




MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

THROUGH: Stephanie Hayden-Howard, LMSW, Assistant City Manager

FROM: Kimberly A. McNeeley, M. Ed., CPRP, Director
Austin Parks and Recreation Department 

DATE: August 29, 2022

SUBJECT: Staff Response to Barton Springs University Day (Ordinance No. 20220616-046)

This memo serves as a response to [Ordinance Number 20220616-046](#) proclaiming September 20, 2022, as Barton Springs University Day. The Ordinance directs the City Manager to ensure the event

- is open to the public with an emphasis on enabling Austin area high school and college students to attend;
- appreciates and encourages the continued participation and cooperation of city staff in working with local environmental groups to ensure the event is successful; and
- waives certain fees for Barton Springs Pool on that day.

In collaboration, the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) and Save Our Springs Alliance (SOS), are in the final stages of finalizing arrangements for the Barton Springs University Day scheduled to be held on September 20, 2022. The Department will oversee the safe operation of the facility and provide a lifeguard training activity in the deep end to promote students signing up as lifeguards. SOS will arrange for the press releases, and the invitations to the public, as well as coordinating with their partners, Austin Watershed Protection and Austin Water Utility. The event will be free to participants.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jodi Jay, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation Department at (512) 974-9459, Jodi.Jay@austintexas.gov.

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