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Lakeway denies permit for Recovery Ways rehab site

Council: Facility 'not a fit' anywhere in the city

By Gene Davis

Following a sustained public outcry, Lakeway City Council in April denied a special-use permit for an addiction recovery center proposed on the Lakeway Regional Medical Center campus.

City Council members added that they were unlikely to allow Recovery Ways, a post-detox rehab facility that has one facility in Utah, to operate anywhere in the city. Council had previously rescinded an initial permit for Recovery Ways near the intersection of Lakeway Boulevard and Lohmans Crossing Road, saying it was too close to Lakeway Elementary School.

"Not only is [Recovery Ways] not a fit for the City of Lakeway ... this is also in my mind not a fit for any place in our extraterritorial jurisdiction," Councilwoman Dee Ann Burns-Farrell said.

The unanimous council vote in April to deny the permit for the LRMC campus

location was greeted with applause from Lakeway residents at the council meeting. More than 400 people signed a petition against granting a special-use permit to Recovery Ways.

"Utah-based Recovery Ways intends to bring in addicts and mental health patients from all over the country in order to make a profit by exploiting Lakeway's extraordinary amenities and quality of life," Lakeway resident Bob Schooler said.

But Recovery Ways consultant Cindy Morphew said much of the anger aimed at Recovery Ways was misdirected. Addiction rehab facilities like Recovery Ways help reintegrate addicts back into society and are good for the greater community, she said.

Research indicates that about 40 percent of Recovery Ways' clients could come from the Lakeway area, she said.

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Lakeway denies Recovery Ways locations Recovery Ways proposed location 1 Duck Lake Dr.-At first, most of the criticism direct-Lakeway Elementary School ed at Recovery Ways, a post-detox addiction rehab facility, focused on how close the facility would be to Lakeway Elementary School. Council revoked a permit for Recovery Ways at the initial location **Recovery Ways** and denied a permit at a second proposed location 2 proposed location near Lake Travis Flint Rock Rd. LAKEWAY Middle and High schools. REGIONAL MEDICAL Lake Travis Lake Travis Middle School High School Λ

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Local cities purchasing LCRA wastewater systems

Bee Cave system sold; Rollingwood holds election for purchase; West Lake Hills offer being considered

By Tiffany Young

About a year and a half after the Lower Colorado River Authority board decided to sell its water and wastewater systems, the systems are being sold. Some are being sold in a group to an outside utility company, with others, such as the Rollingwood, West Lake Hills and the West Travis County Regional water and wastewater systems,

going to the local municipalities they serve.

"If you go back to why we got in the water and wastewater utility business, it was in large part to try to help smaller systems become compliant with either Clean Water Act rules or different federal or state

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I recently completed my second year in the Leadership Lake Travis program, offered through the Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce. In my first year, as a class participant, it was

all new. Literally, all of it—the program was only in its second year, and everyone involved was learning as we went along. With this third class of 2011-12, this year's chairwoman, Bridget Bertram, laid a solid foundation for the program from which I, and many leaders to come, will benefit greatly.

Moving into its fourth year, I see this as a pivotal year for the program, and I am more than excited and honored to be moving into the chairwoman position. The business climate has improved with an uptick in the economy, and rather than simply doing what we can to hold steady, as in recent years, I see many aggressively seeking ways to invest in business growth.

Reader Feedback

These are comments from our readers, posted on impactnews.com/ltw and Twitter: @impactnews_ltw.

City of Lakeway to hold special election in May to sell parkland

"Makes sense to sell this submerged land. As [Lakeway Mayor Dave DeOme] says, 'This land has no value to the community,' and so let's sell it and increase the park fund ...

-Posted by Anthony

Natural gas line could come to Bee Cave

"The heating cost estimates for electric versus propane were incorrectly slanted toward propane in this article and give an incorrect impression that the cost of heating with propage is cheaper than electric. Propane is the highest cost option for heating your home, by far. Since the cost comparison data was provided by a HBH, a company with a vested interest in giving the message that propane is cheaper than electric, I'm not surprised."

-Posted by Chris Sallee

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On Page 6, under Coming Soon, Realty Austin Lake Travis' new office address should have been listed as 2418 RR 620 S., Ste. 200.

Becoming involved in area chambers is an excellent means of networking, getting your business known in the community and supporting the growth of the local economy.

A leadership program, however, goes beyond that. By connecting with civic leaders and law enforcement, area historians, commercial and real-estate developers, and other professionals, you gain knowledge about the community. That's empowering on many levels because we can then mobilize to address the issues that will arise as a result of the growth we'll continue to see in the region.

For more about Leadership Lake Travis and becoming involved, visit www.lake travischamber.com/about/leadership_ lake_travis.

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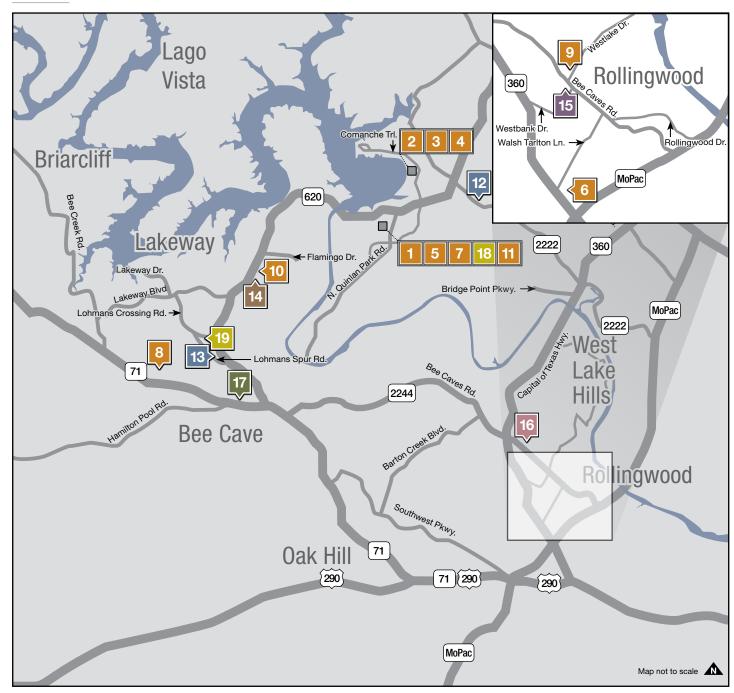
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- 2 Longhorn Balls, a specialty chocolate and candy shop, opened in late February at Oasis Texas at 6550 Comanche Trail, Ste. 217. The store sells Longhorn Balls, which are chocolate-covered pecans from the Texas Hill Country that can be rolled in a variety of toppings. The store also sells chocolate-covered dried fruits, Texas fudge and barrels of bulk candy. 394-5428, www.facebook.com/longhornballs
- 3 Lakeview Winery, which opened March 16 at Oasis Texas, 6550 Comanche Trail, Ste. 115, is a specialty wine shop and tasting room that features Texas wines. Owned by Kenny and Gail Fowler, the shop also sells its own wine, cigars, Texas olive oils, balsamic vinegars, wine

- accessories and gift items. The Fowlers held a grand opening May 5. 291-2801, www.lakeviewwinery.com
- 4 Crawshay Gallery, which is owned by photographer Phil Crawshay, opened April 27 at Oasis Texas, 6550 Comanche Trail, Ste. 113. Crawshay specializes in detailed large-format photography. The gallery features iconic Texas images such as the Alamo and the Capitol. 266-2211, www.crawshaygallery.com
- opened inside the Randalls at Quinlan Crossing shopping center, 5145 N. RR 620, Ste. A. La Bella Nails and Spa offers nail services such as manicures and pedicures. 266-9575
- On April 20, Sephora opened inside the J.C. Penney at Barton Creek Mall, 2901 S. Capital of Texas Hwy., Ste. MO2A. Sephora carries thousands of female beauty products from more than 200 brands. 327-4600, www.sephora.com, Twitter: @sephora

- 4 Hip Chicks Boutique, which sells clothing for women and babies, opened in March in the Quinlan Crossing shopping center at 5145 N. RR 620, Ste. B150. The boutique also sells gifts and home decor. 266-1600, www.facebook. com/4hipchicksboutique
- 8 Elli Overton Training Systems, which is run by Elli Overton, started operating in March inside Nitro Swimming, 15506 W. Hwy. 71, in Bee Cave. Overton, a three-time Olympic swimmer for Australia, gives private swim lessons to all levels of swimmers and triathletes. 660-1070, http://elliovertontrainingsystems.com
- 9 Texas Interventional Pain Specialists recently opened in Westlake at 102 Westlake Drive, Ste. 103. Dr. Geremy Sanders runs the pain management practice. 329-5705.
- 10 South Lake Massage Therapy opened April 2 in the McArdle Business Park, 317 S. RR 620, Ste. 100B. Licensed massage therapist Judy Fawell offers several forms

of therapy, including therapeutic massage, Thai massage and reflexology. 619-5525

11 Sleep Experts opened April 29 in the Quinlan Crossing shopping center, 5145 N. RR 620, Ste. L110. The Dallas-based company sells mattresses of different sizes and prices. 808-4305, www.sleepexperts.com

Coming Soon

- A Texan Urgent Care is coming to Four Points near the intersection of River Place Boulevard and RR 2222. The urgent care facility has signed on as an anchor tenant for a \$10 million, 36,000-square-foot development by Onair Development LLC, an Austin-based developer that specializes in medical offices. The three-story medical office building is expected to break ground this summer and be ready for occupancy next year. www. onairdevelopment.com
- Bee Caves Pediatrics PA is opening a second office in June in Lakeway at 2501 S. RR 620, Ste. 220. Dr. Eugenia Garcia will be relocating to the new Lakeway office, and Dr. Lydia Norton and Dr. Elena Ruiz will rotate to the office from Westlake once a week. Ruiz and Dr. Jerry Hudson founded the practice in 1978. 328-2899, www.beecavespediatrics.com

Relocations

14 In April, Putonti, Escover & Rossick, P.C. moved to a new location in Lakeway. The law firm moved from 2101 Lakeway Blvd., Ste. 215, to 401 S. RR 620, Ste. 350. Putonti, Escover & Rossick, P.C.'s legal services include business litigation, insurance disputes and personal injury cases.

263-0939, www.perlawtx.com

School Notes

Tom Simmons, a global studies teacher at Trinity Episcopal School, 3901 Bee Caves Road, was one of eight educators chosen to study in Japan this summer as part of an outreach program of the Japan Society. The 2012 Educators' Study Tour to Japan will include visits to multiple cities and tours of schools in the country. Trinity middle school has a class with a section that focuses on the study of East Asia. 472-9525, www.austintrinity.org

Anniversaries

Westlake Medical Arts celebrated its first anniversary April 16 at the Westlake Medical Center, 5656 Bee Caves Road, Ste. C-103. Dr. Eleanor Womack is board certified in internal medicine with a focus on age management and hormone replacement therapy. 327-8700, www.eleanorwomackmd.com



Gift boutique Point of Origin hosted a fundraiser in March to support Lake Travis Labor of Love. The fundraiser included shopping, door prizes and cocktails.



Longhorn Balls co-owner Cindy Barber sells sweets at her store in Oasis Texas.



The family members behind 4 Hip Chicks Boutique, pictured, opened a location in the Quinlan Crossing shopping center in March.



The Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union Steiner Ranch location donated a \$1,000 check to the Leander Educational Excellence Foundation.

Students from the Lake Travis Dance Agency were winners at the Talent on Parade competition held in Kyle in April.

Closed

17 The Texas Hills Urgent Care in Bee Cave closed at the end of April. The urgent care center was at 13917 Hwy. 71. www.mfmec.com

In the News

18 On April 6, the Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union Steiner Ranch location held an opening celebration and donated \$1,000 checks to the Leander Educational Excellence Foundation and the Central Texas Wildlife Relief Fund. The RBFCU location, 5145 N. RR 620, Ste. A, opened March 21 and offers a full range of credit union services. 833-3300, www.rbfcu.org

19 On March 23, gift boutique **Point** of Origin held a fundraiser called Shop, Laugh, Love to benefit Lake Travis Labor of Love, which donates to projects that help needy families in the Lake Travis area. Shop, Laugh, Love was an evening of shopping, cocktails, door prizes and gourmet tastings and raised \$730 for Lake Travis Labor of Love. Point of Origin is located at 2300 Lohmans Spur Ste. 114. 263-4301, www.lakewaygifts.com

Several students from the Lake Travis Dance Agency competed and brought home awards in April. Five of the dancers attended their first competition at the Talent on Parade and won multiple awards. The agency is run by Heather O'Hara and trains dancers ages 6 and older. 589-6912, www.oharadanceagency.com

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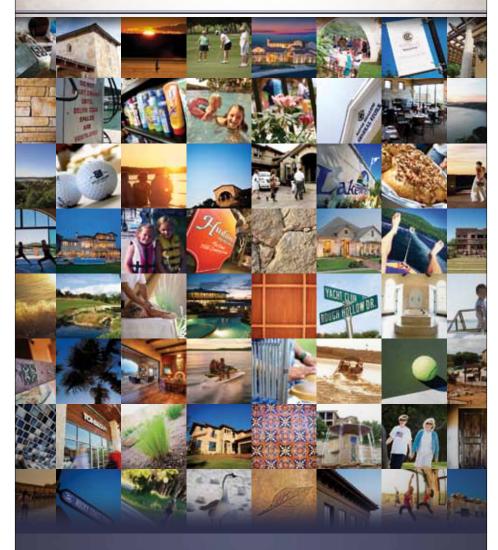


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11-15 'Pattern Nation: Waves'

Pollyanna Theatre Company presents this play by Andrew Perry. This performance explores the colorful world of waves and is intended to support pre-literacy skills needed for learning success among preschool children. \$7.25 (children under 12), \$8.25 (students ages 12–18, seniors and Austin Creative Alliance members), and \$9.25 (adults). May 11: 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.; May 12: 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.; May 13: 2 p.m.; May 15, 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. Rollins Studio Theatre at the Long Center for the Performing Arts, 701 W. Riverside Drive, Austin. 743-7966. www.pollytheatre.org, judy@pollytheatre.org

11–13 Home Builders Association Tour of Homes

Rough Hollow has been selected as one of 10 communities across Central Texas to participate in the Tour of Homes. The Tour of Homes offers prospective homebuyers a preview of the offerings in Rough Hollow from builders including Coventry Homes, Grand Haven Homes, Gregory Sells Builder, Markee Construction and Scott Felder Homes. Guests can enjoy local vendors and artisans, special menu items from The Grille at Rough Hollow and register to win an iPad. Fri. 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun. noon–6 p.m. \$5 (adults), free (children 12 and younger).

11-13 Market Days at Revival, Texas

More of Revival's unique selections of vintage furnishings, home decor and more. Fri 10 a.m.- 6 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Sun noon-5 p.m. 13308 Hwy. 71 in Bee Cave

Worth the trip

12 Pet extravaganza

Austin Animal Center hosts a day for pet owners and their families. A wide range of local vendors providing information on dog training, agility demonstrations, various pet resources, children's entertainment including Josesito the Clown and his balloon animals, music and food vendors is available. 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Free. Austin Animal Center, 7201 Levander Loop, Austin. 978-0500. www.austinanimalcenter.org, www.facebook.com/austinanimalservices

12 Make a Mother's Day Card Open House

Stop by the library to make a special Mother's Day card. The library will supply the cards and decorations. Noon–3 p.m. Free. Lake Travis Community Library, 2300 Lohmans Spur, Ste. 100, Austin. 263-2885. www.laketravislibrary.org

12 Meningitis Vaccine Clinic

The Lake Travis High School Health Occupations Student Association (HOSA) will be holding a meningitis vaccine clinic from 8 a.m. to noon. The event is being held to raise awareness of the need for a meningitis vaccine and to raise funds for the HOSA and the Meningitis Angels, a group started by Frankie Milley. In addition to the clinic, Lakeway Medical is offering vaccines from May 1–15 at a discounted price of \$135, with \$15 from each vaccine to be split by the two organizations. There is also a group providing immunizations to the uninsured/underinsured at the clinic for a nominal fee

13 Mother's Day Concert at the Capitol

The Austin Symphonic Band celebrates Mother's Day with music at the Capitol. 7 p.m. Free. South steps of the state Capitol, Austin.

