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River Mountain Ranch News



Everyone in RMR is invited to join the **Ranchettes**. We try to meet monthly to share a few laughs, say hello to our neighbors, and meet newcomers to our community. (Sometimes we even invite the Ranch hands!)

RMR News



POA dues have been reduced to \$150 primarily because we no longer have yearly road expenses. Please pay your dues online (see website).

Road repairs have begun starting with Bluff View. From there the crews will move to Hermosa Paloma followed by Water Park. Chip & Seal will begin in the spring when the weather is warmer. All of the roads will be finished (hopefully) sometime in 2026.

Park Report- The new road is in, the trees have been trimmed, and Bill Haser is working on any problems you may have with keys.

If you are interested in working on the Emergency Preparedness committee, contact Bill Haser. The ACC Committee is also looking for volunteers. Please contact Horatio Rodriguez if you would like to volunteer.

If you encounter speeders in RMR, call the Hays County Non-Emergency line to report them. Try to get the make and color of the vehicle as well as the license plate. The constable's office will increase drive-bys if needed.

For RMR only on-line communications, join the link on our website.

Spectrum is finally coming to RMR! According to the crews working now, the lines should be up and running in a few months.

Welcome new board members: Jim Cooper, Horatio Rodriguez, and Susie Kaczenski.

Our Board for 2025

President	Kellee Ferguson
Parks	Bill Haser
Communication	Kathleen Tansman
Secretary	Joe Dalton
Roads	Suzie Kaczenski
Treasurer	Jim Cooper
ACC Coordinator	Horatio Rodriguez

Our Board works hard to address the needs of our neighborhood. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. You can find each board members contact info on our website rivermountainranch.org

Joe Dalton is updating the website, please reach out if you have any comments or concerns.



Cattle news

How does a farmer count a herd of cows?

With a cow-culator

News from Len- If you notice any cows injured or in distress or just looking like they need help, please send a text to Len. (512-497-4596)

Please pardon my photography skills-but have you seen our sweet babies??



That's up close and personal with Momma on the right.

Wimberley History, Trivia, Fun Facts

From the book *Wimberley...A Way of Life* by Linda Williams Allen

Have you noticed the sign in town that says “President’s Ranch Trail” on RR12? The trail, dedicated on the square in Wimberley on November 10, 1967, marks the 94 mile trail that preserves the landmarks of President Johnson’s youth. The trail begins at the LBJ Ranch house off of RR 1, passes through Johnson City, Stonewall and Albert, through Blanco,

down Country Road 2325 to RR 12, through Wimberley to San Marcos, and ends at Johnson's alma mater, Southwest Texas State College. The trail gave Wimberley national exposure as it was written about in *U.S. News and World Report*: "...with the U.S. becoming a nation of city dwellers, Lyndon Johnson may well be the last U.S. president to come from a rural background. They would like to preserve the hill country landmarks of his youth as a monument to "the way life used to be."

Wimberley Events

Mark your Calendar with these February Dates:

- **1st**- Reclaimed Exhibition Opening Reception at Art Space
- **1st**- Registration open at The Blue Hole for Camp No Kids and for all children's summer camps
- **1st**- Ghost Note Brewing's 4th Anniversary Party
- **1st**- First Thursday Art Crawl 5-7
- **8th**- Wimberley's Got Soul! A Night of Rhythm, Groove and Good Times 7- 10pm at the Community Center
- **9th**- Wine Share
- **10th**- Gallery Trail at Art on 12 with artists and music
- **13th**- High Tea Social- Galentine's Day Pamper Party at Creekhaven Inn
- **14th**- Wimberley's Valentine Gala from 7- 10pm at the Community Center
- **18th**- *Charlie's Angels* A private screening at EVO in San Marcos 2- 4:30pm
- **20th**- Del Castillo at Susanna's Kitchen
- **21st**- Blue Hole Snap and Stroll
- **22nd**- Hot Rod Showdown at 7A Ranch. A day of hot rods, rock-n-roll, and friends.
- **28th**- Live at the Opera House at 7A Ranch. See website for details.

