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Property Tax Help Information Sessions

Attend a free exemption workshop hosted by the City of San Antonio. Each session will start with a brief presentation on property tax exemptions followed by a one-on-one workshop. Bexar County Appraisal District representatives will also be present and answer your individual questions and help you complete your exemption form.
<https://www.saspeakup.com/n4646>

2024 UPCOMING SESSIONS

Tuesday, April 23: 5:00 PM

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 7100 Wilder Street, San Antonio, TX

Saturday, April 27: 10:00 AM

Elma A Neal Elementary School, 3407 Capitol Avenue, San Antonio, TX

Wednesday, May 5: 5:00 PM

Second Baptist Church, 3310 East Commerce Street, San Antonio, TX

Monday, May 6: 5:00 PM

True Vine Baptist Church, 435 S Ellison Dr, 78245

Saturday, May 11: 10:00 AM

Woodlawn Pointe Center for Community, 702 Donaldson Ave, 78201

May 2024 MUNICIPAL AND RUNOFF ELECTION NONPARTISON INFORMATION

Make an impact – vote in the May Municipal and Runoff Elections. Participate in choosing candidates for the November 2024 election.

Municipal Election

- **Early Voting is April 22-30**
- **Election day is May 4**
- The last day to apply for a ballot by mail (received, not postmarked) is Tuesday, April 23.
- The last day to receive ballot by mail is Saturday, May 4, 7 pm if not postmarked or Monday, May 6; 5 pm if postmarked locally by Saturday, May 4, 7 pm.

This election will include several school districts and municipalities, as well as a first-time countywide election for three members of the Bexar County Appraisal District. More details will be available closer to the election.

Runoff Election

- **Early Voting is May 20-May 24**
- **Election day is May 28**
- The last day to apply for a ballot by mail (received, not postmarked) is Friday, May 17.
- The last day to receive ballot by mail is May 28, 7 pm if not postmarked or Wednesday, May 29; 5 pm if postmarked locally by Tuesday, May 28, 7 pm.

This is the runoff election for the Republican and Democratic primary races in which no candidate received more than 50% of the votes. People who voted in the March 5 primary can vote only on the ballot of the same party whose ballot they chose in the March 5 primary. Those who did not vote in the primary can choose which ballot they want.

San Antonio Water System
WaterSaver
Coupons & Rewards

Your WaterSaver Rewards points will be awarded within two weeks after you have attended an approved event. If you are interested in signing up for the rewards program or want to learn

more information, please visit:

www.gardenstylesanantonio.com/watersaver-rewards/

To view the CPS Calendar of Events, visit:

www.gardenstylesanantonio.com/events/

Stage 1 **Stage 2**

saws.org/WhenToWater

TRASH AND RECYCLE BINS

The curb appeal of the community is very important. No one wants to come home to a street littered with trash containers and debris scattered around.

Please put away your trash and recycle bins promptly after pick up and store them out of view from the front of your house. Thank you for helping our community look beautiful and well-kept.



Better Business Bureau
REPORT

Keep Your Cool: Trustworthy AC Repair Tips

By Jason Meza

Regional Director - San Antonio

Slowly but surely, that famous Texas heat is returning and will be back in triple digits. It's important to be prepared in case you begin experiencing problems with your air conditioning unit or just need a preventative maintenance check.

According to energy.gov, furnaces and air conditioners need their filters cleaned and changed every couple of months. A dirty filter can also increase energy costs and damage equipment. Maintaining your home's heating and cooling systems can improve the overall air quality of your home, cut energy costs and help alleviate allergies.

If your AC needs a bit of work or isn't cooling properly, annual spring maintenance can help improve efficiency and prolong the life of your unit. In 2019, Better Business Bureau (BBB) received 2,800+ complaints regarding HVAC contractors nationwide. These complaints can range up to \$1,500 in financial loss and common issues deal with billing, the quality of workmanship or lack of proper permits.

