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News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

Here's the latest on what's going on in Kingsbury!

First Day Of Autumn

If you’ve sweated your way through a long hot summer, you might be ready for a change in season! The autumnal equinox—also called the September equinox and the fall equinox in the Northern Hemisphere—falls on September 23rd this year. Specifically, the Northern Hemisphere marks the autumnal **equinox** on Monday, September 23, 2019, at exactly 2:50 a.m. CDT.



*Autumn has caught us in our summer wear.*  
-Philip Larkin, British poet (1922-86)

The autumnal equinox is the astronomical start of fall in the Northern Hemisphere and spring in the Southern Hemisphere.



*Autumn days come quickly, like the running of a hound on the moor.*  
-Irish proverb

Why is it called an equinox? The word comes from the Latin *aequus*, meaning “equal” and *nox*, meaning “night.”

During the equinox, the Sun crosses what we call the “celestial equator.” Imagine a line that marks the equator on Earth extending up into the sky above the equator from north to south. Earth’s two hemispheres receive the Sun’s rays about equally. The Sun is overhead at noon as seen from the equator, so at this point, the amount of nighttime and daytime (sunlight) are roughly equal to each other.



*It is the summer’s great last heat,  
It is the fall’s first chill: They meet.*  
-Sarah Morgan Bryan Piatt

Another definition of fall is cooler nights combined with days of temperatures below 70 degrees. From here on out, the temperatures begin to drop.

Note that fall foliage isn't due to current weather conditions. This is a common misconception. Leaves change color because of the amount of daylight and photosynthesis.

FALL EQUINOX FAQs



**Q: Are day and night perfectly equal on the equinox?**

A: No. Even on the equinox, day and night aren't perfectly equal! However, they are very close to equal (the lengths may be off by only a few minutes). Why does this happen?

It depends where you live. On the equinox, the center of the Sun is above the horizon for 12 hours. However, "sunrises" is said to begin when the upper edge of the Sun's disk becomes visible above the horizon (which happens a bit before the center rises) and ends when the entire Sun has set. In this case, daylight is longer than 12 hours.

Not only that, but the Sun is actually visible when it is below the horizon, as Earth's atmosphere refracts the Sun's rays and bends them in an arc over the horizon. Yes, you can actually see the Sun before the edge actually reaches the horizon! This causes daylight to be longer than 12 hour as well.



**Q: Is the Autumnal Equinox really the first day of Fall?**

A: Based on the astronomical definition of seasons, yes, the autumnal equinox does mark the first day of fall (in the Northern Hemisphere). However, according to the meteorological definition of seasons, which is based on temperature cycles and the Gregorian calendar, the first day of fall is September 1.



**Q: Can you balance an egg on the Equinox?**

A: There's an old-wife's tale that you can stand an egg on its end of the equinox. Well, yes, but it's not just on the equinox. Still it's it's a bit of fun. Try it!

ANCIENT AUTUMN TRADITIONS

The fall equinox has been a day of celebration for cultures since ancient days. People tracked the transitions of the Earth's journeys around the Sun.



In Machu Picchu in Peru, an ancient stone monument called Intihuatana—which means "Hitching Post of the Sun"—serves as a solar clock to mark the dates of the equinoxes and solstices.



In Mexico, the Mayans built a giant pyramid called Chichen Itza. On the equinoxes, it looks as if a snake made of light slithers down the pyramid's steps.



In England, Stonehedge was also built with the equinoxes and solstices in mind.





