



Eanes ISD focuses on 2015-16 budget woes

Proposed savings plan could include staffing cuts

By Leslee Bassman

Eanes ISD's board of trustees stated concerns over the district's 2015-16 budget in a March 11 memorandum to EISD Superintendent Tom Leonard.

Westlake-area residents and former trustees have since mobilized to sway the district to adopt a different approach to its finances and maintain its academic reputation.

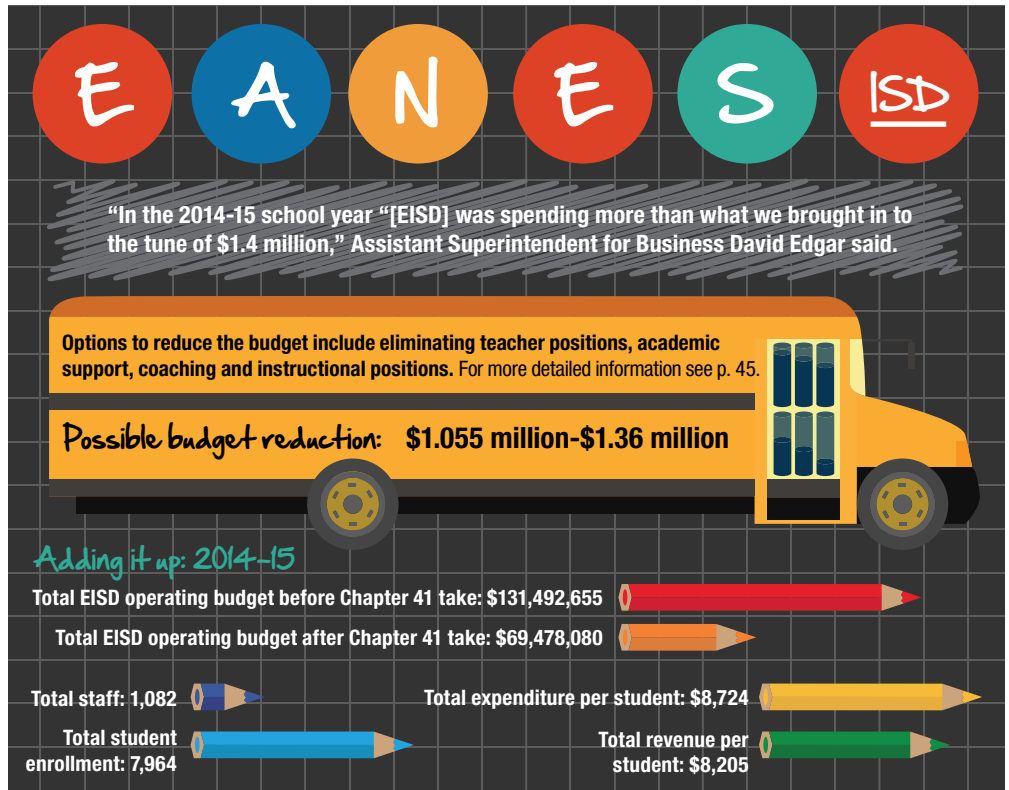
Out of the district's 409 Class of 2014 students, 69 students, or roughly 17 percent, held National Merit commendations; all of EISD's nine schools were awarded

the highest accountability rating of "Met Standard" by the Texas Education Agency in 2014; and EISD's sole high school was ranked among the top high schools in the United States by *Newsweek*, the *Washington Post* and *U.S. News*.

Budget reduction options

As a result of prior state legislative sessions, EISD has found itself in a "systemic funding shortage," Assistant Superintendent Lester Wolff said.

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Building set for W. Hwy. 71

Western corridor sees new developments in 2015

By Joe Olivieri

The Hwy. 71 corridor from Hwy. 290 to the city of Bee Cave is home to several projects that are under construction or recently finished.

In April, mosque Masjid Ibrahim finished exterior construction and began moving into its new two-story building at 8521 W. Hwy. 71.

According to its website, remaining

site work includes landscaping, parking lot cleanup and sprinkler testing.

Developer Oden Hughes completed the 240-unit Landmark Conservancy apartment complex in April, Managing Director Mac McElwrath said. He said the area offers top-notch schools and dining and shopping options.

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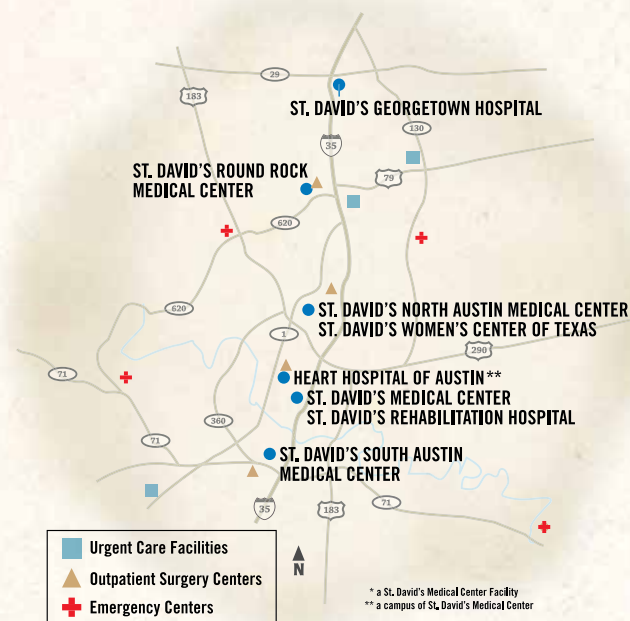


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FROM THE EDITOR



My daughters were fortunate to grow up attending Eanes and Leander ISD schools. They were often bugged by my volunteering in their classrooms, science labs, libraries and, yes, lunchrooms. These wonderful experiences gave me an appreciation for the hard work teachers put into giving our most precious commodity—our children—the foundation they need

Although the signs of summer—sunshine, open pools and kiddos outdoors—are here, school district staffers are eyeing fall and the 2015-16 term.