14 Austin Christian Business Summit

David Robinson, 10-time NBA All Star and three-time Olympian, will speak on the role of Christian faith in his professional and personal life. Child care is provided at no charge, and dessert is served. 6:30 p.m. Free. Austin Ridge Bible Church, 9300 Bee Caves Road, Austin. kelli@austinridge.org

14 Lakeway's Big Band Bash

Bring your own refreshments to listen to the Republic of Texas Big Band. 8–10 p.m. Free. Lakeway Activity Center, 105 Cross Creek, Lakeway. 261-1010



15 Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Bring your favorite stuffed animal or doll to the library for a pajama storytime any time during the day of May 15. Tuck them in and say good night, then pick up your friend between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. the next day to find out about their wild night at the library. 6:15 p.m. (or anytime May 15). Free. Lake Travis Community Library, 2300 Lohmans Spur, Ste. 100, Austin. 263-2885, www.laketravislibrary.org

15 Power Networking Luncheon

The Westlake Chamber of Commerce May Power Networking Luncheon provides attendees a chance to get to know each other by participating in fun exercises. 11:30 a.m.– 1 p.m. Austin Country Club, 4408 Long Champ Drive in Austin

16 UT Undergraduate speaker on student life

Stephanie Fine, a University of Texas undergraduate student, will speak about what it is like to be a student. Meetings are available to men residing in the Greater Lakeway area. \$1 continental breakfast at 7 a.m. with a speaker at 8 a.m. No reservations or membership is required. Lakeway Activity Center, 105 Cross Creek, Lakeway. For more information, Tom Cain, Lakeway Men's Breakfast Club Program chairman. 363-5793. speakers@thomasgcain.com

17 Bee Cave Police Benevolent Foundation Awards Banquet

The Cave Police Department is honored for its

Bee Cave Whole Foods opening day celebration



The 35,000-square-foot Whole Foods Market in Bee Cave will have an in-store bar, chef-prepared food and outdoor seating in addition to groceries.

May 16

To celebrate its grand opening in Bee Cave, Whole Foods Market is holding a bread-breaking ceremony. Whole Foods is hosting tours, demonstrations, live music and cooking programs throughout the opening day and week. In its first five days of business, Whole Foods is donating 1 percent of its net sales to a nonprofit. • Bread-breaking ceremony starts at 7:30 a.m. • Free • Whole Foods Market, 12601 Hill Country Blvd • 206-2730

service to the community. The event includes a dinner, cocktails, awards ceremony and music. Proceeds benefit the Bee Cave Police Benevolent Foundation. 6–11 p.m. \$100. Star Hill Ranch, 15000 Hamilton Pool Road, Bee Cave. 925-9139. info@bcpbf.org

18 Business Builder at Panera Bread

The Westlake Chamber of Commerce holds an informal networking Business Builder. Guests and future members are welcome at no cost. 7:30–8:30 a.m. Panera Bread, 2805 Bee Cave Road in Austin. RSVP with Joan Grable at jgrable@ft.newyorklife.com.

19 Indoor City Wide Garage Sale

The City of Lakeway is holding a citywide garage sale for residents to sell and purchase clothes, toys and various household items. 8 a.m.–noon. Free with donation of a canned food item. Lakeway Activity Center, 105 Cross Creek, Lakeway. 261-1010

19 Household hazardous waste collection and document shred event

Bring household, paint, automotive and technology products to get rid of hazardous waste. Bring up to two standard file boxes of documents clear of paper clips or other metal objects for shredding. 8 a.m.–noon. Free. Hudson Bend Middle School, 15600 Lariat Trail, Austin. 314-7514

Worth the trip

19, 20 Subaru of Georgetown Grand

Hundreds of bicyclists and thousands of spectators are expected to fill the street for the first ever Subaru of Georgetown Grand, the state criterium championship weekend for the Texas Bicycle Racing Association. The weekend includes live music, food, an expo area. Sat. 8 a.m.–9 p.m. and Sun. 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Free (spectators), entry fees vary. The Square, Georgetown. www.georgetowngrand.com

20 Showcase 2012: The Best of Broadway

The TexARTS Academy presents its 2012 showcase featuring students enrolled in dance, acting and voice classes as well as the pre professional troupe TexARTS Broadway Company. Noon, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. \$5. St. Michael's Academy, 3000 Barton Creek Blvd., Austin. 852-9079, ext. 104. www.tex-arts.org

24 Genealogy Jam Session

Join the Lake Travis library to tackle a challenge, ask a question, work on a project, enjoy refreshments and visit about genealogy. All are welcome to attend—beginners, experienced and the curious. 6 p.m. Free. Lake Travis Community Library, 2300 Lohmans Spur, Ste. 100, Austin. 263-2885. www.laketravislibrary.org

28 Lakeway Memorial Day Services

Retired USAF Brig. Gen. Rick Zehrer will join other members of the Lakeway area community at 10 a.m. to speak at Memorial Day services at Heritage Park in Lakeway, located at 963 Lohmans Crossing Road. The event, cosponsored by the local Standing Military Committee, includes the Lakeway Police Department color guard and musical talents of the Lakeway area choir Sing-Along. Guests are encouraged to arrive early due to limited parking at Heritage Park. There is seating for more than 200 with tents to provide shade. Bottled water is available at no charge. history@lakeway-tx.gov, twobostons1@sbcglobal.net

May 29-June 3 25th anniversary production of "Les Miserables"

Wells Fargo Broadway Across America and the Austin and Texas Performing Arts perform "Les Miserables," the new 25th anniversary production of the world's longest-running musical at Bass Concert Hall, 2350 Robert Dedman Drive in Austin. Shows run Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m.

and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$25 and are available at the Bass Concert Hall box office, all Texas Box Office Outlets, by phone at 477-6060 or online at www.broadwayacrossamerica.com/austin.

30 Lakeway men's breakfast club

Dr. James Cordoba, a Lakeway chiropractor, is speaking at the Lakeway Activity Center, 105 Cross Creek, Lakeway. The event is available to men residing in the Greater Lakeway area. \$1 continental breakfast starts at 7 a.m. with the speaker at 8 a.m .No reservations or membership required. 363-5793, speakers@thomasgcain.com

June



2 Summer reading program kickoff event

Join Lake Travis Community Library for its summer reading program kickoff event. A traveling petting zoo brings baby ducks, bunnies, chinchillas and hedgehogs.
Refreshments, reading logs, bubbles and crafts are also available. 10:30 a.m.–noon. Free. Lake Travis Community Library, 2300 Lohmans Spur, Ste. 100, Austin. 263-2885.
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7 Flying Theatre Machine presents Improv for Kids

Flying Theater Machine presents childrenoriented improv. The audience will help with suggestions and sound effects, and a few children will be chosen to join the show on stage. 10:30 a.m. Free. Lakeway Activity Center, 105 Cross Creek, Lakeway. 263-2885. www.laketravislibrary.org

9 The Amazing Four Points Race to the Taste

The Four Points Chamber of Commerce is launching a first-of-its-kind event, merging food and racing into one. The event features local food, beverage and business vendors. The race is patterned after similar races in other cities and on reality TV shows, with 20 teams having to overcome roadblocks, detours and avoid elimination while stopping at more than a dozen sites in Four Points. The Amazing Four Points Race to the Taste benefits a Leander ISD/Concordia University Texas charity, Skills for Encouraging Life-long Fulfillment. Noon–5 p.m. Free, race is \$250 (team). Four Points Home Depot parking lot, 7900 RR 620, Austin. www.racetothetaste.com

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9 The Kitchen Diva

Author of "The Kitchen Diva's Diabetic Cookbook," Angela Shelf Medearis, appears at Faraday's Kitchen Store at 11 a.m. for a free live demonstration of recipes from her book. Medearis discusses preparing meals for diabetics that the whole family can enjoy as well as fast and easy cooking techniques from some of her new recipes. Faraday's is located at 1501 RR N 620 in Lakeway. 266-5666. www.faradayskitchenstore.com

Ongoing



Through June 19 Shari Anderson photography exhibit

The photography of Shari Anderson is on display at The People's Gallery in Lakeway. Anderson has been published in several photography annuals, and her work has been on display at Austin City Hall and the Mexican American Cultural Center National Arts Program. Mon.–Fri. 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Lakeway City Hall Art Gallery, 1102 Lohmans Crossing, Lakeway. The exhibit may be viewed during regular City Hall office hours.

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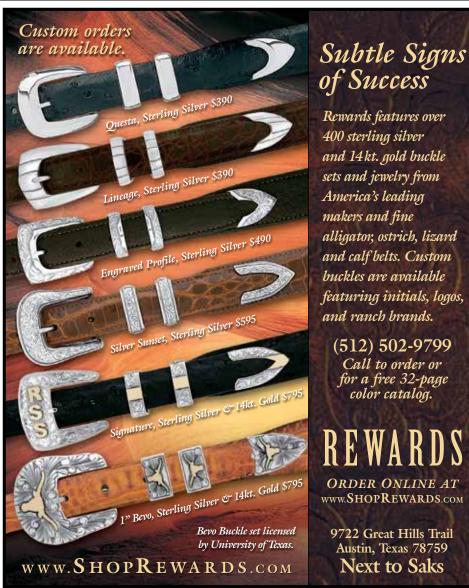
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- 26 Saturday Night Concert Series: 7–9 p.m., amphitheater—The Loose Wheels

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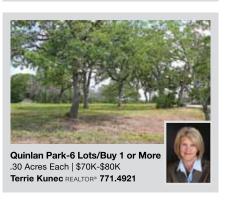




















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Compiled by Gene Davis and Mitzie Stelte

Lakeway holds hearing on proposed Austin Energy rate hike

The debate on a proposed rate increase for Austin Energy customers has come to Lakeway.

On April 14, the Austin and Lakeway city councils held a joint hearing on the proposed rate increase at Lakeway City Hall. The hearing was part of an effort to include the approximately 450,000 Austin energy customers outside of Austin involved in the conversation about the proposed rate hike, Austin Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole said.

There are about 2,100 Lakeway residents and 640 commercial businesses served by Austin Energy, according to the City of

"I thought it was very productive," Councilman Alan Tye said of the meeting.

After 17 years of a stagnant base rate, Austin Energy (AE) said in September that a \$131 million shortfall necessitated a rate hike. Lakeway residents and city leaders who spoke at the April joint hearing questioned raising rates on customers who live outside Austin at the same level as customers inside Austin.

AE is a city-owned utility, and a portion of a rate increase would go back to the City of Austin general fund.

"It is essentially paying part of the City of Austin's budget for which we have no benefit," Tye said of the proposed rate

State Rep. Paul Workman, R-Austin, in January testified on behalf of residents who live outside of city limits but are still within Austin Energy's coverage area. He urged that customers outside Austin pay

Multiple proposals

Members of the Austin City Council are scheduled to vote on the Austin Energy rate increase May 24. There have been multiple rate hike proposals debated by city leaders.

The AE original plan would have implemented a 12.5 percent system-wide rate increase. The system-wide increase was met with significant resistance from city leaders and the public.

Austin Energy's modifications to the plan were presented to council in February.

But outcry from the Austin City Council, members of the public and advocacy groups curbed the hikes and sent AE back to the drawing board.

In March, Austin City Council

Austin Energy's proposal process

Austin Energy's original plan

Presented to City Council on Dec. 14

Increase system-wide electricity rates by 12.5 percent

Residential customers charged for kilowatt per hour (kWh) usage based on a five-tier system, fixed monthly fee increases from \$6 to \$22

Worship centers charged as commercial users, includes demand charge and electric delivery charge

No suggestions for General Fund Transfer (GFT), customers outside Austin city limits are charged the same rates as those within the city

Austin Energy's modified plan

Presented to City Council on Feb. 2

Two-step, phased-in rate increase: 8.7 percent in June 2012 and 3.8 percent in October 2014

Residential customers charged for kWh usage based on a five-tier system and fixed monthly fee raises to \$22, but first 200 kWh are included

Remove demand charge and electric delivery charge for small worship facilities/ small businesses with less than 10 kilowatts of peak demand, make time-ofuse rates available to all worship facilities

Cap GFT at \$105 million, a reduction of 6.1 percent for residents outside city limits

Councilwomen Morrison and Tovo's plan Announced Feb. 9

- Interim (one-year) system-wide 3.5 percent rate increase
- No discounted rates for users outside city limits
- During interim, AE's financial status reviewed quarterly by City Council and council helps draft new plan

considered an alternative 3.5 percent system-wide increase.

However, AE General Manager Larry Weis said a 3.5 percent, one-year interim increase beginning in June would not be

sufficient, resulting in a \$78 million shortfall by June 2013.

He said the utility prefers no interim increase and for council to instead focus on working on a final rate plan.



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WATER POLICY

Water conservation plans revised as drought persists

Lake storage down 42 percent from historical average

By Andrea Leptinsky and Kevin Stich

The recent approval of a revised Water Management Plan by the Lower Colorado River Authority board of directors and proposed changes to the City of Austin's Water Conservation Code is issuing a staunch warning to regional water stakeholders: The implications of Texas' recent dry weather has wreaked havoc on water storage at the state and local levels. And, as the population continues to grow, more plans must be made to ensure water is available for future generations.

"What you need to think about with this drought is that all it's really done is put into very sharp focus the fact that there are an enormous number of people sharing a very fixed resource," said Laura Huffman, Texas director of The Nature Conservancy, during a January panel.

Although recent rains have helped the lakes to rise, it has not been enough to take the region out of danger, stakeholders say.

As of April 23, the combined storage of lakes Buchanan and Travis, the source of Austin's drinking water, was 974,979 acre-feet of water. On average, the lakes sit at 1.67 million acrefeet of water.

An improved response

The revised LCRA plan is devised to allow the regional water management agency more flexibility to respond to severe droughts. In all, the strategies would create more than 640,000

acre-feet of additional water supply by 2060.

But still, there is worry that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, which issues final approval of the plan, may not rubber-stamp the revisions in time to make it effective before another hot summer.

"Last time, it took the TCEQ years to finalize it," Travis County Commissioner Karen Huber said. "It can still be changed, and competing interests will be trying to get amendments to it while it goes through the TCEQ process. The plan is not the answer to everything, but it is, as submitted to TCEQ, an extremely important first step for better assurance that our basic water supply needs on the Highland Lakes will be met."

Staving off Stage 3

With summer approaching, the Austin Water Utility has also been revising its own water conservation code.

Put simply, the city prepaid the LCRA for its water, and if the city crosses a water-use threshold for two consecutive years, it will have to make payments in the multimillion-dollar range. One of the hopes is that proposed revisions would allow the city to stretch its dollars further through conservation and continue to defer those payments, said Drema Gross, water conservation manager for Austin Water Utility.

"We're in very good position as far as watery supply," Gross said. "Of course we're concerned



about drought, but it makes financial sense for the city and the utility to try and extend our prepaid amount of water as long

Lake levels over the years

Moreover, the city's code, although drafted in 2007, was not intended to deal with long-term drought situations, said Jadell Hines, conservation program coordinator at Austin Water Utility.

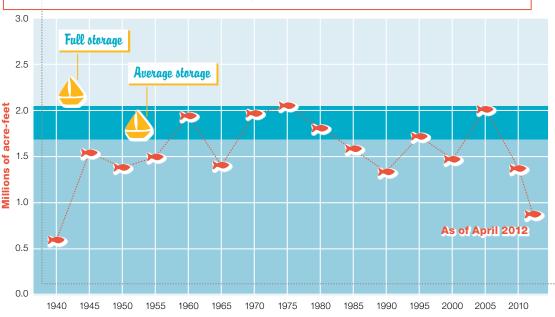
as possible."

Given that the city has been operating under Stage 2 restrictions since Sept. 6—the second time in about three years that Austin has been in Stage 2—the drought is indeed long-term, she said.

And while officials predict that the advancing summer will be milder than last year, public feedback gathered over the past six months indicated that residents are anxious about the prospect of another hot season.

"In looking over our code, we realized that were we to get into a Stage 3 situation, there would be some significant impacts to

While the combined capacity of Lake Buchanan and Lake Travis is 2 million acre-feet of water, on average they contain 1.67 million acre-feet, and at one of their lowest points, in 1940, they contained 500,000 acre-feet of water.



