports town, and we have the world-class facilities to prove it. Austin has hosted events for almost every sport you can think of, including Formula 1 United States Grand Prix, World Golf Championships — Dell Technologies Match Play, X Games, Red Bull MotoGP Grand Prix of the Americas, AVP Beach Volleyball, IronMan 70.3, USA Volleyball Boys National Championships, NCAA Women's Swimming and Diving National Championships, the Davis Cup and so many more. For more information, please visit www.visitaustin.org/sports-commission.

AUSTIN REVS ITS ENGINE

Circuit of The Americas™ is a multi-purpose facility that hosts the most prestigious racing events in the world, including the Formula 1 United States Grand Prix. It is the first purpose-built Grand Prix facility in the U.S. With a 3.4-mile circuit track, capacity for 120,000 fans and an elevation change of 133 feet, the facility is designed for any and all classes of racing — from motor power to human power. Visitor attractions include an expansive live entertainment amphitheater space that holds 14,000, a 40,000-sq. ft. state-of-the-art conference and media center and more.

Annual Events at Circuit of The Americas™

- Formula 1 United States Grand Prix
- MotoGP™ Red Bull Grand Prix of the Americas
- U.S. Vintage National Championships
- FIA World Rallycross Championship

NOTABLE SPORTING VENUES

Austin Convention Center

The Center offers 247,052 square feet of column-free exhibit space.

Cedar Park Center

Home of the 2014 AHL Champion Texas Star and NBDL's Austin's Spurs. Capacity: 8,500

Circuit of The Americas™

Home of the F1 Race, Moto GP, concerts and much more. Capacity: 120,000

Darrell K. Royal Texas Memorial Stadium

at the University of Texas at Austin. Capacity: 100,119

Dell Diamond

Home of the Round Rock Express minor league baseball team. Capacity: 10,000

Frank Erwin Center

at the University of Texas at Austin. Capacity: 16,734

Lee & Joe Jamail Texas Swim Center

at the University of Texas at Austin, offers a 50-meter pool and 18-foot diving well.

Mike A. Myers Stadium

at the University of Texas at Austin. Capacity: 20,000

UFCU Disch-Falk Field

at the University of Texas at Austin. Capacity: 6,756

NOTABLE SPORTING EVENTS

- Austin Marathon
- Labor Day Cup (Lonestar Soccer Club)
- University of Texas at Austin Football
- Rodeo Austin (4th largest indoor ProRodeo in the world)
- World Golf Championships Dell Technologies Match Play
- Texas Relays
- 3M Half Marathon
- AVP Beach Volleyball Austin Open
- FCBEscola Training Academy
- Professional Bull Riders Wrangler's Long Live Cowboys Classic
- Statesman Cap10K