Our stories on Eanes (Page 1) and Lake Travis (Page 29) ISDs drive home the economic issues public schools face, even in top-rated districts.

to become successful, contributing members of society.

On Page 28, our new reporter, Dylan Lysen, writes about the accolades garnered by local educators, including teacher of the year awards as well as Abercorn International School's recent recognitions. If you see him at a City Council or school board meeting, be sure to give this transplanted Kansan a big Texas welcome!

As the Lake Travis/Westlake reporter for the past two years and a resident, I'm thrilled to continue to serve this region as the newspaper's new editor. Please say "hello" if you spot me running neighborhood errands or even on the lake in my bright pink kayak.

Have a great May!

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LAST MONTH'S POLL RESULTS

How do you feel about the South MoPac proposal?

42% We need traffic improvement. I'm all for it!

39% It's a start to remedy Austin's traffic woes. I'm in.

14% I'm against the project because it costs too much and does too little.

5% I'm against the project because it will harm the environment.

Results from an unscientific Web survey collected 04/01/15–05/01/15

TOASTING with TWIN

~Pink Gold!

The arrival of spring means the arrival of a fresh vintage of rosés from all over France, Italy, Spain, the US, and just about every other wine-producing region. These are drier-style rosés from the world's greatest wine-producing regions and artisanal winemakers.

While the classical regions of Europe supply many fantastic rosés, the world's other winemaking regions are doing their best to join the party. South Africa's **Mulderbosch Rosé** (\$12.99) from the Coastal Region is unique in that it is made from 100% cabernet sauvignon grapes, yielding a fuller bodied wine. Grapes are harvested on the early side to preserve acidity levels. Flavors are of strawberry and grapefruit with a touch of minerality. The wine is a great partner for grilled salmon or tuna.

The history of wine in Lebanon goes back even further, for several thousand years. Thoroughly modern in style, **Ixir Altitudes Rosé** (\$13.99) is reminiscent of the rosés of Provence. A blend of syrah and caladoc (a cross

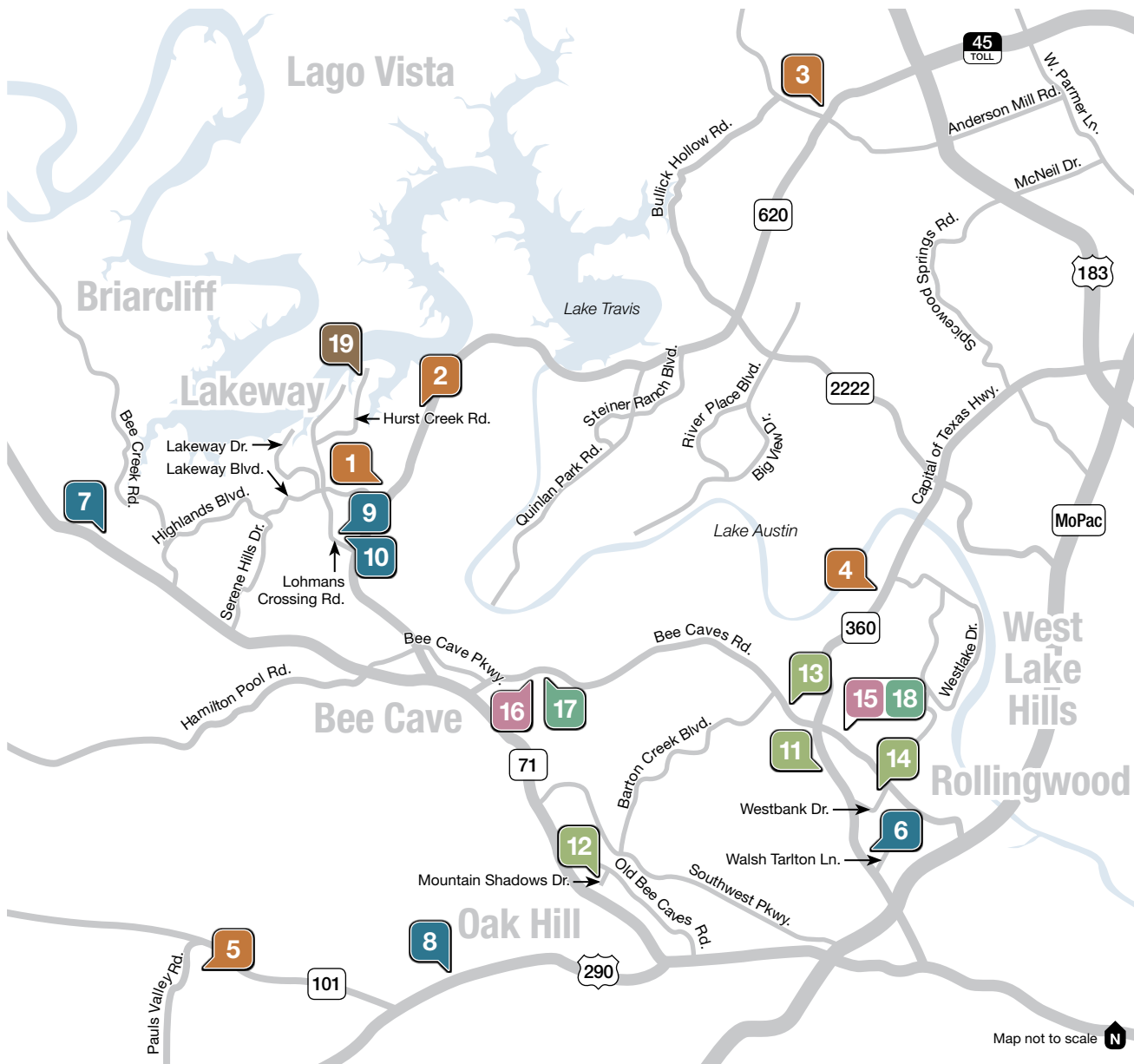
of grenache and malbec), the wine is full of fresh floral aromas. With bright berry flavors, the wine pairs nicely with lighter cheeses, salads, and BBQ pork. A New World region that is producing world-class rosé is Oregon. Justifiably famous for its red pinot noirs, some of this juice goes into production of rosé wines. **Elk Cove Vineyards** (\$16.99) makes a delicious example. 2014 was a stellar vintage in Oregon, one of those rare years when quality and quantity were both excellent. With a beautiful dusky color, the wine is bursting with tangerine, cherries, and spice. Try this one with poached salmon, roasted chicken, or sushi.