Some proposed changes to the City of Austin Water Conservation Code

- Car-washing equipment must be annually certified as efficient by licensed plumber
- Charity car washes must be held at car-washing facilities using facility equipment; prohibited in Stage 3 and 4
- Hotels must offer towel and linen reuse program year-round
- Larger fountains prohibited in Stages 2 though 4
- Limited operation for patio misters
- Splash pads prohibited in Stage 3 and 4
- Spray irrigation prohibited in Stage 4 at commercial plant nurseries
- Year-round irrigation restrictions (hand watering and foundation watering is exempt from restriction up to Stage 4)
- Year-round, restaurants serve water only when requested

Source: Austin Water Utility

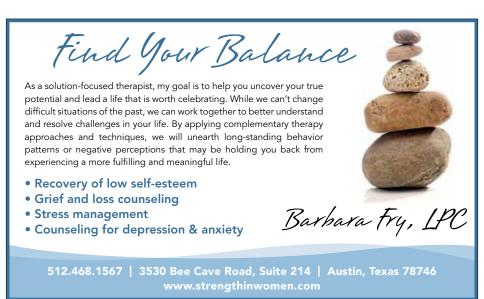
the community," Hines said.
"Our hope [is] that we would get this code adopted prior to [water] use to get into Stage 3,"

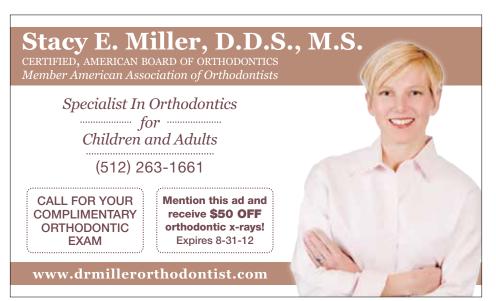
The utility plans to present revisions to City Council in

May, at which time the public is invited to comment.

Sara Behunek contributed to

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Compiled by Gene Davis

Lakeway City Council OKs hotel occupancy tax

After five years of consideration and debate, on April 16, Lakeway City Council unanimously approved a hotel occupancy tax, often known as a HOT tax.

The tax that will be levied on guests of hotels, motels, and bed and breakfasts within Lakeway city limits will go into effect July 1. The new tax, which will be in addition to the 6 percent tax levied on hotels by the state, will be 3 percent the first year, 5 percent the second year and 7 percent the third and following years.

The HOT tax is expected to generate hundreds of thousands of dollars per year. Under state law, the money generated must be spent on either the construction of a convention center or on projects that enhance and promote tourism.

"We are really glad this is finally coming to the forefront," said Steve Zbranek, Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce chairmanelect.

Councilman Dennis Wallace said while he would have preferred the tax to increase more gradually, he thinks the tax has become necessary for the growing city.

"Things are changing whether I like it or not, and we have to adapt," he said.

The money generated from the HOT tax will let Lakeway control its brand, Mayor Dave DeOme said. He said the money will provide a way to let people throughout Texas and across the nation know what Lakeway is about.

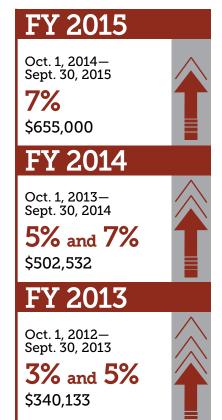
"I'm all in favor of this, and I'm excited about this," he said.

DeOme said in January that he became supportive of the HOT tax after learning it could help fund the expansion of the city's activity center.

Public comment

During a chance for public comment in February on the HOT tax, nearly a dozen people spoke. The comments were generally split between local hotel operators who

HOT tax revenue projections



Source: City of Lakeway said the HOT tax would put their business at a disadvantage against hotels without

the tax and local business leaders who said the money generated from the tax could help bring more tourists to the area.

Lakeway Resort and Spa Manager Troy Mathews said a HOT tax could negatively impact the resort's corporate and group clientele, which makes up more than half of the resort's business. He said the tax could cause the resort to either lose out on the competitive group business market or force the resort to absorb the additional tax to compete with nearby hotels.

Neither Mathews nor anyone else opposing the tax appeared at the April 16 meeting. Mathews did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the passage of

Lakeway's hotel occupancy tax will increase in phases over a three-year period

During the first full fiscal year, the HOT tax will be 3 percent for the first three quarters and 5 percent for the fourth quarter. In the next fiscal year, the HOT tax will be 5 percent for the first three quarters and 7 percent for the fourth quarter. The HOT tax will remain at 7 percent for the following years.

The projections (seen at left) do not include revenue that could be generated by future hotels in Lakeway. A Holiday Inn and a Quinta Inn are planned for Lakeway in the upcoming years.



Laura Mitchell, Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce president, said she was excited about the passage of the HOT tax. She said in February that the money generated by the tax could help draw people to the area during a time when many potential tourists are deterred by the low lake level.

A 2011 study found that visitor trends dipped significantly when Lake Travis is below 660 feet above sea level, she said. Lake Travis, as of April 27, was at 639 feet above sea level.

"Unfortunately, there is no current mechanism to inform potential visitors that Lakeway and Lake Travis are and will always be open for business," she said. "The use of the hotel occupancy tax may be used

to reach those potential visitors to draw them into Lakeway."

Commission to manage tax revenue

A commission consisting of involved stakeholders will manage where the money generated by the HOT tax is spent. City Council postponed an ordinance establishing the commission until May.

Councilman Alan Tye, who has been a proponent of the tax since the idea was proposed, said the city is focused on getting the right people on the commission to make sure the money is properly spent.

"This has been a long time coming for me," he said of the passage of the tax.

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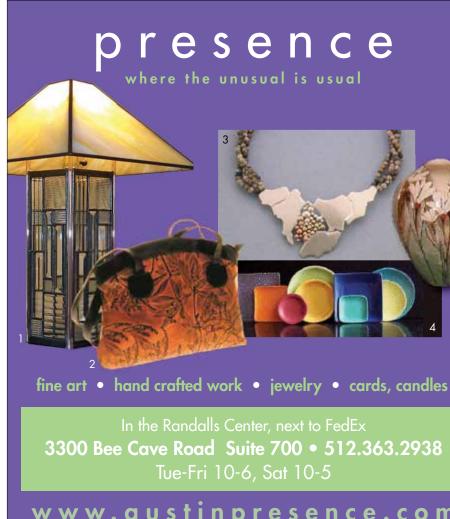
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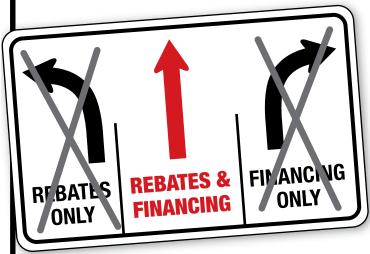


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MoPac lane expansion may get \$130M infusion, officials say

Possible bike path extension could add to project costs, however

By Sara Behunek

Policymakers are in negotiations with the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority to bankroll more than half of a \$200 million two-lane expansion on MoPac between Parmer Lane and Cesar Chavez Street.

But as part of the arrangement—and at the urging of a local bicycle advocacy group—project designers may go back to the drawing board to extend a proposed bicycle and pedestrian path that would run adjacent to the highway, an addition with a \$23 million price tag.

As is, the Mobility Authority, an independent government agency formed as a partnership between Travis and Williamson counties, has allocated \$5 million to building a 10-foot-wide concrete trail that would run alongside parts of the highway from Capital of Texas Hwy. north to Duval Road, much like the path that runs parallel to Toll 183A, and to filling in missing patches of sidewalk along the full project corridor.

The allocation would also pay for improvements at 13 intersections, including bridge widening, installation of ramps compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act and paint restriping, as well as a path that would provide access across US 183 at MoPac.

But, says Tom Wald, executive director of the League of Bicycling Voters, a nonprofit advocacy organization, that is not enough.

"One thing that's clear is [the Mobility Authority's] plan is not consistent with public policy at various levels," he said.

The \$130 million or so loan would come from a \$136.6 million bundle the Texas Department of Transportation is making available for shovel-ready projects in Central Texas. The board of the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization,

composed of elected officials in the fivecounty Central Texas region, is charged with distributing that money.

For an example of a policy conflict, Wald points to CAMPO's 2035 Regional Transportation Plan, the group's guiding policy document, which says that when some roadways undergo reconstruction, including widening, resources should be allocated to bicycle and pedestrian enhancements as long as those costs are not more than 20 percent of total construction costs

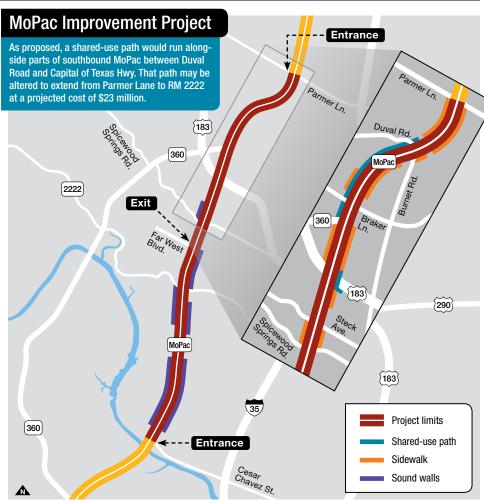
Wald said that if the Mobility Authority extended the path to run from Parmer Lane to RM 2222 without interruption, the addition would cost about \$23 million, according to an estimate by HNTB Corp., the Mobility Authority's outside engineer. Even so, an addition of that magnitude would bring the portion of total costs spent on bicycle and pedestrian facilities to 11 percent, up from about 2 percent now.

A path to consider

Austin City Councilman Chris Riley, a longtime advocate of making the region more bicycle-friendly, is among the CAMPO board members who are encouraging consideration of the path's extension.

"Seems to me that if we are to step in to provide the financing for the project, we can see what we can get in exchange for that. In particular, it seems that there may be opportunities to bring the project more closely into alignment with CAMPO policy and guidelines," Riley said.

For providing the loan, CAMPO could reap up to \$70 million in interest over 22 years, according to the Mobility Authority. That money, in addition to the loan repayment, would be reinvested into other transportation improvement projects in the region, such as I-35.



Source: Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority

All in the timing

Further complicating matters is that adding the design for the path extension in project plans is a race against time.

The funds must be committed before Sept. 29 or CAMPO risks losing the money, a restrictive timeline given the amount of public input that needs to be gathered in accordance with CAMPO policy

But if the MoPac plan undergoes major changes, such as a path extension, the project could be set back, said Mario Espinoza, deputy director for the Mobility Authority. If that happens, CAMPO would be left without a local project that meets TxDOT's guidelines for this round of funding.

If all else fails, CAMPO could send the money to another metropolitan planning organization in a different part of the state under the requirement that the money would be paid back.

Cynthia Long, Williamson County commissioner and CAMPO board member, made it clear at an April CAMPO meeting what she thought about that option.

"I'm not a gambling person, but if I were, that'd be real low odds of it coming back in our lifetime," she said.

CAMPO will host three public meetings about the project and proposed loan. The meeting in Austin is tentatively scheduled for May 16 at 5:30 p.m. at O. Henry Middle School, 2610 W. 10th St. Comments may be made online beginning May 7 at www.campotexas.org.

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TRANSPORTATION

TxDOT modifies Loop 360 plan

Bv Amv Dennev

At the first of four community meetings, the Texas Department of Transportation unveiled a modified plan March 28 to reduce traffic congestion at three intersections along Capital of Texas Highway, also known as Loop 360, from US 183 to Old Spicewood Springs Road.

The most significant change would be allowing traffic to cross Loop 360 at Bluffstone Lane and Spicewood Springs Road.

TxDOT initially wanted to install modified Michigan left turns, which eliminate most left turns and require drivers to use U-turns, at 17 intersections with traffic lights along the 13.9-mile roadway. However, some homeowners, businesses and local politicians protested the proposed changes, saying TxDOT should have asked for their opinion before making that plan.

TxDOT staff said they had gone through 915 written and oral comments they had received since November, when the first plan was introduced.

Terry McCoy, engineer for TxDOT Austin District, said TxDOT identified other solutions, such as leaving the road as is; adding a third lane between US 183 and Old Spicewood Springs Road for about \$12 million; constructing an overpass, which would cost about \$36 million; or turning Loop 360 into a tolled expressway, which TxDOT ruled out in 2004 because of strong public opposition.

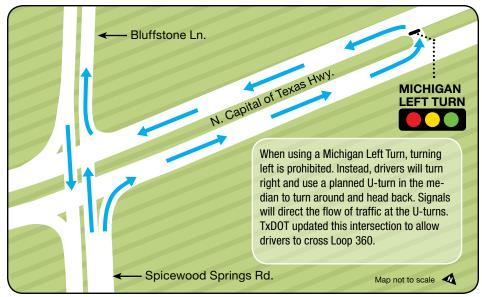
The total cost of the project for the US 183 to Old Spicewood Springs Road section is \$5 million. McCoy said for all of Loop 360, TxDOT has about \$6 million in funds from the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and \$4 million in TxDOT's Proposition 12 bonds, which were approved by voters in 2007 for transportation projects throughout the state.

At the community meeting, TxDOT staff provided background on the increased congestion along Loop 360, the resources available and possible solutions—information that will be repeated at the following meetings. The department has proposed Michigan left turns for 17 intersections with traffic signals.

On May 22, the public will be able to weigh in on the proposed Loop 360 improvements from Westbank Drive to Las Cimas Parkway. The meeting at Westlake High School, 4100 Westbank Drive, will start at 6 p.m.

A meeting was held in April to discuss the section from Westlake Drive to Lakewood Drive.

Maps and animations of the proposed intersections can be viewed at www.txdot. gov/project_information/projects/austin/loop360/default.htm.



Source: TyDOT



The Texas Department of Transportation is holding community meetings on its plan to reduce traffic on Capital of Texas Hwy. (pictured).







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Early voting anywhere

Voters can vote at any early polling location. For Travis County polling locations, visit www.co.travis.tx.us.

Voter registration

Voters must be registered 30 days before an election. To register in Travis County, visit www.traviscountytax.org or call 854-9473.



Primary election dates for 2012

April 30: Voter registration deadline for primaries

May 14-25: Early in-person voting period

May 29: Primary election

July 23-27: Early in-person voting period for runoff election

July 31: Runoff election

Candidates were selected for this guide based on who voters in the Lake Travis/Westlake area will be voting on. Community Impact Newspaper made every effort to contact candidates for up-to-date campaign websites, contact information and, in some cases, photos.







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Frequently asked questions

What is the primary election?

Each political party holds a primary election to determine who should represent their party in the general election. This applies to local, state and federal office. During presidential elections, the winners of primary elections receive delegates that, once accumulated, help clinch a nomination to the general election. Texas is a proportional primary state. There are 155 Republican delegates at stake. According to the Republican Party of Texas, 152 delegates will be distributed proportionally to the May 29 primary election results during the state Republican convention. The final three nonbinding delegates are voted by state party officials. Also, Texas will send 288

delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

Can I vote in both the Republican and **Democratic primaries?**

Commissioner, Precinct 3

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- No. In Texas, voters can participate in the primary election by voting Democrat or Republican but cannot vote in both. Independent candidates are not included on the Texas primary ballot. Once a voter participates in the primary election, he or she is designated a member of the party for which he or she voted for the next two years and is ineligible to participate in the opposing party's primary election.
- Will I vote at the same polling location for the May primary and the November election?
- Not necessarily. The number of voters is typically lower for the primary election, so the elections office consolidates precincts to vote at fewer polling locations.
- Who is eligible for a mail-in ballot?
- You may request a ballot by mail if you will be out of the country on election day and during early voting, if you are sick or disabled, or if you are 65 vears old or older on election day
- Can I vote for Libertarian candidates?
- No. The Libertarian Party does not have a primary election. The party holds a convention to choose its candidates.

What do they do?

Texas Railroad

Commissioners do not actually regulate the state's railroad system but instead oversee the oil and natural gas industries, pipeline transporters, natural gas and hazardous liquid pipeline industry, natural gas utilities, the liquefied petroleum industry, and coal and uranium surface mining

District attorneys are

responsible for prosecuting in federal court those accused of committing felony offenses.

They also represent the public and individual victims of crimes through the local justice system.

Political party chairs at the county level are responsible for much of the groundwork that takes place each election season. They assist with primary elections, organize voter drive campaigns, work with party candidates and recruit volunteers and precinct chairs.

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2012 Austin City Council Election

Candidate responses to a Real Estate Council of Austin questionnaire were used in the compilation of these results.

Mayor



Clay Dafoe Age: 27 Occupation: Tax preparer Years in Austin: One year, eight months www.claydafoeformayor.com

Vision: "To keep a decent standard of living for our citizens, we must reduce the size of city government by ending corporate welfare programs that hurt our ability to provide essential services."

Challenges: "Austin's greatest challenges are handling the impact of population growth, returning our utilities to fiscal solvency and reconsidering over-regulation."



Lee Leffingwell*
Age: 72
Occupation: Mayor of Austin
Years in Austin: 20+
www.leffingwellformayor.com

Vision: "Create more jobs; investing in our future; going coal-free; ... reforming City Hall"
Challenges: "Keeping Austin affordable by keeping taxes, utility rates and housing costs as low as possible; ... continuing to grow our economy and creating an environment for job growth; ... improving transportation options, protecting the environment and securing clean water for Austin."



