



OCTOBER

River Mountain Ranch News



** Please reach out to [Leigh Peterson](#) or [Laura Dalton](#) (pictured above in full Ranchette gear) with any news you want included in the newsletter.

Ranchette News

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

Thank you, Kathleen, for stepping in and hosting our September Ranchettes *Al Fresco* get-together. It was great seeing neighbors and having a chance to catch up on everyone's summer.

Our next Ranchette social will be a candy exchange at Monica's on October 8th. Watch for your e-vite for the address and time, and please respond [asap](#).

Contact Kathleen if you have not received your e-vite or have any questions: RMRanchettes@outlook.com Also, please extend an invitation to any new neighbors!



RMR Trick or Treat-

October 31st from 4-6pm. Contact Suzie Kaczinski if you would like to participate as a stop on this year's trick or treat

route. (See her contact info on rivermountainranch.org under board members.

POA Board News:



Our assessment for the roads will begin soon as the roads are almost done. According to our General Meeting notes on August 16, 2025, we will be assessed \$600 a year for 7 years. Once the project is complete, any resident can contact the Hays County Transportation Office at [512-393-7385](tel:512-393-7385) to request trimming or report any issues in the county right of way. We will also be getting new street signs and stop signs as well as 25mph speed limit signs.

The semi-annual general property owners meeting was on September 19, 2026 at 11am at the Wimberley Community Center. You may notice a few changes around the neighborhood. The Board voted to replace our existing (and falling down) road signs. The new signs will look something like this....



Please contact Joe Dalton at 512.796.3110 with any questions.

Visit our website for more information rivermountainranch.org

Wildfire danger remains high. Please check the sign at the gate to see if the burn ban is on before starting any fires.



Cattle News

From Len:

If you see this bull, it is not one of Len's. He is an escapee from Matt Patterson's on Wind Mill Cove. Matt has recently installed a new cattle guard at his gate that will hopefully keep the bull on his own turf.



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)

RMR Wildlife



This little guy was just out for a morning stroll.

What have you seen in your yard??

Wimberley History, Trivia, Fun Facts

The Blanco river begins in Kendall County, flows through Blanco County to Wimberley where it is joined by Cypress Creek. From there it continues almost to Kyle before joining the San Marcos River. After that, it joins the Guadalupe River, then San Antonio Bay at Matagorda Island, and finally empties into the Gulf of Mexico.

The river brought floods to Wimberley in 1869, 1882, 1928, 1952, 1957, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2011, and twice in 2015. The 2 worst floods occurred in 1929 and 2015. The 1929 flood crested at 32 to 40 feet while the May 2015 flood crested near 44.9 to 50 feet. Below is a photo of the aftermath of 2015's flood at our waterpark.



Because the worst floods tend to happen in El Nino years, we need to keep a watchful eye on the weather.

Wimberley Events:



Mark your Calendar with these **OCTOBER** Dates:

Oct 1- 11- *Dracula...A Feminist Revenge Fantasy* continues at the Wimberley Playhouse

Oct 3- Market Days

Oct 4 & 5 Wimberley Metaphysical and Holistic Fair 11-5 at the Community Center- free event

Oct 10- Wimberley Clean Up/Shred It Day 8- 12. Shredding will be at Ozona Bank

Oct 10- Second Saturday at Art on 12. Music by local musicians, snacks, wine and beer. arton12.com

Oct 10- Star Party at the Blue Hole

Oct 10- Karst Canyon Preserve Guided hike to the bat cave 8:30- 10:30am

Oct 15 - Jeff Black at Susanna's Kitchen

Oct 17 & 18- Arts Fest & Blue Agave behind Oak Park Visitor Center
Oct 18- Painting with Parks at the Blue Hole
Oct 23 & 24- Honeyfest at Bella Vista Music Club
Oct 24- Boo! Hole Halloween
Oct 24- 23rd Annual K of C Hunters' Night Out
Oct 27- Adopt a highway cleanup and Square cleanup starting at 8:00am
Oct 28- Wimberley Civic Club Style Show, Market and Happy Hour 4- 6:30pm at The Videre
Oct 30- Downtown Trick or Treat
Oct 31- Best Little Dog Walk in Texas



