

NEWS FROM THE STAFF

COFFEE WITH THE PRESIDENT

By Darrell Jones, President/CEO

All residents are cordially invited to an informal gathering with me to discuss any topics. It will take place **Friday, Sep 20**, at **9am** in the Legacy Room. A sign-up sheet is located in CC1. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Dee Smith at 568-5026. We look forward to seeing you there. Please allow those who have not attended a Coffee to sign up first. Thank you!



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

By Darrell Jones, President/CEO

Every year each Blue Skies of Texas campus recognizes a person, persons or organization that has/have contributed significantly to the betterment of Blue Skies of Texas. The award is given either for a sustained period of superior performance, or a specific meritorious act or achievement. Distinguished Service Award nominations may include residents, board members and any friends of BST who have no direct affiliation with BST. Any resident, board member, or staff member of either campus may make nominations. Please submit your nominations to the Resident Services Director, Dave Zeh, containing a brief narrative of the nominee's contribution or achievement, no later than **Sunday, Oct 13**.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY USAF

By Fred Ryder, Chief Operations Officer

In 1947, President Truman signed the National Security Act to provide a comprehensive program for the future security of the United States, and established the US Air Force as an independent service. On Sep 18, 1947, Chief Justice Fred Vinson swore in Stuart Symington as the first secretary of the Air Force, officially founding the new branch of the U.S. military. The official birthday of the US Air Force is **Sep 18, 1947**. Source: History.state.gov, Council of Foreign Relations & Military.com

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RESIDENT SERVICES

By Dave Zeh

Save The Date:

Wednesday, Sep 4 - Honey, Hats & Chats, Main Lobby, **10am**

DRAC Meeting, CC Rooms, **10am**

Thursday, Sep 5 – Heritage Committee Meeting, Exec Conference Room, **10am**

Wednesday, Sep 11- Patriot Day Ceremony, Portico, **2pm**

Wednesday, Sep 18 – RC Meeting, CC Rooms, **2pm**

Thursday, Sep 19 – Residents' Council Annual Election, **10am-2pm**

Friday, Sep 20 – Coffee and Conversation with CEO, Legacy Room, **9am**

Tuesday, Oct 1 – National Night Out, Heritage Park, **5:30pm**

International Day of Older Persons, Theme “The Journey to Age Equality,” Watch for Posted Events throughout the Week

Thursday, Oct 10 – BSTE Annual Oktoberfest (More details coming soon!)

Holiday Schedule - Monday, Sep 2, is Labor Day, which is a Federal holiday. As such, there will not be any mail delivery. Broadway Bank will also be closed. All transportation to WHASC and/or SAMMC will be suspended for Monday, Sep 2, as these facilities will be closed for normal appointments.



Med Center will be closed on Monday, Sep 2; so please submit all transportation requests for a medical appointment on Tuesday, Sep 3 by

Friday, Aug 30 by noon.

This is also a BST holiday; so there will be minimal staffing and all BST transportation is suspended for that day.

East Main Lobby Refresh – Work on the Main Lobby is almost complete. Broadway Bank will be relocating to the office next to the Library. Once the Bank has moved, work on the expansion of the Village Store will begin, and you can look forward to having some new items on the shelves. Thank you for your patience.

School has Started & It's Darker in the Morning Hours - As the days are remaining darker in the morning hours, it is imperative for people who walk, ride, jog or drive during the early morning to remain safe. Joggers and walkers should remain on the perimeter sidewalk and bicyclists should follow traffic laws while riding in the street. Wear something light colored or reflective when in the dark hours of the morning, and use a light on your bicycle for visibility to the automobile traffic. Also, be aware school is back in session, and there are children on the neighborhood street corners waiting for the school bus. Please be sure to report any streetlights that are not operating through the maintenance work order system. Be safe, be secure and be fit.



TSA and Your Texas Driver's License – Effective **Oct 1, 2020**, unless your Texas



driver's license has a gold star on it, it will not be accepted by TSA as a valid proof for federal identification purposes, such as boarding domestic flights or entering secure federal facilities. You may also use another form of federally accepted identification, such as, a US passport or DOD ID. You may continue to use your

driver's license without the star for non-federal purposes, such as operating a motor vehicle, voting or banking.

