

## Calendar of Events

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September 9, 2025

**Training Committee**

11:30 AM - 01:00 PM CST

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September 10, 2025

**Luncheon: Duty, Opportunity & Transition Through A Building Sale**  
**Norris Conference Center**  
**2525 W. Anderson Lane**  
**Austin, TX 78759**

11:30 AM - 01:00 PM CST

*Join us for an insightful session designed to equip property management professionals with the knowledge and tools to navigate the sale of a property with confidence. This event will cover essential operational best practices that ensure a seamless transition during a property sale.*

*Attendees will learn how to communicate effectively with all stakeholders, identify the critical documents and steps necessary for due diligence and handover, and understand how property sales may impact employment — along with strategies to proactively prepare for such changes.*

*Additionally, we'll explore how professionals can use the sales process as an opportunity for growth and career development. Don't miss this chance to gain practical insights and elevate your expertise in managing property sales from start to finish.*

*Panelists:*

*Kristin Chavarria*  
*Associate Director*  
*HPI*

*Adam Benoit, CPM, RPA, LEED AP, BOMI-HP, WELL AP*  
*Director, Property Management*

*Jesse Martinez*  
*Regional Chief Engineer/Safety Compliance Officer*  
*HPI*

*Scott Bartolomey*  
*Building Engineer*  
*Stream Realty*

*Moderator:*  
*Ray Roberson*  
*Building Technician*  
*Lincoln Properties*

*Thanks to our Luncheon Sponsor!*

September 17, 2025

**Programs Committee**  
**The Terrace 6**  
**2801 Via Fortuna #635**  
**Austin, TX 78746**  
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM CST  
Ray Roberson,  
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September 23, 2025

## **Engineer Appreciation Event "Casino Break"**

**PJS**

**2401 E. St Elmo Rd.**

**Austin, TX 78744**

**12:00 PM - 04:00 PM CST**

Rochelle Komula,

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*Take a break, roll the dice, and test your luck at the Engineer Appreciation Event "Casino Break"! Join us for an afternoon packed with excitement featuring Blackjack, Craps, Roulette, Texas Hold'em, and more.*

*Enjoy delicious food, refreshing drinks, and plenty of opportunities to connect with your fellow engineers in a fun, laid-back atmosphere.*

*Property managers are welcome to attend! However only the sponsors listed below will be invited to this event.*

*Bonus Giveaway: The first 50 attendees will take home a one-of-a-kind AAFAME cutting board shaped like Texas!*

### **BROUGHT TO YOU BY:**

*Please note that only Platinum, Gold & Silver sponsors shown on this page are eligible to sponsor this event. Contact Amy Ables for details.*

September 25, 2025

## **Training: Why Can't I Have a 15amp Toggle Switch?**

**Current Controls Institute**

**710 Hesters Crossing**

**Round Rock, Te 78681**

**11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST**

*Why Can't I Have a 15amp Toggle Switch? The better question is "why do you want one?" We will explore why controls continue to be increasingly complicated. Does it really require a degree in electrical engineering to program these systems or a fifth grader with a cell phone? Today, one lighting control touch screen has more computing power than the computer that took the Apolo 11 spacecraft to the moon. We will examine trends and codes for controls as they relate to the current workplace. This is not a power point presentation with a talking head, Bueller? Bueller?*

*Presenter:*

*Buddy Combs; Tenured Professor Lighting Design*

*With over 25 years teaching in Higher Education*

*12 experience building management with over 300 events annually.*

*16 years of Regional Sales Manager*

*4 years sales representative*

October 8, 2025

**Luncheon: Wildfire Mitigation**

**Norris Conference Center**

**2525 W. Anderson Lane**

**Austin, TX 78759**

**11:30 AM - 01:00 PM CST**

*As wildfire risk escalates across Texas — fueled by population growth, land use changes, and extreme weather — property owners and managers must prepare. This presentation explores the growing wildfire threat in our region, its impact on communities and utilities, and actionable strategies for prevention and protection. Learn about proven mitigation tools like PHOS-CHEK fire retardants, home-hardening products, and property assessments, as well as how to develop effective wildfire response plans.*

*Presenter:*

*Thaddeus Foster, founder of Wildfire Prevention Corp., is a native Texan with over 40 years of customer service and business experience. He has a passion for helping his community. He currently serves as President of JDLV Properties, Ltd. and founder of First Responder Operations Support Team, Inc. (FROSTI), a nonprofit committed to 100% of contributions directly benefiting first responders. Formerly, he was President of Law Enforcement Assistance & Development (LEAD) Foundation and COO / Operating Partner of Prometheus Restaurant Franchise Holdings operating 200+ restaurants across the southeast.*