Upcoming Events

- Stars Over Wimberley 2025 Lineup:
 - **March 12** Eliza Gilkyson
 - **April 30** Bob Schneider
 - **July 15** Danny Schmitd/Carrie Elkin
 - **September 16** The Tejas Brothers
 - **December 3** Butch Hancock and Jimmie Dale Gilmore
- Susanna's Kitchen 2025 Lineup:
 - **February 20** Del Castillo
 - **March 20** Jeff Plankenhorn
 - **April 17** Jimmy Davis
 - **May 15** Lost Austin Band
- Zach Theater in Austin:
 - **Jan.19-March 30** *Campfire (theater for the very young)*
 - **Feb 21-May 18** *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*
- **March 8th-** Trivia Night at the Community Center sponsored by Wimberley Civic Club
- **March 20 and 21st-** Owl Prowl at Blue Hole
- **April-** Friday Concerts at Blue Hole
- **April 12th -** Butterfly Festival at Emily Ann Theatre and Gardens
- **April 12th-** Wimberley Film Festival
- **April 20th-** Easter
- **April 26th & 27th-** Arts Fest at Waters' Point
- **April 26th-** WIC Pie Social
- **April 26th-** Star Party at Blue Hole
- **May 4th-** Community Garage Sale at the Community Center 8- 2pm
- **May 10th-** Annual Garden Tour 9- 3
- **May 10th-** Wimberley Film Festival at the Blue Hole 6- 10pm
- **May 10th-** Migratory Bird Day Seminar at the Community Center 8am- 2pm
- **May 11th-** Mother's Day
- **June 15th-** Father's Day
- **July 4th-** Parade in downtown Wimberley
- **July 4th-6th-** VFW Post 6441 Rodeo
- **July 5th-** Tie-Dye Day at Blue Hole
- **July 19th-** Movie at Blue Hole park
- **Aug 15th-** Firefly Watch at Blue Hole

- **August**- Labor Day Weekend Gunner Thames Rodeo
- **Oct 18th**- Boo! Hole Halloween

Ongoing Events

Mondays

- **Hand & Foot Zombie Style** 1- 4pm Wimberley Senior Center
- **Open Mic** at Middleton
- **River Mountain Green Too** at Savages. They will be performing at Savages the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month.
- **Qi Gong** Yoga Wimberley Senior Center 12- 1pm Fee: \$10
- **Zumba** 9am Wimberley Senior Center Fee: \$5

Tuesdays

- **Dominoes** 9- noon Wimberley Senior Center
- **Party Bridge** 11:45- 4:00 Wimberley Senior Center Fee: \$2.00
- **Pickleball Instruction** at Emily Ann 9:30- 10:30
- **Visiting Nurse** First Tuesdays 10- 11am Wimberley Senior Center (checks for blood pressure and oxygen levels)
- **Yoga** Wimberley Senior Center 6-7 pm Fee: \$10

Wednesdays

- **Farmers' Market** in Dripping Springs- every Wednesday from 3-6pm at Sky Ranch Park
- **Joker** 2nd and 4th Wednesdays Wimberley Senior Center 9am to noon
- **Mahjong** 1st, 2nd, 3rd Wednesdays 10am- noon Fee: \$1.00 Wimberley Senior Center
- **Wimberleyarts.org** invites all artists and people who like art to a social gathering on the first Wednesday of each month. Check the website for location and details.
- **Qi Gong** Yoga Wimberley Senior Center 12- 1pm Fee: \$10
- **Zumba** 9am Wimberley Senior Center Fee: \$5

Thursdays

- **Art Crawl**- first Thursday of every month 5- 7pm (Not in January)