# There's A Day For Everything

In case you didn't already know ... there's something every day to **celebrate!**  
Here are some of the fun, unusual, or forgotten holidays this week:

September 22 - American Business Women's Day, Car Free Day, National Centenarian's Day, Elephant Appreciation Day, National Girls' Night In Day, Hobbit Day, National Ice Cream Cone Day, National Legwear Day, National White Chocolate Day

September 23 - Celebrate Bisexuality Day, National Checkers/Dogs in Politics Day, National Great American Pot Pie Day, National Snack Stick Day, National Teal Talk Day, National Family Day, Restless Legs Awareness Day, Autumnal Equinox

September 24 - National Cherries Jubilee Day, National Punctuation Day, Schwenkfelder Thanksgiving, National Voter Registration Day, Innergize Day

September 25 - National One-Hit Wonder Day, National Comic Book Day, National Lobster Day, National Tune-Up Day, National Research Administrator Day, Math Storytelling Day, National Women's Health & Fitness Day

September 26 - National Compliance Officer Day, National Dumpling Day, National Johnny Appleseed Day, National Shamu the Whale Day, National Pancake Day, National Situational Awareness Day

September 27 - National Chocolate Milk Day, National Crush a Can Day, National Corned Beef Hash Day, National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, National Scarf Day, National BRAVE DAY

September 28 - National Drink Beer Day, National Good Neighbor Day, National Strawberry Cream Pie Day, National Hunting and Fishing Day, National Family Health and Fitness Day USA, National Ghost Hunting Day, National North Carolina Day, National Public Lands Day, Save Your Photos Day



# National Night Out

The National Night Out event in Kingsbury is coming up on Tuesday, October 1st from 6 pm - 9 pm in downtown. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood **camaraderie** to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August. To escape some of the heat, here in Texas we celebrate on the first Tuesday in October.

We'll be having the event in the downtown with free food, K-9 service dogs, members of our local law enforcement, fun activities, and our Kingsbury first-responders.

Everyone in the Kingsbury area is welcome to attend. Come on down and meet your friends and neighbors!



## Kingsbury T-Shirts - Now Available Online!

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You can now order your awesome Kingsbury T-Shirt online and have it arrive at your door! Just go to the Kingsbury website and click "SHOP" and select the items you want. Pay with a credit card or PayPal and then just wait for your new, fabulous Kingsbury wear to come to you!

The new Kingsbury T-Shirts have a graphic of downtown Kingsbury on Railway street and the Kingsbury logo: **LIVING. SIMPLY. WELL.**

That says it all, doesn't it?!

