

THE COLONY CALLER

Austin's Colony Homeowners Association, Inc.

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ACHOA Committees

If you would like to volunteer to be a part of any of our committees, visit us at a Board meeting, contact PAMco or a Director.

Presidents Corner

Hello everyone,

It is that time of year again where we come together as homeowners to decide new positions on the Board. Each year 3 positions are available to be filled. It is our hope, that when your members packet arrives, you will consider throwing your hat in the ring to help drive the continued success of the association.

During our Annual Meeting you will be updated on the status of the association, the results of a year's maintenance and updates, and the expected improvements to our Amenities going forward. The concerns and interests of the members will be heard and discussed. Questions regarding the association and the management will be answered by the Board and the Management Company.

We hope to see you there as the doors open at 9:30. Please keep an eye on your mailbox and your email (packets will be sent in both mediums. There will be proxy votes that must be returned by email or hard copy by the date on the packets to ensure your vote will be counted. Please read the instructions thoroughly to ensure your vote is acceptable.

Prior to the date, do not hesitate to reach out to a Board Member to find out what positions may involve and how non-board positions can also be filled in order to help your community. We look forward to seeing you there!

Regards,
Gregory McAllister
ACHOA President and Director

ANNUAL MEETING GENERAL AGENDA (finalized to be sent via USPS mail)

Saturday, May 3rd, 2025

ACHOA Community Center, 14502 Lippincott Austin's Colony Blvd., Austin, TX 78725

DOORS OPEN AT 9:30AM

1. **Call to Order – 10:00 AM.**
2. **Determination of Quorum**

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3. **Proof of Notice**
4. **Introductions**
5. **Approval of Minutes of 2024 Annual Meeting**
6. **Director Reports**
7. **Committee Reports**
8. **Election of Board Members (3) board members to be elected**
 - a. Nominations from the Floor
 - b. Introduction of Candidates
 - c. Voting
 - d. Announcement of Election Results
9. **Announce Nomination Committee Appointments**
10. **New Business**
11. **Question & Answer**
12. **Adjournment**

Next ACHOA Regular Monthly Board Meeting – April 24, 2025

Call or email our management company Preferred Association Management (PAMco) and give them your email address if you have not, so you get the emailed meeting notices: pamco@pamcotx.com or call 512-918-8100

The next Austin's Colony Homeowners Association, Inc. (ACHOA) Monthly Board of Directors meeting is:

- At the Nathaniel Booker ACHOA Community Center: 14502 Lippincott (Intersection of Austin's Colony Blvd. and Hartsmith).
- Thursday April 24, 2025
- Beginning at 6:30 pm: Arrive prior to 6:30 pm to sign up to speak to the Board. The time allotted for speaking is 3 minutes.
- **Have your comments prepared and include if there is something specific you are proposing or requesting from the Board.**
- A light meal with drinks is usually provided for attendees.

All ACHOA homeowners are encouraged to attend monthly meetings to speak to the Board and to hear the business of the Board. By law, a meeting notice is emailed to homeowners (who have provided their email address to PAMco) and posted on the PAMco company website. The legal posting may also be found at <http://secretaryachoa.wixsite.com/achoa-meeting-notice> and is accessible by all members.

Emergency Preparedness

Over a year ago, City of Austin Staff presented Emergency Preparedness Training to many of our neighbors. Please go to the sources for more information.

<https://www.austintexas.gov/readycentraltexas>



Preparing for disasters in advance can have a big impact on your safety and recovery in an emergency. You have the power to protect yourself, your loved ones, and our community. Make emergency preparedness your superpower!

There are four key steps to being prepared for an emergency. Following these four steps can make it easier before, during, and after any disaster that may strike.

1. Make a Plan
2. Build a Kit
3. Know Your Neighbors
4. Stay Informed

Make a Plan

Don't put off planning for an emergency! Discuss with your family how you will respond, stay informed, and contact one another during emergency situations in which key services like electricity, water, or first responders may not be available. Once your initial plan has been created, make it a point to discuss it at least once a year and make updates as needed.