SAVE THE DATE:

Susanna's Kitchen:

November 19 - Terri Hendrix And Lloyd Maines

December 17 - Hill Country Honeys

Other events:

Nov 28- Jan 4- Hometown Holidays in Wimberley

Nov 28- Parade, tree lighting and opening of the Christmas Courtyard

Dec 1 & 2- Kevin Russel and Friends

Dec 4- Art Crawl- Holiday Market

Dec 31- Downtown Ball Drop

On-going Events

For a full list of on-going Wimberley clubs and events , please visit the archived event page on our website. rivermountainranch.org

MUSIC and **ART** events at wimberleyarts.org

Wimberley Events can be found on visitwimberleytx.com

For even more local news, sign up for the free KVVH newsletter.

Stars Over Wimberley

The Stars Over Wimberley Benefit Concert Series is a collaboration between the Wimberley Valley Arts and Cultural Alliance (wimberleyarts.org) and the Wimberley Players. The mission is to showcase Texas musical artists- our shining stars- and support the Robert Moreman Memorial Scholarship for creative Wimberley graduating high school seniors- our rising stars- while bringing cultural enrichment to our community.

The 2026 Lineup:

Kevin Russel and Friends- December 1 and 2.



Wimberley Garden Club- (see new location)

The next meeting will be on October 14th at The Wimberley Community Center from 9:30 - 11:30. October's topic will be presented by Gerald Bernard, a local tree farmer, who will give us insight into what trees to plant, how to plant and trim them, and how to keep them healthy. All are welcome to join the monthly inspirational, educational and fun meetings!

Hill Country Unit of the Herb Society of Texas-

The October meeting will be on the 21st. Join the Herb Society for a special herbal luncheon and cooking presentation at The Leaning Pear in Wimberley!

We'll enjoy a delicious lunch featuring an herbal salad, herbal soup, and a non-alcoholic beverage (water, tea, or soda), followed by a special presentation from Chef Matthew on cooking with herbs. He'll share tips, ideas, and recipes we can try at home.

Cost: \$21 per person, plus tax and gratuity

We'll be meeting in The Treehouse. Space is limited, so please RSVP by October 10 to Lisa Valentine at valentine_lisa@msn.com so we can give the restaurant an accurate head count.

We hope you'll join us for a delicious lunch, great fellowship, and plenty of herbal inspiration!

Come learn, share, and get inspired. Visitors are always welcome! Please RSVP to valentine_lisa@msn.com if you plan to attend.

In The October Garden - from the Texas A&M website

October Gardening Checklist For Austin and Central Texas

October Gardening To-Dos



Stockpile leaves to use as mulch all winter

Finally! The heat should be breaking and we can all rush back outside to garden in earnest. Rains may arrive mid month to replenish soil moisture and rainwater harvesting tanks. See below for what should be your October gardening to-dos.

Things to Do in the Garden for October

FERTILIZE

Resume fertilizer routines for plants, if needed, and according to soil test results. Fertilize trees and shrubs to encourage root growth, water well, then replenish mulch.

WATER

As temperatures fall, evaporation will slow. Monitor irrigation and reduce schedule by 1/3 until fall rains arrive.

PLANT

This is the best time to plant new trees and shrubs. New stocks of perennials and grasses should be available at local nurseries, plant this month before frost arrives. Sow wildflower seeds. Plant spring blooming bulbs. See Travis County Master Gardener Betty Dunn's [recommendations for bulbs in Central Texas](#).

SOIL

Run over fallen leaves with the lawnmower, then use the shredded material as mulch for perennials.

LAWNS

Add compost to lawn. Last month to add sod, be prepared to water according to temperature and weather. Overseeding is not recommended except for very high traffic areas (like dog runs.) The overseeded species stress the warm-season grasses and reduces the health of the entire lawn.

