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### MEETINGS

TOWN HALL MARCH 18TH, 7:00 PM

BOARD MEETING APRIL 15TH, 7:00PM

TOWN HALL MAY 20TH, 7:00PM

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AND EVENTS

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## WATER CONSERVATION TIPS FOR SPRINGTIME

As temperatures rise and gardens bloom, spring is the perfect time to focus on water conservation. With a few simple changes, you can keep your lawn and garden thriving while saving water and reducing your utility bills. Small adjustments now can create a more sustainable outdoor space that benefits the environment.

Here are some ways you can conserve water at home:

**Water Wisely:** Water your lawn and garden early in the morning or late in the evening to reduce evaporation. Using drip irrigation or soaker hoses delivers water directly to plant roots, minimizing waste.

**Choose Drought-Resistant Plants:** Opt for native or drought-tolerant plants like Lantana, Cone Flowers, Agave, and Texas Sage. These plants thrive with minimal irrigation. Adding mulch also helps retain moisture and cools roots.

**Adjust Your Sprinklers:** Check for leaks and ensure your sprinklers are watering efficiently, avoiding sidewalks and driveways. If rain is expected, turn off automatic sprinklers. Adjusting sprinkler heads ensures water goes where it's needed most.

**Collect Rainwater:** A rain barrel captures and stores rainwater for your garden, reducing reliance on municipal water. Using rainwater also helps reduce stormwater runoff that can overwhelm drainage systems.

By making small adjustments, we can all do our part to conserve water, keep our yards green, and promote sustainability. Even simple changes can make a noticeable difference over time.



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## NATURE PARK GATE



A new lock has been installed on the Nature Park Gate. It is a combination lock so that homeowners can use the park on their schedule. The combination will change from time to time, so keep an eye on the latest newsletter for the current gate code.

When using your car in the nature park, please keep the following in mind:

- Park only in the marked parking areas
- Keep the weather in mind when driving to the park (recent heavy rains will increase rutting, parking on dry grass is discouraged during fire warnings, etc.)
- Lock the gate behind you when you leave
- Use the park in the allotted hours

## Come Enjoy those Summer Nights!

### 3rd Friday Social is Back!

### 7PM – 10PM



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## PREPARING FOR SPRING STORMS

From thunderstorms to hail, and flash flooding, spring in Texas can be unpredictable, making it essential for us to prepare. By taking a few precautionary steps, we can keep our homes, families, and neighbors safe when the skies darken and the winds pick up during the rainy season.

Here are some ways you can be prepared:

**Stay Informed:** Keep up with weather apps, local news, and NOAA Weather Radio for real-time updates. It's crucial to stay alert to watches and warnings in your area. Sign up for local emergency alerts to get notified when severe weather is on the way.

**Build an Emergency Kit:** Stock your emergency kit with essentials like flashlights, batteries, first-aid supplies, non-perishable food, and bottled water. Don't forget medications and a power bank for charging your phone. Check the kit periodically to ensure everything is in good condition.

**Plan for Flooding:** Know if you're in a flood zone using FEMA flood maps. If so, move valuables and electronics above ground level, and keep sandbags or flood barriers on hand to protect your property.

**Don't Forget Pets:** Ensure your pets have ID tags and are microchipped. Keep carriers, extra food, and water in your emergency kit, and set up a safe space for them during storms.

By staying informed, planning ahead, and securing your home, you can help protect your family and property during spring storms. Stay safe, neighbors!

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## HELPING A HUNTER

After reading the last article about our neighborhood hawk, Mr. Darrel Sass Jr shared some photos and a tale of everyday bravery! About two to three years ago, he and his wife discovered a young hawk stuck to a rat trap paper. Seeing one of these guys catch squirrels would make anyone second guess getting their fingers in biting range, but they grabbed some heavy-duty gloves and freed the bird!



Since that time, they've enjoyed seeing the hawk return many times, in good health. They even shared a picture they got recently of what they believe is the same hawk.

## Green Spring Valley is joining Texas Longest Yard Sale!!

Welcome Yard Sellers  
and Yard Sale Junkies!



The First Weekend  
in May  
3rd & 4th

Be a part of this super  
ANNUAL EVENT.

Don't forget to grab your yard sale permit at HEB for this year's Longest Yardsale. GSV is taking part in the fun again this year. If you go to the Texas Longest Yardsale FB page, you can find their map of registered sales. It stretches all the way from Brownsville up to Blanco!

## GREEN SPRING VALLEY YARD OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to Bill and Sue Kenyon on Mineral Springs. They've been our neighbors for over forty years! They've just undertaken an overhaul of their front yard. It's a beautiful design and we can't wait to see as it grows and changes with the seasons.



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The first 5 buyers to view your home are the BEST prospects to buy your home quickly. They have been waiting, looking for a home, they know the price range, they have seen the competition, and they are ready to buy.

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