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GOLF
COURSES



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PRIVATE

Austin Country Club

4408 Long Champ Dr. Austin, Texas 78746-1162

Balcones Country Club, Balcones

8600 Balcones Club Dr. Austin, Texas 78750-3002

Barton Creek, Crenshaw Cliffside

8212 Barton Club Dr. Austin, Texas 78735

Barton Creek, Fazio Canyons

8511 Carranzo Dr. Austin, Texas 78735 **Barton Creek, Fazio Foothills**

8511 Carranzo Dr. Austin, Texas 78735

Great Hills Country Club

5914 Lost Horizon Dr. Austin, Texas 78759-6213

The Hills of Lakeway

26 Club Estates Pkwy. Austin, Texas 78738

Lost Creek Country Club

2612 Lost Creek Blvd. Austin, Texas 78746-7150 **Onion Creek Club, North 18**

2510 Onion Creek Pkwy. Austin, Texas 78747-1612

Onion Creek Club, Original 9

2510 Onion Creek Pkwy. Austin, Texas 78747-1612

River Place Country Club

4207 River Place Blvd. Austin, Texas 78730-3507

University of Texas Golf Club

2200 University Club Dr. Austin, Texas 78732-1999

PUBLIC

Avery Ranch Golf Club

10500 Avery Club Dr. Austin, Texas 78717-3825

Balcones Country Club, Spicewood

8600 Balcones Club Dr. Austin, Texas 78750-3002

Bluebonnet Hill Golf Course

9100 Decker Ln. Austin, Texas 78724-1716

Butler Park Pitch & Putt Golf Course

201 Lee Barton Dr. Austin, Texas 78704-1023

Falconhead Golf Club

15201 Falcon Head Blvd. Austin, Texas 78738-6515

Grey Rock Golf Club

7401 State Highway 45 Austin, Texas 78739-1901

Hancock Golf Course

811 E. 41st St. Austin, Texas 78751-4326 **Harvey Penick Golf Campus**

5501 Ed Bluestein Blvd. Austin, Texas 78723-5600

Jimmy Clay-Roy Kizer Municipal Golf Courses, Clay

5400 Jimmy Clay Dr. Austin, Texas 78744-4600

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5400 Jimmy Clay Dr. Austin, Texas 78744-4600

Lion's Municipal Golf Course

2901 Enfield Rd. Austin, Texas 78703-3603

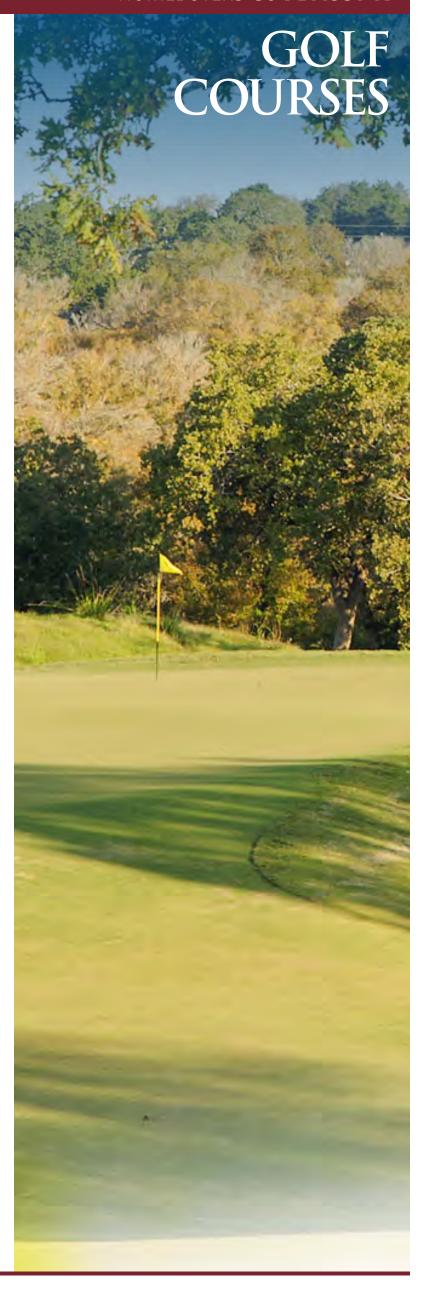
Morris Williams Golf Course

3851 Manor Rd. Austin, Texas 78723-5901

Riverside Golf Course

1020 Grove Blvd. Austin, Texas 78741-3337







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SHOPPING



Austin has a retail scene that satiates everything from high-end luxury needs to local, authentic cowboy boots and eclectic finds. For a full listing of local Austin shops and districts, check out our shopping roundup.

2nd Street District

Second to Fourth Street, between Colorado and Guadalupe Streets.

This is Austin's first downtown, pedestrian retail shopping area. Highlights include Jo's Coffee, Rae Cosmetics, Milk + Honey Spa, Eliza Page and the first ever brick-and-mortar Modcloth.

The Domain

11410 Century Oaks Terrace

In a town square atmosphere, the north Austin retail development offers 700,000-square feet of restaurants and luxury fashion, including Austin's first Neiman-Marcus, Tiffany and Co., Barney's CO-OP, Louis Vuitton and Intermix.

