

## Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - April 16, 2023

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## Kingsbury Texas

*News & Information Newsletter*



*Dear Kingsbury,*

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

### Battle of San Jacinto

This week in Texas history saw the fall of the Mexican army at San Jacinto and the birth of the Republic of Texas.

It is April 19th, 1836, and from two prisoners captured by Erasmus "Deaf" Smith, the famous Texas spy, General Sam Houston first learned that the Mexican army had burned Harrisburg and had gone down the west side of Buffalo Bayou and of the San Jacinto River, and that Santa Anna in person was in command. In his march downstream Santa Anna had been forced to cross the bridge over Vince's Bayou, a tributary of Buffalo Bayou, then out of its banks. He would have to cross the same bridge to return. Viewing this strategic situation on the morning of the 19th, Houston told his troops it looked as if they would soon get action. And he admonished them to remember the massacres at San Antonio and at Goliad. "Remember the Alamo!" The soldiers took up the cry. "Remember Goliad!" (Thomas J. Rusk, Secretary of War, and other Texans who were in the battle said the battle cry was 'Remember the Alamo' 'Remember La Bahia!')

It was discovered at about nine o'clock on April 20th that General Martin Perfecto de Cos (Santa Anna's brother-in-law) had crossed Vince's Bridge with some 540 troops, swelling the enemy forces to about 1265. General Houston ordered "Deaf" Smith and a detail to destroy the bridge and prevent further enemy reinforcements. This also would prevent the retreat of either the Texans or the Mexicans toward Harrisburg. In dry weather Vince's Bayou was about fifty feet wide and ten feet deep, but the excessive April rains had made it several times wider and deeper.

It is now about 3:30 in the afternoon of April 21st. Over on the Mexican side all was quiet; many of the foe were enjoying their customary siesta. The Texans' movements were screened by the trees and the rising ground, and evidently Santa Anna had no lookouts posted. Big, shaggy and commanding in his **mud-stained** un-military garb, Sam Houston rode his horse up and down the line. "Now hold your fire, men," he warned in his deep voice, "until you get the order!" At the command, "Advance," the patriots, 910 strong, moved quickly out of the woods and over the rise. Bearded and ragged from forty days in the field, they were a fierce-looking band. But their long rifles were clean and well oiled. Only one company, Captain William Wood's "Kentucky Rifles," wore uniforms. Silently and tensely the Texas battle line swept across the prairie and swale that was No Man's Land, the men bending low. A soldier's fife piped up with "Will You Come to the Bower," a popular tune of the day. That was the only music of the battle. As the troops advanced, "Deaf" Smith galloped up and told Houston, "Vince's Bridge has been cut down." The General announced it to the men. Now both armies were cut off from retreat.