Johnston Library Transportation – Every second and fourth Friday of the month. Bus departs at **10am** from the Main Lobby.

Wednesday Shopping – We depart the East Campus at **1:15pm**. Return pickup is 3:30pm.

Sep 4 – Target; **Sep 11** – Trader Joes; **Sep 18** – Costco; **Sep 25** – Alamo Ranch

Friday Mall Transportation – We depart East Campus at **10:15am**. Return pickup is **2pm**. There is a \$5 per trip transportation fee for this service.

Sep 6 – La Cantera; **Sep 13** – Ingram Mall; **Sep 20** – Wonderland Mall of the Americas; **Sep 27** – Quarry Marketplace

Housekeeping Spotlight Item – These weekly items give housekeepers an area of special interest. Housekeepers will still adhere to their checklists but will pay special attention to the Spotlight Items of the week:

Week of **Sep 2** – Trash Cans; **Sep 9** – Vacuum Furniture; **Sep 16** – Blinds;

Sep 23 – Corners & Baseboards; **Sep 30** – Ceiling Fans & Air Vents

SCAM ALERT

By Shirley Clay, Resident Counselor



“This call is to alert you there is a problem with your social security account.” - This automated call has been circulating recently with the intent of having the recipient press or call a telephone number for more information. Once contact is established in this way, the scammer will attempt to gain personal information such as social security numbers, financial account numbers, or Medicare numbers. If you receive a call and are concerned there could be a problem with your

account, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 or visit the closest Social Security office. I was the recipient of this scam call over and over, sometimes several times a day, for several weeks. I know it can be frustrating. But if you continue to hang up immediately and not follow the directions given, eventually the scammers will move on to others.

Watch those financial statements – A resident staying alert and checking monthly financial statements was able to recently catch scam charges on her credit card and bank account. She notified the bank immediately and all accounts were closed, and monies reimbursed. Check your financial statements regularly!

2019 WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S – SAN ANTONIO, TX

By Kurt Riedel, Director of Freedom House



Saturday, Oct 19

Registration: **8am**

Ceremony: **9am**

Walk: **9:30am**

We invite you to join Team Freedom House as we represent Blue Skies of Texas at this year's walk! If you are interested, please sign up on the Alzheimer's Association website's Walk Page, or go to:

[https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2019/TX-](https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2019/TX-SanAntonioandSouthTexas?team_id=543142&pg=team&fr_id=12431)

[SanAntonioandSouthTexas?team_id=543142&pg=team&fr_id=12431](https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2019/TX-SanAntonioandSouthTexas?team_id=543142&pg=team&fr_id=12431)

Search for Team Freedom House and enter your information! We look forward to walking with you!

ANNIVERSARY MILESTONE OF SERVICE

By HR Team

The Human Resources Team (HR) would like to thank the following employees for reaching an Anniversary Milestone of Service with Blue Skies of Texas. Thank you for serving our residents with love and care throughout the years. We appreciate you!

Correction: Yukari Nitz celebrated her 10 year anniversary at BSTE on Aug 21.

Employee	Anniversary Date	Years of Service	Department
Judith Isleta	Sep 4	10	The Mission
Vanessa Rangel	Sep 10	1	Environmental Services – West
Ezra Palmer Jr	Sep 11	1	The Mission
Jessica Castillo	Sep14	1	The Mission
Adrian Medrano	Sep 14	1	Beauty Shop – East
Geronimo Cruz	Sep15	20	Maintenance – East
Leon Bryant	Sep 25	1	Dining Services - East
Lupe Solis	Sep 26	5	Beauty Shop – West
Angela Reddell	Sep 28	1	Freedom House