Whether firing up the grill or reaching for something refreshing before dinner, rosé wines provide a tasty warm weather treat. Be sure and ask for some on your next visit!

~Tim Hollaway, Store Manager
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Now Open

- 1 Adams Galleries**, 900 S. RR 620, Ste. B110, Lakeway, opened April 1. The Texas fine arts dealer also offers custom framing. 512-243-7429. www.adams galleriesaustin.com
- 2 The Donut Hole**, 1700 N. RR 620, Ste. 101, Austin, opened March 9. The shop serves doughnuts, kolaches and coffee. 512-266-3850. www.donutholeaustin.com
- 3 Dos Chivos Mexican Restaurant** opened April 13 in the former site of Johnny Carino's Italian Restaurant, 11620 N. RR 620, Austin. The restaurant serves a variety of Tex-Mex and interior Mexican entrees. It is owned and managed by Tc4 & Co., which also operates the Tony C's and The League Kitchen & Tavern restaurants. 512-250-1600. www.doschivos.com

4 Restaurant Jack Allen's Kitchen, 3600 N. Capital of Texas Hwy., Austin, opened April 9. Owned by Executive Chef Jack Gilmore and business partner Tom Kamm, the Westlake-area location is the local eatery's third site and features fresh, locally sourced foods, drinks and spirits. 512-351-9399. www.jackallenskitchen.com

5 Last Stand Brewing Co., 12345 Pauls Valley Road, Bldg. I, Austin, opened its tap room to the public Feb. 21. The brewery, which also includes a beer garden, produces beer in a 15-barrel brewhouse. Its beers are sold to the Austin bar and restaurant market. 512-921-8981. www.laststandbrewing.com

Houston-based **SafeWay Driving** opened April 3 to serve the Westlake and Austin areas. The 40-year-old company offers online driving courses as well as driver pickup sites located near Westlake and Austin high schools.

512-710-7233.
www.safewaydriving.com

Coming Soon

6 The Cheesecake Factory will open in Barton Creek Square Mall, 2901 S. Capital of Texas Hwy., Ste. G02B, in Austin later this year. The restaurant serves hamburgers, steak, pasta, pizza, chicken, fish, seafood, salads and cheesecake. The Cheesecake Factory has almost 200 restaurants nationwide, including one in the Arboretum. 512-241-0777 (The Arboretum). www.thecheesecakefactory.com

7 The Frog Pad Home Products Studio, 107 S. RR 620, Ste. 117, Lakeway, will open a second location at 5200 Electric Ave., Spicewood, this summer. The business offers high-end appliances, cabinets, countertops, flooring, vacuums, electronics and more. 512-658-7981. www.thefrogpadappliances.com

8 Lox, Box & Barrel will open this summer at 9521 W. Hwy. 290, Austin. The fast-casual gourmet deli will feature sandwiches, salads, and desserts using fresh, natural ingredients from local farmers and producers. The restaurant will also serve in-house cured natural meats, coffee, local beer and wine. 512-626-0899. www.loxboxandbarrel.com

9 Pain Partners will open in July at Towers of Lakeway I, 1927 Lohmans Crossing, Ste. 202, Austin. The practice will focus on pain management including arthritis and spinal disorders. 512-534-5039. www.painpartnerstx.com

10 Schmidt Family Barbecue will open July 1 in the former location of Buster's BBQ, 2125 Lohmans Crossing Road, Ste. 400, Lakeway. The restaurant will have curbside service and feature beef, pork, turkey, sausage, chicken, sides and desserts. The Lakeway location will also feature a playground. Although the Bee Cave restaurant opened in 2013, the eatery has its roots in Lockhart, Texas, where family restaurants were founded in the early 1900s. 512-263-4060. www.schmidtfamilybarbecue.com

Relocations

11 ARPwave Austin will relocate June 15 from 3001 Bee Caves Road, Ste. 100, Austin, to Vista Ridge, 912 S. Capital of Texas Hwy., Austin. The business provides a therapy to accelerate a patient's recovery from muscle injuries, prevent surgery, and accelerate post-surgical rehabilitation. 512-225-6909. www.arpwaveaustin.com

12 The Monarch Suzuki Academy will relocate this summer from its current site inside the St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 1306 W. Lynn, in Austin to 6000 Mountain Shadows Drive, Austin. The music school offers the Suzuki method of instruction for children in violin, viola, cello, piano and guitar. 512-608-7211. www.monarchsuzukiacademy.com

13 Nouvelle Analytics relocated April 1 from 6836 Bee Caves Road, Ste. 245, Austin, to 6207 Bee Caves Road, Ste. 310, Austin. The business is a financial consulting firm that focuses on forensic, accounting and fraud investigations. 512-614-1335. www.nouvelleanalytics.com

14 Real estate brokerage firm **RE/MAX Austin Skyline Realtors** relocated March 25 from 4611 Bee Caves Road, Ste. 200, Austin, to 950 Westbank Drive, Ste. 100, West Lake Hills. 512-328-5151. www.austinskylinerealestate.com

Anniversaries

15 **Austin Prosthetic Center**, 5656 Bee Caves Road, Ste. G200, West Lake Hills, celebrated its first anniversary Feb. 2. The center helps patients restore function by developing prosthetic limbs. 512-937-9310. www.austinprostheticcenter.com