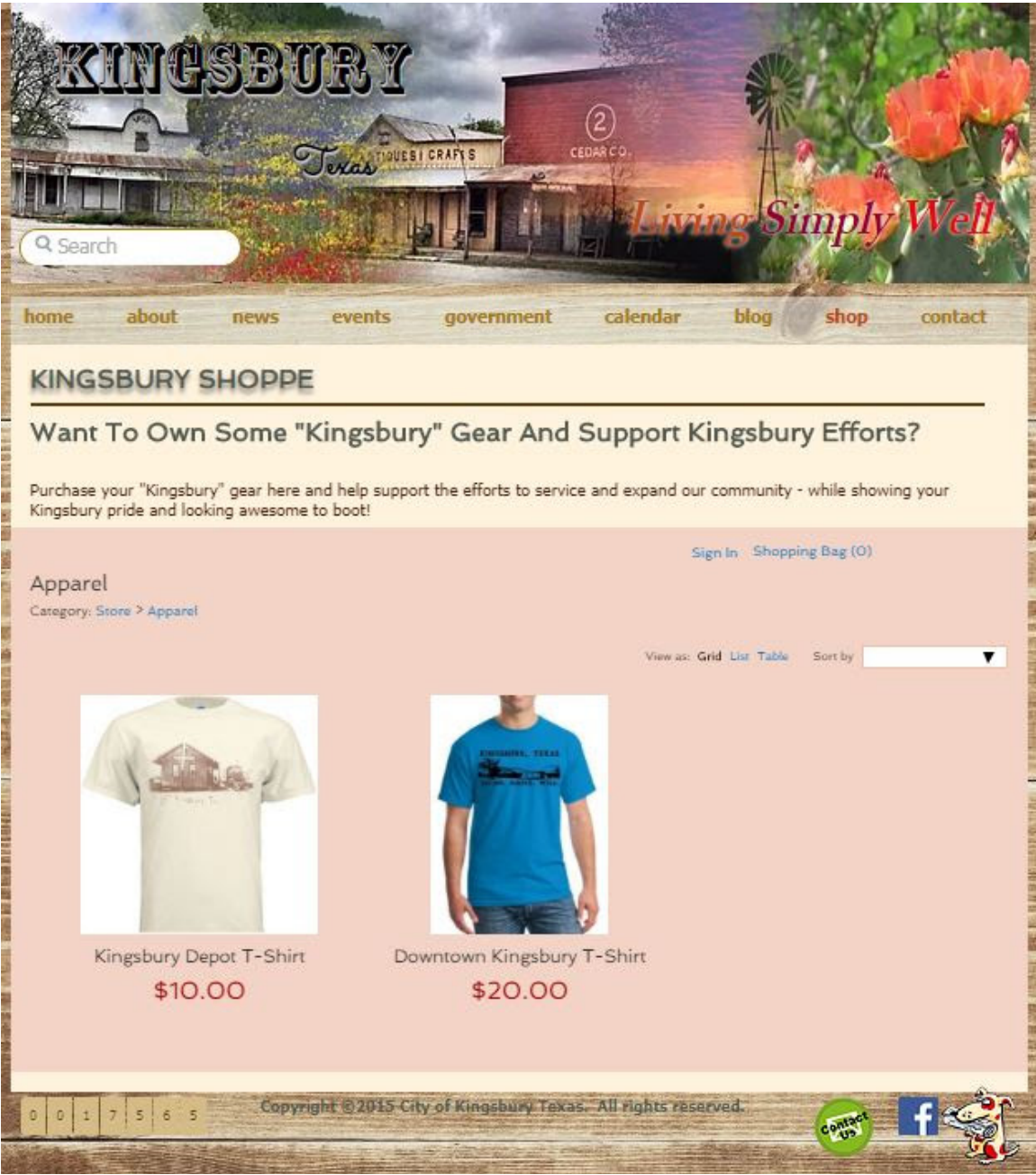
They're \$20 and are available in blue, pink, turquoise, red, and the classic black.

The Kingsbury depot T-shirts are also available on the website in the Kingsbury Shoppe that have an image of the old Kingsbury Depot that stood next to the tracks across from the old Post Office. One of the steam locomotives that used to stop here in Kingsbury is shown idling next to the depot, waiting for the next car load of cattle or travelers to New Orleans or San Francisco. The image includes the original writing at the bottom of the picture: "Depot KiNGsbury TEX." The back of the shirt has the Kingsbury logo "LIVING. SIMPLY. WELL." and the Kingsbury website.

They're a bargain at just \$10!

Visit the Kingsbury website at [www.kingsburytexas.org](http://www.kingsburytexas.org) to get your new T-shirt sent to you today!





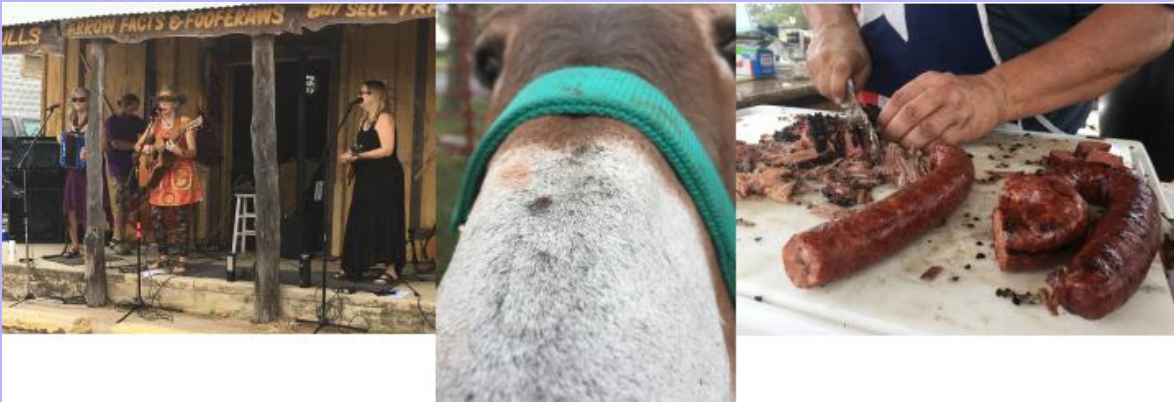
## Fall Harvest Festival

Mark your calendars!