Lamar and Fifth Street

Intersection of Lamar Boulevard and Fifth Street

The strip of Lamar just north of Lady Bird Lake is home to Whole Foods' 80,000-square-foot flagship store as well as famed independent stores such as BookPeople and Waterloo Records. Take a stroll down Lamar and discover local storefronts intermixed with quirky retailers.

South First Street

South First Street between Barton Springs and Oltorf

Come explore the best of Austin's vintage and off-the-beaten path retailers. Not limited to retail, South First is home to multiple food trailer lots as well as brick-and-mortar restaurants. From designer vintage to neon art, South First is the heart of local shopping.

South Congress Avenue

Congress Avenue between Academy and Oltorf

The strip of South Congress just below Lady Bird Lake sees politicos, hipsters and students come together to visit antique shops, eclectic restaurants and vintage retailers. This has become the essential "hip strip" of the city.

Austin Area Malls

The Arboretum

10000 Research Blvd. *thearboretum.com*

Barton Creek Square

2901 S. Capital of Texas Hwy. simon.com/mall/barton-creek-square

The Domain®

11410 Century Oaks Terrace *simon.com/mall/the-domain*

Gateway Shopping Center

9607 Research Blvd. *gatewayshoppingcenters.com*

Hill Country Galleria

12700 Hill Country Blvd., Bee Cave *hillcountrygalleria.com*

Lakeline® Mall

11200 Lakeline Mall Dr., Cedar Park simon.com/mall/lakeline-mall

Lakeline Plaza

11066 Pecan Park Blvd., Cedar Park **shoplakelineplaza.com**

Round Rock Premium Outlets®

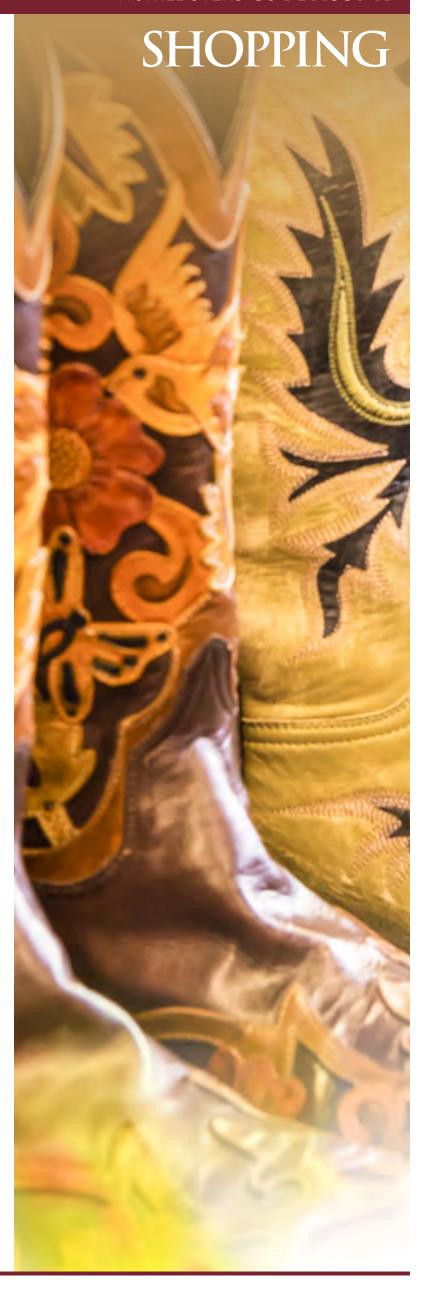
4401 I-35 N., Round Rock *premiumoutlets.com/outlet/round-rock*

San Marcos Premium Outlets®

3939 I-35 S., San Marcos *premiumoutlets.com/outlet/san-marcos*

The Shops at Arbor Walk

10515 N. MoPac Expy. *shopsatarborwalk.com*





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Austin boasts a variety of fine arts, museums and galleries for the local artist.