Brigid Shea Age: 57 Occupation: Environmental adviser Years in Austin: 23 www.brigidsheaformayor.com

Vision: "To have a city that is affordable, has a high quality of life and provides opportunities to all of our residents."

Challenges: "To create an affordable future for the citizens of Austin; put Austin Energy on a sound fiscal footing; improve the quality and efficiency of city services; ensure that we have a reliable water supply, primarily through greater conservation and reuse."

Compiled by Mitzie Stelte

Important dates

Early voting: April 30-May 8 Last day for ballot by mail: May 4 Election day: May 12

(incumbent)

Place 2



Mike Martinez*
Age: 43
Occupation: Council
member
Years in Austin: 20+
www.martinezforaustin.com

Vision: "I believe Austin will be defined, not by our successes, but by the extent to which we have risen to our challenges—by the tough, rollup-your-sleeves, often uncomfortable decisions we have to make each and every day."

Challenges: "Balancing needs for service and capacity to generate revenue; ... restoring confidence in city government; and addressing mobility challenges."



Laura Pressley
Age: 50
Occupation: Chemist
Years in Austin: 23 years,
five months
www.pressleyforaustin.com

Vision: "To give a voice to Austinites with regard to affordability, environmental stewardship and transparency of our city government."

Challenges: "My top three priorities ... utility rates remain as affordable as possible; ... offering real commuter incentives; ... transparency and accountability ... such as spending of taxpayers' money."

Place 5



Bill Spelman* Age: 55 Occupation: Council member, professor Years in Austin: 23 www.billspelman.org

Vision: "[Success] depends on innovating and adapting to changing circumstances, making helpful mistakes and learning from them, and looking our problems squarely in the eye and solving them."

Challenges: "Mitigating our traffic congestion problem; ... ensuring [Austin] provides high-quality services (including utility services) at an affordable price."



Audrey "Tina" Cannon Age: 41 Occupation: Entrepreneur Years in Austin: 19 www.tinacannon.org

Vision: "A healthy economy with balanced priorities including the environment, schools, dense urban development ... are the right way to preserve, enhance and share the best of Austin and Central Texas."

Challenges: "Transportation and urban planning, growing local business and job creation, and increase financial accountability."



Dominic "Dom" Chavez
Age: 37
Occupation: Government
affairs professional
Years in Austin: 10
www.domchavez4austin.com

Vision: "Austin remains affordable, safe, and thriving—not only today, but for the next generation."

Challenges: "Dealing with the financial problems at Austin Energy; ... to recognize and seize the opportunity that education and workforce development can offer Austin for the next 20 years."



David Y. Conley Age: 36 Occupation: Art director Years in Austin: 17 years, seven months www.conleyforcitycouncil.com

Vision: "An Austin where nearly all can achieve a meaningful and satisfying life."

Challenges: "Balancing the effects of 'gentrification' from an improving and more desirable Austin with the availability of affordable housing ... implementing an urban rail system so that development changes course from an automobile-dependent, highway clogging system to multimodal one."



John F. Duffy Age: 31 Occupation: Activist Years in Austin: Two years, six months www.electduffyatx.com

Vision: "Food forests and small acreage farms exist in every neighborhood, parks are full of community-operated gardening initiatives, and unused public buildings and lands have been converted into cooperatives for community residence, activity and food production."

Challenges: "High energy prices (globally) and the resulting economic fallout; ... drought; capitalism."



R. A. "Bo" Prudente Age: 60 Occupation: Safety professional, Capital Metro Years in Austin: 28

Vision: "Austin is the city of the nation to watch in terms of real estate. It also boasts being the third in the nation with job creation ... By making the right decisions, Austin could be the mecca of Central Texas."

Challenges: "Two of our most important aspects of our infrastructure, water and electricity, are taking a hit by supply and demand; escalated utility rates (taxes)."



John A. Rubine Age: 41 Occupation: Hospitality professional Years in Austin: 10 years, four months

Vision: "My vision is about family, community, diversity, equality, transparency, and that which has been completely forsaken by our current leadership, democracy."

Challenges: "Change from at-large elections to the 10-1 plan; ... reign in blank check spending; ... put down corporate welfare and incentives; ... stop the misdoings regarding Austin energy; mitigate the sway of the special interests."



Place 6

Sheryl Cole*
Age: 48
Occupation: Council
member
Years in Austin: 25
www.sherylforaustin.com

Vision: "As mayor pro tem, I am most proud of my efforts to bring a diversity of perspectives, opinions and experiences together to build an even stronger community."

Challenges: "My top three priorities for the City of Austin will be improving our local schools, resolving any issues with Austin Energy and continuing the economic growth of Austin."



Shaun Ireland Age: 29 Occupation: Entrepreneur Years in Austin: 11 months www.irelandforaustin.com

Vision: "[Austin's] growth must be managed in a clear and deliberate fashion, to plan for the future, all the while respecting and protecting the natural environment which is vital to Austin's rise as a major American city."

Challenges: "Affordability is the main issue. Austin City Council spends too much money on private, for-profit entities and not enough on basic city needs like infrastructure."

Update: May 29 primary election

Texas' long-awaited primary elections will take place May 29 with a runoff July 31, if needed. The date, having already been pushed back twice, could have been delayed again if the district court in Washington, D.C., charged with approving the interim maps, had ruled against them. Although the court has still not ruled as of May 3, delaying the primary further would interfere with general election deadlines. Any possible court-ordered changes will likely pertain to the 2014 elections.

City of Austin election resources

Candidate video statements and other election resources are available at www.austintexas.gov/vote.

Fliers about the May election will be available at city facilities such as libraries and recreation centers.

 $\label{thm:com/austintexasgov} Voters\ can\ also\ follow\ election\ news\ on\ the\ city's\ Facebook\ page\ at\ www.facebook.com/austintexasgov\ and\ on\ Twitter\ at\ www.twitter.com/austintexas.gov.$



2012 Bee Cave, Rollingwood, West Lake Hills and Lakeway elections

Bee Cave



Mayor Caroline Murphy is running for re-election unopposed.

The general election that was scheduled for

Bee Cave was canceled. Mayor Caroline Murphy is running for re-election unopposed, and Zelda Auslander and Steve Braasch will be replacing Councilman Mike Murphy and Councilman Chad Bockius, who are not running for re-election.

Rollingwood



Mayor Bill Hamilton, who was sworn in in 2010 (left), is up for re-election.

Mayor Bill Hamilton is running for re-election against Councilman Barry Bone.

Additionally, four candidates are running for two open alderman seats.

The candidates are:

- Sara Hutson (incumbent)
- Shelly Bain
- Mark W. Welker
- Pam Opiela

Residents can also vote for or against allowing the City of Rollingwood to issue bonds of up to \$12.8 million to purchase and improve the Rollingwood water and wastewater system from the Lower Colorado River Authority.

The proposition language reads:

Shall the City Council of the City of Rollingwood be authorized to issue bonds of the city in the amount of, not to exceed, \$12.8 million maturing serially or otherwise and bearing interest at such rates, not to exceed the responsive limits prescribed by law at the time of issuance, as shall be determined within the discretion of the City Council at the time of issuance, and to levy a tax upon all taxable property in the City sufficient to pay the interest on the bonds, and to provide a sinking fund for the payment of bonds as they mature, for the purpose of making permanent public improvements as follows: purchasing, acquiring, enlarging, extending, equipping and constructing sewer system facilities and improvements, including acquiring lands and rights-of-way for any such purposes, and all matter or necessary thereto?

West Lake Hills

The general election for West Lake Hills was canceled.

However, there will be a special election for the Place 5 City Council seat. David Moore, a member of West Lake Hills' Zoning and Planning Commission, is going against Lyn Morris Weingarten in the race.

Councilman Davin Fillpot left the seat to become the city planner.

Lakeway

In Lakeway, five candidates are running for three open City Council seats. Three of the candidates are City Council members running for re-election.

The candidates are:

- Councilwoman Dee Ann Burns-Farrell, who has lived in Lakeway for 12 years and has served on City Council since 2008
- Anita Cokins, a Lakeway area resident for more than 30 years who ran the first floating restaurant in Texas and has served on the Lakeway Board of Ethics
- Councilman Bruce Harris, a Lakeway resident for 15 years and council member for four years
- Kay Sconci, a Lakeway area resident for about 20 years who co-owns a health club
- Councilman Dave Taylor, who has been on City Council for three years and previously served on the Zoning and Planning Commission

A forum held April 25 allowed Lakeway residents to write questions that a moderator then asked the candidates. Many of the questions were attacks aimed at certain candidates and generally revolved around annexation and Recovery Ways, the postdetox rehab facility that was denied a permit to operate inside the city. The forum was videotaped and can be watched online at www.cityoflakeway.com.

Propositions

In addition to the City Council election, Lakeway is having a special election asking residents if they want to sell two pieces of designated parkland to private citizens.

The portions of Rebel Park and Sailfish Park for sale are often submerged by Lake Travis and are largely unused by the greater community, Lakeway City Manager Steve Jones said. Landowners adjacent to the parks' coves want to buy the land so they can build boat docks that go to the middle of the cove.

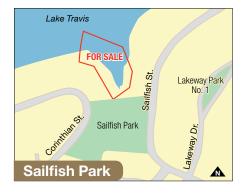
The Rebel Cove and Sailfish Cove propositions will be separate ballot items in the special election.

In 1974, the Lakeway Company donated Rebel and Sailfish parks, in addition to other parkland, to the Lakeway Civic Corporation. Thirteen years later, the LCC donated the land to

Council unanimously approved the special election authorizing the sale of Rebel Cove and Sailfish Cove.

City ordinance requires voter approval for the sale of any parkland.





Proposition One ballot language

Shall the City sell that portion of Rebel Park located in Rebel Cove that is submerged beneath the waters of Lake Travis except during periods when the lake level is low, being that portion of the Park more particularly described in and depicted on a plat attached Election Ordinance No. 2012-02-21-02 dated February 21, 2012?

☐ For ☐ Against

Proposition Two ballot language

Shall the City sell that portion of Sailfish Park located in Sailfish Cove that is submerged beneath the waters of Lake Travis except during periods when the lake level is low, being that portion of the Park more particularly described in and depicted on a plat attached Election Ordinance No. 2012-02-21-02 dated February 21, 2012?

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West Lake Hills

West Lake Hills considers hiring trapper for coyotes in the area

A trapper could be coming to West Lake Hills to catch and kill covotes believed to be inside the city limits.

On April 11, West Lake Hills City Council unanimously passed a motion authorizing the city to potentially hire a trapper for the coyotes suspected to be in the Rocky River Road and Reveille Road area. A trapper is a specialist who sets and maintains traps that catch wildlife.

West Lake Hills resident Wesley Hook said he has had three coyote-related incidents near his house on Rocky River Road since March. He heard coyotes surround and kill an animal next to his house and saw a coyote run along a creek near his house, he said.

"I would ask that council take action on this, whatever options we have available to us," he said.

A trapper would cost about \$4,000 a month, City Administrator Robert Wood

said. A trapper would likely need about two to three weeks to try to catch the coyotes, he said.

Wood added that there is no guarantee that a trapper would successfully trap all the coyotes in the area, but council members said hiring a trapper was the only realistic option for dealing with the coyotes.

West Lake Hills City Council approves permits for Lupe Tortilla

West Lake Hills will soon be getting a new Tex-Mex restaurant.

On April 25, West Lake Hills City Council approved the permits for Lupe Tortilla to work at 701 S. Capital of Texas Hwy., Ste. K, in the space previously occupied by Macaroni Grill. The Houston-based Tex-Mex restaurant chain will appear before council in late May to get permits to sell alcohol and for its sign, said Robert Wood, West Lake Hills city administrator.

Wood said West Lake Hills residents

from Houston have been particularly excited about Lupe Tortilla coming to town. The Lupe Tortilla in West Lake Hills will be the chain's 15th location.

Wood said he did not know a projected opening date for the restaurant. In February, restaurant officials said they were shooting to open in early summer.

For more information, visit www.lupetortilla.com.



Lupe Tortilla could open in weeks or months in West Lake Hills, according to city administrator Robert Wood.

Lakeway



A traffic light is coming to the intersection of Flint Rock Road and RR 620.

Traffic light coming to LRMC main entrance

On April 16, Lakeway City Council approved a resolution that will lead to a traffic light at the main entrance to the Lakeway Regional Medical Center.

The traffic light at the intersection of RR 620 and Flint Rock Road will be paid for by the developer of the LRMC campus. The traffic light will cost the developer approximately \$180,000, City Manager Steve Jones said.

City Council had to approve the resolution since the Texas Department of Transportation cannot enter into an agreement with a private corporation to install a traffic signal, Jones said.

Several council members said the traffic signal is necessary for the acute care hospital that opened April 16 at 100 Medical Parkway. Jones said it could be weeks or months before the signal is installed.

"It's crazy not to get it as soon as we can," Councilman Alan Tye said.

Travis County



Travis County commissioners are considering implementing vote centers for the November election.

Vote centers considered for November general election

On April 17, the Travis County Commissioners Court heard public comment on an option to use vote centers for the November general election.

Vote centers allow registered voters to

cast their ballots at any participating location in the county, not just at their assigned precinct.

In a letter to the court, County Clerk Dana DeBeauvoir wrote that during the county's trial run, 32 percent of Election Day voters, or 9,516 people, voted outside of their precinct.

Court appoints group to help review courthouse plans

The Travis County Commissioners Court plans to appoint a citizens group to recommend the best way to build the new civil and family courthouse.

At its April 24 meeting, the Commissioners Court accepted a feasibility study from consultants Ernst & Young by a 3-2 vote. Commissioners Margaret Gomez and Karen Huber opposed.

The study states that the courthouse could be built in one of three ways.

The design/bid/build style—the traditional way of building—is estimated to cost \$293 million. A design/build style, in which the contractor both designs and builds the building, may cost \$284 million. A public-private partnership would cost \$269 million, but would jump to \$404 million if a proposed, privately financed office tower is included.

A committee of real estate, law and finance experts will review the study and recommend the best plan, said Roger Jefferies, Justice and Public Safety Division county executive. He said the review process should be done by mid-June at the

From there, the Commissioners Court may form a larger advisory committee that would work with the county throughout the life of the project.

Rollingwood

City eyes repaying street segments

After much discussion, the Rollingwood City Council selected four segments of streets to submit to Travis County for repaying for the 2012 bid process.

The finalized list submitted to the county consists of nearly 890 feet of Rollingwood Drive from Riley Road to the city limits, 354 feet of Nixon Drive from Pickwick Lane to Gentry Drive, 483 feet of Gentry from Rollingwood Drive to Nixon

and 282 feet of Rollingwood Drive from Gentry to Edgegrove Road.

The list of streets, created by Mayor Pro Tem Shanthi Jayakumar, caused some concern with Alderman Sara Hutson, who feared the possibility of working on water lines beneath the road was great enough to hold off on some paving.

The cost of the project could vary depending on the pricing per square foot. At the meeting, potential prices of \$9-\$11 per square foot were listed.

At the low end, the project could cost

just less than \$70,000 for the four roads submitted, but the price could be as high

"The main idea here is to get a list of roads to the county as soon as possible," Jayakumar said.

The list passed by a vote of 4-1 with Alderman Hutson voting against it.

Even though a list has been approved and submitted to Travis County, council is under no obligation to follow through with plans to repave the streets.

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Recovery Ways

"On the one hand, Lakeway can be very supportive and very caring," she said. "Unfortunately, that's not what has been exhibited by the vocal minority."

Lakeway resident Jeff Hayes said he was surprised at how angry residents became over Recovery Ways. He said his experience in Lakeway led him to think that Lakeway residents are generally nice and caring.

"I found it hard to stomach, not so much their opinions but how they addressed them," he said. "I was just pretty much stunned that they were so negative."

In response to Morphew, council members said they were offended at being labeled uncaring.

"I know from being here for 13 years that we are a very, very caring community, and we care especially about the most vulnerable among us, and that is our older citizens and our younger citizens," Councilman Dennis Wallace said. "We do a lot for charity, and we do a lot for people outside this community, so I really resent being characterized as a very closed, narrow-minded community."

Recovery Ways had invested about \$500,000 into its initial location near Lakeway Elementary School before its site permit was rescinded, Morphew said.

Morphew said after the permit was rescinded, Recovery Ways was still willing to work with the city, accept the loss of that investment and move forward. She said that a lawsuit against the city was off the table as Recovery Ways still wanted to work with the city.