16 **Lapels Dry Cleaning**, 12101 Bee Caves Road, Bee Cave, celebrated its first anniversary April 4. The full-service, on-premises dry cleaner uses Green Earth, an environmentally non-hazardous solvent. 512-263-8700. www.mylapels.com/bee-cave

Expansions

17 **Beevet Animal Hospital**, 11817 Bee Caves Road, Austin, added associate veterinarian Dr. Amanda Moore to its staff April 1. Moore specializes in veterinary acupuncture as well as animal surgery, dentistry, internal medicine and emergency care. The hospital also expanded its hours of operation April 1 to Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sat. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. 512-263-9292. www.mybeevet.com

18 **Dr. Jennifer Walden**, 5656 Bee Caves Road, Ste. E201, Austin, added Kristin Gunn Feb. 18 as the office's lead injector and practice manager for cosmetic procedures including Botox as well as noninvasive cosmetic procedures such as chemical peels. Walden specializes in aesthetic surgery of the face, breast and body. 512-328-4100. www.drjenniferwalden.com

In the News

19 **Crosswater Yacht Club**, 1505 Hurst Creek Road, Austin, held a benefit April 25 to help musician Travis Frank pay medical bills associated with his heart surgery. The program featured live music, a car show and silent auction at the club. Crosswater was named 2014 Texas Clean Marina of the Year at the Marinas of Texas Conference held last fall. 512-261-4426. www.crosswateryachtclub.com

Compiled by Leslee Bassman

News or questions about Lake Travis/Westlake?
Email us at ltwnews@communityimpact.com.



Tony Ciola (left) and Mizaël Saucedo are two partners at **Dos Chivos Mexican Restaurant**.



The Pyles plan to open a second **The Frog Pad Home Products Studio** site in Spicewood.



Schmidt Family Barbecue will open in July at 2125 Lohmans Crossing Road in Lakeway.



Veterinarian Dr. Amanda Moore joined the staff at **Beevet Animal Hospital** on April 1.



Crosswater Yacht Club held a benefit April 25 to help musician Travis Frank (pictured).

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Center for Autism & Related Disorders

New resource for Westlake parents

By Cara White Lowrimore

Austin-area parents whose children have been diagnosed with autism and related disorders now have a new resource in West Lake Hills. The Center for Autism & Related Disorders opened at the Karnik Institute, 4800 Bee Caves Road, in April.

CARD, a 25-year-old national company that operates more than 30 centers, was founded by clinical psychologist Dr. Doreen Granpeesheh. CARD uses applied behavioral analysis to treat autism.

ABA assumes all people on the autism spectrum are capable of learning, and behavior can be improved and enhanced with appropriate learning opportunities, CARD Director of Operations Sarah Cho said.

"It's a treatment that works," she said. "It can improve autism."

She said that with timely and appropriate intervention, some children diagnosed with autism can even achieve a full recovery.

"We don't shy away from the term 'recovery,'" Cho said. "We have a group of kids for whom we see very dramatic and amazing results, to the point where we see the label of autism removed."

She said the treatment addresses human functioning in eight areas: language, play, social skills, motor skills, academic skills, adaptations, cognitive

skills and executive functioning.

Cho said that CARD offers a wide range of specialists—behavioral, speech and occupational therapists as well as licensed social workers—to support its patients.

"We work collaboratively with school districts, participate in goal-setting for students and do training in schools," she said.

In many cases, school-age children come to the center after school and on weekends, Cho said. Children

who are unsuccessful in a traditional classroom may benefit from the full-day CARD Academy, she said.

The academy serves children from kindergarten through age 22 and focuses on academic learning, self-help and social skills.

CARD Academy Superintendent Mary Ann Cassell said the goal of the academy is to teach skills so that children can ultimately return to their school with their friends and neighbors and be successful.

For students older than 18, CARD Academy offers a focus on developing the vocational and social skills necessary to transition the client into adulthood, Cassell said.

"I would encourage families not to wait," she said. "One of the keys to success at whatever age is getting into treatment and having a program that works intensely on the deficits."

"[Applied behavioral analysis] can improve autism."

—Sarah Cho, CARD director of operations



The Center for Autism & Related Disorders opened at the Karnik Institute in West Lake Hills.



Sarah Cho (left) joins Mary Ann Cassell at CARD's grand opening event April 18.



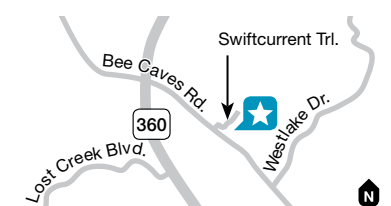
CARD founder Dr. Doreen Granpeesheh attends the program's local opening.

Karnik Institute

The Karnik Institute opened in West Lake Hills in 2014 to help children and families with learning difficulties and disabilities. Directed by pediatric neurologist Dr. Dilip Karnik, the institute offers evaluation and intervention for dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, ADHD, memory disorders, sensory processing disorder, and high-functioning autism.

The institute takes a holistic approach with patients and emphasizes nutrition as essential to healthy brain functioning. Karnik Institute offers summer camps for children with learning difficulties. For more information, call 512-487-5400 or visit www.karnikinstitute.com

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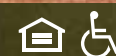
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Living Desert Ranch and Dunten Gallery

Father and son connect artistic interests

By Dylan Lysen

Fifteen years ago Jared Dunten did not know if he was going to be able to speak, eat food or breathe on his own ever again, he said. However, with the help of family and friends, he now displays and sells his art in a gallery adjacent to his father's desert plants business.

Living Desert Ranch and Dunten Gallery in Spicewood is a joint effort between a father and son. Darrell Dunten, Jared's father, said he began a cactus nursery after leaving his management position at Houston Light and Power. He said he relishes the relationships he has formed with Lake Travis customers throughout the past 35 years.

After Darrell's wife, Yvonna, died in 2010, he moved out to Spicewood to be closer to his son. Darrell also paints and sells his own art along with his cactus plants.