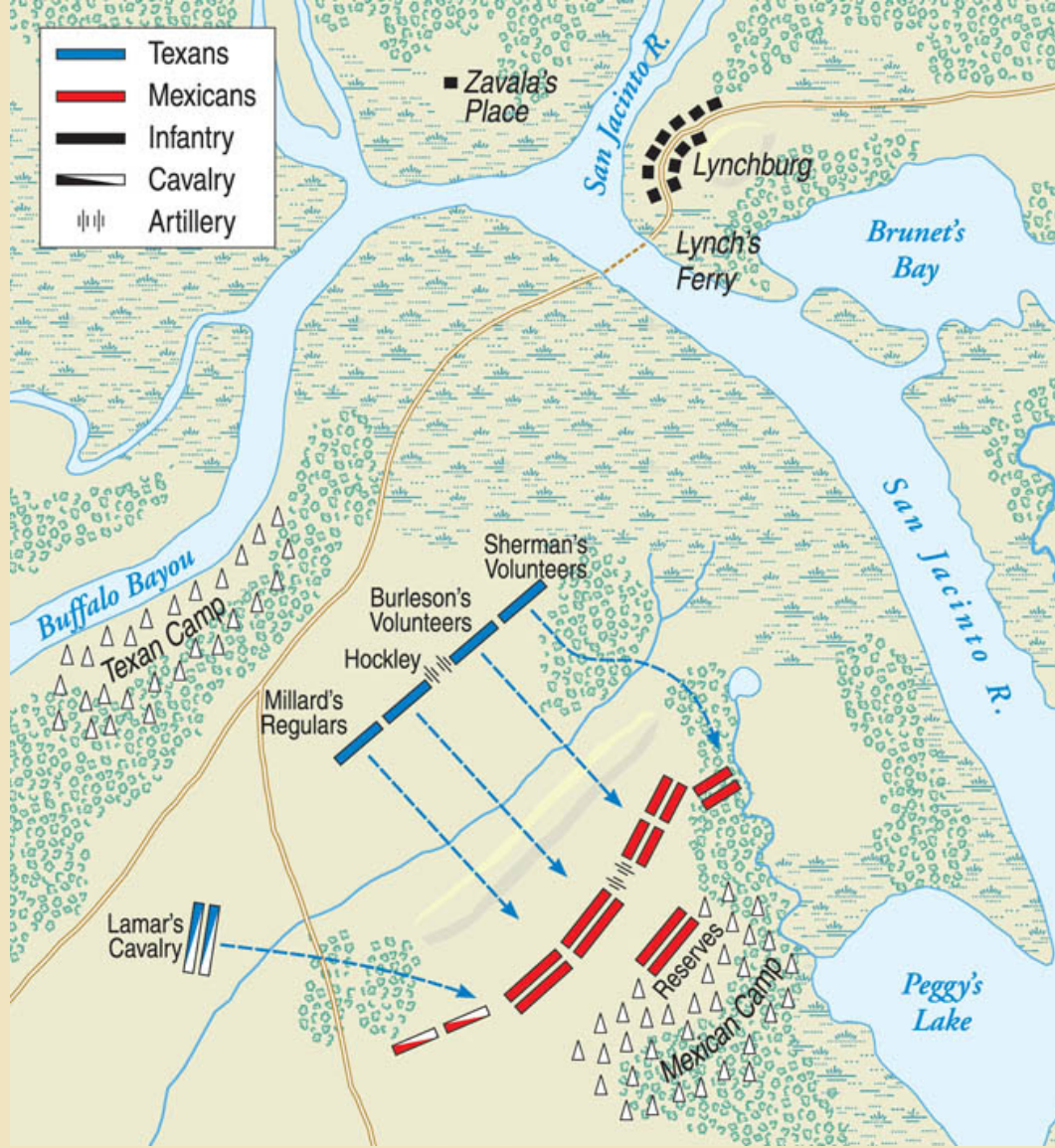
Two little cannon known to history as the "Twin Sisters," a gift from citizens of Cincinnati, Ohio, were drawn by rawhide thongs, wheeled into position, and suddenly belched their charges of iron slugs into the unsuspecting enemy barricade. Then the whole line sprang forward on the run, yelling, "Remember the Alamo!" "Remember Goliad!" All together they opened fire, blazing away practically point-blank at the surprised and panic-stricken Mexicans.

The casualties, according to Houston's official report, numbered 630 Mexicans killed, 208 wounded, and 730 taken prisoner. Against this heavy score, only nine Texans were killed or mortally wounded, and thirty wounded less seriously. Most of their injuries came from the first scattered Mexican volley when the attackers stormed their barricade. General Houston rode slowly from the field of victory, his ankle shattered by a rifle ball. At the foot of the oak where he had slept the previous night he fainted and slid from his horse into the arms of Major Hockley, his chief of staff.