Asian American Resource Center 8401 Cameron Rd. 512-974-1700 austintexas.gov/aarc

Blanton Museum of Art

200 E. MLK Jr. Blvd.512-471-5482blantonmuseum.org

The Contemporary
Austin — The Jones Center
700 Congress Ave.
512-453-5312

thecontemporaryaustin.org

The Contemporary
Austin — Laguna Gloria
3809 W. 35th St.
512-458-8191
thecontemporaryaustin.org

Austin History Center

810 Guadalupe St. 512-974-7480 *library.austintexas.gov/ahc*

Austin Nature and Science Center 2389 Stratford Dr. 512-974-3888 austintexas.gov/department/austin-nature-and-science-center

Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum

1800 Congress Ave 512-936-8746 *thestoryoftexas.com*

Dolph Briscoe Center for American History

2300 Red River St. 512-495-4518 *cah.utexas.edu*

Dougherty Arts Center

1110 Barton Springs Rd. 512-974-4000 *austintexas.gov/dac*

Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center

600 River St. 512-974-3772 *austintexas.gov/esbmacc*

Elisabet Ney Museum

304 E. 44th St. 512-974-1625 austintexas.gov/elisabetney

French Legation Museum

802 San Marcos St.
512-463-7948
thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/
french-legation-state-historic-site

George Washington Carver Museum

1165 Angelina St. 512-974-4926 austintexas.gov/carvermuseum

Harry Ransom Center

300 W. 21st St. 512-471-8944 *hrc.utexas.edu*

Lester E. Palmer Events Center

900 Barton Springs Rd. 512-404-4500 palmereventscenter.com **Lyndon Baines Johnson Library** and **Museum**

2313 Red River St. 512-721-0200 *Ibjlibrary.org*

Mexic-Arte Museum

419 Congress Ave. 512-480-9373 *mexic-artemuseum.org*

O. Henry Museum

409 E. 5th St.
512-974-1398

austintexas.gov/department/
o-henry-museum

Republic of Texas Museum

510 E. Anderson Ln.
512-339-1997
drtinfo.org/preservation/drt-properties/
republic-of-texas-museum

Texas Memorial Museum

2400 Trinity St. 512-471-1604 *tmm.utexas.edu*

Texas Military Forces Museum

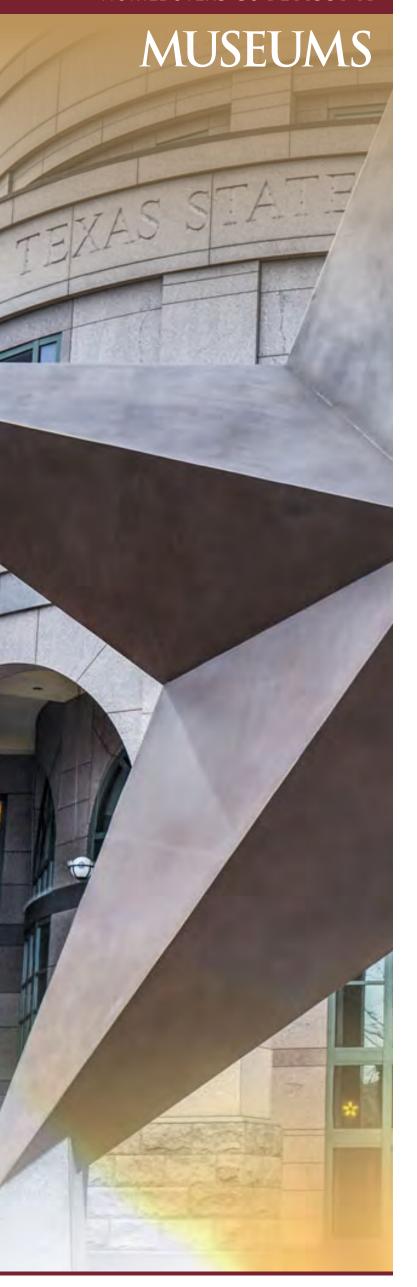
2200 W. 35th St., Bldg. 6 512-782-5659 texasmilitaryforcesmuseum.org

The Thinkery

1830 Simond Ave. 512-469-6200 *thinkeryaustin.org*

Umlauf Sculpture Garden and Museum

605 Azie Morton Rd. 512-445-5582 *umlaufsculpture.org*





HOMEBUYERS GUIDE AUSTIN THEATRE



Austin has a vibrant performing arts scene showcasing award-winning productions and venues.

