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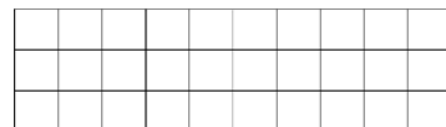
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The *Austin Environmental Directory* is meant as a user-friendly guide to readers for learning about environmental issues, for identifying and purchasing environmental products, and for becoming involved in environmental organizations. The print version is distributed free to the Austin area. The *Directory* is also on the Internet at www.environmentaldirectory.info.

The *Directory* is edited by Paul Robbins, a longtime environmental activist residing in Austin. He wrote about 90% of the issue, with government agencies and non-profit organizations sometimes producing pages relevant to their programs. These agencies and organizations received this space at greatly reduced cost.

Businesses in subjects that the book discusses and local environmental groups are given free listings. However, the book is supported through advertising and contributions from individuals and environmental groups.

This Year's Topics

This is the 10th issue of the *Directory* since 1995. There are several feature articles. The cover directs readers to a resource section of organizations in Central Texas that draw children to nature, train them to live and play there,

teach natural systems and history, and instruct and coach them in outdoor activities, skills, and safety. It can be used by school teachers, teens, parents, and grandparents as a beginner's guide for young people to find ways to experience the natural beauty of our region.

There are also two extensive articles on food and green building materials that relate to environmental health. Tragically, industrial toxins have become a part of our everyday lives. While the toxic dangers are relevant to everyone, children are considerably more susceptible than adults due to their low body weight and high metabolism. These articles evaluate the toxins in conventional products and carefully detail how we can best avoid them. The reader will be hard-pressed to find another publication in Austin that has gone to these levels of detail.

There is also an extensive article on Electric Vehicles. EVs can reduce carbon and air pollution, mechanically outlive the engines of conventional vehicles, and reduce the national security implications of oil consumption. However, they are still relatively new and misunderstood. This article provides an overview of how individuals can become a part of this new and growing trend.

This edition also includes sections or pages on locally grown food, clean energy programs, City of Austin Parks programs, watershed protection, the Edwards Aquifer, and the region's environmental groups.



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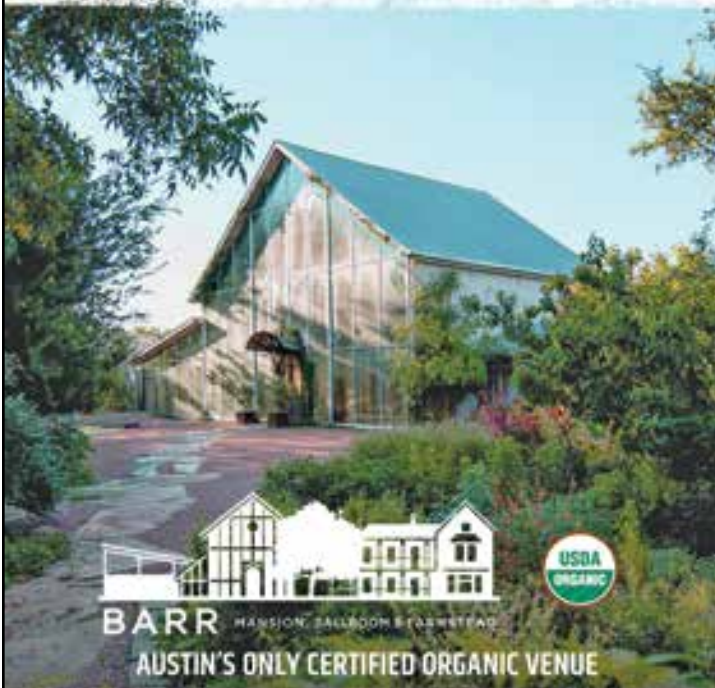
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