Santa Anna had disappeared during the battle, and next day General Houston ordered a thorough search of the surrounding territory for him. In the afternoon Sergeant J. A. Sylvester spotted a Mexican slipping through the woods toward Vince's Bayou. Sylvester and his comrades caught the fugitive, wearing a common soldier's uniform, trying to hide in the high grass. They took the captive to camp, and on the way, Mexican prisoners recognized him and cried, "El Presidente!" Thus his identity was betrayed; it was indeed the dictator from below the Rio Grande. He was brought to General Houston, who lay under the headquarters oak, nursing his wounded foot. The Mexican President pompously announced, "I am General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, and a prisoner of war at your disposition." General Houston, suffering with pain, received him coldly. Santa Anna cringed with fright as the excited Texas soldiers pressed around him. Fearing mob violence, he pleaded for the treatment due a prisoner of war. "You can afford to be generous," he whined; "you have captured the Napoleon of the West." "What claim have you to mercy?" Houston retorted, "when you showed none at the Alamo or at Goliad?" They talked for nearly two hours, and in the end Santa Anna agreed to write an order commanding all Mexican troops to evacuate Texas.

Thus ended the revolution of 1836, with an eighteen-minute battle which established Texas as a free republic and opened the way for the United States to extend its boundaries to the Rio Grande on the southwest and to the Pacific on the west. Few military engagements in history have been more decisive or of more far-reaching ultimate influence than the battle of San Jacinto.









## 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:

**April 16** - National Bean Counter Day, National Orchid Day, National Healthcare Decisions Day, National Wear Your Pajamas To Work Day, National Eggs Benedict Day

**April 17** - National Crawfish Day, National Cheeseball Day, National Haiku Poetry Day, National Ellis Island Family History Day, International Bat Appreciation Day

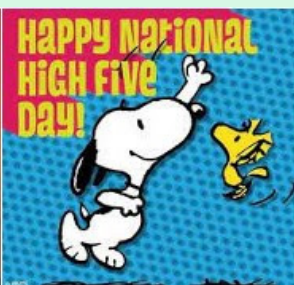
**April 18** - National Animal Crackers Day, National Columnists' Day, National Lineman Appreciation Day

**April 19** - National Banana Day, National North Dakota Day, National Amaretto Day, National Garlic Day, National Oklahoma City Bombing Commemoration Day, National Hanging Out Day

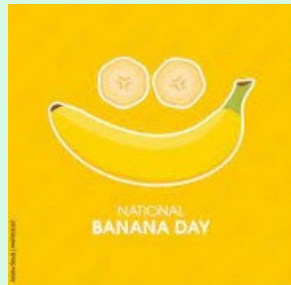
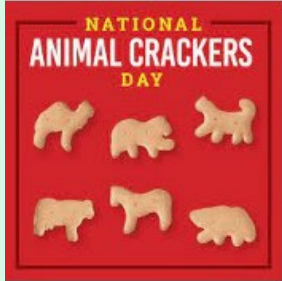
**April 20** - 420 Day, Get To Know Your Customers Day, Volunteer Recognition Day, National Cheddar Fries Day, National Pineapple Upside-down Cake Day, National Lima Bean Respect Day, National Look Alike Day, National High Five Day

**April 21** - National Rendering Day, National Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet Day, National Yellow Bat Day, National Chocolate-covered Cashews Day, National Kindergarten Day

**April 22** - Celebrate Trails Day, National Record Store Day, National Jelly Bean Day, National Girl Scout Leader's Day, National Earth Day







## The Hair Haus

There is a new business that has opened up in Kingsbury! Audra Shulz has moved her hair salon to Kingsbury and is now open at 7330 Kingsbury Road just behind the old post office.

Audra has done an **awesome** job at remodeling the old shed into a great looking space inside and out!