"He's a hell of a painter—painting with his mouth," Darrell said of Jared. "I don't paint as good with two hands."

After a diving accident in 2000 left him almost completely paralyzed from the neck down, Jared said he discovered his talent by painting with a paintbrush between his teeth rather than his fingers.

At first his practice in art was meant to help him find mobility and work, but now he is taking lessons from a professional to help become a better artist. He was awarded a student membership to Mouth and Foot

Painting Artists, an international organization owned by disabled painters to help them meet their financial needs.

"It definitely started off as [a way to] make my mark. I don't mean figuratively; I mean literally, so I still had physical interaction," Jared said. "And now I'm working on my skill."

Dunten Gallery will host its first shows after an 18-month hiatus on June 13 from 5-9 p.m. and June 14 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Jared and his wife, Kimberly, are the parents of 3-year-old twin boys, Asher and Levi. With the expanding household, Jared said his gallery showings came to a halt, but he is now ready to begin showing his work again.

"That rocked our world," Jared said of expanding his family.

Immediately following his accident, Jared said he could not breathe or eat on his own but eventually regained those abilities.

He attributes his success to the support he receives from his family. Jared said GSD&M, his employer, allowed him to keep his job while recuperating, and he continues to work there as a copywriter.

"I have great family, great friends and a great support system," Jared said. "When you get through [a debilitating accident] it just gets better, better and better."



Nursery owner Darrell Dunten (left) and son Jared Dunten work side-by-side in Spicewood.



Darrell manages and cultivates a greenhouse on the Spicewood ranch.

Will Walk Foundation

After an accident caused Jared Dunten to become paralyzed from the neck down, he said he realized that although he could fight back to regain control of his body, the public has not appreciated how far research has advanced in this area of medicine.

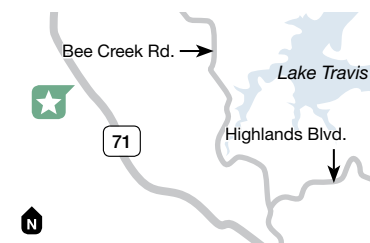
Dunten said he joined Craig Parker and brothers Marty and Adam Butler to create the Will Walk Foundation to help spread awareness of people living with spinal cord injuries and paralysis.

Dunten said he found adult stem cell research enabled people with paralysis to have a much longer timeframe within which to regain control over their body than physicians previously believed.

Medical experts originally thought people with paralysis only had two years to regain control over their body, but Christopher Reeve, a stem cell activist and former actor, proved someone with paralysis can continue to regain control throughout his or her entire life, Dunten said.

He said his foundation donates art to fund an awareness of adult stem cell therapy. Dunten also speaks to groups about his experiences with paralysis.

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Little Leaves

Doctors develop sun-safe playwear

By Leslie Bassman

As a dermatologist, Dr. Carlos Gomez-Meade said he sees patients daily who are dealing with the effects and treatment of skin cancer. After his wife, pediatric endocrinologist Dr. Carley Gomez-Meade, gave birth to the Lakeway couple's first son, they searched for a way to protect him from the harsh Texas sun.

"Most of the sun-protective clothing available was swimwear," Carley said. "I found a few shirts, but nothing looked like something I wanted to buy or [my son] would want to wear."

The couple produced a product in October 2013 that was sun-protective, tagless, soft, hypoallergenic, antibacterial, moisture-wicking, affordable and served as playwear.

"Parents know what a struggle it is to put sunscreen on [children]," Carley said. "Even using a [spray] can [of sunscreen], you have to use almost the whole thing to get a layer on and then reapply it. [Little Leaves] is easy."

Little Leaves clothing has separate styles, colors and designs for boys and girls—both boys and girls clothing includes pants and long-sleeve T-shirts. The clothing comes in sizes 2 through 12 with shirts costing \$25 to \$27, and pants costing \$20 each.

"I had two main objectives—to make [the clothing] affordable and be something kids want to wear," Carley said.

The cost of the initial purchase may be more efficient than buying cans of sunscreen over and over again, she said.

The material for the Little Leaves clothing is comprised of bamboo, cotton and Spandex and has no chemicals, Carlos said.

"Bamboo itself has sunlike reflective properties, but in order to get the right weave [we used] a combination of bamboo, cotton and Spandex," he said. "When we were trying to find a fabric, everything out there was synthetic. Some of the other [sun protective] materials have titanium oxide in the material but, with ours it's all about the weave—no chemicals."

The clothing designs are water-based screen prints, and the clothing is approved by the International Melanoma Foundation, he said.

Interest in the product line first came from physician colleagues of the entrepreneurs, and sales grew after users experienced the clothing with trial coupons, Carlos said. Sales increase in spring and summer months—May, June and July, he said.

Little Leaves introduced a new summer line in June that includes adult-sized T-shirts. The Gomez-Meades will be marketing their clothing to sports teams that are constantly in the sun and have the option to add their logo to the gear, Carley said.

"We came up with a product to protect our own children," Carlos said. "People always ask how good is it, and I always say, 'Good enough for our children.'"

Little Leaves

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Drs. Carley and Carlos Gomez-Meade's young sons enjoy wearing Little Leaves clothing.



Little Leaves focuses on sun-protective playwear for boys and girls, sizes 2 to 12.



The playwear includes T-shirts and pants.

Why only long sleeves?

Little Leaves T-shirts are only made in long-sleeve styles, a requirement that developers Carley and Carlos Gomez-Meade maintain in their product lines.

"The whole point [of Little Leaves] is to protect the skin from the sun, so we only offer long sleeves," Carlos said. "The shirt feels so light and breathable that you might as well be wearing a short-sleeve shirt. There is constant aeration throughout the material, so [Little Leaves] doesn't feel like your typical long-sleeve shirt as far as constricting or too hot."

UPF

Clothing has a UPF, or ultraviolet protection factor, rating, Carley said. The highest UPF rating is 50—the rating awarded to Little Leaves products—meaning the item blocks about 98 percent of the sun's ultraviolet rays, she said.