The 8th Annual Fall Harvest Festival will be coming up Saturday, November 9th.

Bring the family and join the fun, have some **great** food, pick out some awesome Christmas gifts, do some tradin', dance with the one that brung ya, and let the kids have a great time!

The fun is from Noon to 6pm on Railway Street in downtown Kingsbury.



## Kingsbury City Limits

Do you have property in the Kingsbury area but not in the **official** Kingsbury city limits? Would you like it to be a part of the new city of Kingsbury? Let Kingsbury know! It's a simple "Voluntary Annexation" petition form to fill out and you can be on the list to be part of our Kingsbury. Check out the "Kingsbury City Limits" page on the



Kingsbury [website](#) to see the current map, get a petition form, and find more information on voluntary annexations.

Also, check out the Kingsbury "[Blog](#)" to see pictures of the first voluntary annexations! Need more information? Just fill out the "Contact" page on the Kingsbury [website](#) and a city official will get it to you. It's so easy!



### Kingsbury News Past

All the **news** that's fit to print about what *was* happening in Kingsbury . . .

The September 2, 1875 edition of the San Antonio *Daily News* had a few mentions of Kingsbury that day. There was a notice that the Texas Lumber Manufacturing company in Houston dissolved but Edgar & McCulloch at Kingsbury are authorized to continue selling Texas and Kulkashar lumber (what the heck is Kulkashar lumber?), and are prepared to mill whatever you need "at short notice". There was also the stagecoach arrival and departures from/to Kingsbury. The railroad had only come as far west as Kingsbury and passengers had to board stages to go any farther.

# San Antonio Daily Express.

Vol. IX—No. 304. { FIVE CENTS PER COPY SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, THURSDAY, SEPT. 2, 1875. FIVE CENTS PER COPY { Subscription \$10 per Annum  
New Series—No. 3. } Quarterly, \$2.50, Monthly, \$1

## NOTICE!!

On the 10th day of July the Texas Lumber Manufacturing company, at Houston, of which Charles Bender was a partner and general agent for Western Texas dissolved, and an agreement entered into that no member of that company was to assume, or do business in that name, and therefore SAM. ALLEN has violated his agreement in doing so to the prejudice of the other persons forming said company. The undersigned have employed Edgar & McCulloch as agent at Kingsbury to sell their lumber, and will keep them fully supplied with Texas, and Kulkashar lumber, shingles, sash doors and blinds of the best quality, which will be sold on as good terms as can be had at any other establishment, and they are fully prepared at their mills to fill any orders for extra sizes and lengths at short notice.

Kingsbury, August 25th, 1875.  
8-27dw3m CHAS. BENDER & SON.

## Stage Arrivals.

VIA AUSTIN.  
J S Skirvin, Walter Mlin, W T Boest, M Rosenthoro, Rev. Father Chasel, Mrs. Howard, A Newcomb, S F Schmetzburg.

VIA KINGSBURY.  
Mr Wolster, O R Welley, M Morrana, B Oppenheimer, J F Gorman.

## Departures.

VIA AUSTIN.  
Mrs Sampson and son, A C Trary, I. L Russel, L L Higgins, S P Crockett, Mrs Schuehart.

VIA KINGSBURY.  
W S Green, Mr. Bordaas, Mr. Guerrero Col. Blant, Capt. Craige, J H Archer, Mr Washington.