MAINTENANCE

WATER CONSERVATION

By Mike Scates, Facilities Director

After a relatively cool, wet spring, hot and dry temperatures throughout July and August have led much of the state to shift into drought conditions, according to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor. Bexar County is now considered “abnormally dry.” Others are calling the third driest July and August in San Antonio history a “flash drought,” where the warm season has been rainy enough for plants to grow rapidly before moisture stops



dropping from above. This causes plants to start depleting the moisture in the soil posthaste; thus, vegetation dries out at a much faster rate with dry air and soil. In addition, drought conditions affected the Edwards Aquifer causing the Blue Hole spring at the headwaters of the San Antonio River to run dry. Due to this, we are on the brink of Stage 1 water rationing. During this stage, watering of lawns can only occur once a week *before* 11am and *after* 7pm. Our day of the week at BSTE is Thursday. Plants may be watered with a hand held hose or bucket any time of day.

CATERED LIVING

By Mercedes Cruz, Catered Living Manager

Do you have a piece of furniture you need assembled or something you need repaired? Catered Living can help you with repairing or assembling furniture, additional cleaning, car washing, golf cart preventive maintenance, gardening, grocery shopping and much more!! We also have our laundry service for \$1.50/lb. Let us know if you would like more information, contact us at 210-568-3285.



PEST CONTROL SCHEDULE

By Scott Fischman, Maintenance Director

Thursday, Sep 5:		Thursday, Sep 12:	
Hi-Rise	Floors 6-7	Hi-Rise	Floor 8
Mid-Rise	Floor 4	Mid-Rise	Floor 5
Cottages		Cottages	1754-1756
The Hills	SA: All Apts. & Hallway, exterior Dallas: exterior Austin: exterior	The Hills	Dallas: All Apts. & Hallway
Health Care	AH: interior common, exterior	Health Care	
Specials	Bistro: interior, exterior	Specials	Hobby Shop: exterior

Thursday, Sep 19:		Thursday, Sep 26:	
Hi-Rise	Floor 9	Hi-Rise	Floor 10, exterior
Mid-Rise	Floor 6	Mid-Rise	exterior
Cottages		Cottages	
The Hills	Austin: All Apts. & Hallway	The Hills	
Health Care		Health Care	Mission: kitchen/dining, exterior
Specials	MX Bldg.: exterior	Specials	MX Bldg.: interior common Vitality/Fit: exterior

Maintenance Work Order Submittals

Work Order Desk, 210-568-3261 or Work Order Email, workorder@blueskiestx.org



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provided amazing charitable gifts of \$10,000 or more from Jul 25 – Aug 27.

We are also grateful to the following donors who provided generous support!

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We offer a special thank you to those individuals listed below who donated through the Protestant Church in August to benefit the High Flight Center:

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Maj and Mrs. Kenneth L. Wells

As always, we are sincerely grateful for our anonymous donors!

Due to the deadline for this month's resident newsletters, those who have made gifts after August 27 will be recognized in the following report. Thank you!

We make every effort to prepare a complete and accurate donor listing. If you detect an error, please contact the AFVCF office (568-3211) so that we can correct our records. Thank you.

RESIDENTS' CORNER

DINING ROOM ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS

By Doris Megonigal

The Sky Lounge is becoming the hot spot for dining at Blue Skies this summer, so the Dining Room Advisory Council (DRAC) has two reminders for you:

1. Be sure to make a reservation for Friday and Saturday nights, and for Sunday Brunch, even if you are only wanting a take-out order. This gives the chef an idea of the amount of food needed.
2. The most popular times on Friday and Saturday nights are 5, 5:20 and 5:40pm. You can make your reservations up to a week in advance, so please reserve your table as soon as you can, especially if you want one of those time periods.



ATTENTION! BSTE RESIDENTS & STAFF

By Paul Wilkinson

Your Ukulele Band is missing a large roll of black tape. It was last seen during our 4th of July Celebration. The tape was used to secure audio wiring and electrical power cords to prevent tripping hazards. This special tape has unique dietary needs; therefore, we suspect it was enticed away by a sumptuous piece of KFC chicken or a dish of "peachy" cobbler. Currently, we are making do with Frog tape, but you know it's not easy being green.



