

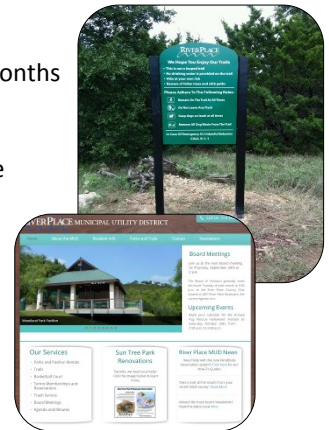


Community News

October 1, 2016 marks the beginning of the last fiscal year for River Place MUD. On December 15, 2017 the city of Austin will complete its Full Purpose Annexation of the District. At that same time River Place MUD will convert into River Place Limited District. The Limited District will perform the same functions as the MUD with the exception of responsibility for drainage throughout River Place. The city of Austin will assume responsibility for drainage. Sometime in May 2018 the Limited District will hold an election to officially approve the creation of the Limited District.

There are some exciting things that have taken place in the MUD over the past few months and some future plans that we want to share with everyone. Recently we have:

- ◆ Installed trail signs at our three trailheads that provide hikers with not only rules when using the trails, but also some information about the trails themselves.
- ◆ Launched our website which provides board meeting agendas and meeting minutes, information about our trails, trash service schedule, recently updated park rules and access to our new reservation system. The new reservation system allows residents and non-residents to schedule court times for tennis (must have a membership) and basketball as well as reserve the pavilions at Sun Tree and Woodlands Parks. Visit: www.RiverPlaceMUD.org



We are in the process of renovating the playscape at Sun Tree Park. We received valuable input from residents as to what equipment we should install. We hope to make the decision on the new equipment in November and begin construction early next year. In conjunction with the renovation of the playscape we will be making additional improvements that will allow the park to meet

Texas Accessible Standards. This will involve improvements to the parking lot, some of the sidewalks and an addition of a water fountain at the pavilion. We are excited about the upgrades to the park and want to thank everyone for their participation.

IMPORTANT: upgrades to the parking lot and sidewalks will begin in November.

Please check the website for updates.

For the past few years the MUD has been dealing with erosion at Panther Hollow which is a section of the Woodlands Park. Panther Hollow is located along Lake Austin. We have now engaged our engineering firm to look into a permanent solution to the issue. This is a very involved process which will require the input/approval from the City of Austin. We are just at the preliminary stage of this process. While our main concern is to resolve the erosion problem we are also looking to enhance the overall enjoyment of this section for our residents.



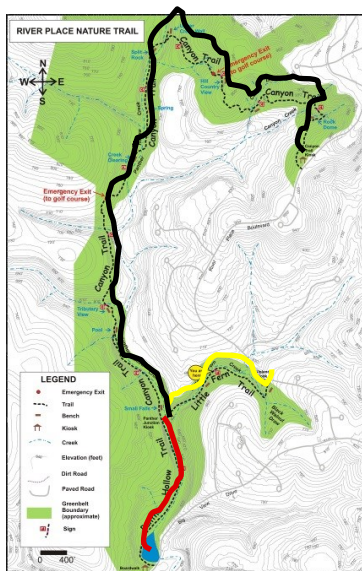
Board Meetings

4th Tuesday of the Month ▪ 2:00pm ▪ River Place Country Club ▪ 4207 River Place Boulevard

All homeowners, residents, and interested parties are cordially invited to attend.

Meeting dates and agendas are posted on the website at www.RiverPlaceMUD.org.



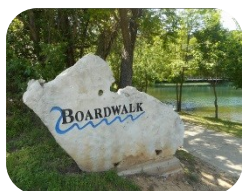


Visit the River Place Trails!

Trail Hiking Hours:

Dawn to Dusk, Monday-Sunday

There are three trails in River Place. They can be hiked from the top at the Canyon Trail entrance to the bottom near Woodlands Park for a rigorous 3 miles (one way). If you include the half mile Fern Creek Trail you can add an additional half mile (one way or a full mile up and back). It is not a looped trail system. You can do seven miles total round trip. There are trail signs every half mile.



Panther Hollow Trail (Highlighted in red on the map). This is the lower trail that starts at the Woodlands Park behind the boardwalk and follows the streams to the Canyon and Fern Creek Trails.

Address: 8820 Big View Drive

Fern Trail (Highlighted in yellow on the map) This trail has the most waterfalls and lots of ferns over most of the trail as you stay along the stream.

Address: 3916 River Place Blvd.



The Canyons Trail (Highlighted in black on the map) This trail starts on River Place Blvd or at the end of the Fern Trail. It's considered the most rigorous of all the trails. It has approximately 2700 built in steps and over 1700 feet of elevation change. The highest elevation change in the Austin area. You will see some nice pools of water and several overlook areas.

Address: 4740 River Place Blvd



Source: Friends of River Place Trail

Lightning killed woman found in Travis County greenbelt

A passer-by found 37-year-old Michelle Ann Wolfe's body around 5:32 p.m. roughly a mile from the River Place trail head and immediately alerted authorities. Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services crews were called to the scene, but Wolfe was already dead when they arrived. Sheriff's office spokeswoman Kristen Dark released a statement Wednesday that said investigators found no signs of foul play but did notice a downed tree branch and scorched objects near Wolfe's body. Dark said the Travis County medical examiner later confirmed that Wolfe died from electrocution by lightning strike. Her death has been ruled an accident. Wolfe is the second person in Texas and the 36th in the nation to die from a lightning strike so far in 2016, according to the National Weather Service. Weather service meteorologist Paul Yura said thunderstorms and lightning strikes can happen in Texas year-round. ***"What that means for everybody is that we need to pay attention if or when thunderstorms are near our location,"*** he said. "We have a saying: ***'When thunder roars, go indoors.'***" Yura said people typically tend to go about their business as usual when thunderstorms roll into the area. "There are a lot of people still out trying to take care of their work, their chores, their jobs or whatever," he said. "You should take as many precautions as possible." Yura said many incorrectly think having a roof over your head, like at a gazebo in a park or a pavilion, provides a safe shelter from lightning. ***"Electricity, even if it strikes nearby, can move sideways or along the ground, so you have to be in an enclosed structure to be as safe as you can,"*** he said. Yura urged people to think ahead when thunderstorms are near and to stay close to shelter in case lightning develops.

Source: Austin American Statesman, Sept. 28.2016

Tips: When thunder roars, go indoors

- When thunderstorms are in the area, substantial buildings and hard-topped vehicles are safe options.
- If you hear thunder, you are likely within striking distance of the storm.
- Cancel or postpone activities early if thunderstorms are expected. Monitor conditions and get to a safe place before weather becomes threatening.
- When inside, don't touch anything plugged into an electrical outlet, plumbing or corded phones. Also, avoid outside doors and windows and don't lie on a garage floor.

Source: National Weather Service

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