Bass Concert Hall Performing Arts Center

2350 Robert Dedman Dr. 512-471-2787

texasperformingarts.org/visit/venues/bass-concert-hall

Mary Moody Northen Theatre at St. Edward's University

3001 S. Congress Ave. 512-448-8484

stedwards.edu/mary-moody-northen-theatre

The Hideout Theatre

617 Congress Ave. 512-443-3688

hideouttheatre.com

Hyde Park Theatre

511 W. 43rd St. 512-479-7529

hydeparktheatre.org

The Long Center for the Performing Arts

701 W. Riverside Dr. 512-457-5100 *thelongcenter.org*

The Paramount Theatre

713 Congress Ave. 512-472-5470 *austintheatre.org*

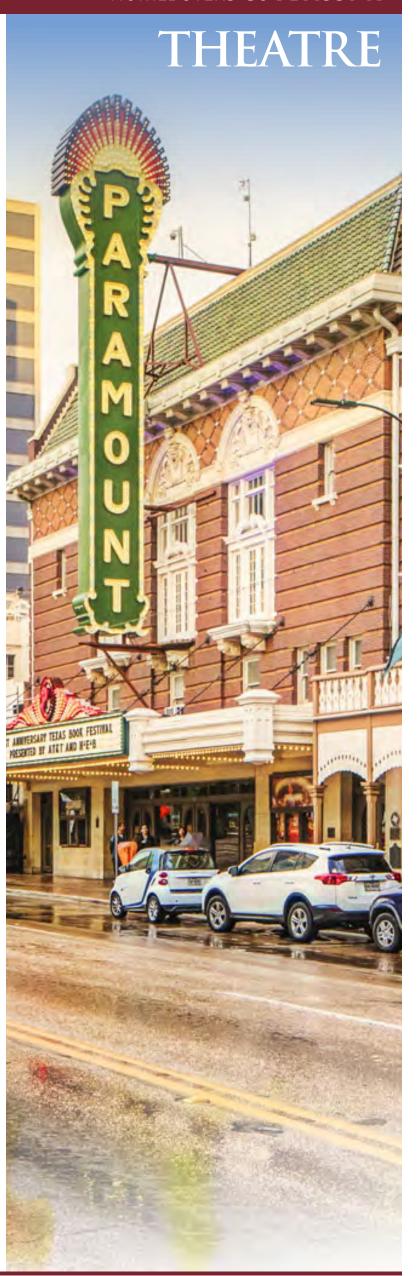
UT's Bates Recital Hall

2406 Robert Dedman Dr. 512-471-2787

texasperformingarts.org/visit/venues/bates-recital-hall

Topfer Theatre at ZACH

202 S. Lamar Blvd. 512-476-0541 *zachtheatre.org*





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COFFEE,
BAKERIES AND
DESSERTS



Austin is home to an eclectic mix of coffee shops, trailers and hipster bakeries as unique as the city.

