

Calendar of Events

February 21, 2026

Volunteer @ Safe in Austin Rescue Ranch in Leander

Safe in Austin

14601 Honeycomb Dr.

Leander, TX

09:00 AM - 04:00 PM CST

Adrian Mendoza,

adrian@innovativeglass.us

VOLUNTEER SHIFTS ARE FULL!

Please join us for a volunteer project @ Safe in Austin Rescue Ranch whose mission is to rescue animals who suffer from abuse or neglect. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Planned activities include painting and installing a window on a tortoise enclosure. Enclosing the cat shelter for outdoor access. And general clean up and maintenance. More details will be provided as the date gets closer.

This event is a great opportunity to work outdoors, learn new skills, and support the care and comfort of the animals.

February 24, 2026

Committee: Programs/Luncheons

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11:30 AM - 12:30 PM CST

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March 11, 2026

Luncheon: GHS Pictogram Safety: Read the Label, Know the Hazard

Norris Conference Center

2525 W. Anderson Lane

Austin, TX 78759

11:30 AM - 01:00 PM CST

Learn how to quickly interpret chemical labels and identify hazards using GHS pictograms — now required on all chemical labels.

In this interactive session, our team will demonstrate how to recognize the risks of industrial, commercial, and even everyday household products simply by understanding the pictograms on the label. Participants will practice identifying hazards through guided exercises, followed by a fun Pictogram Matching Game with prizes.

This session will help clarify common misconceptions about chemical safety and build confidence in recognizing hazards at a glance.

Presenter:

Mary Bruce

The Chemical Store

Mary Bruce brings more than 45 years of experience in the industrial specialty chemical industry. She began her career in sales in 1980 with Texas National Chemical, a family-owned business in Dallas, and has spent decades helping grow and innovate within the building operations and maintenance space. Originally from northern Minnesota, Mary relocated to Texas in the late 1970s, where she and her husband built a janitorial supply company into a respected competitor in the industry. Known as a product innovator, Mary has introduced numerous high-performing preventative maintenance solutions and is widely respected for her practical, no-nonsense approach, strong customer relationships, and ability to identify real-world solutions that meet the needs of maintenance professionals.

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March 12, 2026

Committee: Community Services

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March 25, 2026

Committee: Chili Slam

11:30 AM - 01:00 PM CST

David Cantu,
dcantu@cousins.com

Due to capacity limitations, this committee is full and closed to additional participants.

March 26, 2026

Hands On: Fire Extinguisher Training

Stratum

11044 Research Blvd

Austin, TX 78759

11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST

Fire extinguisher training is essential for workplace and home safety, especially in the first moments of an emergency. This class covers extinguisher types and fire classes, when to use an extinguisher vs. evacuate, basic inspection and maintenance expectations, and best practices for responding safely.

The best part is the hands on portion. You will practice using an extinguisher in a controlled setting so you can feel the real handle pressure, sweep pattern, and discharge time. That real world practice builds confidence, helps the PASS steps stick, and makes you far more prepared to act quickly and safely if a fire ever happens.

We will conduct live fire practice and extinguishing the fire, weather permitting. Live fire will be dependent on wind and weather

Instructors:

Jason Van Pelt

Navy Veteran | Fire-Life Safety Sales

Jason Van Pelt is a Navy veteran with 34 years in the fire-life safety industry. Starting as an apprentice, he worked his way up and now holds RME-I and backflow certifications. With 13 years dedicated to life safety inspections, he has extensive knowledge of fire extinguishers and suppression systems. Committed to education, he emphasizes the importance of proper equipment function to save lives.

Russell Walker

Fire Protection Specialist | Fire-Life Safety Inspector

Russell Walker is a fire protection professional with 13 years of experience in the industry. He holds certifications in fire alarm and fire sprinkler systems, as well as backflow testing, hydrant inspection and testing, and kitchen hood and suppression systems. Russell brings a broad, field-tested perspective to fire extinguisher training, with a strong focus on practical readiness, proper equipment function, and helping teams respond safely and effectively during an emergency.