Sunshine stats

- One blistering or five non-blistering childhood sunburns double the lifetime risk of developing melanoma.
- Over the past three decades, more people have had skin cancer than all other cancers combined.
- The development of skin cancer has been linked to both intensive (beach, pool) and non-intensive (daily outdoor activities) sun exposure.
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DINING

Schmidt Family Barbecue

Texas grub served with a side of tradition

By Cara White Lowrimore

Chad Franks said he was working as an auditor with the Texas Department of Transportation when he decided it was time to turn his passion for barbecue into a business.

It did not hurt that Chad's father had been a trophy-winning cook or that his wife, Susie, comes from barbecue royalty—the Schmidt/Kreuz families in Lockhart.

Chad, Susie and relative Keith Schmidt opened Schmidt Family Barbecue in October 2013. Located at the intersection of W. Hwy. 71 and Bee Caves Road, Schmidt serves up Texas-style barbecue seven days a week.

Soon after opening Schmidt Family Barbecue, Chad figured out that what worked in the Schmidt family's Lockhart barbecue restaurants did not necessarily work in Bee Cave, he said.

For instance, shoulder clod—a mainstay in Lockhart—did not sell in Bee Cave, Chad said. Prime rib and pork chops did not sell either, he said. "People out here like their meat extra lean," Chad said.

Quickly adapting to the tastes of his Bee Cave-area customers, Chad added chicken and smoked turkey to the menu. He also added pork butt, sandwiches and plate specials which combine a choice of meat with two sides.

Except for the baby back ribs, the restaurant's meat is prepared without sauce.

Not even 2 years old, Schmidt

Family Barbecue has already received invitations to join the state's most exclusive barbecue events, Chad said.

"We get invited to the festivals with the big boys," he said of the upcoming Second Annual Red Dirt BBQ & Music Festival in Tyler with 18 invitees, the South by Southwest Barbecue Crash Course with six invitees and Smoked Dallas with 15 invitees.

Chad shares barbecue tips at monthly classes held at the Bee Cave restaurant and at Schmidt catering gigs at which he personally slices the meat and discusses barbecue with partygoers.

"There's no secret recipes in barbecue," he said. "You have to buy quality product, the best beef available, and have employees who care about it. I'm blessed to have a great team."

Chad did, however, reveal a secret to masterful seasoning.

"Make it rain," he said. "Hold [the seasoning shaker] up high. That way all your seasoning blends well."

Chad said his personal vision of the perfect barbecue feast is a piece of butcher paper loaded with brisket, spare ribs and sausage, "with a slice of jalapeno and cheese, and no sauce."

He readily admits that his passion for cooking begins and ends with barbecue.

"I don't like to cook at home," Chad said. "I eat pita chips and hummus if you can believe this big redneck."



Co-owner Chad Franks checks the brisket at Schmidt Family Barbecue in Bee Cave.



Schmidt Family Barbecue opened a Bee Cave site in October 2013.

On the menu at Schmidt Family Barbecue

- **Beef brisket**
(\$9.25 per 1/2 pound)
- **Baby back ribs**
(\$12.50 per 1/2 pound)
- **Kreuz Original Sausage**
(\$4.50 per "ring")
- **Smoked turkey breast**
(\$7.25 per 1/2 pound)
- **Pulled pork sandwich** (\$8)
- **Spicy mac-n-cheese**
(\$2.25 per serving)
- **Banana pudding** (\$3)
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The rising cost of beef

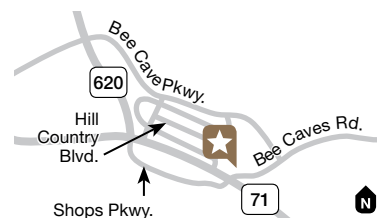
Recent droughts in Texas have forced ranchers to thin their herds to historically low numbers, Schmidt Family Barbecue co-owner Chad Franks said. This, combined with greater demand for Texas-style barbecue, has created a shortage and caused a spike in the cost of beef, he said.

Schmidt Family Barbecue opted to keep prices steady on its beef, Franks said. For now, Schmidt makes no money on sales of red meat, he said.

Coming soon to Lakeway

Franks and his partners are preparing to open a 3,600-square-foot restaurant in Lakeway Town Center this summer.

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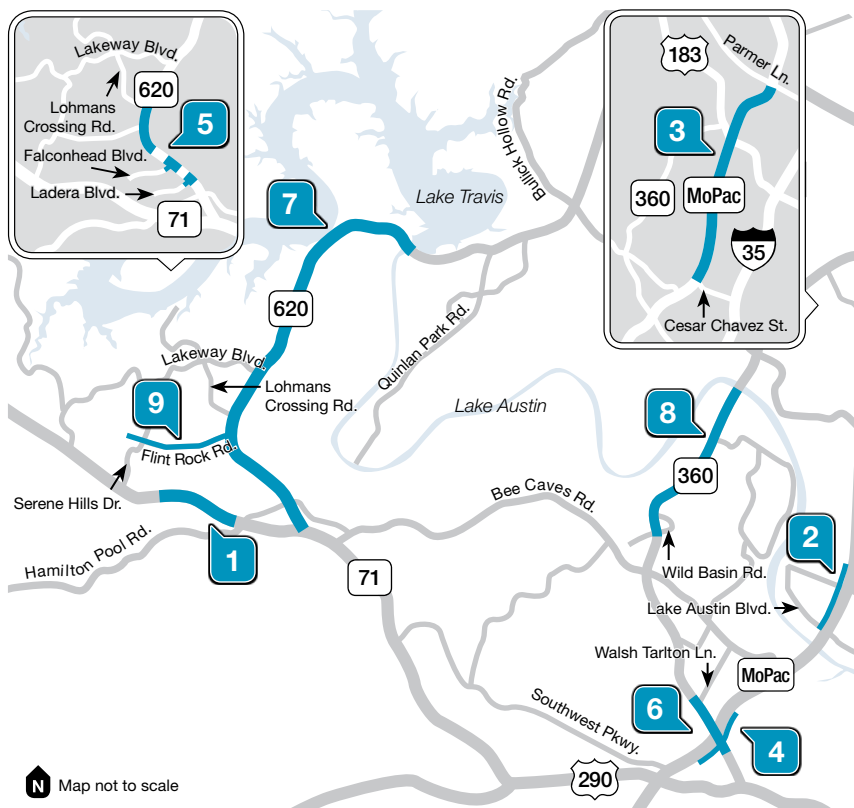
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1 Hwy. 71 center turn lane

This project will construct a center turn lane on Hwy. 71 from Vail Divide to Hamilton Pool Road, a length of just more than 1.5 miles.

