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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Lehmann & Monroe Park Now Features Bat House**

**Kerrville, Texas (Feb. 5, 2018)** – Just in time for spring migration, Lehmann & Monroe Park is now home to a bat house. The custom designed bat house is certified through Bat Conservation International (BCI). It will most likely attract Mexican free-tailed bats and brown bats, and has the capacity to house 2,500 bats, which is ideal to establish a bat colony. This will not happen overnight, however; it can take several months for a colony to get established.

The location was chosen based upon recommended criteria for a healthy habitat, which includes elevation in the sun, not too close to trees, near a water source, and adequate swoop radius.

Per BCI, bats are often misunderstood creatures and are vital to the success of our ecosystem. Perhaps best of all, bats are excellent pest controllers. They can consume enormous amounts of moths, mosquitos, and other insects each summer night. If you'd like to read more about bats, visit BCI's website at [www.batcon.org](http://www.batcon.org).

For additional information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (830) 257-7300, or visit the city's website at [www.kerrvilletx.gov](http://www.kerrvilletx.gov).



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