If you spot a large roll of black tape roaming the halls or laying on some secluded shelf, please bring it to the BSTE Front Desk. It will promptly be placed in the Ukulele Band's storage cabinet in the CC3 Room. Your "Sing-along Strings" thank you.

VILLAGE VOICES

By Diana Greenly

The Village Voices have started rehearsals for fall and holiday programs. It is not too late to join this dynamic group of singers. If you love to sing and can read music or learn a part, come join the Voices on **Tuesday** afternoons at **1:30pm** on the third floor of Liberty House!

NOTES FROM THE RESIDENT COUNCIL CHAIR

By Bruce Wilcox

Please mark your calendar for the next Residents' Council meeting **Wednesday, Sep 18**, at **2pm** in the CC rooms. Our presentations will concentrate on past actions and planned future activities targeting increasing BST East occupancy. Also, please see the article submitted by Bob Lamb announcing reelections for the Council.

SING-ALONG STRINGS UKULELE BAND

By Verna Mae Roberson

Mark **Saturday, Sep 14**, on your calendar! There'll be another fun crowd gathered in the CC Rooms at **7pm**. We absolutely filled up the place last month; folks had to go find more chairs. The popcorn is hot and Cory always has some delicious snacks for halftime. By the way, even though we can't usually do requests on the spot, we will try to play them at the next Sing-along. We play cowboy songs, WW II ballads, "dirty ole" Air Force songs, Hawaiian, love, rock 'n' roll, and lots of silly songs.

LSC SEPTEMBER BUNCO LUNCHEON

By Lee Wells

The Lackland Spouses Club (LSC) will be hosting a Bunco luncheon at the Lackland Gateway Club on **Tuesday, Sep 17**, at 10:30am. The cost of the buffet will be \$15 for Gateway club members & \$17 for non-members. There will be a free bus to take us to the club. Blue Sky Members of the LSC must make your reservation to attend by signing up in the BST East or West Activity book in your respective CC Room by noon on Thursday, Sep 12. I will check the sign-up sheets and submit your reservation at this time. No cancellations after Sep 12. The bus will depart BST West at **10am** and BST East at **10:15am**. Return pick up will be at 1pm. The game of Bunco is so easy to learn and fun to play. You can still join the LSC at this luncheon! Annual dues are \$40 for married spouses and \$0 (Yes \$0) for widows. Please contact Lee Wells if you have any questions (see Resident Roster).

ATTENTION ALL BSTE RESIDENTS

By Bob Lamb

Announcing the [Annual Election](#) of BST East residents for the Residents' Council. The Residents' Council (RC) is a group of your neighbors elected by you to represent all BST East residents. It is concerned with matters affecting the health, well-being, and overall life satisfaction of individual residents and is the officially sanctioned liaison between you and the BSTE Management.



For the RC to work properly, your active participation in the election process is needed. Our upcoming annual election is scheduled for **Thursday, Sep 19**, from **10am-2pm**. A total of five (5) residents will be elected by you to the RC to serve for two years. To stand for the election you must sign-up and fill out the candidate forms which will be available in CC1 from *Monday, Sep 2, thru Friday, Sep, 6*. Completed forms must be turned into the Election Officer, through internal mail (the **Front Desk**), no later than Saturday, Sep 7. Our Village needs you and your ideas!

RACE TO THE CLOUDS

By Bill Overacker

The Pikes Peak International Hill Climb is an annual automobile and motorcycle hill climb to the summit of Pikes Peak in Colorado on the last Sunday in June. The track measures 12.4 miles and has over 156 turns, climbing 4,720feet. This is the second oldest motor event in the US. There were 85 registered entrants consisting of 58 cars and 27 bikes representing 17 countries in this year's event. To assure communication and coordination, the Pikes Peak Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) provided 23 radio operators and equipment along this event's route. This is a tough event to support: long hours from 0230 to 1730; tight communication protocols; and the difficult conditions of weather and altitude. All these were encountered with multiple air and ambulance evacuations to include one fatality, plus wind, rain, hail and lightning. A job well done by Pikes Peak Amateur Radio Club!! All are invited to the next BST Amateur Radio Club meeting on **Thursday, Sep 19**, at **11:30am** in CC1. Please contact Joel Lichtenstein for more information.

