

Battle Bend Springs GAZETTE

Hello Neighbors!

Spring has sprung and the bluebonnets are out in full force. This time of year seems ripe with possibilities, so what better time to have our first official meeting of the year?

I am one of a fresh faced group of homeowners who are motivated to build on the community organization that our predecessors - Ray, Mario, Greg and fellow neighbors created over the years. We're very grateful for their work and are excited to take the baton and breathe some new energy into the neighborhood.

Please join us in helping make Battle Bend Springs a beautiful, welcoming, fun and community focused environment for all of us. If you have any questions, thoughts or concerns please feel free to contact me at the **battlebendsprings@gmail.com** or stop by our next meeting. Hope to see you all there.

- BEN STEINBAUER, PRESIDENT

Community Feedback

We'd love to hear your thoughts about life in Battle Bend Springs! This survey touches on amenities, safety, and community events. Your feedback is key to helping us understand our community better and we're grateful for your participation.

For handwritten survey lovers, please pick-up a hard copy from 809 Battle Bend Blvd and return by 4/20 or bring to the Williamson Creek Greenbelt Clean-up and hand it to Leilani.

For digital ease, please visit: **bit.ly/4awmjFe** or scan the code below



We ask that all surveys are completed by Saturday, April 20th.

Next Meeting:

**Wednesday, April 24, 2024
6-8PM @ St. Elmo Brewing**

Here's what to expect:

- New Battle Bend Springs Board Member Intros
- Our 2024 Neighborhood Focuses:
 - Communication
 - Community Engagement
 - Common Spaces
- Key Discussion Topics
 - Intro to the new BBS Website
 - Battle Bend Survey: Early Results
 - 4th of July Neighborhood Gathering
 - What to know about the Williamson Creek Encampment
 - Highlights from our Creek Clean-up event on 4/20
 - Yard of the Month initiative
 - Welcome to the Neighborhood initiative
- Open Forum for attendees

Contact us:

battlebendsprings@gmail.com

Important Contact Info

APD District Representative for BBS - Officer Michael Crossen.....	512-974-6232
City of Austin Homeless Strategy Office - Raven Rojas.....	Raven.Rojas@austintexas.gov
Texas Child/Disabled/Elderly Abuse Hotline.....	(800) 252-5400
Safe Place (Sexual & Domestic Violence Shelter) www.safeplace.org.....	(512) 267-7233 (267-SAFE)
Emergency Police & Fire & Ambulance Service.....	911
Non-Emergency Service & Contact Point for Every City Department.....	311
Call Before You Dig.....	811

Meet The New Board



Ben Steinbauer, President

I am a proud husband to Katie and father to Poppy and Mo. Chances are we've met around the neighborhood as I love talking to people I meet on walks. I've lived in BBS since August of 2020 and my main goal for the neighborhood is to create community. I want to accomplish three things while on the board - institute a welcome committee, grow the neighborhood group and organize a monthly park cleanup.



Joanna Rogerson, Vice President

As a resident of Battle Bend since 2018, the reason I ran for the position is to continue to make the neighborhood a safe and supportive community. My goal will be to strengthen positive, in-person connections between Battle Bend families. And then to leverage those connections to give back to its infrastructure, people, and green-spaces.



Duck Margalis, Secretary

My goal in this position is to help connect the community digitally, as well as in person. There's always room for more interactivity, mutual aid and genuine connection among communities. I'd love to help facilitate that here, with the rest of the Battle Bend Springs neighborhood group. You can probably find me in my garden, excited to chat about the beauty of growing your own food, low waste living and anything sustainability.



Ted Muething, Treasurer

I've lived on Fort Drum Dr. with my wife, Jordan, three year-old daughter, Nora, and eleven year-old pup, Willie, since September 2020. While both originally from Ohio, Jordan and I have called Austin home for more than a decade and love the feeling of community and pride that makes Battle Bend Springs a special place to live and raise a family. I'm always game to chat about gardening, the UT Longhorns, Austin FC, and the Cincinnati Bengals.



Creek Clean up

Join your neighbors and the South Austin Creek Alliance on **Saturday, April 20th from 9-11a** for a community cleanup event along our stretch of the creek!

In honor of Keep Austin Beautiful Day, a city-wide day of service where volunteers come together to make a positive impact, we are uniting to remove litter, restore native habitats, and beautify our neighborhood.

- To sign-up this event, please visit: <https://bit.ly/3voucOf> or scan the code below:



+ Our Newest At Large Members:

- Leilani Ching
- Mario Cantu
- Stuart Frazier