You can reach her at 830.660.6351 and book appointments online at [www.hairhaus.com](http://www.hairhaus.com)



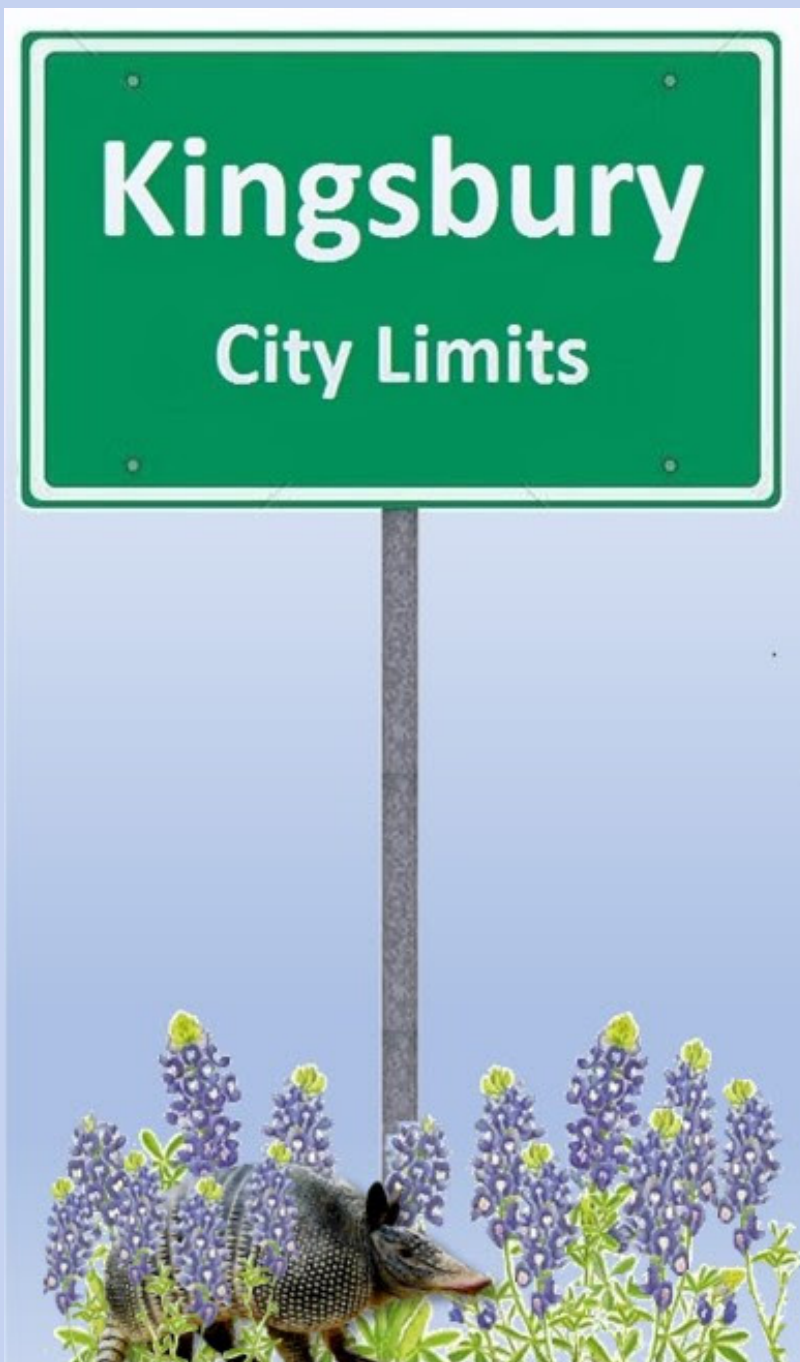
## Kingsbury City Limits

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!





## Tax Day

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"Tax Day" is this Tuesday, April 18th!

Tax day is **normally** April 15th each year. However, since the 15th falls on a Saturday this year, Tax Day of 2023 will be Tuesday, April 18th.



## Classic Car Truck & Tractor Show

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Mark your calendars!

The Third Annual **Downtown** Kingsbury Classic Car, Truck & Tractor Show is scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd.



