

Press Release

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City of Fredericksburg Receives International Dark Sky Community Designation

Fredericksburg, TX - After review by the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) Board, the City of Fredericksburg's application to become an International Dark Sky Community was unanimously endorsed. The IDA works to protect the night skies for present and future generations by requiring applicants to follow a rigorous application process to demonstrate robust community support for dark sky protection and document designation-specific program requirements.

An IDA International Dark Sky Community is a town, city, municipality or other legally organized community that has shown exceptional dedication to the preservation of the night sky through the implementation and enforcement of a quality outdoor lighting ordinance, dark sky education and citizen support of dark skies. Dark Sky Communities excel in their efforts to promote responsible lighting and dark sky stewardship, and they set good examples for surrounding communities. Fredericksburg joins neighboring communities of Dripping Springs, Horseshoe Bay, and Wimberley Valley in their quest to protect our night skies.

City Manager, Kent Myers, stated, "The dark skies in the Fredericksburg area are important to our overall quality of life. This designation illustrates our commitment to preserving our dark skies for future generations to enjoy. I encourage our citizens to celebrate this designation by going outside when it is dark the next few days and take a few minutes to enjoy the beauty of our dark skies."

More information about Dark Skies Over Fredericksburg, TX can be found on the City's website at <u>http://fbgtx.org/974/Dark-Skies-Over-Fredericksburg-TX</u>. Information about the International Dark-Sky Association and the process of becoming a designated International Dark Sky Community can be found at <u>https://www.darksky.org</u>.

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