*Thanks to our Luncheon Sponsor!*

October 9, 2025

**Community Service Committee**

**11:30 AM - 01:00 PM CST**

Sara Camp,

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October 14, 2025

**Training Committee**

**11:30 AM - 01:00 PM CST**

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October 15, 2025

**Programs Committee**

**The Terrace 6**

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**Austin, TX 78746**

**11:30 AM - 12:30 PM CST**

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October 22, 2025

**Membership Committee**

11:30 AM - 01:00 PM CST

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October 23, 2025

**Training: Disaster Preparedness**

**UFCU Event Center**

**8303 N Mopac Expressway**

**Austin, TX 78757**

11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST

*Join us for our October Training Class! More details coming soon.*

October 28, 2025

**Resource Alliance Committee**

11:30 AM - 01:00 PM CST

Brandon Clark,  
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October 29, 2025

**Professional Series: Conflict Strategies - Cultivate Collaborative Conversations in the Workplace**  
**1836 San Jacinto**

11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST

*Think about a conversation you need to have where emotions run high or opinions differ. In this session, you'll develop the skills to lean in, ask thoughtful questions, listen actively, and gain deeper understanding and perspective on critical issues. These tools will help you communicate more effectively, build trust and respect, and create opportunities for growth. Participants will explore a proven communication model, identify triggers that push their buttons, and understand the five conflict styles (Competing, Collaborating, Compromising, Avoiding, and Accommodating), along with practical examples of when each style is most effective.*

*Program Objectives*

*Define the causes of conflict and why we avoid tough conversations.*

*Learn to be curious and become an active listener.*

*Understand the importance of creating a psychologically safe environment.*

*Improve your empathy and how you respond to different people in different situations.*

*Learn the five conflict styles (Direct, Spirited, Considerate, Systematic) to the different ways people perceive the world.*

*Study the process for preparing and facilitating a tough conversation.*

*Kevin Karschnik is a globally recognized keynote speaker and author, with a focus on positivity, leadership, and burnout. Drawing on over 33 years of experience, Kevin delivers high-energy, dynamic keynote speeches and impactful training workshops that empower business professionals to excel in today's fast-paced, competitive world. He has inspired tens of thousands of professionals from leading companies such as Dell, Emerson, GE, and Lockheed in 14 countries. When he's not speaking or writing, Kevin enjoys managing his fantasy football team, playing pickleball with his wife Tracy, and ordering in his favorite pie from 600 Degrees Pizzeria.*

November 11, 2025

**Training Committee**

11:30 AM - 01:00 PM CST

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November 11, 2025

**Volunteer Veteran's Day Parade**

**Congress Bridge**

**Near Bat Statute**

**Austin, TX 78701**

06:00 AM - 10:00 AM CST

David Fowler,

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*\* Please be advised that while we have this volunteer opportunity on the website, at this time we haven't received information from the Park Foundation regarding this years program.*

*The Downtown Austin Veteran's Day Parade is back after 5 years! AAFAME members have helped with Parade logistics in the past.*

*We meet on the south side of the Congress bridge near the Bat Statue for assignments and briefing at 6:30am Tuesday, November 11th. Our job is to help approx 2,000 people and 200 vehicles safely in their marching order. The Parade Chairman will give us a formation list and we will greet people and guide them to their proper position. It's fun and easy until we start to get gridlocked.*

*Volunteer parking is at the Austin American Statesman on S. Congress. If that gets full, everyone is on their own.*

*More details will be sent to volunteers prior to the parade. Here is a picture from the 2023 parade.*

*Brought to you by: Austin Veterans Day Parade Foundation*

November 12, 2025

**November Luncheon**

**Norris Conference Center**

**2525 W. Anderson Lane**

**Austin, TX 78759**

11:30 AM - 01:00 PM CST

*Join us for our regular luncheon this November.*

*More details coming soon!*

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November 18, 2025

**Membership Committee**

11:30 AM - 01:00 PM CST

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November 19, 2025

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November 20, 2025

**Training: Winterizing your Commercial Property**

**Norris Conference Center**

**2525 W. anderson lane**

**Austin, Tx**

**11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST**

*It's never too late to prepare your building! Our winterization presentation is designed to equip commercial building owners and facility managers with practical strategies to prepare their properties for the colder months. We'll cover key areas such as plumbing, HVAC systems, roofing, and exterior maintenance to prevent damage and ensure efficient operations during winter. By the end, attendees will have a clear road-map to protect their buildings, reduce energy costs, and minimize disruptions throughout the winter season.*

*Presenters:*

*Blair Howell*

*Sales & Operations Manager*

*Battalion Fire Protection*

*Deric Wallace*

*Service & Project Sales*

*HTS Engineering & Service*

December 10, 2025

**Holiday Luncheon**

**Austin Association of Facility & Maintenance Engrs**

**P O Box 203173**

**Austin, TX 78720**

**11:15 AM - 01:15 PM CST**

*Save the date!*

September 8, 2026

**2026 Vendor EXPO**

**Palmer Event Center**

**Barton Springs**

**Austin, TX 78704**

**10:00 AM - 02:00 PM CST**

*More details coming soon!*