- **Circle of Friends** 10am- 2pm Wimberley Senior Center A program for moderate memory loss. Donation: \$5
- **Dominoes** 9- noon Wimberley Senior Center
- **Duplicate Bridge** (partner needed) 11:30am- 4pm Wimberley Senior Center Fee: \$2.00
- **Farmers' and Artisan Market** Thurs 3-6 at the **Cowboy Church on 2325.**
- **Pickleball Instruction** at Emily Ann 9:30- 10:30
- **Yoga** Wimberley Senior Center 6-7 pm Fee: \$10

Fridays

- **BINGO-** Friday Night at the VFW. Early bird game starts at 7pm and the regular game at 8pm.
- **Gallery Trail-** Every second Saturday at Art on 12 from 5- 7
- **Wimberley Valley Museum** is open every Friday and First Saturdays. Monday - Thursday by appointment. Call [832-545-5036](tel:832-545-5036) 14068. Ranch Rd 12 Wimberley, TX 78676 www.wimberleyvalleymuseum.org
- **Zumba** 9am Wimberley Senior Center Fee: \$5

Saturdays

- **Art Bazaar-** third Saturdays from 12- 6pm
- **Market Days-** first Saturday of the month except January and February 7-3
- **Second Saturday Gallery Trail-**visit Art on 12 to sip wine, listen to music and eat munchies while viewing (and buying) local art. 5- 7pm.wimberleyarts.org
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Sundays

- **Coffee and Cars** at Blanco Brew first Sunday of the month.
- **Farmers' Market** at Blanco Brew every Sunday 9-3.
- **"Squawk Talk,"** a program about chickens & wild birds on the [Wimberley Valley Radio Station KWVH 94.1 FM](http://www.kwvh94.1fm.com) featuring Jesse Huth every Sunday from 12:30 - 1:00

In The Garden -

Here are some tips from Central Texas Gardener for February

February To Do List

Plant: ornamental & wildlife

- Annual transplants: pansies, violas, calendula (wildlife plant), snapdragon, stock, larkspur, ornamental kale & cabbage, bluebonnet transplants, poppies.
Transplants are preferred over seeds at this point.
- Evergreen perennials & vines
- Trees, shrubs, roses
- Evergreen groundcovers like monkey grass, liriopse, creeping germander, frogfruit



Plant: herbs

- Calendula, chervil, cilantro, chives, dill, parsley, feverfew, oregano, sorrel, thyme, garlic chives
- Protect cilantro and chives in below freezing weather.

Plant: food crops

- Artichokes, asparagus, onions, greens, lettuce, spinach, radish, carrots, beets, bok choy, collards, kale, peas, turnips, leeks, broccoli, shallot bulbs, cabbage
- Potatoes
- Get tomatoes and peppers to move to pots. Late month: plant if well protected from late freezes.
- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Vegetable Planting Guides (Central Texas) <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/travis/home-landscape/edible-gardens/growing-vegetables/>

Plant: fruit

- Apples, peaches, pecans, pears, pomegranates, persimmons, figs, almonds, grapes, strawberries, raspberries, blackberries

Prune

- Roses
- Prune dormant perennials and ornamental (clumping) grasses.
- Prune grapes, fruit trees, blackberries
- Cut asters and chrysanthemums to rosettes
- Late month: prune woody salvias as much as $\frac{2}{3}$ to encourage new growth
- Trees: DO NOT prune red oaks and live oaks unless damaged. Spray immediately with clear varnish.
- No need to apply pruning paint to other trees
- Avoid topping crape myrtles: simply remove sprouts or entire limbs at the trunk.
- Prune rosemary and oregano
- Late month: prune evergreen shrubs as they start to set new growth

Divide/Move

- Dormant perennials, roses, shrubs and trees. This is the best time to move plants!