Also happening in 1875, poor Mr. Kane was killed by "two Indians" north of Fort Gibson, I.T. (Indian Territory), and get Buckingham's Dye for just "Fifty Cents" to tint your whiskers. Some "young fellows" played "ten-pins" (10 pin bowling) all night for "two-bits for each game" but it's better than spending it on whiskey, and the Quartermaster's Department is driving a six-mule wagon with a portable cistern into the river to fill and transport water back to the city. Ingenious!

The Menger Hotel (build in 1859) had their ads sideways in the paper, and the Agricultural, Stockraising and Industrial Association of Western Texas (that's a mouth full!) is giving "premiums" (prizes) at the fair for the best pigs and for the "winning Club in a game of Base Ball."

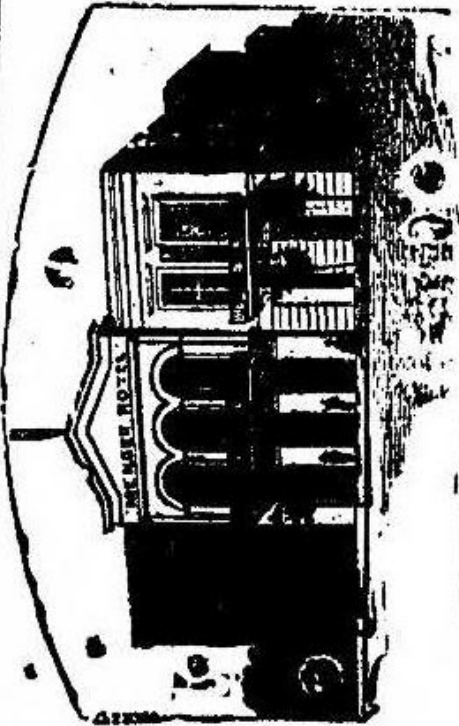
The editor of the New York *Sun* and his wife were chloroformed by a burglar who got \$50, and another mention of Kingsbury by the GH&SA Railroad. There were "☛ Two daily trains from Kingsbury" going to Galveston where you could pick up "Morgan steamers" for "New Orleans and all Points in the Northern and Eastern States."

FORT GIBSON, I. T., Aug. 28. - This time it is John Kane, a white man, passing through the nation, with his family, on his way to Texas. When about forty miles north of Fort Gibson, while walking a short distance ahead of his wagon, he was met by two Indians, who killed and robbed him.

**Buckingham's Dye.**  
**FOR THE WHISKERS.**  
As our Renewer in many cases requires too long a time, and too much care, to restore gray or faded Whiskers, we have prepared this dye, in *one preparation*; which will quickly and effectually accomplish this result. It is easily applied, and produces a color which will neither rub nor wash off. Sold by all Druggists. Price Fifty Cents. Manufactured by R. P. HALL, & CO., NASHUA, N.H.

TEN-PINS.—Some young fellows, apparently from somewhere in the country, played ten-pins all night last night, and were in full blast when day broke and the people began to come in to market. Two-bits for each game is pretty steep to pay for the pastime, but it is better spent this way than for whisky.

PORTABLE CISTERNS.—The Quartermaster's Department of this city has a huge barrel cistern drawn on a wagon by six mules. It is driven into the river and is then conveniently filled up and driven off. It is one of the most convenient arrangements we have seen.



**MENGER HOTEL,**  
ALAMO PLAZA, San Antonio, Tex.  
8-20-d&w3m

**ADDITIONAL PREMIUMS.**  
In addition to those already published in the list of premiums, the following premiums will be given by the Agricultural, Stockraising and Industrial Association of Western Texas.  
For best thoroughbred Boar.....\$10 00  
" " " Sow..... 10 00  
" " crossbred Boar..... 10 00  
" " " Sow..... 10 00  
" " Sow and Pigs..... 10 00  
" " Pair of Pigs under 6 months old..... 10 00  
A premium will be given to the winning Club in a game of Base Ball played on the grounds during the Fair.  
The Fair will commence on the 13th of October and continue four days.  
R. W. PEAY,  
Pres't Board of Trustees.

