

## Calendar of Events

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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 10, 2026

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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.*

*Thank you to our Luncheon Sponsor!*

March 12, 2026

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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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11:30 AM - 12:30 PM CST

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**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.*

*Thank you to our Luncheon Sponsor!*

April 9, 2026

**Committee: EXPO**

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April 23, 2026

**Training: Access Controls in the Cloud**

**Norris Conference Center**

**2525 W. Anderson Lane**

**Austin, TX 78759**

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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

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**2525 W. Anderson Lane**  
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May 21, 2026

**Training: Understanding the Niagara Framework in Building Automation Systems**  
**Norris Conference Center**  
**2525 W. Anderson Lane**  
**Austin, TX 78759**  
**11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST**  
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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

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November 4, 2026

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