Prep

- Add compost to vegetable gardens along with organic fertilizer in prep for another round of winter vegetables
- Soil test

Fertilize

- Roses
- Iris. Use a fertilizer with a higher middle number (phosphorus)
- Add compost to beds as you cut back dormant perennials. Fertilize with slow-release granular late in the month or as dormant perennials leaf out
- Add compost around trees and fertilize. Be sure to dig out grass several feet from the trunk, ideally to the drip line of the tree canopy.

Other tasks

- Keep floating row cover available; avoid covering plants with plastic
- Spray fruit trees with dormant oil to control overwintering scale, plum curculio and other pests.
- WEED!

Tips

- When planting, dig hole twice as wide as root ball but no deeper than where it sits in the pot.
- Backfill and water until it sinks in.
- Continue filling in.
- Water again until it sinks in and pack the soil down.
- Mulch.

February is the time to prune you Oaks!! This is the last chance until summer.

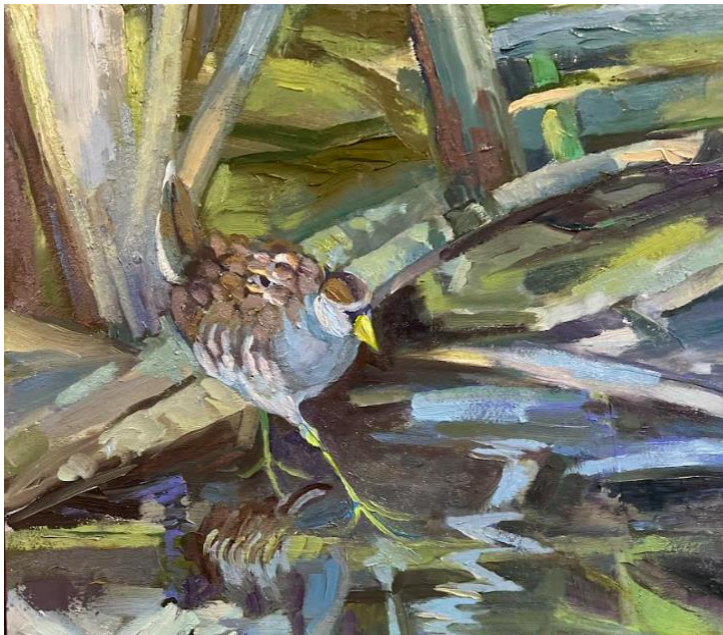
Prune your roses on Valentines Day.

This month is when you can plant those trees.

Most web sites agree that our frost warnings run from November 11 through March 21. That gives us an average 235 days of frost-free growing. If you truly want to be safe, Russ at Wimberley Gardens says to wait until Easter.

Have You Heard?

Our own **Rebecca Briley** just won Best in Show at the Wimberley Art League's first juried show of 2025 at the Community Center. Please stop by over the next few weeks to see her painting as well as the rest of the exhibit.



**Speaking of birds, Wimberley has just been awarded the
Prestigious Bird City Texas Certification 2025!**



Our own Golden Cheeked Warbler

Bird City Texas communities demonstrate leadership by excelling in three key areas: community engagement, habitat enhancement and protection, and creating safer spaces for birds. Through these efforts, cities enhance and restore habitats, increase native plant coverage, reduce population-level threats, and promote public awareness about the benefits of bird conservation.

The Cypress Café is going to become a boutique hotel with a restaurant and gourmet grocery store. The hotel is to be named the Lane House (after the

original building of J.C. Lane). The owners Michael and Morgan Mekuly plan to have a small grocery store and a restaurant which will be named Foristers' Market after the original occupant of the property, BW Forister Drugs and Notions.

Shop the Tree House will soon open as a French wine bar called Wine-berley.

Nada Mucho -The long-awaited Mexican restaurant located on RR12 has opened to rave reviews.

According to a source in City Hall, the land across the street from the Village Thrift Store is going to be an expansion of Leaning Pear with a large parking lot.