Morphew said she thought that the Lakeway Regional Medical Center campus could be a good fit for the twostory facility. Plans for the campus surrounding the LRMC include a hotel, retail area, medical office buildings and an independent living facility.

But Lakeway residents said the LRMC campus would be a bad fit for Recovery Ways because it would be near Lake Travis Middle and High schools, as well as a hotel and senior living facility on the medical campus. Lakeway resident Leslee Smithwick said she thought potential hotel guests would be scared off by the hotel's proximity to Recovery Ways.

"How many people need to be at risk by the location of Recovery Ways before you realize that Lakeway is not an optimal place for a drug rehab facility?" she said.

After being denied a permit to operate on the LRMC campus, Morphew said she could no longer say that a lawsuit against the city was off the table.

Open records request

Recovery Ways in April filed an open records request against city leaders requiring them to turn over any

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use permit for location on Lakeway Regional Medical Center campus

open records request against city leaders

During a two-anda-half month period, Recovery Ways went from being unknown to a controversy magnet in Lakeway.

The controversy culminated in council denying Recovery Ways a permit and saying it would not be a good fit for Lakeway.

Lakeway City Council

members came out

Recovery Ways dur-

ing an April council

strongly against

meeting.

Thoughts from council



"I just don't trust them [Recovery Ways]." -Mavoi Dave DeOme



"I just do not ... think that this is a fit, an adequate fit, for Lakeway."

Councilwoman Dee Ann Burns-Farrell

For their part, Recovery Ways representatives said they tried to work with the city and that a rehab facility would be helpful for addicts looking for treatment in the community.



"I've been offended by the way our city has been characterized by Recovery Ways representatives."

Councilman Dennis Wallace



'To me it is unrealistic to think that any of our residents that need such an important private service would seek it in their own backyard. And I feel absolutely no obligation on the part of Lakeway to provide that sort of service to the greater Austin community."

-Councilman Alan Tye

communication they had about the rehab facility.

When the public outrage started against Recovery Ways, most council members and city staff said they did not know that an addiction rehab facility was approved to be built within a mile of Lakeway Elementary School. Permits for Recovery Ways did not require City Council approval at the time because it qualified as a convalescent facility.

But Morphew disputes the claim that city officials did not know about Recovery Ways.

"There were members of this city saying they had no idea," she said. "There were members of this city who said we were fraudulent in our application, and the only way we can get that information out that that is absolutely and patently untrue is [with an open records request]."

For his part, Mayor Dave DeOme said Recovery Ways filing an open records request against the city showed a lack of trust between the two parties.

"I just don't trust them," he said.

Special-use permit

In response to the uproar over Recovery Ways, in March Lakeway revised its zoning code to require almost all businesses looking to build and operate near a school or

neighborhood receive a special-use permit. A special-use permit requires a public hearing and approval from City Council and the Zoning and Planning Commission.

To obtain a special-use permit, an applicant must be compatible and not negatively affect surrounding businesses or residential areas, create a nuisance to its neighbors or significantly increase traffic.

Recovery Ways pledged to the city that the facility would meet the criteria and not operate as a detox facility, treat sexual offenders, admit people from a group home or provide any on-site outpatient service. Recovery Ways also pledged it would drug test its staff and clients.

However, Assistant City Manager Chessie Blanchard-Zimmerman said it would be impossible for the city to verify whether Recovery Ways was following its pledges.

"While the proposed use is consistent with many of the uses proposed in the Lakeway Medical Village, the voluntary conditions offered by the applicants, in staff's opinion, is not sufficient to ensure its compatibility with the adjacent schooling use and the surrounding community over time," she said.

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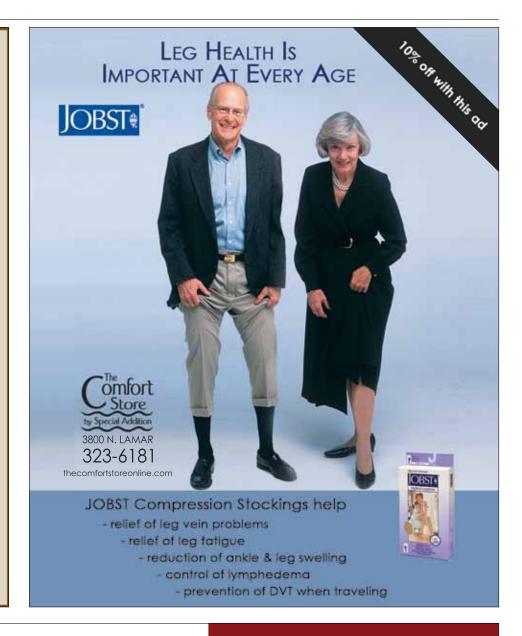
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Wastewater

regulations," said Becky Motal, Lower Colorado River Authority general manager. "I think over the years we found that without a concentration of retail customers, LCRA is not really a good model for being in the utility business. The board decided that just the rate increases we would need for those systems to be paying their own way would be fairly significant."

In its earliest meetings, the LCRA board discussed selling all of its wastewater systems to Corix Infrastructure Inc., a Canadian utility company that operates many utility facilities in North America.

Many of the municipalities that use the systems formed a coalition, fearing that an outside entity purchasing the systems would take control away from local government and raise rates for users. The Coalition of Central Texas Utilities Development Corp. (UDC) includes the City of Bee Cave, City of West Lake Hills, City of Rollingwood, Travis County municipal districts No. 3 and No. 5, and several other affected municipalities.

Bee Cave

In March, LCRA transferred operations of the West Travis County Regional Water and Wastewater System to the West Travis County Public Utility Agency, an organization that formed between the City of Bee Cave, the West Travis County Municipal Utility District and Hays County to oppose wastewater rates and to purchase the system.

"If not for the assistance of Sen. Kirk Watson and the diligence and tenacity of the UDC participants, many of whom are not even served by the West Travis County System, this system would have been purchased by an investor-owned utility, which would have had a monopoly on the service to over 15,000 customers," UDC President Pix Howell said during the WTCPUA's purchase of the West Travis County Regional Water and Wastewater System. "The sale of the system to the WTCPUA represents a huge victory for local control and cooperation among local public officials and neighborhood representatives."

Rollingwood

On Feb. 22, LCRA's board of directors voted to begin negotiations to sell the Rollingwood Wastewater Utility system to the City of Rollingwood. On Feb. 29, the City of Rollingwood and the LCRA entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU), or an agreement for purchase dependent on a successful election by the City of Rollingwood.

On May 12, Rollingwood residents will vote on bonds that would finance a deal that would allow the City of Rollingwood to purchase the water and wastewater system that serves its residences and businesses from LCRA.

If Rollingwood does not purchase the system, its legal

Other systems

On April 2, the Lower Colorado River Authority signed purchase and operations agreements with Corix Infrastructure Inc. to sell 20 of its systems.

"LCRA has been working for more than a year to find buyers for its retail water and wastewater utilities that can bring a high level of professionalism and service to the communities we currently serve," LCRA General Manager Becky Motal said.

Corix will take over operations July 2 and is expected to take ownership in December 2013.

The Hill Country retail utility systems included in LCRA's negotiations with Corix are:

- Alleyton Wastewater System
- Bonanza Beach Water System
- Camp Swift Wastewater System
- Lake Buchanan Water System
- Lometa Wastewater System
- Lometa Water System
- Matagorda Dunes Wastewater System
- Matagorda Dunes Water System
- McKinney Roughs Wastewater System
- Paradise Point Water System
- Quail Creek Water System
- Ridge Harbor Wastewater System
- Ridge Harbor Water System
- Sandy Harbor Water System
- Smithwick Mills Water System
- Spicewood Beach Water System
- Tow Village Water System

Source: LCRA obligations to LCRA include a yearly payment of \$775,160 for the next 33 years and to pay all overhead expenses to

operate the system, or about \$120,000 per year. According to the MOU, a purchase agreement would rid the city of its monetary legal obligations.

If the voters approve the issuance of \$12.8 million in general obligation bonds to purchase sewer facilities and make any improvements necessary, the City of Rollingwood will have exclusive rights with the LCRA to negotiate for the Rollingwood Wastewater Collection System until June 23. In order to pay for the bond, a property tax or a wastewater fee increase would need to be levied from Rollingwood residents.

West Lake Hills

On March 29, West Lake Hills Mayor Dave Claunch made an offer of about \$15.96 million to LCRA on behalf



Sen. Kirk Watson (left) and LCRA Chair Tim Timmerman look on as Bee Cave Mayor Caroline Murphy (from left), West Travis County Municipal Utility District No. 3 President Robert Salgo and LCRA General Manager Becky Motal sign an agreement for LCRA to sell its wastewater system to the West Travis County Public Utility Agency on Jan. 17.

Bee Cave

West Travis County Public Utility Agency has applied to the City of Bee Cave for approval of a development plat to build an effluent storage pond and wastewater treatment facility that would be located at 12900 1/2 Bee Cave Parkway, behind the Hill Country Galleria. The facility is needed to accommodate the projected increase in water use. For more information call 246-0498 or visit www.wtcpua.org.



of the council to purchase the West Lake Hills Wastewater System. The amount includes the city's outstanding debt for the system and its associated costs minus anything the city must pay in construction costs to the system and operating and debt service balances.

At its meeting April 18, the LCRA board adopted a resolution for Motal to negotiate with West Lake Hills for the purchase of its wastewater system.

The West Lake Hills City Council said it would consider finance options after LCRA approved the offer, but Claunch ruled out a general obligations bond, which is the method Rollingwood has decided upon and requires an election.

"Only a third of the residents in West Lake Hills is on the wastewater system, so it wouldn't be fair for other residents' property tax values to go up for these people," Claunch said.

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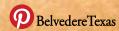
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Data: Lake Travis water level has risen

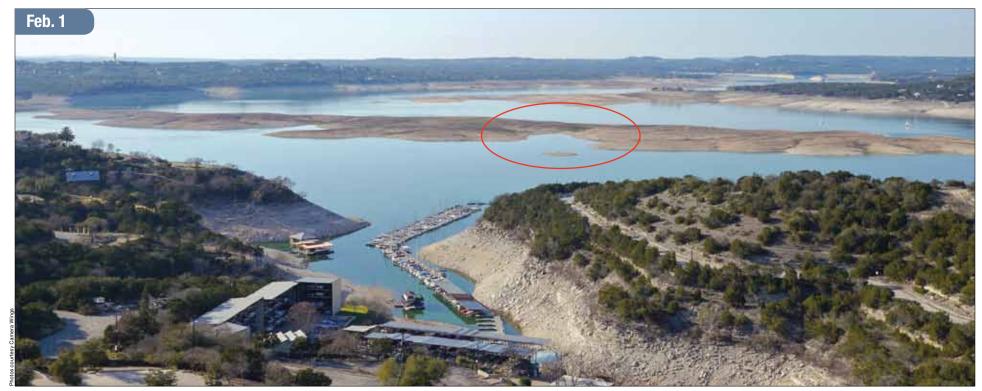
By Gene Davis

etween Feb. 1 and April 29, Lake Travis rose by approximately 12 feet. "It's a welcome change, but Lake Travis is still a long way from being full and even from its April average," said Clara Tuma, public information officer for the Lower Colorado River Authority, which manages lakes Travis and Buchanan under a state-approved water management plan. "We are now operating under emergency drought relief approved by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and have submitted a proposed new water management plan under consideration by TCEQ now."

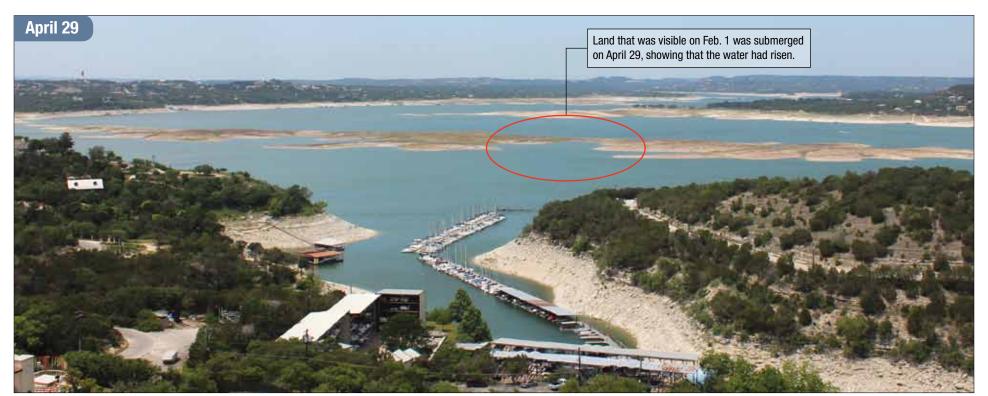
The lake was at 638.75 feet above mean sea level on April 29. The average water level in April is 671.19 feet msl. The historic low was in 1951 at 614.18 feet msl, and its historic high was 710.44 feet msl in 1991.



Laura Mitchell, Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce president, said more people visit the lake when it is at a higher level, which then increases revenue to the area. "Certainly word is getting out there that there is some more water in the lake and for people to come out and take advantage of it," she said.



On Feb. 1, Lake Travis had a water level of 626.79 feet above mean sea level, according to LCRA.



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La Paloma Event Center owner Diana Barron turned her land into a business by building a pavilion.

BUSINESS

La Paloma Event Center

Austinite finds career she loves in weddings

By Tiffany Young

iana Barron and her husband, Mike, opened La Paloma Event Center out of necessity.

After purchasing land in Lakeway in 2004 and building a home in place of the farmhouse that came with it, the economy slowed down, affecting their business, Southstar Custom Homes.

The couple decided that if they were going to stay on the lot, they needed to find a new source of income.

With that in mind, they built a climate-controlled pavilion.

"We had an acre with nothing on it," Diana recalled.

The pavilion seats 200 people for events such as weddings, fundraisers and corporate parties—or 150 people if the event includes a dance floor. Or, when the weather is nice, a wedding with a capacity of about 300 can take place on the expansive lawn.

Diana said three things led to the event center.

The first was the economy, but the second was she had just learned how expensive weddings could be when her daughters were married one after the other in 2007.

But the third reason was that Diana realized she loves weddings.

"Maybe it's because I'm just such a romantic, but I still tell brides, 'You look beautiful,' because they are. It's the glow—every bride just glows, and you can't help but cry. It's so joyful," Diana said. "You get to be so involved in the emotion of the day."

After the pavilion was completed in 2010, the venue was ready for the 2011 wedding season. Last year, Diana spent a lot of time

with different event planners and coordinators coming to the event center for different occasions, but in March, she decided to partner with DNA Events, an Austin events company owned by Frank and Kathryn Albarado.

"It was kind of a no-brainer for us to be able to come to a beautiful venue like this," Frank said.

Diana said that while she knows how to run a business, she was new to the wedding industry and willing to ask questions.

"It's very collaborative and hands on for both of us," Frank added.

When DNA Events joined the event center, Frank helped Diana come up with a list of preferred vendors.

"Having been in the industry for so many years, we've had the opportunity to look at these vendors and choose who to work with based on professionalism and consistency," Frank said. "In general, the vendors we've gone with have a good reputation."

Diana said that having a list ensures that her customers get the most out of what they pay.

"The reason that's such a big deal is the average person has never thrown a party for 200 people," Diana said.

She said when she planned one of her daughter's weddings, before she opened the center, she spent a lot of unnecessary money.

"When you walk away, I want you to feel like you walked away with something," she said.

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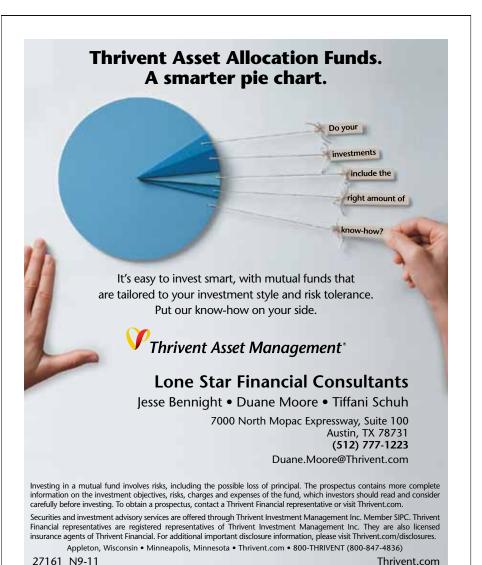
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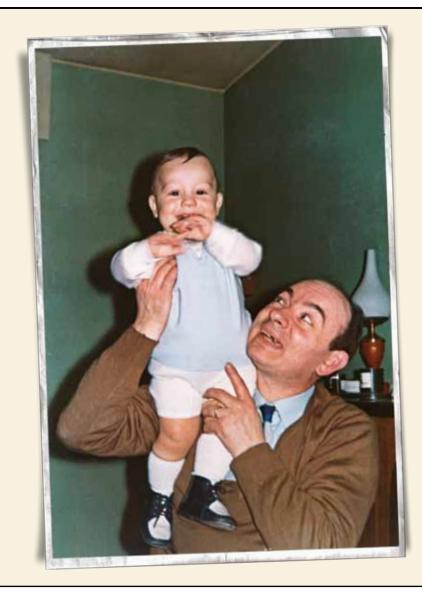
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Coachworks Car Wash

Bee Cave business wants to be a destination instead of a chore

By Gene Davis

oachworks Car Wash owner Gary Domel is trying to scrub away any negative connotations of going to a car wash.