**DOWNTOWN**  
**KINGSBURY TEXAS**  
**CLASSICS, CAR, TRUCK & TRACTOR**  
**SHOW** ★★☆☆★★★ **SATURDAY**  
**APRIL 22, 2023**

9 - 3 PM



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

Mark your **calendars** for the Spring Wings & Wheels Fly-In and Car Show coming up May 6, 2023!



# WINGS & WHEELS FLY-IN MAY 6, 2023

**ANTIQUE • VINTAGE • CLASSIC  
AIRCRAFT & VEHICLES!**

*We honor  
Annie Earhart  
American aviator*

**FOOD TRUCKS  
& OTHER VENDORS**

**LIVING HISTORY  
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**[www.pioneerflightmuseum.org](http://www.pioneerflightmuseum.org)**

**OLD KINGSBURY AERODROME**

**190 Pershing Ln. Kingsbury, TX  
(830) 639-4162**



**GATES OPEN 9 AM**



## Kingsbury Calendar

Do you have a meeting or public event that you want people to **know** about? Just let us know and we'll get it into the Kingsbury Newsletter and on the [Calendar](#) page of [kingsburytexas.org](https://kingsburytexas.org)!

Get in touch by replying to this email or by going to the Contact page on the Kingsbury [website](#).

It's a great way to find out what's going on around town and to let others know what meetings or events you have planned that your friends and neighbors might like to attend.

### KINGSBURY CALENDAR & WEATHER

Time zone: (GMT-06:00) ▾



April 2023



Today

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26   12:00pm M...	27	28	29	30	31	1
2   12:00pm Ma...	3	4	5 Full Pink Moon	6   6:00pm KVF...   7:30pm KVV...	7	8
9 Easter Sunday   12:00pm M...	10	11	12	13	14 Fish Fry Plates	15 Volunteer W...
16   12:00pm M...	17   6:30pm Kin...	18 Tax Day	19	20	21 San Jacinto ...	22 Car Truck & ...
23   12:00pm M...	24	25	26	27	28 Fish Fry Plates	29 Volunteer W...

## Motorcycle Grand Tour of Texas

The 2023 Motorcycle Grand Tour of Texas has 50 stops where riders can collect points. And Kingsbury is the only stop in the area between Austin and Lewisville and between San Antonio and Galveston!

If you see riders taking **pictures** in front of the old post office, they're getting 5 points. There's been some great people stopping by and enjoying Kingsbury!



33. Former Post Office in Kingsbury, TX = 5 points

## Kingsbury City Commission

The Kingsbury City Commission has a Regular Commission Meeting on the third Monday of each month. The next meeting will be

Monday, April 17th

at 6:30 in the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department fire station at 1060 FM 1104.

Items on the **agenda**:



