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## Austin Energy Regional Science Festival 2020

Founded in 1956, the Science Festival celebrated its 64th anniversary this year. A total of 2,774 students from 254 schools entered 2,397 science projects in the Austin Energy Regional Science Festival, representing 26 Central Texas school districts in 12 counties, as well as several private, charter and home schools. First- through third-place category winners advance to the Texas Science and Engineering Fair in College Station in late March. Six “Best of Fair” projects advance to the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair to be held in Anaheim, CA.

Canyon Ridge Middle School and Vista Ridge High School, both from the Leander Independent School District, won Sweepstakes Awards.

The Sweepstakes Award is presented to the school in the junior division (middle schools) and senior division (high schools) earning the most points in the 17 science categories at the festival.



**High School Sweepstakes Winner:** Vista Ridge High School

Canyon Ridge won Sweepstakes for the eighth consecutive year since 2013, outperforming 35 other middle schools. Vista Ridge outperformed 38 other high schools for their 12th Sweepstakes award since 2006.

The Regional Science Festival is Austin Energy’s largest sponsored annual community event, helping promote science, technology, engineering and math education.

The Austin Regional Science

Foundation gratefully acknowledges the support from all the Science Festival underwriters, including the Anchor Sponsor, Dell Technologies, and Gold Sponsors 3M and Synopsys, Inc. Additionally, the foundation wants to thank the more than 565 judges and 200 volunteers who make this event possible.

Visit [sciencefest.org](http://sciencefest.org) for a complete listing of awards and photos as well as a list of sponsors.



### Give us your thoughts

Now is your chance to let your voice be heard about the needs of low- and moderate-income households in Austin. The City provides programs and services to support affordable housing and public services for extremely low-, low- and moderate-income households, persons with disabilities, seniors and youth. Your input will help inform investment decisions to meet the community’s needs. Visit [austintexas.gov/housing](http://austintexas.gov/housing), call the NHCD main line at **512-974-3100**, or email [nhcd@austintexas.gov](mailto:nhcd@austintexas.gov) by May 1 to tell us what you think.

### Know your use with new electronic features

Knowing can make all the difference when it comes to your energy use. For City of Austin residential electric customers with interval meters, there’s the Energy Management tool at [coutilities.com](http://coutilities.com) along with weekly email alerts. These features provide insight into your personal energy use and personalized tips on how to save. For qualifying customers, find out what you can know at [coutilities.com](http://coutilities.com).

# Celebrate Earth Day all year long

From Barton Creek to the rolling terrain of the Texas Hill Country, the Austin area has a lot to offer in terms of green space. This year, the Earth Day ATX Festival is celebrating that green space April 18 at Huston-Tillotson University. You can find many City of Austin departments out at the event, but many of those departments have programs that can help you celebrate Earth Day all year long.



## Austin Energy

» Visit [ev.austinenenergy.com](http://ev.austinenenergy.com) to access Austin Energy's new EV Buyer's Guide. This cool tool for EV research, lease and ownership can help you determine which EV is right for you. Check out local offerings for EVs and where you can find them.

## Austin Water

» Austin Water's Landscape Survival Tools Rebate for mulch, compost and core aeration can help keep your yard healthy while saving water. The tools help eligible customers cut irrigation run times in half or reduce the need for hose-end irrigation. Learn more at [bit.ly/20KJNio](http://bit.ly/20KJNio), [watercon@austintexas.gov](mailto:watercon@austintexas.gov) or **512-974-2199**.

## Green your yard this spring

Want to create and maintain a beautiful landscape or garden? Whether you already have a green thumb or have never picked up a garden tool, [growgreen.org](http://growgreen.org) can help! Learn how to pick the best plants for your yard, keep bugs at bay in the least-toxic way, and much more. You'll also find rebates and free items offered for water conservation and landscape improvements.

You can also attend Grow Green classes and events! Check out the

## Austin Watershed Protection

» Help take care of Austin's creeks and lakes by picking up after your pet, using Grow Green earth-friendly gardening practices and properly disposing of trash. Report known or suspected pollution to **512-974-2550**. Learn more at [tinyurl.com/vcxunlp](http://tinyurl.com/vcxunlp).

## Austin Public Works

» Did you know that property owners are responsible for maintaining their trees and all other vegetation to the edge of the street or alley? Part of keeping our planet healthy and livable means taking care of overgrown vegetation in the right of way. Learn more at [austintexas.gov/cleartherow](http://austintexas.gov/cleartherow).



"Upcoming Events" section of [austintexas.gov/watershed](http://austintexas.gov/watershed) or sign up for email alerts at [eepurl.com/wrw\\_9](http://eepurl.com/wrw_9).



## You're invited to Austin Energy's 125th anniversary party!

Saturday, May 9  
11 a.m.-3 p.m.

### Browning Hangar at Mueller

Austin Energy has a history of being Customer Driven and Community Focused. The publicly owned utility started its service to the community in 1895 by lighting the moonlight towers. As the city has changed through the years, Austin Energy has grown to provide effective energy conservation programs, leadership in renewable power, national recognized customer assistance and, of course, reliable electric service. Our commitment to providing value for the community is a foundational piece of the innovation and culture that has made Austin a destination for visitors and new residents. For 125 years, Austin Energy has lit a brighter future for Central Texas, and the utility will continue to shine a light for years to come.

As a thank you to everyone that helps make Austin Energy a benefit to the region, you're invited to a community celebration where you can find information and activities about Austin Energy's programs.

### Lighting a Brighter Future



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Customer Service Phone: 512-494-9400

24-Hour Power Outage Reporting: 512-322-9100 | 24-Hour Emergency Water Service: 512-972-1000

North Austin Utility Customer Service Center (Walk-in Center): 8716 Research Blvd., Ste. 115

Rosewood-Zaragosa Neighborhood Center (Walk-in Center): 2800 Webberville Road, Ste. 110



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