While most people think of going to a car wash as a chore, Domel said he wants Coachworks to be something people look forward to and enjoy.

Coachworks looks more like a filling station and barn than a traditional car wash. While it was originally planned to just be a car wash, it has grown to include a lube center, inspection and detailing services.

"I don't want to be seen as a car wash," he said. "I want to be seen as a destination."

As part of the effort to become a destination, Coachworks sells adult beverages and soft drinks, has a barbershop, Bee Cave Barber, and operates a shuttle that can drop off and pick up customers from somewhere nearby while their car is worked on. The Coachworks lobby has a wide-screen TV, comfortable chairs and free Wi-Fi.

Chris Domel, Domel's son and the general manager of Coachworks, said the goal is for people to enjoy their time at Coachworks.

"We want people to be excited about coming up here," he said.

Domel opened Coachworks in 1999. He said he had thought about opening a car wash for several years since Bee Cave, at the time, did not have any

nearby car washes.

Domel had previously worked at Dell Inc. and said he got to a place where he was ready for something different.

"When you get to the point when you don't enjoy your job, you need to change jobs," he said. "I'm here a lot, more than I would be paid to do so, because I enjoy it."

Because they both enjoy their job, Domel said he and his son can almost always be found at Coachworks. He said that is helpful for customers, who have any questions or concerns.

"We like to know our customers and our customers appreciate that," he said.

Domel said he wants to continue to make Coachworks into a destination. He is considering putting tables in the lobby and having waiter service.

"I'm not the cheapest, but I do have the best detail and the best lube, and the fastest and best inspection probably in the Austin area," Domel said.

Other possible future plans include having an area for watching sports, a quiet area for reading and turning an office into either a small nail salon or a chair massage room. He is also considering selling food such as high-end burgers and pizza at some point.

"We just want people to have a good time when they are here," he said.



Coachworks Car Wash owner Gary Domel (left) and his son, Chris, the general manager, want people to look forward to getting their car cleaned and/or serviced.

Bee Cave Barber at Coachworks Car Wash

In early 2012, Coachworks Car Wash grew to include a barber shop, Bee Cave Barber.

Coachworks Car Wash owner Gary Domel said customers have enjoyed the option of getting their hair cut while their car is worked on.

Domel said adding the barber shop was part of Coachworks' effort to become a destination.

"I had this strong feeling that customers would really enjoy it, and they do," he said of the barber shop. "It has been growing nicely."

Barbers Carey Clark and Joe Cates recently started working at the barber shop.

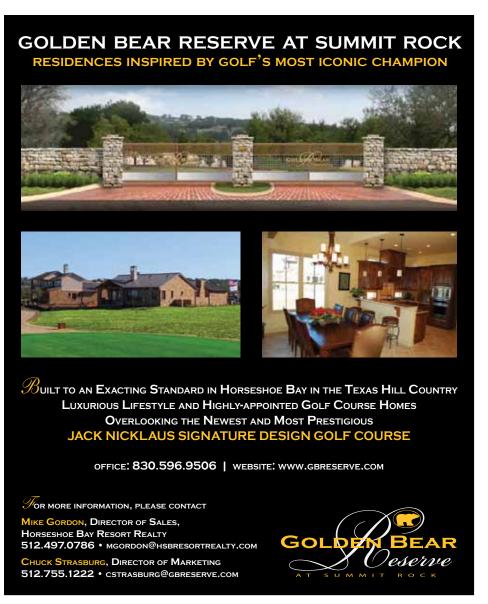
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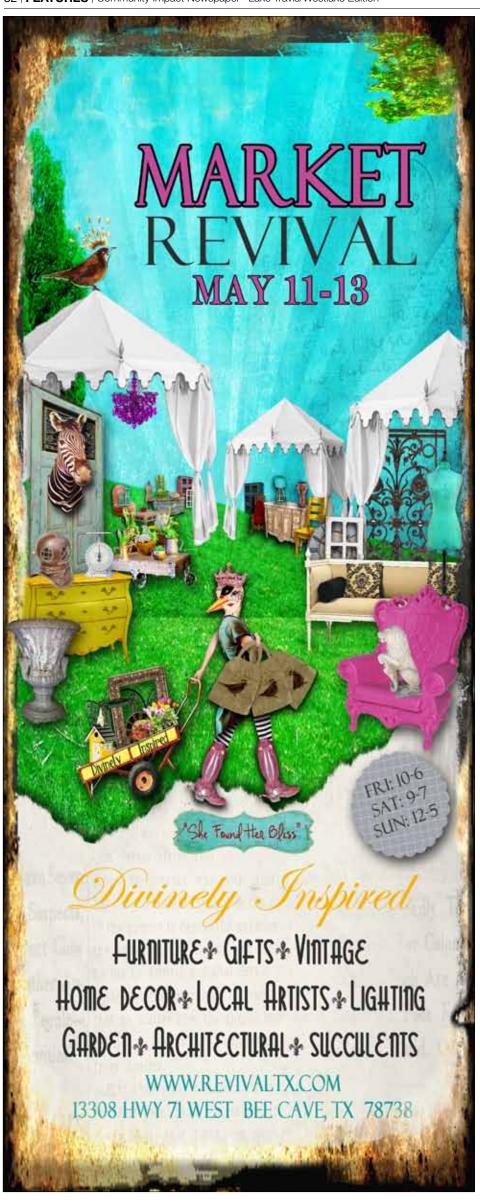
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Tony C's Coal Fired Pizza

Father and son continue tradition of serving Italian food

By Tiffany Young

Ithough Tony C's Coal Fired Pizza co-owner Tony Ciola is just 28 years old, he has many years of experience supporting his restaurant through his partner and father, Dan Ciola.

Dan was the former owner of Ciola's, a Lakeway establishment for eight years. Ciola's closed in May 2011 after being sold to Dave Staab and being renamed Dominick's.

The Hill Country Galleria had originally asked Ciola's to open in the shopping center. Ciola's said no, but would be interested in opening a pizza restaurant if a location opened up near the Cinemark Theatre.

While Tony is following in his father's footsteps by working in the restaurant business, "This was the last thing my family wanted me to do," he said.

Tony had been a baseball player in high school and went to college to play as well. But an injury set him back, and he ended up dropping out of college and began washing dishes at Ciola's. But after he worked his way up to becoming manager, his dad decided to partner with him so Tony could open his own restaurant.

Tony said he really enjoys the restaurant business.

"I enjoy that every day, you're put on the spot. You're either making people happy or you're not," Tony said. "You have to adapt to personalities and staffing."

He said he especially enjoys creating memories for people.

"You get to host special occasions," Tony said. "It's almost like theater—setting a

stage. You get to host a party every day."

Tony C's, which opened about three years ago in the Hill Country Galleria, serves coal-fired pizza, a tradition which dates back to the 19th century.

"We created the concept ourselves," Tony said. "It's sort of an old meets new with the brick old and new, modern furniture."

Tony said he decided on the coal-fired method after visiting Lombardi's Pizza in New York City, which opened in 1905 and is still in operation.

"It was above and beyond anything else," he said.

Tony C's also hired Cliff Abrahams, who had owned a pizza parlor in Fort Collins, Colo., for three years to help in the kitchen.

The menu consists of pizza, pasta, salads and sandwiches. Unlike many pizza restaurants, Tony C's offers pizzas by the slice all the time—cheese, pepperoni and a "slice of the day."

Tony is also a partner with Creed Ford IV in Lakeway's The League, a restaurant reminiscent of Prohibition-era speakeasies.

This fall, Tony and Ford will be opening a second location of Tony C's in Avery Ranch, across Parmer Lane from Z'Tejas. It will be very similar to the location in Bee Cave, except it will include a wine market, will be larger in size and will have a wider selection of tapas.

Tony C's will also expand its wine selection and is considering adding wine flights to the menu.

Both locations will be moving toward beer and wine only. Tony is working toward his Level 1 sommelier certificate.



Co-owner Tony Ciola said the coal-fired pizza offered at Tony C's is what sets his restaurant apart from other pizza parlors in the area.



Tony C's Coal Fired Pizza is near the Cinemark Theatre at the Hill Country Galleria.



General Manager Josh Garcia was trained to make pizza from a Naples, Italy, native at a pizzeria he worked at before Tony C's.



Tony C's offers an outside patio for nice-weather days and evenings.















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The Cheyanna Foundation

Talaya Frazier is running to raise awareness for sick children

By Gene Davis

alaya Frazier is running for a reason. The Bee Cave mother is competing in races and marathons to raise money and awareness for sick children. And with a recently completed Boston Marathon and a cover story in *Runner's World*, Frazier is bringing plenty of attention to her cause.

"I want to use my racing as a tool to bring awareness to children and go from there," she said.

Frazier started running competitively in 2006 after her daughter Cheyanna was born. As a young child, Cheyanna was a fructose and sucrose malabsorber and had Frazier and her husband constantly looking for a cure.

Frazier said running, at the time, gave her a much-needed outlet.

"Running became therapy for me," she said. "I think God brought that into my life just to cope with her sickness."

Frazier ran her first marathon in 2006. She did well enough to qualify for the Boston Marathon in 2007, which she completed and has now run six times.

In addition to the Boston Marathon, Frazier has run in 20 marathons and triathlons over the past six years. She has placed in or won many of the races.

After completing several races, Frazier became a World Vision ambassador for children. World Vision is a Christian non-profit that helps families in need across the globe, according to its website.

Frazier has sponsored more than 45 children through World Vision, helping pay for food, water, vaccinations and education.

"My heart was compelled to help children because I was in that same situation," she said.

This year Frazier started her own nonprofit, the Cheyanna Foundation. The foundation raises money for sick children's treatments and goods that are not covered by insurance.

She said her experiences with her daughter made her believe in the good that additional supplements and treatments can have in addition to traditional medicine.

"If I help one child or 10 or a thousand, it is that many that weren't helped before," she said.

This year Frazier has been running to support Skylar, who was a friend of her daughter's from when she was sick.



Talaya Frazier (right) ran the Boston Marathon to support Skylar (front left) as she battles her disease.

How to help

People can donate to the Cheyanna Foundation at **www.cheyanna.org**.

The money will go toward providing resources for sick children who are not covered by health insurance. Talaya Frazier named her foundation after her daughter who was sick as a child but is now well.

People can also donate to World Vision, a Christian humanitarian organization that works with children, families and communities around the world, at www.worldvision.org. People can sponsor a child to provide clean water and nutritious food.

Skylar had septic strep that settled in her hip.

During the Boston Marathon, Frazier wore purple—Skylar's favorite color—and donned a shirt that said Skylar's Finish Line. Frazier said she hoped showing

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support for Skylar would encourage her to get well and walk on her own again.

"The time isn't important to me,"
Frazier said. "I don't care if I'm the fastest,
but I do care about being able to bring a
child hope."

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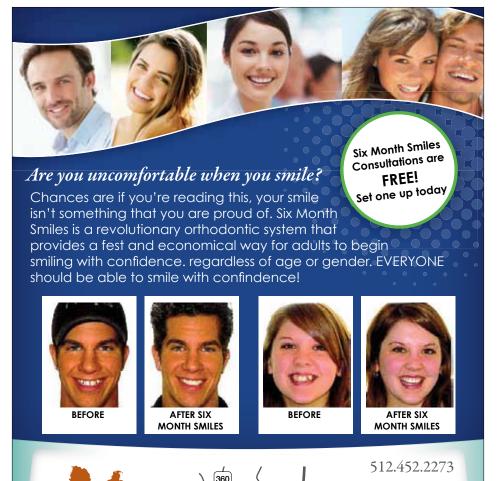
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HGTV's 'House Hunters'

Lakeway broker featured on reality show

By Tiffany Young

akeway real estate broker Kenn Renner will be returning to HGTV's "House Hunters" for a third time this summer. The air date has not yet been announced, but HGTV filmed the show in March.

The show features Renner helping his friends and client Dr. Kevin Hoffarth and his wife, Krista, find a home in the Lakeway area.

The Hoffarths moved to the community because Dr. Hoffarth is opening a practice in the Lakeway Regional Medical Center office complex. Renner said this is one of the few doctors he knows that has moved to the area because of the hospital, since many of the hires were local.

Renner said that three of the four interested house hunters he has worked with have been chosen to be on the show. He said he hopes there will be more opportunities because the show's producer told him the popularity of "House Hunters" is allowing the network to go from about 30 to 40 episodes per year to about 200 episodes per year.

To get on the show, Renner applied and sent in a video for review.

Renner said that because many people are interested in the Texas real estate market, it is easier to be featured.

"It's partially because prices here are less than in California or on the East Coast," Renner said. "It's sticker shock in a good way."

He said the scenic views in Lakeway and Austin's laid-back atmosphere also makes the area attractive to the film crew.

Renner said he originally applied for the show because it had been a goal of his. Part of his motivation, he said, was the free publicity. For instance, he said he recently went to Fiesta Texas in San Antonio and was recognized by someone.

"A lot of people recognize me now, and that adds to my credibility," Renner said.

Brokers aren't paid to be on the show, but homebuyers are paid \$500 for their time.

Renner said that although he often asks buyers if they'd like to be on the show, very few want to do it.

"Some are camera shy, and it's also a lot of work. And then there's the time factor," Renner said.

He said it takes about a full day of video shooting for each house they visit. Then



Dr. Kevin Hoffarth (left) and his wife, Krista, are filmed by HGTV's "House Hunters" with broker Kenn Renner.

after the family moves into their home, the three-person film crew comes back for a final wrap-up of the show.

Renner said he enjoyed filming the show and said the doctor did as well because it's a documentation of the Hoffarths' move.

"It's fun to document, and then you have that film for the rest of your life," Renner said.

Renner's family had been on the show, and he said his children enjoyed going to school and having people say that they saw them on TV.

Renner has been a broker in Austin since 1993 and in Lakeway for about five years.

He said the experience has also taught him a lot about filming, which he has been able to use in his real estate business. He shoots and produces his own YouTube videos, which have more than 8,000 subscribers and has almost 9 million views.

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HGTV's 'House Hunters'

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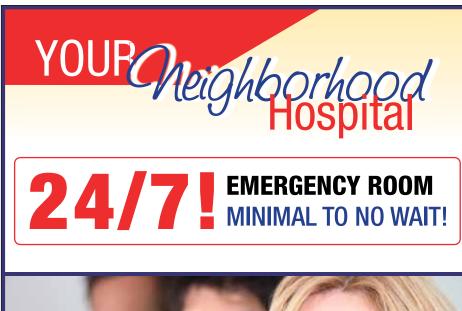
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Superintendent forum

Local educators talk testing and school finance

By Joe Olivieri

Community Impact Newspaper hosted seven Central Texas public school superintendents in early April. A full transcript of the interview can be found at www.impactnews.com.

The discussion was focused on the new State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) tests, budget issues and lawsuits against the state government regarding school funding. The superintendents were: Meria Carstarphen, Austin; Bret Champion, Leander; Jesús Chávez, Round Rock; Charles Dupre, Pflugerville; Brad Lancaster, Lake Travis; Joe Dan Lee, Georgetown; and Doug Killian, Hutto.

STARR testing: What are you seeing right now as the difference between the old system and the new system?

Champion: It used to be that the 11th grade test was a gatekeeper. Now, all of a sudden, you have tests in all of your areas for three years, all of which have cumulative scores that accumulate in order for a kid to be able to graduate.

The Legislature has put in that 15 percent of students' final score for the course will be calculated using that end-of-year exam. The Legislature is dipping into classroom teachers' ability to assign grades, which is clearly defined in law that classroom teachers have the right to do that.

[Education] Commissioner [Robert] Scott did waive that for this school year. As I remind folks in the community, he waived it for this school year [only].