73—(Best regards in Ham language).

SMART DRIVER COURSE

By Jim Kniker



The next course at BSTW is **Friday, Oct 4, 12:30-5pm** in the Roadrunner Lounge. AARP has dedicated considerable time and resources to creating the best possible Driving Safety course using extensive curriculum research. The Smart Driver

Course features the most informative and relevant content from previous editions – updated to reflect the latest driver safety and transportation innovations – bundled with fresh information based on new research, expert recommendations and volunteer and participant insights. Most auto insurance companies give a premium discount to those who complete the course. You must attend the course once every three years to be eligible for the discount. The cost of the course is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for nonmembers. Sign-up sheets are in CC1.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AIR FORCE PRESENTATION

By Milly Smith

On **Monday, Oct 14 at 2pm** in the BSTW Roadrunner Lounge, a representative from the Air Force Museum Foundation will be delighted to present information about the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force™ and its role to preserve and share our USAF



heritage. Current plans include the opportunity to see reproductions of archival material not normally on display at the Museum.

The National Museum of the U.S. Air Force™ is the world's largest military aviation museum. The Museum has more than 360 aerospace vehicles and missiles amid over 19 acres of indoor exhibit space, highlighting the people and events from the Wright brothers to the Space Age and beyond.

If you plan to attend, we ask that you please RSVP to Michelle Serna in the Development Office (210-568-3290; michelleserna@blueskiestx.org) by **Wednesday, Oct 9**. We hope you can join us!

ATTENTION GREENTHUMBS

By Jim Conner



On **Friday, Oct 25**, at **10 am**, David Rodriguez, Texas A & M AgriLife Extension Service, will give a presentation in the BSTW Roadrunner Lounge on gardening and landscape plants. He will also address container plants for those of you who like to have something on your balconies. We will be having lunch with him, please join us for some interesting discussions. David has a popular Lawn and Garden show on WOAI Radio on Saturdays, 7-10am if you would like to know what type of information he can cover.

ATTENTION ALL ARTISANS

BY Kathleen Andrews

The Arts and Crafts Fair will be on **Friday, Nov 22**, from **10am-3pm** in the Blue Skies West Lobby. The purpose of this event is to encourage residents to be creative and to give their items a venue for display and/or for sale. Items must be handmade by the resident who reserves the space. Don't miss this opportunity to support our resident artisans and to do some of your Christmas shopping. More details will be available in the October newsletter. For more information, contact Kathleen Andrews (see BSTW Resident Roster).

ANNIVERSARY AND BIRTHDAY PHOTOS By Norris Wynne & Sonja Williams

Dig out your favorite old picture for sharing with your Blue Skies neighbors. Send your photo through the front desk internal mail to Norris Wynne, Apt 709, **prior to the 27th** of the month before your Birthday or Anniversary. We will post it on the Birthday and Anniversary display in the lobby as well as on the in-house television channel. *Please write the name and the date as well as your apartment number on the back of the photo.* The original will be returned to you. Remember, the deadline is the 27th. Thank you, Norris and Sonja.



HOBBY SHOP

By Bob Knapp



Blue Skies East Hobby Shop is available for use by all residents of the Village. The day-to-day management of the facility, equipment and supplies is accomplished by Volunteer Residents. Currently, Bob Knapp graciously fulfills this task for all of us. In addition, Tim McKinna, Wayne Roberts and Carl Kelley may be

called upon for access to the shop, and any assistance needed for operation of equipment, location of supplies and general shop upkeep (see Resident Roster). The shop may accept resident's small items such as, lamps, small appliances, and craft items for repair.

The shop ventilation system is limited; however, individual residents may choose to repair or refinish furniture of moderate size, but the Volunteer shop personnel will no longer accept furniture items for repair/refinishing. The shop volunteers do not expect to be paid for the work, but suggest you make a small donation to the White Elephant as they provide the finances for the shop supplies. Please call the Hobby Shop at 210-568-5297 or any of the volunteers listed above if you have an item they can help with or if you are interested in participating in the shop operation.

