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## **Dripping Springs Launches New Eclipse Website**

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**DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS** – July 10, 2023 – Dripping Springs will experience two eclipses over the next nine months: an annular solar eclipse on October 14 of this year and a total solar eclipse on April 8 in 2024. To help residents, businesses and visitors prepare, the City has launched a new eclipse website: <https://www.drippingeclipse.com/>

While both types of eclipses are exciting, total solar eclipses are rare. Total solar eclipses happen somewhere in the world every 18 months and only happen in the same place approximately every 375 years. Dripping Springs will be in the totality of the April 8 eclipse for 3-minutes, making this a once-in-a-lifetime event in the Hill Country. Dripping Springs can expect a significant number of visitors to our city to experience this total solar eclipse.

Because of this, a community eclipse task force has been meeting monthly to prepare for the big event — and the possible influx of visitors — to ensure that all areas of the City are as prepared as possible. Educating the public is a major focus for the task force and is why the comprehensive website was launched. The new website includes:

- Information for residents, businesses, and visitors to help them prepare and plan for the excitement, with information that will continually be updated.
- An event form, so any business can have their eclipse-related event added to the website.
- A way to sign up for a periodic eclipse newsletter.
- Eclipse commemorative items for sale, including T-shirts and stickers, along with approved safe eclipse-viewing sunglasses.
- Information on an Eclipse Ambassador program, that organizations can utilize if they wish an eclipse representative to speak to their group.
- And so much more.

The eclipse task force includes representatives from the City of Dripping Springs, Dripping Springs Visitors Bureau, Dripping Springs Chamber of Commerce, Dripping Springs Independent

School District, North Hays County Fire & Rescue Department, North Hays EMS, and more. The committee meets, which meets once a month, has been researching what other cities have done to prepare, have been attending virtual and in-person eclipse planning workshops, and reading white papers from cities that have experienced eclipses before.

For more information on the website or eclipse planning in the City of Dripping Springs, please send an email to [eclipse@cityofdrippingsprings.com](mailto:eclipse@cityofdrippingsprings.com) or call the City of Dripping Springs at 512-858-4725.

