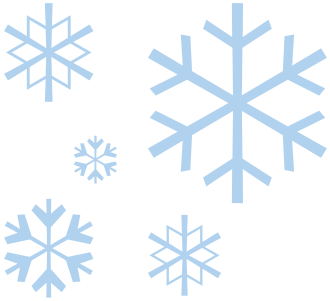




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Youth Club **Holiday Edition** — 2023



Spark your spirit this holiday season!

Ho-Ho-Here it is — your holiday edition of Velocity's Youth Newsletter! As the warm colors of autumn leaves (there are some here and there, right?) give way to the crisp chill of the approaching winter, we find ourselves at the threshold of a season filled with promise and excitement. In this month's newsletter, we have gathered a cornucopia of engaging articles and festive community events to keep our readers informed and inspired.

So, grab your favorite warm beverage, cozy up, and join us on a journey of discovery as we delve into the latest news, opportunities, and stories tailored just for you, our dynamic and ever-curious youth community.

Community Cheer

Operation Blue Santa

Operation Blue Santa and Velocity join hands for a super cool **Toy Drive!** Operation Blue Santa began their outreach in 1972 with the help of the Austin Police Department, local businesses, and non-profit organizations to create a brighter holiday season for younger Austinites in need. It's a wonderful opportunity to #giveback to the youth community, and what better way than with TOYS or BOOKS? Stop by your local Velocity branch during regular business hours to drop off your donation before 12/1/2023. Please keep in mind that toys should be new and unused.



Austin Wildlife Rescue

Austin's love for furry friends is endless, even more so at Austin Wildlife Rescue! What would you do if you saw an injured bird or other wild animal? You can call AWR for expert guidance on how to interact with injured wildlife and locate centers with animal specialists ready to care for an injured critter. Velocity showed our support at the annual **Caring for Critters Brunch** and celebrated their success in raising over \$137,000 to help further rescue, rehabilitate, and release thousands of orphaned and sick wild animals in Central Texas.



Events around town — festive, fun and free!

TREE LIGHTING AND SANTA'S WONDERLAND

Dec. 1, 2023, 6:30 to 8:30 PM
Heritage Oak Park; 875 Quest Pkwy, Cedar Park, TX 78613

Celebrate with Cedar Park – Parks and Recreation in their 50th annual lighting of the Heritage Oak Tree with over 50,000 lights and FREE activities like snow hills, Santa photos, giveaways, musical performances, face painting, and so much more!

LIBERTY HILL CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Dec. 9, 2023, 10 AM to 3 PM
Downtown Liberty Hill; Main Street between RR 1869 and CR 279

A town tradition that brings together locals and visitors for a whole day of Christmas fun. Guests can expect good food,

holiday music, kids snow tubes, real snow play, and a meeting with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Plus, enjoy a lighted Christmas parade spreading magic and sparkle to all nearby!

COMMUNITY HOURS AT THINKERY

Tuesdays, 3 to 7 PM
and Sundays, 3 to 5 PM
Thinkery, 1830 Simond Ave, Austin, TX 78723

Austin's local Thinkery started an Open Door Initiative, introducing free admission community hours to families seeking to expose their child to STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) concepts and a lifelong love of learning. The Thinkery aims to provide an inclusive space for kids with innovative technology and professional guidance.



Check out the Cedar Park Tree Lighting, Liberty Hill Christmas Festival, and the Thinkery for holiday fun!



SAVE CHRISTMAS

Use your holiday spirit to fill in the missing words on our frozen pond. We don't want our presents to fall through the ice!



Solution: 1. Mitten 2. Present 3. Bell 4. Star 5. (across) Snowflake 5. (down) Santa 6. Fireplace 7. Cookie 8. Snowman 9. Tree 10. Hat 11. Ball 12. Candle

PARENTS CORNER

GREENLIGHT – Debit Card and Financial Literacy for Kids

(Share this with your folks!)

Velocity now offers free access to **Greenlight**, the debit card and money app that helps parents raise financially smart kids. Parents and guardians, this is **Greenlight** a complimentary add-on service for members, enabling you to send money to your kids for completing chores, set savings goals, and inspire financial education through flexible parental controls and real-time notifications every time your child spends money.

Additional features include interactive financial literacy games, budget and balance tracking, savings that can earn 1%, debit cards for up to five kids, secure instant transfers, and controls to turn kids' cards on or off.

Whether you're new to Greenlight or an existing client, you can receive a \$4.99/mo. discount equal to the Greenlight Core plan. Simply add your Velocity account as a funding source to your Greenlight account and contact Greenlight Support via email, phone, or text to request to be added to the Velocity Credit Union partnership program. Learn more about this new feature at velocitycu.com/savings/youth-club/.