As a homeowner, you should also always be on the lookout for red flags of unreliable businesses. BBB warns against these signs for untrustworthy AC Contractors or any other home improvement services:

- Start with research. Visit bbb.org to see a business's profile and check their complaint history and customer reviews. BBB Request-A-Quote is a tool allowing you to get fast quotes from accredited businesses. Ask for referrals from trusted people.
- Verify licenses. Often, low rated businesses in this industry don't have the proper licenses to do repair or installation work. Verify with Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR.texas.gov/LicenseSearch) that they have updated licenses matching the business name.
- Avoid high pressure tactics. Typically, they might try this by offering you a great deal and saying its only good right then. In most cases, if a deal is good one day, it will be good the next. Be especially careful with door-to-door solicitors who might not be working with legitimate businesses.
- Get everything in writing. Another common complaint is warranty issues. Getting everything in writing can help your case if you find yourself in this situation. Get up to 3 estimates and make payment using reliable methods such as check or credit card.
- Asks for a large upfront payment. A typical payment schedule should follow the "Rule of Thirds." The first payment is given when signing the contract and helps pay for materials, the second payment when work begins, and the final payment when the job is finished, and you are satisfied with the quality of work.
- To find a trustworthy AC Repair company, file a complaint or leave a positive review, visit bbb.org.

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Master Gardener Guide

Spring fever has set in. Use the following Master Gardener guide to plan your spring vegetable garden. (Information provided by Comal Master Gardener Association’s Vegetable and Herb Gardening Guide) The last average freeze date for the Hill Country has passed. Happy planting!!

- Beans, Lima Bush April through mid-May
- Beans, Lima Pole..... April through mid-May
- Beans, Snap Bushmid-March through mid-May
- Beans, Snap Polemid-March through mid-May
- Beets..... March
- Cantaloupe..... April through mid-June
- Chard, Swiss March through mid-May
- Corn, Sweet.....mid-March through mid-May
- Cucumber mid-March through April
- Eggplant April
- Okra..... April through June
- Peas, Southern April through mid-June
- Peppersmid-March through mid-May
- Potato, Sweet (Slips).....mid-April through June
- Pumpkinmid-April through June
- Radish..... March
- Squash, Summer.....mid-March through early April
- Squash, Wintermid-March through mid-June
- Tomatolate March through mid-May
- Turnip March through mid-April
- Watermelon April through May

Your Life is Your Garden
 Your Thoughts are the Seeds
 If your life isn't Awesome
 You've Been Watering the Weeds
 ~Unknown



Mold Management



Last summer’s drought and the recent rains are good for this year’s bluebonnet and wildflowers, but it can also lead to an unwelcome biological growth at home: mold.

It lurks in the corners and can cause major damage and nasty health issues. As long as moisture and oxygen are present, mold can grow indoors or out on virtually any organic substance, including wood, paper, carpet, insulation and food. When excessive moisture accumulates in buildings or on building materials, mold growth will often occur, especially if the moisture problem remains undiscovered or unaddressed.

It is impossible to eliminate all mold and mold spores in the indoor environment. However, mold growth can be controlled by keeping moisture in check. Moisture control is key – mold cannot grow without it.

Left untreated, mold gradually destroys the material on which it is growing. Because molds produce allergens, irritants and toxins, they have the potential to cause a variety of health problems and can exacerbate existing conditions, such as asthma.

If mold is a problem in your home, clean up the mold and get rid of the excess water or moisture. If an area becomes water damaged, it is important to dry that space and any damaged items within 24-48 hours to prevent mold growth. Fix leaky plumbing or other sources of water to prevent recurrence. Wash mold off hard surfaces with detergent and water and dry completely. Absorbent materials (such as ceiling tiles and carpet) that become moldy may have to be replaced.

For more information on how to clean up residential mold problems and how to prevent mold growth, download the Environmental Protection Agency’s free publication, A Brief Guide to Mold, Moisture, and Your Home at www.epa.gov/mold/pdfs/moldguide.pdf.



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Merlin App for Backyard Birds

By Cathleen Waitz

Discover the world of birds with the free Merlin app from Cornell Lab. This handy app assists you in identifying birds through photos, recordings, or by answering simple questions about their size, color, and behavior.



Using Merlin for a few months, we've uncovered surprising bird species in our neighborhood that we weren't aware of before. It's a delightful experience to familiarize ourselves with the birds living nearby.

Through the app, we've identified common birds like the Northern Cardinal, Northern Mockingbird, Blue Jay, and Carolina Wren by their distinctive sounds. Additionally, we've come across some unexpected feathered friends in our area, such as the Bewick's Wren, Carolina Chickadee, Eastern Wood Pewee, Hermit Thrush, and Black-Bellied Whistling Duck.

For easy access to Merlin, visit All About Birds and click on the Bird ID button to download the app. Happy birding!



One important Key to success is self-confidence. An important key to self-confidence is preparation.



—Arthur Ashe

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