How do you make sure you're not teaching to the test?

Lee: I have people ask me all the time, 'Are you teaching to the test?' and I look at them and I go, 'Well, that's what the state has determined is important for our students to know and master. I know they're going to be tested on it. So why would I not teach that?'

In my opinion, [STAAR] was rolled out a year too early. We didn't have adequate time to allow our curriculum [to adapt to] what's going to be tested.

The state Legislature isn't going to be able to do anything to make the test itself better. Is there anything—implementation, timing, the tests themselves— you would recommend be changed?

Lancaster: We're all running blind. We're going to have our staff go through this first round of tests, regroup this summer and do our best to respond to that.

There has been so little information, intentionally, about the test.

Luckily, we're not being rated on this first round of tests. We're all relieved at the 15 percent rule [not being in effect this year]. It is a completely unnecessary added incentive.

Not being able to graduate based on passing this cumulation of 12 exams is incentive enough. All you have to do is look at the 10th grade passing rate statewide to the 11th grade passing rate statewide.

How are you balancing budget concerns and moving forward with preparedness?

Chávez: It's extremely challenging when you think of the higher standard that has been set

The state is saying, 'We're going to set higher standards [toward] college career readiness.' Yes, we want more kids to go on and succeed at higher levels, at the university, at the college level. 'Oh, and by the way, you'll have to do it with fewer resources.'

They cut the budget, and it's anticipated that they're going to cut the budget even more because there is a shortage moving forward

We're really at a very bad time. You think of the perfect storm: budget cuts, higher standards, an economy that hopefully will do better but hasn't done well, and a structural shortage when it comes to the restructuring of taxes a number of years ago. All of these things are impacting what we're able to do.

Austin ISD has warned that the budget situation could get worse. Do you still see the next couple of budget cycles being difficult for AISD?

Carstarphen: Austin is tricky because we were the last ones in [the recession], even within the state, and we'll probably be one of the first ones out, meaning there is a strong economy in Austin. So it gives you a false sense of security.

I think that we will see a few more rounds of some pretty brutal budget reductions across the state.

They have not changed that legislation in Senate Bill 1. And in Austin, that means we're looking through school year 2017–18. If that bill doesn't change, we will be cutting from last school year forward upwards of \$150 million. It is, quite frankly, not sustainable.

The tax ratification election Hutto tried last year was turned down by voters. What happens if Hutto doesn't get a tax ratification election passed?

Killian: It's kind of like slow death. We're nibbling away at some of the programs and services we provide in our district. The quality is pretty much evaporating. That's what the issue is if the TRE doesn't pass [and] we don't get relief from these lawsuits. I don't see how a district



Back, from left: Joe Dan Lee, Georgetown; Bret Champion, Leander; Brad Lancaster, Lake Travis; Meria Carstarphen, Austin. Front: Jesús Chávez, Round Rock; Charles Dupre, Pflugerville; Doug Killian, Hutto

like Hutto, who is stuck in the middle, is going to survive this whole process.

There's actually been in public forums some folks who talked about ultimately, would this mean consolidation? I don't know.

The economy wasn't the issue in Texas. It was what was done to us in 2006 with the way that the formulas were changed. We wouldn't have been in this place if we had progressive tax rates on property taxes and had not turned around and implemented this margin tax that didn't generate the money that it said it was supposed to.

Lee: What no one understands is our revenues were frozen in 2006 with target revenue. In our system, with increased property values, when we generate a dollar locally, they take it away for the state. Our operational costs continue to increase.

When people think about lawsuits, they think about different sides. How are you unified in trying to get the resources you need to help students?

Dupre: The distinction you're going to find in the Texas Taxpayer & Student Fairness Coalition is [about] equity. Because the districts that signed on to our lawsuit believe that the system itself is not equitable.

Previously, you could apply a formula and understand why Pflugerville was funded the way it was. You may not agree with that, and we might compare ourselves to other districts, but there was a reasonable approach, and you could understand why that was.

Today, you cannot point at any system or measure that explains why mine is substantially lower than someone else's, and someone else's is substantially higher than other districts. And so the message that sends is that the students in my district are not worth the same amount as students in other districts.

That's a hard thing to say out loud because I know our legislators don't really believe that. But the system they put in place is not equitable. It does not fund all students in all districts at the same level.

Carstarphen: For us, [equity] is the key difference between the lawsuit Pfluger-ville is in and the lawsuit we're in. I was hopeful that all of the districts would be able to come together around the issue of adequacy. That it was about what is the appropriate level of funding to take care of all of our kids.

Equity, we believe, opens a door for leveling down. If it opens the door for everyone to say, 'Fine, you want equity? You all have equity because we're going to take the top and bring it to the lower level.' That's not going to do for kids.

So for us, we saw the Thompson & Horton [LLP] coalition as being more centered around the inadequacy discussion or perspective. That said, it's not enough to do to address equity in funding.

Earlier, you said these lawsuits give legislators permission to do what they need to do. Can you explain that?

Chávez: That lacks courage—courage from the state Legislature, courage from the state leadership. Courage from the people we elect to do the right thing and stand by students and stand by quality education regardless.

They're looking for political cover so they can get re-elected and say, 'It wasn't I who raised taxes. It wasn't I who brought all of these changes. It was the Supreme Court that made us do it.'

Any idea of the timing of all this? Some of you are in dire need, and lawsuits can go forever, right?

Chávez: All of us are in that mode of, 'How long can we hold it together?'

Remember, whatever side wins, it's going to be appealed to the next level, to the Supreme Court. Then you have to go to the Supreme Court. That's going to be after the legislative session. So really, we're two sessions away from fixing it.

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SPRING F BS TO April 28, 2012

By Gene Davis

he fifth annual SpringFest brought thousands of people to downtown Bee Cave.

Arts and crafts vendors, a boat expo, live music, KidZone, and food and beverage vendors were among the attractions of the event put on by the Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce.

People of all ages attended SpringFest, which grew this year to include the Backyard at Bee Cave and the Shops at the Galleria in addition to its usual location at the Hill Country Galleria.















- I SpringFest had approximately 150 booths offering a wide variety of goods.
- 2 The KidZone at SpringFest had activities such as the ball pit that were popular with children.
- 3 The boat expo had some of the latest in watercraft, including new boats, personal watercraft, canoes and kayaks.
- 4 The Camille Sanders Band entertained a crowd at the amphitheater.
- The live music at the Hill Country Galleria amphitheater had all ages dancing.
- **6** There was a line at the face-painting booth almost the entire day.
- 7 Despite being landlocked, some SpringFest attendees were able to lie down and relax on a large raft.

Trail

Summer 2012

With spring in full effect and summer just around the corner, now is a good time to explore some of the trails Central Texas has to offer.

From the Barton Creek Greenbelt to the Lady Bird Lake Trail, there are trails suitable for almost any age and skill level. Some of the trails are dog-friendly while others are not.

To learn more about other trails and parks, visit the websites below.

Looking for more trails?

LCRA website: www.lcra.org/parks

Travis County: www.co.travis.tx.us/tnr/parks

City of Austin:

www.ci.austin.mn.us/Parkandrec/pandrec.html







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Amenities: Bathrooms, playscapes, fields, pavilion







Rollingwood Park | Rollingwood

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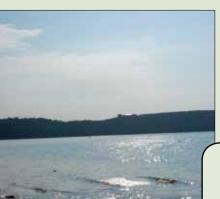
Maintained by: City of Rollingwood

Dog-friendly: Yes Hours: Dawn to dusk

Amenities: Bathrooms, playscapes, fields, pavilion







Bob Wentz Park | Austin

Trail length: .32 miles

Maintained by: Travis County

Dog-friendly: Yes

Hours: 8 a.m. to dark

Amenities: Barbecue grills, boat dock, volleyball courts, drinking water, pavilion, restrooms, showers







Lady Bird Lake Trail | Austin

Trail length: 7.2 miles

Maintained by: City of Austin

Dog-friendly: Yes **Hours:** 24 hours

Amenities: Water fountains, restrooms,

Lady Bird Lake







Barton Creek Greenbelt | Austin

Trail length: Approximately 7.5 miles

Maintained by: City of Austin

Dog-friendly: Yes

Hours: Curfew from 10 p.m.-5 a.m.

Amenities: Swimming, biking and rock climbing,

bathrooms







Wild Basin Hike | West Lake Hills

Trail length: 2.5 miles

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Dog-friendly: No

Hours: Sunrise to sunset

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Top stories

City of Austin aims to revise its water conservation codes

Southwest Austin

With summer approaching, the City of Austin is looking to rework its water conservation codes to ensure it will be on par with future demands of residents and businesses while being better prepared to contend with imminent droughts. The city is taking steps to make certain it uses its water resources wisely looking out into the next year or two.

"Last summer, particularly around August or September, it looked very bad," said Drema Gross, water conservation manager for the City of Austin. "We've certainly learned a lot about how this process works so that we'll be better prepared the next time we find ourselves in a drought situation this severe."

While officials predict that the advancing summer will be milder than 2011, public feedback indicates there is anxiety at the prospect of facing another hot season under the city's current water conservation codes.

So far, a large part of the response from citizens has included a desire to see the city be more proactive and less reactive in addressing water conservation problems.

"Despite the fact that we have year-round restrictions, I think people want earlier notice where we start to build awareness before the lake levels get quite as low as they did under our current drought contingency plan," she said. "In 2009, when we went

Proposed Stage 4 restrictions

- A person may not irrigate vegetation outdoors
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Source: City of Austin

into restrictions, we went into them for a relatively short period of time, and three weeks in, people started seeing rain. So, it didn't have the sustained impact this past drought did."

The city has gone through two droughts with the 2007 water restrictions in place.

In the past, violation fines were trickled down through the court system into the city's general fund. The new revisions would have those fines show up on a citizen's water bill and be put back into the utility.

Gross said the city also found that if it had to sustain current Stage 3 restrictions—the most rigid level of regulation for now—for any extended period of time or stay in current Stage 2 restrictions for almost a year, the consequences could be dire. As a result, the codes would see changes to Stage 1, 2 and 3 water restrictions, and the possible

addition of new Stage 4 restrictions. These changes may be presented to the city council in June, according to the utility.

LCRA

Put simply, the City of Austin has prepaid the Lower Colorado River Authority for its water. If the city crosses a water-use threshold for two consecutive years, it will have to make payments in the multimillion-dollar range to LCRA. The hope is that the revisions of local codes will allow the city to stretch its dollars further through conservation and defer those payments.

"We're in very good position as far as water supply," Gross said. "Of course we're concerned about drought, but it makes financial sense for the city and the utility to try and extend our prepaid amount of water as long as possible."

Full story by Kevin Stich

Programs helping grow small businesses

Southwest Austin Spuntino, a line of thick-cut bread chips, started out as a creative way to use day-old bread.

Mark Spedale, then co-owner of Primizie Osteria, had grilled and crisp-fried the leftover pieces.

The Spedales offered their chips through their Southwest Austin catering company, Primizie, before branching out to retail. Spuntino chips are now sold in 16 local grocery stores.

Eventually, the Spedales' allunder-one-roof business model hit a wall. If they were going to continue to grow their business, they were going to need help.

The City of Austin is home to more than 38,000 small businesses that employ roughly 40 percent of the total workforce. City of Austin data predicts that this year, more than 7,000 small businesses will be created.

The city's Small Business Development Program offers coaching and research opportunities.

Mark Spedale said it was important for small businesses to know what resources are available to them.

Local incubators such as The University of Texas' Austin Technology Incubator, Texas State University's Small Business Development Center, Economic Growth Business Incubator and Incubation Station connect small businesses with the training, services and funding opportunities they need.

Some larger companies, such as IBM and Advanced Micro Devices Inc., run their own incubators and foster talent



Mark Spedale prepares a bag of Spuntino bread chips.

in-house.

In January, Incubation Station selected Primizie as one of five companies it would help in its first round of training. It paired Primizie with mentors, including Rhythm Superfoods CEO Scott Jensen, who helped expand Stubb's Bar-B-Q's barbecue sauce, and John Rowe, who worked in marketing for Frito-Lay.

"[Incubation Station] has given us so much direction in branding, financial matters, team building," Lisa Spedale said. "It's like a miniintensive MBA program."

One important service offered by both the SBDP and private incubators is connecting small businesses with the investors who will bankroll expansion.

The city hosts "Meet the Lender" events and invites banks, credit unions, and various private organizations. Connecting with groups such as Austin Ventures and the Central Texas Angel Network can mean the difference between rapid expansion and slow growth.

Full story by Joe Olivieri



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Lone Star School of Music



Southwest Austin Kurt Phillips has always loved music.

His wife, Atha, shares her husband's enthusiasm in a slightly different way: While he keeps his fingers busy on a guitar, she keeps hers busy on the books.

Together, the couple runs Lone Star School of Music, a business dedicated to cultivating peoples' love for the art.

Lone Star offers a wide variety of classes for both adults and children. Instructors teach everything from banjo to violin.

The school's programming includes a Wee Rock program for toddlers, Little Rock program for young children and a Rock Band program where children

form bands and have gigs scheduled for them. Kurt also offers a "guitar dojo" which is structured like a karate class where students can earn different degrees of belts (guitar straps).

The school will also begin offering Skype lessons for those people

who are short on time—something that is unique to Austin, according to the duo. It's part of their strategy to expand their presence in the city, including two more locations in Austin and possibly diversifying elsewhere. Full story by Kevin Stich



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Dining

Gold Coat Inn Breakfast Cafe



Leander In 2009, when Jo Terrell and Catherine McDargh opened their bed and breakfast in a "little yellow house in Leander," they did not expect the breakfast side of their business to extend beyond guests.

They were already making breakfast for guests through Eudora's Cuisine (McDargh's catering company) every weekend, so in February 2011, they opened their breakfast cafe to the public.

"It's spread way beyond our expectations," Terrell said. "We have about 300 locals that come to eat at the breakfast cafe a month."

The bed and breakfast

averages about 30 guests per month. The two queen-sized rooms downstairs and the two suites upstairs can only accommodate up to 12 people at any given time. The cafe has a capacity of 30, however, and Terrell and McDargh have no trouble filling

the seats.

"We have some regulars who come every weekend, or even twice a weekend," Terrell said.

The cafe serves gluten-free pancakes and biscuits, sugar-free syrup, and vegetarian and vegan options.

Full story by Kelly Lindner



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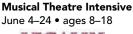
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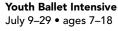
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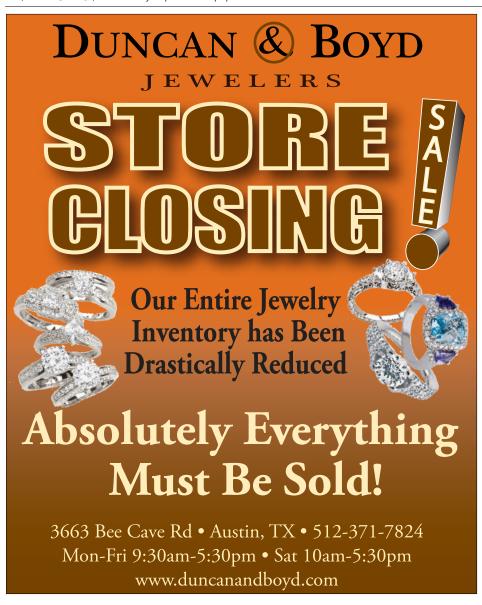


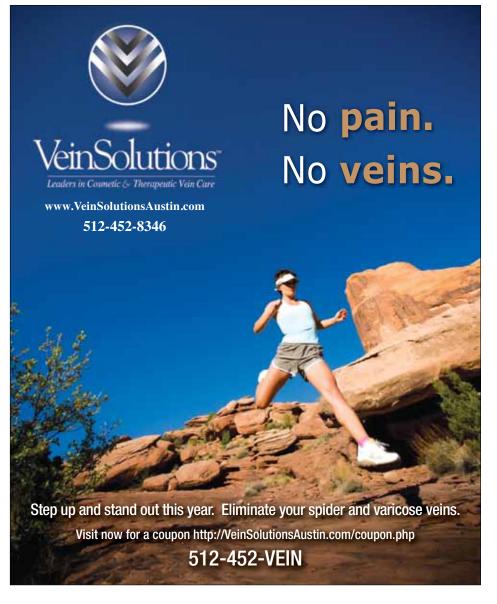






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Steiner Ranch

Travis County - 78732

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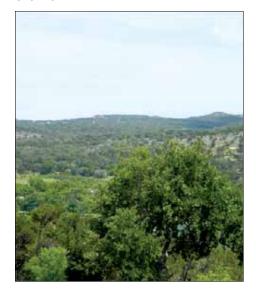
On the market (As of April 27)

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lo. of homes for sale	No. of homes under contract	Avg. days on the market
105	47	60

Home sales (April 27, 2011–April 27, 2012)

No. of homes sold in the last year	Square footage Low/High	Selling price Low/High			
298	1,628/5,486	\$200,000/\$912,000			

Overview





Build-out year: Not built out

Builders: Canyon Vista Custom Homes, Randy Rollo, Jimmy Jacobs, Pecan Valley Custom Homes, Taylor Morrison, David Weekley, Drees, Partners In Building, Mercedes, Monterey Homes, Newmark, Morrison, Plantation, Kemp Properties and John Cameron Custom Homes

Square footage: 1,600-7,746 Home values: \$200,000-\$3.2 million HOA dues (estimated): \$700-\$2,050 per year

Amenities: Three community centers with pools, a lake club with access to Lake Austin, 20 miles of hiking and biking trails

Nearby attractions: Lake Austin, The Oasis, Quinlan Crossing shopping center

Property taxes:

Travis County	0.4855
WCID No. 17	0.0600
Travis County Healthcare District	0.0789
WCID 17 Steiner Ranch	0.5200
Travis County ESD No. 6	0.1000
Austin Community College District	0.0948
Leander ISD	1.4997

Total (per \$100 value)_ Schools:

- Steiner Ranch Elementary School
- Laura Welch Bush Elementary School
- River Ridge Elementary School
- Canyon Ridge Bend Middle School
- Vandegrift High School

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11813 Ranchview Court 4 Bedroom / 4.5 Bath Agent: Jim Erdeljac 422-2628

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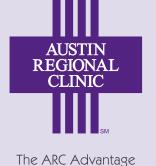
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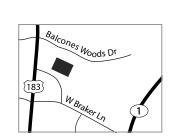
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West Cypress Hills is located west of RR 620 on Highway 71, just minutes from downtown Austin. The community is situated within the exemplary Lake Travis ISD and will be home to a new LTISD elementary school opening in 2014. The community offers the most competitively prices homes of any neighborhood in the Lake Travis School District.