March 28, 2026

Volunteer @ Texas Ramp Build - Make a Difference!

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM CST

Steve Marquardt,
smarquardt@sdcaustin.com

Join us in building accessibility for those in need! We're looking for dedicated volunteers to help construct a ramp that will improve mobility and independence for a community member. Whether you can assist for a few hours or the entire day, your support is invaluable.

Modular Build –

3 volunteers needed to pre-assemble sections of the ramp

Materials Loading –

3 volunteers needed to assist with organizing and loading materials

Ramp Build –

Morning Shift (8:00 AM – 12:00 PM): 4 volunteers needed

Afternoon Shift (12:00 PM – 5:00 PM): 8 volunteers needed

Stay All Day? Even better! 4 volunteers needed

Breakfast, Lunch & water provided

Must sign waiver to work onsite

No experience is necessary—just a willingness to help! Tools and instructions will be provided. Let's build something meaningful together!

If you're interested, sign up below!

March 31, 2026

Professional Series: Financial Planning

1836 San Jacinto

9th Floor

Austin, TX 78701

11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST

April 2, 2026

Committee: Membership

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April 8, 2026

Luncheon: Cybersecurity for Building Systems: Understanding Risk, Threats, and Real-World

Norris Conference Center

2525 W. Anderson Lane

Austin, TX 78759

11:30 AM - 01:00 PM CST

Operational Technology (OT) cybersecurity focuses on protecting the systems that control and operate physical building functions—such as HVAC, Building Automation Systems (BAS), access control, lighting, and other connected infrastructure. This session will begin by clearly defining what OT cybersecurity is—and what it isn't, and how it differs from traditional IT security.

Attendees will explore real-world building system risks, including examples of cybersecurity incidents that have impacted HVAC, BAS, access control, and other OT environments. These examples will show what a cyber event actually looks like in day-to-day operations—disruptions to comfort, access, safety, and building performance.

The presentation will then examine how attackers reach building systems, highlighting common access pathways, misconfigurations, and vulnerabilities that are frequently overlooked in commercial properties.

Finally, the session will focus on what protection looks like in practice, covering practical cyber hygiene, monitoring, and risk-reduction strategies that organizations can realistically implement to reduce exposure and improve resilience—without requiring deep cybersecurity expertise.

Presenter:

Lindsey May is a Cybersecurity Business Consultant at Honeywell, where she serves as the cybersecurity knowledge lead in the United States for the Building Automation division. She brings a combined background in project management, consulting, and cybersecurity strategy, with experience spanning both OT and IT environments.

With a PMP certification and an MBA from the University of Missouri–Kansas City, Lindsey has led teams through complex, multimillion-dollar cybersecurity initiatives. She specializes in aligning technical solutions with real-world business needs, equipping sales teams and customers to navigate today's evolving cyber landscape.

Prior to Honeywell, Lindsey held cybersecurity project management and operations roles at Optiv and Cerner. She is passionate about making cybersecurity approachable, actionable, and tied to measurable outcomes.

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April 9, 2026

Committee: EXPO

Meeting locations will vary between in-person & online

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM CST

PJ Guarino,

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April 14, 2026

Committee: Training

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April 23, 2026

Training: Access Controls in the Cloud

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11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST

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May 8, 2026

33rd Annual Chili Slam

Austin Association of Facility & Maintenance Engrs

P O Box 203173

Austin, TX 78720

All Day

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May 13, 2026

Luncheon: Under Pressure: Identifying, Testing & Preventing High-Pressure Failures in Comm
Norris Conference Center
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May 14, 2026

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May 21, 2026

Training: Understanding the Niagara Framework in Building Automation Systems
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June 2, 2026

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June 4, 2026

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June 10, 2026

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August 25, 2026

23rd Annual Vendor EXPO Tradeshow

Palmer Event Center

Barton Springs

Austin, TX 78704

10:00 AM - 02:00 PM CST

More details coming soon!

September 8, 2026

Committee: Training

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