A family plan should include:

- A designated place to meet if you are separated – outside your home, or nearby.
- A plan to contact one another if you are unable to meet or get separated during a crisis.
- Public safety phone numbers (i.e. police, fire, and hospital) for your area.
- An out-of-area contact to communicate that you are safe and learn the status of the other family members.
- * There are some situations where you may decide to "Bug-In" instead of leaving your home. There are more things to plan for if you stay home. Consider firewood, self-defense, and other preparations to facilitate feeling

comfortable staying put. * **Joel Lambert's "A Navy Seal's BUG-IN Guide (How to Turn Your Home Into The Safest Place on Earth)."**

Build a Kit

Make a Basic Emergency Supply Kit

English

- ☐ Basic first aid kit, seven-day supply of medications/medical items
- ☐ Map(s) of the area
- ☐ Extra cash (suggested: \$200 in small bills)
- ☐ Spare change of clothes
- ☐ Spare car/home key
- ☐ Family and emergency contact info (phone and email)
- ☐ Pet supplies (collar, leash, tags, food, bowl)
- ☐ Copies of personal documents in water-tight bag

- ☐ 1 gallon of water per person, per day (7-day supply)
- ☐ 7-day supply of non-perishable food, can opener
- ☐ Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)
- ☐ Cell phone, charger(s), flashlight, extra batteries
- ☐ Sanitation, personal hygiene items, blankets
- ☐ Wrench or plyer
- ☐ Other tools or equipment you may need



For more information:
readycentraltexas.org



Know Your Neighbors

Neighbors helping neighbors enhances community resilience and ensures that emergency resources will reach those in the greatest need. If you can help one of your neighbors, that could be one less emergency call that needs to be made. Reducing the strain on emergency services by helping each other can add up to make a big difference in a crisis. All this means that knowing your neighbors and identifying those who might need extra help during a disaster is critical to increasing Austin's disaster preparedness.

You can prepare yourself and then get involved in the community to encourage disaster preparedness:

- Learn CPR and basic first aid. It may save the life of a loved one or neighbor.
- Take Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.
- Organize your neighborhood, homeowners' association, apartment complex, or building to better prepare where you live for a disaster.

Stay Informed

<https://warncentraltexas.org/>

Knowing where you can get reliable information during an emergency is crucial. During a disaster, unreliable websites and social media can have incorrect, out of date, or even false information. It is important to know ahead of time where you will get critical updates about what is going on in the community.

Take the following steps now so you are better informed from reliable sources when disaster strikes:

- Warn Central Texas: Sign up for Warn Central Texas to receive emergency alerts letting you know when you need to take immediate action to stay safe. **WarnCentralTexas.org**
- Accessible Hazard Alert System (AHAS): Austin HSEM and the Travis County Office of Emergency Management have partnered with Deaf Link to launch the Accessible Hazard Alert System (AHAS) for Deaf, Blind, Hard of Hearing, or Deaf and Blind community.

Austin and Travis County AHAS subscribers receive an accessible message in American Sign Language, and English voice and text. The alert message will include information about the emergency and what actions to take. AHAS can send accessible alerting messages to registered residents before, during, and after an emergency or disaster in Travis County.

When an emergency alert or other information is sent through the AHAS program, users will receive accessible alert messages on internet and video capable devices such as computers, cell phones, smart phones, tablet computers, and wireless Braille readers. **Register for these alerts at <https://atc.ahasalerts.com/> or by texting AHAS to 737-241-3710.**

Websites

Emergency Alerts Webpage: Critical Information in 14 Languages

During emergency or disaster, the Emergency Alerts webpage, located at **www.austintexas.gov/alerts**, will house official up to date information from the City of Austin and Travis County in 14 languages.

FEMA Community Tips can help guide you:

<https://community.fema.gov/PreparednessCommunity/>
Travis County OEM: www.traviscountytexas.gov/emergency-services

LAWN MAINTENANCE

Please be a responsible neighbor and keep up with the maintenance of your lawn. Help keep the neighborhood looking great by maintaining your yard with weekly mowing and trimming.



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Cedar Park, TX 78613

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FREE Resource for Yard Trimmings and Large Brush Drop Off

<https://www.austintexas.gov/brushdropoff>

Drop-off details: The Hornsby Bend Biosolids Management Plant will be accepting material from Austin and Travis County residents only, free of charge. Individuals residing outside of Austin and Travis County should consult their municipality for options.

Austin and Travis County residents can drop yard trimmings and large brush at Austin Water's Hornsby Bend Biosolids Management Plant (2210 FM 973, Austin, TX) 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Monday–Saturday. The material will be composted and made into Dillo Dirt.

Accepted material : Tree limbs, Branches, Shrubs, Leaves

Not accepted material:

Certain materials cannot be composted and therefore are not accepted in this drop-off program. These include: Treated or painted lumber, Particle board, Construction materials, Trash

- A government-issued photo ID is required for entry.
- The drop off will be self-serve.
- Staff will be available on-site to direct traffic and verify all material is free of trash and contamination.
- The grounds are muddy and could be slippery. Proper footwear is recommended.
- If you have questions about this service, please call 512-974-4343.

Contact Info

Physical Address:

Hornsby Bend Biosolids Management Plant
2210 FM 973

Austin, TX 78725

Phone: 512-974-4343

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