



The Estates at Austin Trail

August 2019



President **Tim Paulus**

For those that don't know me, I assumed the position of President for the board at the beginning of last year. My wife Julie and I have six children from 18 to 8 years old, and have lived in Bee Caves for approximately 3 years. Our homes and neighborhood are valuable financially and for our tranquility. My goal is to maintain and grow both.

Thank you Joe Juarez! With the passing of the baton last year, Joe Juarez has retired from the post of President after several years of successfully managing the board. Thank you Joe for all you did and the legacy of leadership you left. The board is extremely grateful for Joe's leadership and support.

Knowing it is fall, this typically means we have a Fall Festival. The board has decided to postpone the festivities again in 2019 to direct the money to planting trees. The community event will resume in 2020. We felt it was a priority to bring value to our homes and benefit our community.





Trees!

Landscape Committee: [Andy Gordon](#)

Twenty-one trees were planted at two of our entrances and up by the windmill to fill in holes from dead and dying trees. This took many weeks of planning by the team to consider trees that would stand resilient to our Texas heat and disease. In addition, we had to consider how much to spend, how to water them, who to buy from, and when to plant. Know that we invested approximately \$7000 of the community budget to purchase and plant the trees and set up the watering systems. Proper planning from the board allowed for this expense. We are considerate of our communities annual dues and kept within the budget. This includes Red Cedars, Live Oaks, Crate Myrtle, and Bald and sprinkler systems to support them.

Sprinklers System

Sprinkler Committee [Steve Preston](#)

Over the years, the watering system has taken a beating from road construction, Texas Gumbo soil movements, tree roots, and just generally being worn out. One person has taken the lead to fix all the electrical and mechanical problems and that is Steve Preston. Steve has saved you thousands of dollars in water bills and repairs by working throughout the various problems. He dug up old lines and re-mapped the entire system by himself. This was no easy task for sure but your neighbor, Steve, has taken his own personal time and effort to make this happen. **Thank you Steve!**



Budget & Due's

Finance Committee **Janet Tallabay**

Janet has done a fantastic job doing something that would be kin to “nails against the chalkboard” for most of us. Managing our budget takes time and presenting them at the monthly meeting is tedious; however, Janet’s system of record keeping makes it look easy, and we appreciate what she does.

HOA Dues: One of the more challenging issues is collecting all the HOA dues. We ask that you all are prompt in paying the dues so Janet doesn’t have to spend so much time collecting them.

Unplanned Expense: We had one unplanned expense, and it was due to a leak in our watering system. We give our thanks to Steve for finding and fixing the many leaks in our watering system and saving us even more money!



Building

Architectural Control Committee **Andy Fulton**

Andy Fulton Joined the board and recently took over the Architectural Control Committee. If you have a building project, please submit plans to Andy for approval before starting the project. We want to make sure the guidelines of our community are followed to ensure we maintain the lovely nature of our neighborhood.



Violations

Violation Control Committee **Matt DiMarco**

We have had very few violations over the past year because everyone in our community is very attentive. Due to the rain in the Spring, many had issues keeping the ditches mowed because they were full of water.

Edging: Please remember that edging the streets that run along the boundary lines of your property is necessary, and required by our CC&R's, and will help maintain a more attractive thoroughfare. Also, please report any issues with street lights or street signs to Matt so he can address with the county.



Speeding

If you are not sure who is doing this just look at the dash, If you are driving faster than 30MPH - IT'S YOU.

We have many children at play, people who walk, bikers, and pets that occasionally wonder out on our streets. It has been mentioned many times in previous newsletters but it is not getting better. Please let your friends, neighbors, contractors, and family known to slow down.



New Neighbors

Secretary **Scott Conrad**

Three new families have joined our community so far this year. One of the nice things about Texas is the nice people, so please join us in welcoming them to Austin Trails.

Ryan & Cara Halloway - 375 Bee Caves

Stephen Runions & Karen Vonnegut - 360 Bee Caves

Jordan & Erin Thompson - 1625 Zilker Ct.



Just a reminder that below is the link to the website. Please submit any email or phone changes to Scott for our directory.

NEW! Andy Fulton created a map of the neighborhood with names and addresses, so you can easily know who's who in Austin Trails.

[Our Community WEBSITE](#)