**AN EDITOR ROBBED OF \$50.**  
NEW YORK, August 29.—This morning a burglar entered the residence of Mr. Young, managing editor of the New York *Sun*, in Brooklyn. He found his way to Mr. Young's bed room, and chloroformed both him and his wife. While the burglar was searching through the room Mr. Young recovered consciousness and gave an alarm, but the burglar escaped with only \$50, which he found in Mr. Young's pocket.

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The shortest line to all points in the  
**NORTH EAST AND WEST!**  
This road, now in operation one hundred and fifty miles west of Harrisburg, and within 55 miles of San Antonio, offers the  
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Route to all points in Texas, and all prominent cities in the North and East. Sleeping cars attached to all night trains  
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Two daily trains from Kingsbury, making close and reliable connection at Harrisburg with trains of the G. H. & H. for Houston and Galveston, connecting at Galveston with Morgan steamers daily for New Orleans and all Points in the Northern and Eastern States.  
For Through Tickets or any information regarding rates of freights, or passage, or routes apply at the Freight or Ticket Office, near the Menger Hotel.  
**E. O. Meusebach, Ag't.**  
O. G. URRAY, H. B. ANDREWS,  
Asst. G. F. T. Ag't Gen'l Manager

Prairie Lea Incorporation Election

The community of Prairie Lea in Caldwell County has taken a page from Kingsbury's book and is taking the steps to incorporate in order to protect their community from larger city's encroachment.

They got the required number of names on a petition to hold an election and it is now scheduled for November 5th.





### Fall Wings & Wheels Fly-In and Car Show

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The Wings and Wheels Fall Fly-In at the Old Kingsbury **Aerodrome** and Pioneer Flight Museum (on Pershing Lane just off of FM 1104) is coming up Saturday, November 9th.

The event will have re-enactors, lots of vintage planes, antique cars and cycles, yummy eats and treats, live music, and tons of fun!

Gates open at 9 am and the entry is free (but donations are gladly accepted!).





Kingsbury Weather

Kingsbury weather for this week. You can always get the latest **weather** in Kingsbury on the Kingsbury website under [Calendar](#).

Kingsbury, Texas,  
Sun, Sep 22, 2019

77°F

Mostly Cloudy

Wind: S 5.0 mph

Humidity: 94%

Visibility: 9.0 miles

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
95°	92°	94°	94°	94°	93°
74°	70°	71°	72°	74°	72°

For current temperature, rainfall totals, wind speed, etc. just click on the bar at the bottom to go directly to the Baker Ranch weather station in Kingsbury. You can view local conditions and all the other weather stations in the TexMesonet network.

Click here to check out the Texas Water Development Board "Baker Ranch" weather



## Railroad Side Track

The Union Pacific Railroad contacted the City of Kingsbury this week with information on an extension of the railroad side track to the east.

Most railroads are a single track that carries the train **traffic** in both directions. A side track allows for one train to "pull over" and allow another train to pass.

There is a side track in Kingsbury that goes from in front of the Post Office out to just past Gander Slough Road.

Union Pacific will be extending the side track farther east about another mile and a half. Work on the new track will start some time in the first part of 2020.



## Glenewinkle House

The Glenewinkle house on Guadalupe Street was originally built for Mr. Jesse Augustus Lynch (1863-1935) and his wife Cleopatra "Pattie" Guinn Lynch (1868-1951).

Mr. Lynch owned a mercantile business in town around where the county warehouse is today.

The people in the photos are Lynch family members. The picture with the kids on the horse has a baby in a **pram** on the right with the girls in huge, wonderful hats - just click on the pictures to enlarge and check out everything that is going on in the photos.

The photos were given to Margaret Taylor by Bill Colville, son of Elsie Lynch Colville Hartman and grandson of the Lynches.







# Know someone that should be on the Kingsbury Newsletter eMail List?

Send them this email! All they need to do is go to the [Kingsbury website](#), click on the weird little **dog** at the bottom of any page, and fill out their name and email address. It's so easy! Let's get everybody to be "in the know" about what's going on in their community.



Thanks!

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