## **INVITATION**

TO: Ruby Ranch and Oak Forest Homeowners

RE: See nearby Taylor Bat Cave <u>and</u> learn more about the proposed Jeremiah Venture wastewater plant and 1000 unit development

WHEN: This coming Wednesday evening, June 26, from 7:00 til 9:00 p.m.

Local ranch owner **Anne Ashmun** and the **Save Our Springs Alliance** invite Ruby Ranch and Oak Forest homeowners to see Ms. Ashmun's Taylor Bat Cave and to learn more about the pending request by "Jeremiah Venture" developers to spray irrigate treated wastewater on the Edwards Aquifer recharge zone just south of FM 967 and just west of Ruby Ranch and the KBDJ quarry.

The Taylor Bat Cave is a special example of the Edwards cave-forming "karst" limestone geology of our area and home to an estimated 1000 bats. The cave is located on lands protected by the Ashmun family and the City of Austin's Barton Springs watershed protection lands program.

<u>Please join us for this rare opportunity</u> to visit a neighborhood natural wonder and to hear about the work of the City of Austin and SOS Alliance to oppose the permitting of Jeremiah Venture's wastewater treatment plant. If approved, the plant would be the first such plant located directly on the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer recharge zone and would pose a serious threat to drinking water wells in Ruby Ranch and Oak Forest.

**Directions**: Go west on 967 from Ruby Ranch a short distance beyond the KBDJ rock quarry. Look for marking tape and balloons on the gate on the south side. Go slow on the crushed granite drive 2 miles south to the house: we will meet there and then proceed to the bat cave. We will have cold beverages but feel free to bring your own water. Sturdy shoes, long pants, and bug spray are recommended

<u>Get Oriented</u>: The map on the back side shows the proposed 1000 to 1200 house Jeremiah Venture development and its proposed wastewater irrigation areas. It also shows drinking water wells in Ruby Ranch and Oak Forest that will be at risk. Protected watershed lands are shaded in green. Contact <u>sosinfo@sosalliance.org</u> for questions.