Now is the perfect time to build at West Cypress Hills – new homes start at \$230,000s and a new section of 60-foot home sites has just opened. Buyers can choose from generous, well-designed floor plans from Highland Homes and MileStone Community Builders.

Highland Homes offers many floor plans with multiple options. Homes range in size from 2,200 square feet – 3,500 square feet and start at \$270,000. The model home at West Cypress Hills is open daily from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Visit Ben Rodzos, sales consultant, or contact him at 264-1086.

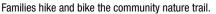
MileStone Community Builders offers beautiful living spaces perfect for entertaining, gourmet kitchens, numerous options for additional bedrooms and lofts, all with luxury finishes throughout. Homes start in the \$230s and range in size from 1,941 square feet to 3,590 square feet. The model home at West Cypress Hills is open daily from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Contact Sales Representative Christine Frizzelle at 312-504-0166 to learn about MileStone at West Cypress Hills.

To learn more about West Cypress Hills and its offerings, visit WestCypressHills.



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Market Data Lake Travis/Westlake

On the market (Apr. 1-30)

\$500,000-\$599,999

\$600,000-\$799,999

\$800,000-\$999,999

\$1 million +

Number of homes for sale/average days on market Price Range 78746 78726 78730 78733 78734 78738 \$149,999 or under 3/186 3/105 7/219 3/48 1/128 \$150,000-\$199,999 34/10 1/139 17/149 5/50 3/123 \$200,000-\$299,999 5/132 21/45 18/35 2/119 54/117 4/39 12/146 6/128 \$300,000-\$399,999 18/58 3/265 25/99 -65/108 3/85 27/51 9/49 \$400,000-\$499,999 1/29 6/140 26/81 5/116 29/157 7/20 54/70 10/119

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6/67

12/70

32/157

41/51

28/74

25/175

48/181

14/54

22/71

24/70

97/123

15/99

34/110

16/127

21/144

Monthly home sales (Apr. 1-30)

Market Data provided by Mia Edwards Avalar Austin 426-6995 www.miasellsaustin.com



	Number sold/Median price					
Month	78726	78730	78732	78733		
April 2012	11/\$308,500	13/\$402,000	32/\$376,950	16/\$503,950		
April 2011	9/\$326,000	14/\$550,000	18/\$364,500	17/\$647,000		

	Number sold/Median price					
Month	78734	78735	78738	78746		
April 2012	29/\$337,000	34/\$381,950	34/\$438,408	34/\$636,250		
April 2011	32/\$300,750	20/\$326,000	32/\$485,000	42/\$609,500		

Property Listings

1/19

1/9

10/100

31/87

12/137

35/114

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ZIP code	City	Subdivision	Address	Bed/ Bath	Price	Sq. ft.	Agent	Phone	Agency
78746	Austin	Beecave Woods	1310 Wilderness Drive	4br/2ba	\$595,000	2,276	Rita Keenan	431-6171	Moreland Properties
78746	Austin	Bull Mountain	2919 Toro Canyon Road	6br/6ba	\$3,900,000	9,479	Maru Davis	971-3797	Moreland Properties
78746	Austin	Davenport Ranch	3110 Cavalcade Court	4br/3ba	\$729,000	3,593	Karen Hoisington	468-8600	Capital City Sothebys Itl Rlty
78746	Austin	Davenport Rim Condo	2800 Waymaker Way	3br/3ba	\$515,000	2,281	Mary Briggle	658-8705	Moreland Properties
78746	Austin	Knollwood	812 Castle Ridge Road	3br/2ba	\$559,900	1,938	Susan Walker	965-5433	Keller Williams Realty
78746	Austin	Lago Villa	2929 Westlake Cove	4br/5ba	\$1,240,000	4,387	Beverly Williams	773-6056	Realty Austin
8746	Austin	Lost Creek	6304 Plum Hollow Overlook	4br/2ba	\$399,000	2,214	Bill Flood	914-6392	Stanberry & Associates
8746	Austin	Lost Creek Hill Top	1303 Wilson Heights Drive	4br/3ba	\$395,000	2,100	Jeffrey Poe	554-3415	Keller Williams Realty
8746	Austin	Terraces at Barton Creek	700 Barton Creek Blvd.	5br/5ba	\$3,300,000	7,265	Maru Davis	971-3797	Moreland Properties
8746	Austin	Treemont	1205 Grosvener Court	4br/3ba	\$1,149,000	4,166	Marielle Quaid	633-2256	Coldwell Banker United
8746	Austin	Treemont	2719 Regents Park	4br/4ba	\$929,000	3,798	Carole Martin	633-5154	Keller Williams Realty
8746	Austin	Treemont	1212 Grosvener Court	4br/4ba	\$1,100,000	4,097	Marybeth Hubenak	431-3179	Amelia Bullock, Realtors
8746	Austin	Treemont	1402 Prestwood Place	4br/3ba	\$1,060,000	4,412	Maru Davis	971-3797	Moreland Properties
8746	Austin	Westlake Highlands	2315 Toro Canyon Road	3br/2ba	\$514,000	2,183	Beverly Williams	773-6056	Realty Austin
8746	Austin	Westlake Oaks	10 Sundown Parkway	5br/5ba	\$1,499,000	4,959	Eric Moreland	924-8442	Moreland Properties
8746	Austin	Westview on Lake Austin	3012 Meandering River Court	4br/4ba	\$1,490,000	5,279	Maru Davis	971-3797	Moreland Properties
8746	Austin	Windy Cove	4646 Rockcliff Road	5br/5ba	\$2,495,000	6,850	Tosca Gruber	789-5253	Coldwell Banker United
8746	Austin	Woodhaven	3303 Rosefinch Trail	3br/2ba	\$699,900	2,390	Michael Harrell	769-8802	Keller Williams Realty
'8746	Austin	Woods Westlake Heights	1627 Randolph Ridge Trail	4br/3ba	\$765,000	3,329	Gayle Berkbigler	844-4653	Capital City Sothebys Itl Rity
8738	Austin	Belvedere	8100 Bellancia Drive	3br/4ba	\$1,300,000	3,650	Scott Grant	294-4318	Keller Williams - Lake Travis
8738	Austin	Belvedere	8201 Bellancia Drive	3br/4ba	\$1,300,000	3,650	Scott Grant	294-4318	Keller Williams - Lake Travis
8738	Austin	Falconhead/Spillman Ranch	4216 Hookbilled Kite	4br/2ba	\$475,000	3,456	Glenn Smith	771-6371	Capital City Sothebys Itl RIty
8738	Austin	Falconhead West	4516 Pyrenees Pass	4br/3ba	\$399,900	3,410	Julie Reistrup	638-7631	Keller Williams - Lake Travis
8738	Austin	Flintrock at Hurst Creek	216 Jack Nicklaus Drive	4br/3ba	\$629,900	3,567	Patricia O'Rourke	426-1123	Capital City Sothebys Itl RIty
8738	Austin	Hills of Lakeway	11 Stillmeadow Court	4br/4ba	\$659,000	4,309	Jeanne White	751-7582	Amelia Bullock, Realtors
8738	Austin	Hills of Lakeway	14 Glen Rock Drive	5br/4ba	\$525,000	3,422	Jill Bretcher	656-7360	Keller Williams - Lake Travis
8738	Austin	Hills of Lakeway	60 Tiburon Drive	4br/3ba	\$749,000	4,154	Alan Adams	466-8044	Keller Williams - Lake Travis
8738	Austin	Hills of Lakeway	114 The Hills Drive	3br/2ba	\$419,000	2,953	Warren Chirhart	925-9182	Keller Williams - Lake Travis
8738	Austin	Lake Pointe	3512 Savoy Court	4br/2ba	\$349,900	2,809	Shannon Schmitz	426-9069	Turnquist Partners, Realtors
8738	Austin	Lake Pointe	2912 Brittany Point Lane	5br/3ba	\$537,000	3,865	April Womack	970-1031	Moreland Properties
8738	Austin	Lake Pointe	2221 Windswept Drive	3br/2ba	\$328,500	2,626	Melissa Webb	762-2630	Turnquist Partners, Realtor
8738	Austin	Lake Pointe	1706 Resaca Blvd.	5br/4ba	\$985,000	5,021	Gregory Cooper	565-0499	Goldwasser Real Estate
8738	Austin	Majestic Hills Ranchettes	17122 Majestic Ridge Road	3br/3ba	\$699,000	3,343	Doug Land	940-6645	Capital City Sothebys Itl RIty
8738	Austin	Ridge at Alta Vista	201 Aria Drive	5br/3ba	\$571,292	4,107	April Maki	470-7979	Sisu Realty & Associates
8738	Austin	Roughin Hills, Lakeway	3410 S. Pawnee Pass	5br/4ba	\$689,000	3,576	Mary Hickey	796-4245	Keller Williams - Lake Travis
8738	Austin	Spillman Ranch	14912 Spillman Ranch Loop	5br/5ba	\$557,900	4,487	Patricia Vincent	657-0772	Coldwell Banker United
8738	Austin	Sweetwater	18204 Painted Horse Cove	4br/4ba	\$401,116	3,008	Jimmy Rado	821-8872	David Weekley Homes
8738	Austin	Sweetwater	18109 Lipan Apache Cove	4br/3ba	\$433,245	3,103	John Bawduniak	713-253-3080	Gatehouse Properties
8738	Austin	Verde Trails Condo	4501 Spanish Oaks Club Blvd.	3br/3ba	\$589,000	2,100	Trent Koenings	264-5430	J.B. Goodwin, Realtors
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ZIP code guide

78726 Four Points **78730** River Place **78732** Steiner Ranch

78733 Bee Caves Road area **78734** Lakeway

78735 Barton Creek **78738** Bee Cave

78746 West Lake Hills/Rollingwood



1205 Grosvener Court

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3303 Rosefinch Trail

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14912 Spillman Ranch Loop



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ZIP code	City	Subdivision	Address	Bed/ Bath	Price	Sq. ft.	Agent	Phone	Agency
78738	Bee Cave	Falconhead West	16020 Snowdonia Cove	4br/3ba	\$585,000	4,024	David White	992-3409	Keller Williams - Lake Travis
78738	Bee Cave	Homestead	5015 Great Divide Drive	4br/2ba	\$599,000	3,488	M.E. Cook	633-8042	Bee Cave Realty
78738	Lakeway	Cypress Ridge at Rough Hollow	308 Wester Ross Lane	4br/3ba	\$416,895	2,953	John Mick	401-9306	RE/MAX Capital City
78738	Lakeway	Lakeway Sec 23	209 Nautilus Ave.	5br/3ba	\$588,744	4,020	Laura Lokey	422-0958	Keller Williams - Lake Travis
78735	Austin	Foothills Barton Creek	7730 Sandia Loop	4br/3ba	\$699,000	3,485	Kathleen Bucher	784-7169	Keller Williams Realty
78735	Austin	Governors Hill Condo	2300 Barton Creek Blvd.	4br/3ba	\$879,000	3,981	Simon Magnus	844-7999	Coldwell Banker United
78734	Austin	Apache Shores	14713 Little Fox Trail	4br/2ba	\$255,000	1,796	Cheryl Fowlkes	749-8509	Keller Williams - Lake Travis
78734	Austin	Apache Shores	2801 Long Bow Trail	3br/2ba	\$295,000	1,835	Eugene Batson	522-7460	Keller Williams Realty
78734	Austin	Apache Shores	13805 Hunters Pass	4br/3ba	\$549,000	3,249	Julie Mattoon	428-4503	Prudential Texas Realty
78734	Austin	Lakeway	701 Rolling Green Drive	3br/3ba	\$395,000	2,600	Russell Eitel	276-8800	Keller Williams - Lake Travis
78734	Austin	Lakeway	2006 Lakeway Blvd.	3br/3ba	\$379,000	2,986	Russell Eitel	276-8800	Keller Williams - Lake Travis
78734	Austin	Marina Village at Lakeway Condo	110 Marina Village Cove	3br/3ba	\$849,000	2,324	Mary Hickey	796-4245	Keller Williams - Lake Travis
78734	Austin	Marina Village at Lakeway Condo	123 Marina Village Cove	3br/3ba	\$789,900	2,226	Ann Kimbriel	751-9341	Moreland Properties
78734	Austin	Rough Hollow	217 Canyon Turn Trail	5br/5ba	\$2,250,000	7,173	Amber Hart	415-9023	Keller Williams - Lake Travis
78734	Austin	Stewart B K	16014 Stewart Road	3br/2ba	\$200,000	1,200	Carolyn Hill	413-8387	Moreland Properties
78734	Austin	Villas on Travis Condo	2918 N. RR 620	2br/2ba	\$200,000	1,395	Julia Neumann	947-2289	Habitat Hunters
78734	Lakeway	Casa Verde Condo	38 Casa Verde	3br/2ba	\$145,000	1,705	Jeanne Ann Klein	439-7777	Keller Williams - Lake Travis
78734	Lakeway	Lakeway	601 Vanguard St.	4br/4ba	\$310,000	3,072	Amani Wang	762-7253	Keller Williams Realty
78734	Lakeway	Lakeway	108 Flying Scot St.	6br/5ba	\$1,275,000	4,427	Amber Hart	415-9023	Keller Williams - Lake Travis
78734	Lakeway	Lakeway	301 Duck Lake Drive	5br/3ba	\$474,900	3,517	Diana Thomas	970-4489	Capital City Sothebys Itl RIty
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78730	Austin	Long Canyon	9408 Leaning Rock Circle	5br/5ba	\$799,000	5,035	Susan Ledesma	922-0748	Keller Williams Realty-RR
78730	Austin	River Place	10218 James Ryan Way	5br/4ba	\$639,000	4,110	Ken Bartlett	418-1435	Keller Williams Realty
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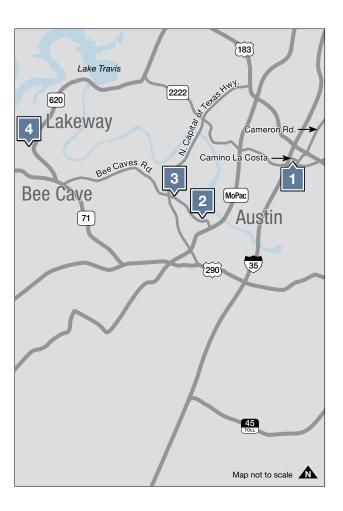
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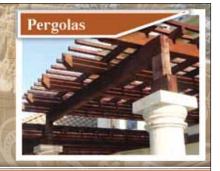
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