Rumor has it that Kate's Place has also changed hands. Word around town is that it will be a Chinese restaurant, *Bamboo Gardens* Fingers crossed!!
New pickleball courts are under construction at the corner of Winters Mill and 3237. This is rumored to be named *PickleY'all*

Wimberley on Wheels offers transportation for seniors in the Wimberley Valley. 512-847-1781

The new build across from Kiss the Cook is rumored to be condos on the upper floor and an ADA condo on the lower floor. There are supposed to be at least 2 retail shops going in and one will be owned and run by Jenny Horvath (Wimberley Garden owner). She mentioned it will be a home and clothing store.

The playground at Martha Knies park will be undergoing a change. Plans are afoot.

Watch for our Bingo section coming next month.

Kids' Corner



What did the snail say on Valentine's Day when his call went to voicemail?

“I just crawled to say I love you.”

- Austin Zoo austinzoo.org
- Blue Hole Regional Park wimberleyparksandrec.com
- Cliff Carver Alpine Coaster (ages 3 and up) campfimfo.com
- Emily Ann Theatre and Gardens emilyann.org
- Enchanted Rock <https://austinfunforkids.com/enchanted-rock-with-kids-you-need-these-tips/>
- Exotic Resort Zoo in Johnson City. contact@zooexotics.com
- Ghost Note Brewing Ghostnotebrewing.com
- Jacobs Well wimberleyparksandrec.com
- Johnson City Science Mill sciencemill.org
- Martha Knies Park wimberleyparksandrec.com
- Mayan Dude Ranch in Bandera mayanranch.com
- Old Baldy (217 steps) NEW AND IMPROVED wimberleyparksandrec.com
- McKenna Children's Museum in New Braunfels mckennakids.org
- Natural Bridge Caverns-Comal County naturalbridgecaverns.com
- San Marcos Glass Bottom Boat visitsanmarcos.com
- Shady Llama Beer and Wine Garden theshadyllama.com

- **Thinkery** thinkeryaustin.com
- **Wimberley Library** wimberleylibrary.org
- **Wimberley National Mini Golf** wimberleynational.com
- **Zach Theatre** in Austin zachtheatre.org

Wimberley Clubs

- **Hays County Master Gardeners-** hayscountymastergardeners.org? This website has tons of helpful information.
- **Hays County Master Naturalists** meet the 4th Thursday of the month on YouTube or in person. beautifulhayscounty.org.
- **Hill Country Bead Society**-meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1pm at the Community Center No skills are required and kits are provided. Contact cyowelldesign@yahoo.com for more information.
- **Hill Country Herb Society** meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Presbyterian Church from 9:30-12. Contact hillcountryherb.com for more information
- **Hill Country Neighbors** meets the 4th Wednesday at the Community Center. Please email Chris Dailey cldaileycs@gmail.com for more information.
- **Jacob's Well Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution** meets at the EmilyAnn Theatre and Gardens at 10am on the second Monday of each month. Txdar.org
- **NSPOT- Check out their website for a complete list of Texas native plants** hillcountryalliance.org
- **Wimberley Apron Society** first Mondays at 5:30 at the library
- **Wimberley Art League** meets the second Monday of each month at 6:00. Contact wimberleyvalleyartleague.org for more information.

- **Wimberley Birding Society-** wimbirds.org. On the first Tuesday of the month, Jesse Huth (jesse@pibird.com, 979-422-7061) leads a bird walk no more than an hour away. Meet at the Wimberley Community Center at 7:15 am, and bring \$10 to pay for Jesse's expertise.
- **Wimberley Community Civic Club** meets the 2nd Friday of each month at 11am. wimberleyccc.org
- **Wimberley Garden Club**-meets the 2nd of Wednesday of each month from 10-12 at Emily Ann. Go to wimberleygardenclub.org for more information.
- **Wimberley Institute of Cultures** wim.wic.org

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Please reach out to Leigh Peterson or Laura Dalton with any news you want included in the newsletter.