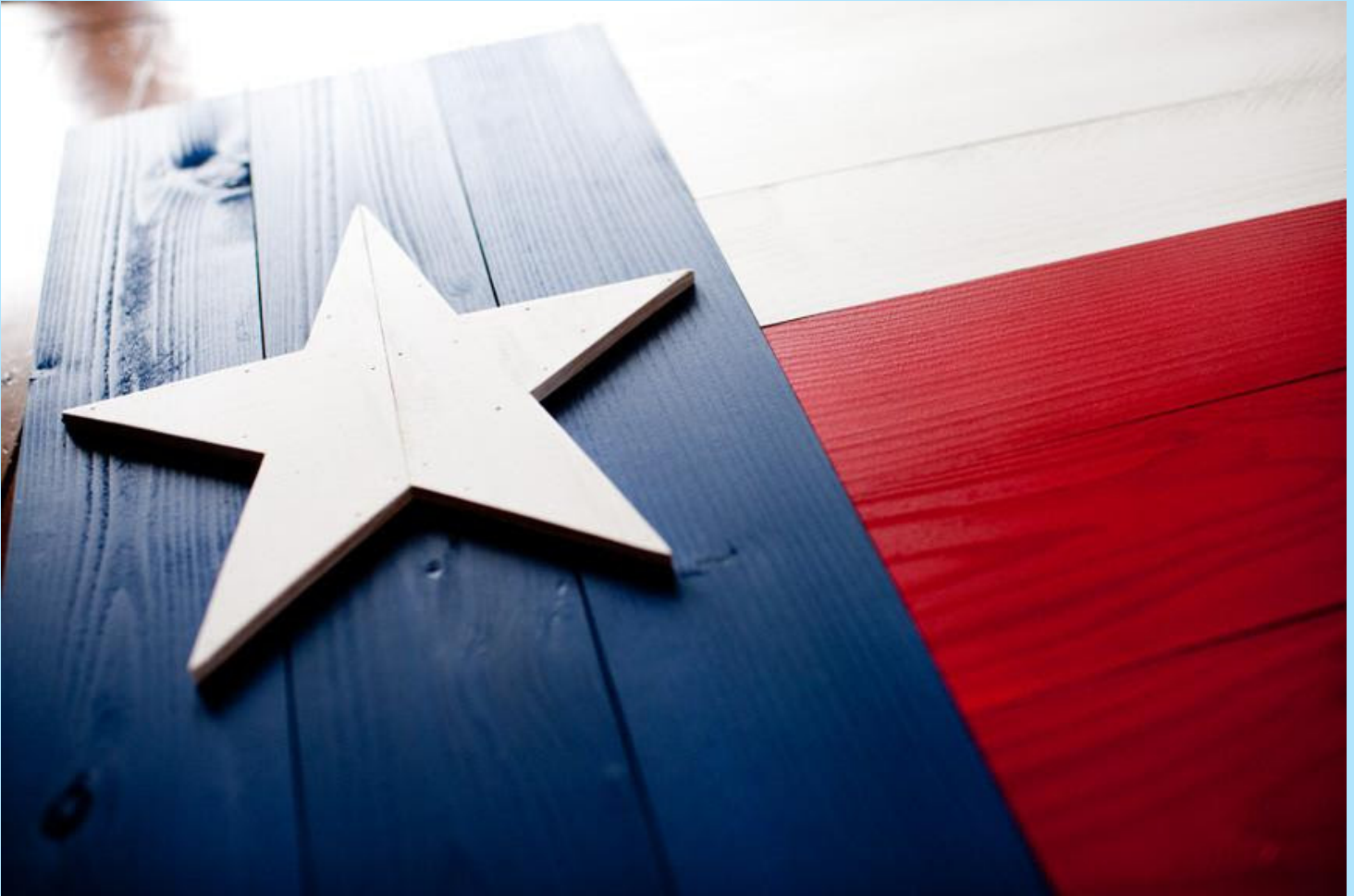
Texas Government Accountability Association



- ★ Planning & Zoning Committee
- ★ Food Sovereignty Act
- ★ Rainwater Collection
- ★ Commission Communications
- ★ Announcements

You can always find the meetings in the Kingsbury Calendar on the [website](#).

All city commission meetings are open to the public.



## Budd's Saloon

We've all seen the building on Railway Street. But in it's heyday, it was Budd's Saloon and it was a hoppin' joint!

As with all pictures, it is interesting to zoom in and "walk around" inside the photo.

The outside shot has a sign advertising "Lone Star Brewing Co. Lager Beer" from San Antonio Texas.

Inside, the bar has what looks like every conceivable kind of bottled spirit and the lighting is provided by a kerosene lamp hanging from the ceiling. I love the jugs on the top shelf in the back - they look like they may have **moonshine** in them! There may be hundreds of bottles inside the saloon, but the window behind the men on the porch says "Beer On Tap" - perhaps they tapped straight on the barrels. The other window mentions "Cigars" and boxes of them can be seen behind the counter inside.

The men on the porch appear to be smoking pipes and the one on the far right has on a wonderful checkered long coat.

The patron inside the saloon may be Mr. Weinert and the man on the left on the porch is Budd Neuman.







## 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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**For more information any time**

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