

GREATER AUSTIN

Things to Do

JANUARY
2026

Get Your Yearly Budget in Order

Plan ahead this year and take a few minutes to get your yearly budget done. If you've never created one, there are many resources online to help.

nerdwallet.com/article/finance/how-to-budget

Family Winter Ball in Round Rock

Come dressed in your best for a delightful evening of dancing, light refreshments, and family fun! This event is geared towards families and encourages active participation for individuals of all ages, including those with diverse disabilities.

roundrocktexas.gov

Start a New Workout Routine

If it's been a while since you were regularly active, now is the time to create some healthy habits. If you've been working out regularly, maybe it's time to freshen up your routine. New Year, New You!

mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/fitness/in-depth/fitness/art-20048269

MLK Day Festival

Celebrate Dr. King's legacy of diversity and inclusion on Monday, January 19, 2026. The day kicks off with a 9:30 AM rally at the State Capitol, followed by a march to Huston-Tillotson University for the MLK Festival. Enjoy family-friendly fun with vendors, music, and more!

mlkcelebration.com

Polar Bear Plunge & 5K

Kick off the New Year on January 3rd with Blue Hole Regional Park's Polar Bear Plunge & 5K! Enjoy live music, food vendors, games, and prizes. Don't miss out!

wimberleyparksandrec.com

The Spurs Austin International Half

The Spurs Austin International Half Marathon is a 13.1-mile winter race in Austin, Texas, featuring a mostly downhill course to downtown. Runners enjoy live music, cheering crowds, and a festive finish, making it fun for all levels.

3mhalfmarathon.com



Red River Cultural District's Free Week

Shake off those post-holiday blues at Red River Cultural District's Free Week! Happening January 9-10, 2026, with tons of local bands across 14 venues. Here's your insider guide to making the most of Free Week 2026.

redriverculturaldistrict.org

Cozy Up with a Good Book

Cold weather pairs perfectly with a good book. Choose something fresh you've been wanting to read or even reread an old favorite. You can't go wrong when it's chilly outside.

NCAA National Championship Game

On January 19th the NCAA National Championship football game will be played. If you are a sports fan, you won't want to miss this.

collegefootballplayoff.com

Meal Prep

Eat better this year by taking control over what you eat on the go. Make time to learn new healthy recipes and ways of creating meals to-go.

goodhousekeeping.com/food-recipes/a28377603/how-to-meal-prep/

Lampasas County Youth Livestock Show

The Lampasas County Youth Livestock Show is an annual event where local youth showcase their skills in raising and presenting livestock. It celebrates hard work, education, and community, with competitions, auctions, and family-friendly activities.

lampasaslivestockshow.com

Prep for the Cold

Check your winter weather preparedness by examining your house just in case we have a wild winter as we have in recent years. If the power goes out, you will be ready.

saoempprep.com/Portals/0/Files/WinterStorm/Winter-Weather-Preparedness-Guide-en.pdf



Learn to Make Mocktails

If you are taking part in dry January, try out one of these interesting mocktail recipes.

bonappetit.com/gallery/best-mocktail-recipes

Bastrop Mardi Gras 2026

Experience the vibrant Cajun traditions of Evangeline Parish at Bastrop TX Mardi Gras, January 30 - 31. Enjoy music, dancing, cuisine, parades, and family-friendly festivities downtown!

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