Timeline: February-July 2015

Cost: \$8.24 million

Funding sources: Texas Department of Transportation and Proposition 12 funds

2 Lake Austin Boulevard exit closure

The southbound Lake Austin Boulevard exit ramp on MoPac closed April 26 and will remain closed until at least May 26. The closure is due to continued work on the MoPac Improvement

Project and will help expedite reconstruction of the ramp and allow for safer conditions during the reconstruction. Winsted Lane remains open and motorists can exit Enfield Road southbound to Winsted Lane to Lake Austin Boulevard.

Timeline: April 26-May 26 or longer

Cost: \$200 million total for the MoPac Improvement Project

Funding sources: Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority, TxDOT

3 MoPac toll lanes

Upon completion the highway will have one new lane in each direction from Parmer Lane to Cesar Chavez Street

that will be tolled. Current construction includes bridge widening, building sound walls, installing conduit and cables to support the toll-collection and intelligent transportation systems, and completing the relocation of temporary ramps.

Timeline: late 2013-fall 2015

Cost: \$204 million

Funding sources: federal and state funds

4 MoPac bicycle/pedestrian bridge

TxDOT will construct a new bicycle and pedestrian bridge on MoPac over Loop 360 from Tuscan Terrace to Barton Creek. The project was slated to begin in December but was delayed.

Timeline: February 2015-February 2016

Cost: \$2,985,697

Funding sources: TxDOT

5 RR 620 improvements in Lakeway and Bee Cave

TxDOT will add a southbound lane on RR 620 from Lohmans Crossing Road to Spillman Ranch Loop as well as add left- and right-turn lanes onto Falconhead and Ladera boulevards from RR 620.

Timeline: bidding planned for August 2015, future dates uncertain

Cost: \$1 million

Funding sources: TxDOT

6 Loop 360 intersections

Intersection improvements will be made from just north of Walsh Tarlton Lane on Loop 360 to just south of MoPac. The improvements include adding auxiliary lanes on Loop 360 to improve flow through the intersections of Walsh Tarlton, the Barton Creek Square Mall entrance and MoPac.

The two-year project also includes revising a future West Gate Boulevard intersection, adding a left-turn lane on the northbound frontage road of MoPac at Loop 360, replacing traffic signals and adjusting signal timing to improve efficiency.

Timeline: bidding to begin May 2016

Cost: \$5,045,440

Funding sources: TxDOT

7 RR 620 intersection improvements

TxDOT plans for more than 8.5 miles of intersection improvements along RR 620 from Hwy. 71 to the Mansfield Dam. The project is designed to increase traffic efficiency and reduce travel wait times.

Timeline: project to be bid in August

Cost: \$1.15 million

Funding sources: TxDOT

8 Capital of Texas Hwy. resurfacing

A 4-mile stretch of North Capital of Texas Hwy. from the Colorado River to 0.25 miles south of Wild Basin Road will be resurfaced.

Timeline: project to be bid in January 2017

Cost: \$1.69 million

Funding sources: TxDOT

9 Flint Rock Road Improvement Project

This project will improve 2.2 miles of road between RR 620 and Serene Hills Drive in Lakeway and address safety issues, including widening lanes, improving shoulders, and changes in turns and grades.

Timeline: July 1, 2015-late fall 2016

Cost: \$9.2 million

Funding sources: 2011 Travis County and 2012 city of Lakeway bond funds

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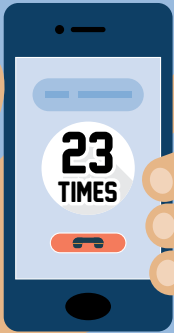
WHY THE NEW HANDS FREE ORDINANCE?

In an effort to minimize distracted driving and cycling as well as increase safety on city streets, Austin, Lakeway and Bee Cave passed hands-free ordinances during the past year.