85°C Bakery Café 6929 Airport Blvd. #197 **85cbakerycafe.com**

Amy's Ice Creams
1301 S. Congress Ave.
Multiple locations
amysicecreams.com

Bakery Lorraine
11600 Rock Rose St. #100
bakerylorraine.com

Baguette et Chocolat 12101 FM 2244 **baguetteetchocolat.com**

Brentwood Social House 1601 W. Koenig Ln. brentwoodsocial.com

Caffé Medici

Several locations around town 200 Congress Ave., Suite #2B *caffemedici.com*

Capital City Bakery 2211 E. Cesar Chavez St. *capitalcitybakery.com*

Cenote

1010 E. Cesar Chavez St. *cenoteaustin.com*

Cherrywood Coffeehouse 1400 E. 38th-1/2 St. cherrywoodcoffeehouse.com

Epoch Coffee

Several locations around town 221 W. N. Loop Blvd. *epochcoffee.com*

Fleet Coffee Co. 2427 Webberville Rd. fleetcoffee.com

Flightpath Coffee House
5011 Duval St.
flightpathcoffeehouse.com

Hank's
5811 Berkman Dr. #100
hanksaustin.com

Holy Roller 509 Rio Grande St. **holyrolleraustin.com**

Houndstooth Coffee
Several locations around town
4200 N. Lamar Blvd., Ste. 120
houndstoothcoffee.com

Jo's Coffee 1300 S. Congress Ave. joscoffee.com

Lick Honest Ice Creams
Several locations around town
1100 S. Lamar, #1135
ilikelick.com

La Mexicana Bakery 1924 S. 1st St.

lamexicanabakeryaustin.com

La Patisserie 602 W. Annie St. *Ipaustin.com*

Mozart's Coffee Roasters 3825 Lake Austin Blvd. mozartscoffee.com Nate's Baked Goods & Coffee 401 Orchard St. natesbakedaustin.com

Paris in a Bite
3801 N. Capital of Texas Hwy.,
Suite D-180
parisinabite.com

Patika 2159 S. Lamar Blvd. patikacoffee.com

Quack's 43rd Street Bakery 411 E. 43rd St. quacksbakery.com

Radio Coffee & Beer 4204 Manchaca Rd. radiocoffeeandbeer.com

Seventh Flag Coffee Co. 1506 South First St.

Spider House Café 2908 Fruth St. **spiderhouseatx.com**

Summer Moon Coffee Bar 3115 S. 1st St., Suite 1B Multiple locations woodfiredcoffee.com

Swedish Hill Bakery Café & Deli 1120 W. 6th St. swedishhillaustin.com

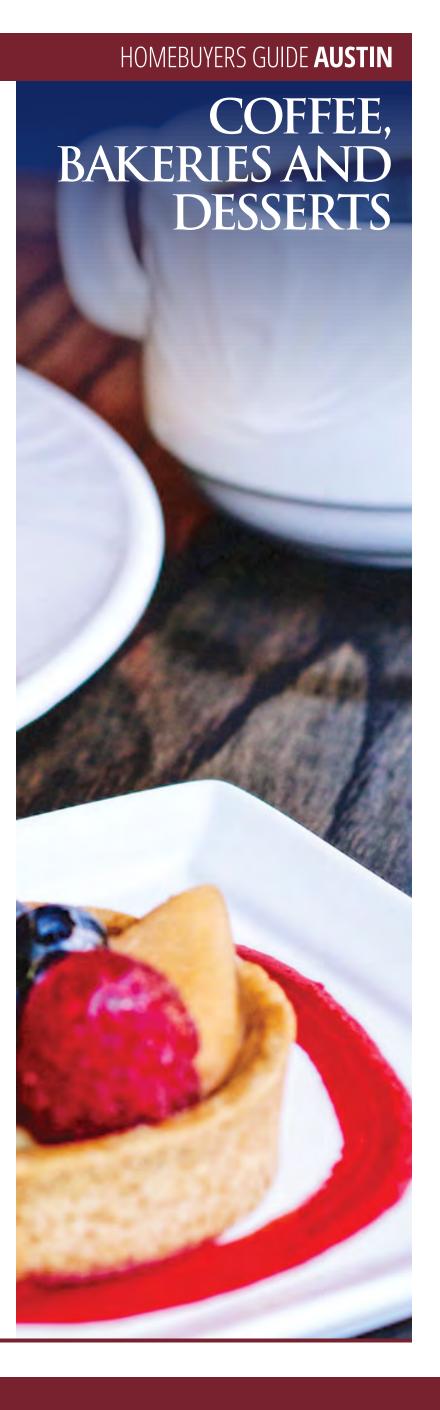
Thunderbird CoffeeSeveral locations around town
2200 Manor Rd. *thunderbirdcoffee.com*

