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Hays County Celebrates Night Sky Month with Candlelight Dining

Driftwood, TX: Hays County Friends of the Night Sky announced that many area restaurants, breweries and distilleries will be celebrating Hill Country Night Sky Month with candlelight dining and drinking on the night of the Full Moon, October 20.

Establishments in Driftwood, Dripping Springs, and Buda have already joined in with plans to mark the October Hunter's Moon with candlelight in their outdoor seating areas.

The full list is on HCFNS social media at @HaysNightSky and will be updated as more join the celebration.

The Candlelight Night is being organized as part of the 2nd annual Hill Country Night Sky Month taking place throughout October. The Hill Country Alliance coordinates night sky month as a celebration of the

region's night skies and the hard work that Hill Country communities do to preserve it.

“The Hunter’s Moon during Night Sky Month offers a perfect time to call attention to the benefits of using outdoor lighting responsibly,” said HCFNS board member, Soll Sussman. “As the county continues to grow, it’s more important than ever to protect the dark and our view of the night sky. We appreciate the Hays County dining establishments that are helping call attention to Hill Country Night Sky Month.”

The new organization is comprised of concerned citizens who want to promote smarter lighting designed to improve visibility and safety at night, protect the natural night sky, and support individuals and communities in their work to receive recognition for their “dark sky” efforts. HCFNS offers education so everyone can learn about the consequences of light pollution and how to live better with a naturally dark sky.

To learn more about the HCFNS, visit www.hcfns.org

Among the dining and drinking establishments participating are Vista Brewing in Driftwood, Twisted X Brewing Co., Acopon Brewing, The Hub, the League at Belterra Village and Treaty Oak Distilling in Dripping Springs, and Water 2 Wine Buda, Mud Bugs, Amici, Pie Shack ATX, Brooklyn's Down South, and Main Street Pizzeria & Beer Garden in Buda.

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