RELIGION

EPISCOPAL SERVICES

By Johnna Baladez

Please join Fr. David Archibald for services on **Wednesdays at 2pm** in the Main Chapel, and on **Wednesdays at 3pm** at The Mission in the Mockingbird Household.

CATHOLIC NEWS

By Pat Steffen

Catholic Mass - is offered each **Sunday at 1:15pm** in the Village Main Chapel. Mass is celebrated on a rotating basis by the priests from St. Vincent De Paul Parish. Fr. Armando Hernandez, MSpS, who has been serving as Parochial Vicar at St. Vincent De Paul Parish will be leaving for his new assignment in Los Angeles the first week in September. We should be meeting his replacement soon.

BST East Blessed Sacrament Chapel - The Chapel, Room #114, is open 24 hours a day to all residents and staff for quiet prayer and meditation. As you enter the Chapel, on top of the small cabinet to your left, there is a journal for your prayer intentions.

Wednesdays at 1pm – All are welcome to join us in the Chapel to recite the Chaplet of Mercy and the Rosary.

PROTESTANT CHURCH SERVICE

By Carol Frazier, Chapel Administrator

Pastor - Pastor Kerry Haynes

Protestant Services - We invite you to our worship services each Sunday. We encourage you to find a spiritual home of faith here at BST East!

The Mission Worship Service – Held each Sunday at **9:30am** at The Mission in the Multi-purpose Room.

Sunday Worship Service - Held at **11am** each Sunday in the Main Chapel.

Monthly Sunday Afternoon Bible Study – Bible Study will be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month, at **2pm** in the Legacy Room.

Pre-Service Coffee – Held on the *last Sunday* of each month at **10:15am** in the Legacy Room. Please join us for “A Cup of Joe” and fellowship!

Church Membership - Interested in joining AFV I Protestant Church? If you desire to unite with Air Force Village I Protestant Church you may transfer your membership or request dual membership whereby you also retain membership in your present church. If you do not belong to a church, you may join by profession of faith. If you have belonged to a church, you may also join by reaffirmation of faith. For more information, please speak to Pastor Kerry, a Church Board Member or stop by the Chapel Office for assistance.

Church Information – For additional church information, such as donating flowers for a Sunday Service and Lobby display, church financial reports or a list of current Church Board Members, please see the clipboards displayed in the CC Rooms Information Center. We also have church and service information posted weekly on the In-house channel.

Chapel Office - The Chapel Office, located in the Executive Offices, is open for all Church business **Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9am-1pm**; Phone 210-674-3361.

JEWISH SERVICES INFORMATION

Sabbath Eve Service meeting is held on **Fridays at 4:30pm** at Lackland’s Airmen Memorial Chapel.

SPORTS, GAMES AND SCORES

BRIDGE

By Marilyn Carter

Attention Bridge players! If anyone would like to join us to play Bridge, please call me. We play every **Thursday at 1pm** in CC1. Come join us.

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES NIGHT

By Ed Albert

Join friends for Mexican Train Dominoes games on **Wednesdays at 6:30pm** in the Game Room of Blue Skies East. It’s easy to learn, no stress and a fun game. We may also play other games from time to time. Equipment is furnished, and we usually finish by 9pm. Open to all residents and guests.

BINGO

By Esther Wright

Come One! Come All! We need at least 10 players to play each week, but the more the merrier. See you **Tuesdays at 7pm** in the CC Rooms.

BRIDGE SCORES

By Cory Ricót

Aug 1

Cory Ricót & Jane Stuart
John Fucik & Grace Johnson
Josie Rice & Bobbie Crowley

Aug 22

Josie Rice & Norm Galyon
Hal Elliott & Jack Cawood
Jane Stuart & Cory Ricót

Aug 15

Hal Elliott & Jack Cawood
Beverly Johnson & Eva Stepan
Cory Ricót & Susana Slater

Small Slams

Jack Cawood & Hal Elliott
Cory Ricót & Susana Slater