Tiff's Treats1806 Nueces St.
Multiple locations **cookiedelivery.com**

Tous Les Jours 6808 N. Lamar Blvd. B-115 *tljus.com*

Upper Crust Bakery 4508 Burnet Rd. *uppercrustbakery.com*

Zucchini Kill Bakery 701 E. 53rd St. **zucchinikill.com**





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Austin's Central Library was among the 5 world finalists for best new library in 2018. (Statesman)

Central Library

710 W. César Chávez St. 512-974-7400

Austin History Center

810 Guadalupe St. 512-974-7480

Carver Branch

1161 Angelina St. 512-974-1010

Cepeda Branch

651 N. Pleasant Valley Rd. 512-974-7372

Hampton Branch at Oak Hill

5125 Convict Hill Rd. 512-974-9900

Howson Branch

2500 Exposition Blvd. 512-974-8800

Little Walnut Creek Branch

835 W. Rundberg Ln. 512-974-9860

Manchaca Road Branch

5500 Manchaca Rd. 512-974-8700

Milwood Branch

12500 Amherst Dr. 512-974-9880

North Village Branch

2505 Steck Ave. 512-974-9960

Old Quarry Branch

7051 Village Center Dr. 512-974-8860

Recycled Reads Bookstore

5335 Burnet Rd. 512-974-7460

Recycled Reads Gift Shop

710 W. César Chávez St., 2nd Floor 512-974-9676

Ruiz Branch

1600 Grove Blvd. 512-974-7500

St. John Branch

7500 Blessing Ave. 512-974-7570

Southeast Branch

5803 Nuckols Crossing Rd. 512-974-8840

Spicewood Springs Branch

8637 Spicewood Springs Rd. 512-974-3800

Terrazas Branch

1105 E. César Chávez St. 512-974-3625

Twin Oaks Branch

1800 S. Fifth St. 512-974-9980

University Hills Branch

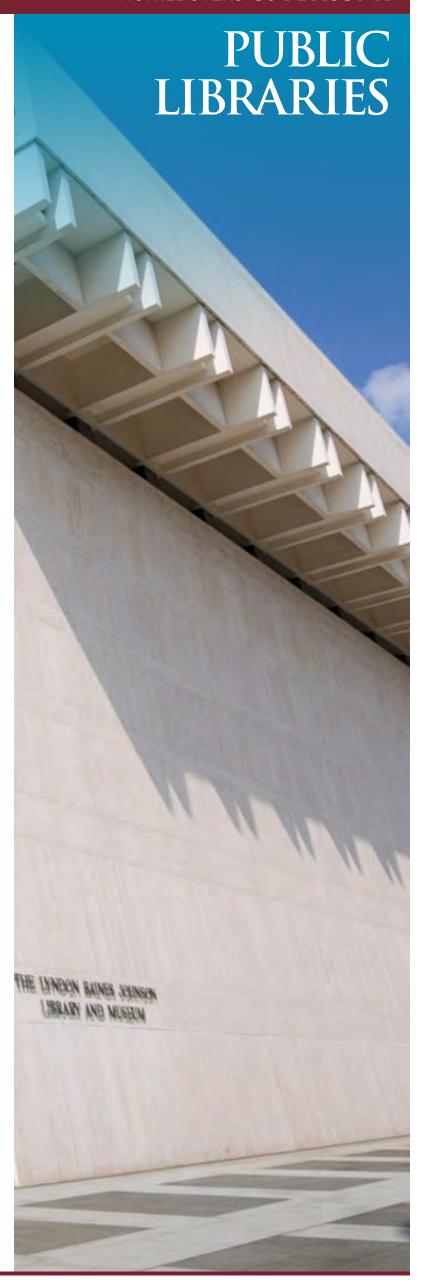
4721 Loyola Ln. 512-974-9940

Willie Mae Kirk Branch

3101 Oak Springs Dr. 512-974-9920

Yarborough Branch

2200 Hancock Dr. 512-974-8820



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