DISEASES/PESTS TO LOOK FOR

Caterpillars become active again. Monitor plants for holes and droppings. Control by picking them off or spraying with *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt)

MAINTENANCE

Dig and store caladium bulbs when foliage dies. Monitor weather for freezes, prepare for

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frost protection or start to move containers indoors.

Travis County Master Gardener Patty Leander advises getting the most value from your garden by growing vegetables that cost a premium at the grocery store. For example, romanesco cauliflower costs twice that of regular white cauliflower, yet it is easy to grow. Plant softneck varieties of garlic this month. Softneck varieties are recommended for the South because they perform better than the hardneck varieties. Stockpile leaves to use as mulch.

Your October Indoor Gardening Checklist

MAINTENANCE

If you put your houseplants outside for the summer, begin the process of bringing them inside to protect them from freezes. You will reverse what you did in the spring, by gradually decreasing the amount of light the plant is exposed to over a 4-to-8-week period.

Have You Heard?



- The former **JoBells** building has been sold and another restaurant will soon be going in.
- Hays County officials say a mosquito sample collected in the Wimberley Valley on September 1 has tested positive for **West Nile Virus**. It's the ninth WNV-positive mosquito that's been detected this season.
- The construction on 2325 by the high school is the new **performing arts** building for the school district.
- The **library mural** is proceeding nicely. Stop by and take a peak at the progress.

- 3 new shops are being planned next to the parking lot across from Community Pizza. One will be a new art gallery.
- The City of Wimberley has approved a Resiliency Plan that encourages the restoration of historic places, has plans for downtown revitalization, supports and expands artistic and cultural programs, and maintains our culture-focused state designations: Music Friendly, Film Friendly, International Dark Skies, and Bird City.



Get ready for a wild night of Texas Western Fiction by Texas writers! On Wednesday, October 7th, we have a special evening with two of the hottest talents in Texas: [James Wade](#), the award-winning author of HOLLOW OUT THE DARK, BEASTS OF THE EARTH, ALL THINGS LEFT WILD, and RIVER, SING OUT, and [Gary Keith](#), writer, researcher, lecturer, political science professor for many years, and author of AUSTIN BLUES, and the soon-to-be-released THE MANSIONS ON WOODLAWN BOULEVARD.

RSVP's are appreciated for anticipating space needs.
Save your space by clicking
<https://thewimberleyliterarysalon.org>.

Our venue: Wimberley Valley Museum | 14068 Ranch Rd
12, Wimberley, TX 78676

Wimberley on Wheels offers transportation for seniors in the
Wimberley Valley. 512-847-1787

Kids' Corner



- 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

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- A vibrant, hand-drawn cartoon illustration of a variety of snacks. At the top left is a bucket of yellow popcorn. Next to it is a pink lollipop. To the right is a brown cookie with the word 'COOKIE' written on it. Further right is a bag of green chips labeled 'CHIPS'. Below the popcorn is a red and white striped lollipop. In the center is a blue can of 'POTATO CHIPS' and a red can of 'SODA'. To the right of the soda is a green bag of chips. Below the potato chips is a hamburger with a brown bun and a chocolate cookie. To the right of the hamburger is a pink lollipop. At the bottom left is a blue carton of 'MILK'. In the center bottom is a yellow speech bubble with the word 'SNACK' in black letters. To the right of the speech bubble is a brown chocolate bar labeled 'CHOCO BAR'. At the bottom right is a red bucket of french fries. Various other snacks like a chocolate cookie, a pink lollipop, a green lollipop, a pink lollipop, a blue lollipop, and a pink lollipop are scattered around the central 'SNACK' bubble.

Also, don't forget ice cream at **The Old Mill Store** and **Monster treats**, popcorn at **Papa Hoos**, candy at **Wimberley Candy Cottage**, donuts at **Wimberley Donut Shop**, popcorn at **Ace**, and shaved ice at **Wimberley Shaved Ice**.

Wimberley Clubs- for a full list of clubs and meeting times, visit our RMR website. rivermountainranch.org

Let's hope for nice October rain- no floods!