3,328 PEOPLE KILLED AND 421,000 INJURED IN THE U.S. IN 2012 AS A RESULT OF DISTRACTION-RELATED VEHICLE CRASHES

3,154 PEOPLE KILLED AND 424,000 INJURED IN THE U.S. IN 2013 AS A RESULT OF DISTRACTION-RELATED VEHICLE CRASHES

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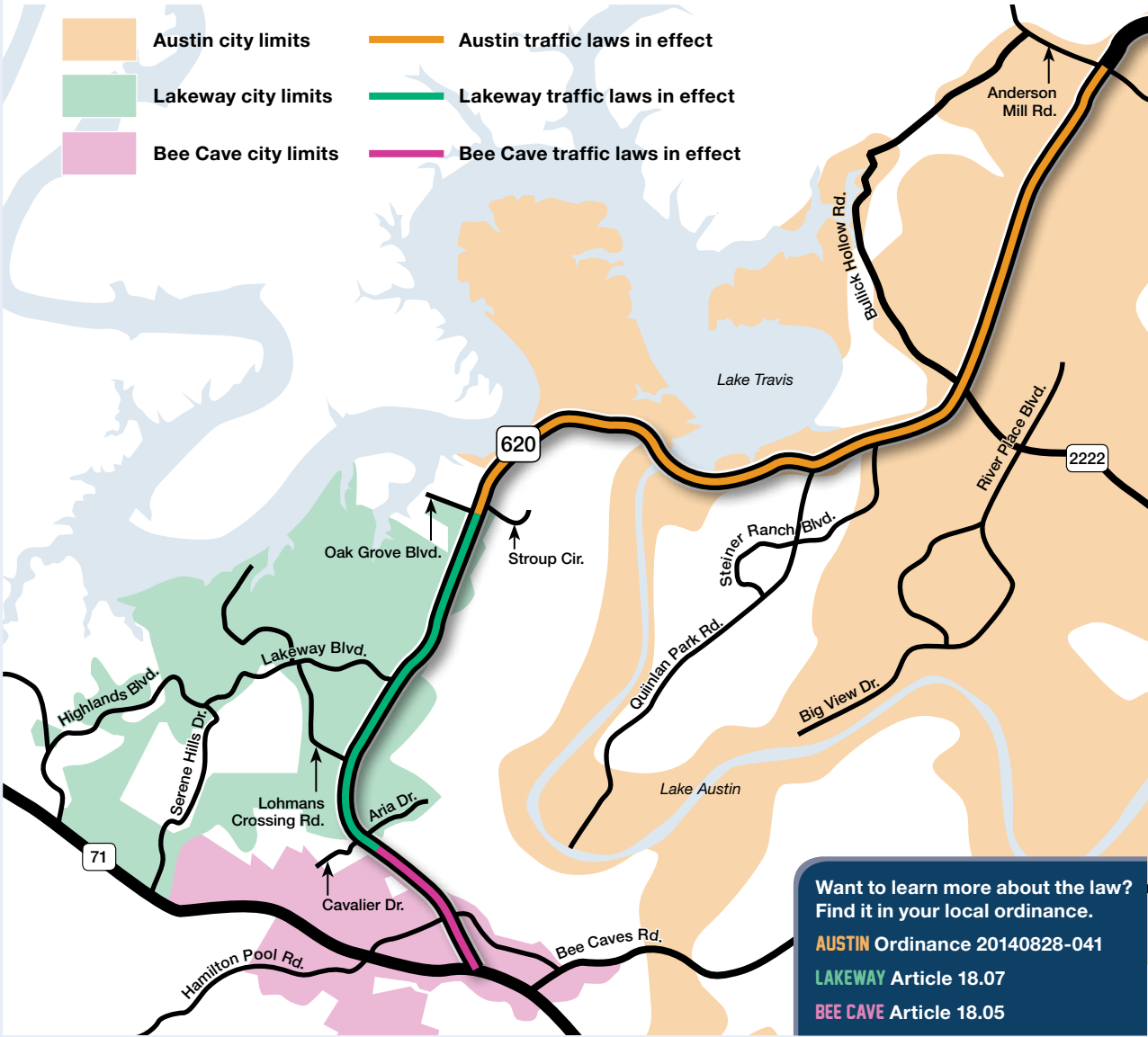


WORSE THAN DRIVING WHILE NOT DISTRACTED

Sources: National Highway Transportation Safety Administration/Community Impact Newspaper



With RR 620 spanning three cities—Austin, Lakeway and Bee Cave—from Anderson Mill Road to W. Hwy. 71, drivers can be confused as to what hands-free laws are applicable. All three cities have passed different ordinances governing the use of mobile devices, such as cell phones, while driving or biking. Below are each city’s laws.



CITY TRAFFIC LAWS

AUSTIN TRAFFIC LAWS

Ordinance passed **AUG. 28, 2014**. Warning period ended **DEC. 31, 2014**. Enforcement began **JAN. 1, 2015**.

Ordinance includes bikes	Yes	No
Texting/calls OK when stopped at light	Yes	No
Texting/calls OK by emergency personnel in official capacity	Yes	No
Texting/calls OK when vehicle operated on private property	N/A	N/A
Texting/calls OK when vehicle legally parked	Yes	No
Use of affixed navigation system OK?	Yes	No
Texting/calls OK in emergency situation/request help	Yes	No
Texting/calls OK to report illegal activity	Yes	No

Penalty for violation of hands-free law **UP TO \$500**

LAKEWAY TRAFFIC LAWS

Ordinance passed **APRIL 20**. Warning period ends **JUNE 30**. Enforcement begins **JULY 1**.

Ordinance includes bikes	Yes	No
Texting/calls OK when stopped at light	Yes	No
Texting/calls OK by emergency personnel in official capacity	Yes	No
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Texting/calls OK to report illegal activity	Yes	No

Penalty for violation of hands-free law **UP TO \$100** for first offense. **\$500** for each subsequent offense.

BEE CAVE TRAFFIC LAWS

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Ordinance includes bikes	Yes	No
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Texting/calls OK in emergency situation/request help	Yes	No
Texting/calls OK to report illegal activity	Yes	No

Penalty for violation of hands-free law **UP TO \$500**

TRANSPORTATION

New CAMPO committee to target traffic in western Travis County

By Leslee Bassman

The city of Lakeway's plan to create a toll road connecting SH 45 in Southwest Austin to RR 620 near RR 2222 in West Austin—thereby closing a loop around the city of Austin—is off the drawing board. However, in its place is a study to help regional planners understand the traffic issues plaguing western Travis County.

Will Conley, chairman of the Transportation Policy Board of the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, announced April 13 that Lakeway had pulled its proposal off CAMPO's illustrative list for its 2040 Regional Transportation Plan. The project was placed June 9, 2014, on the list that includes proposals for which funding has not been identified.

"The city of Lakeway had a proposed project that generated a lot of interest in the region, particularly in western Travis County," Conley said. "I think they have some issues—as do other areas of western Travis

County—in transportation."

The proposed toll road project, LW01, was intended to bypass a segment of RR 620 and relieve congestion in the area, said Lakeway City Councilman Joe Bain, who serves on the CAMPO Transportation Policy Board.

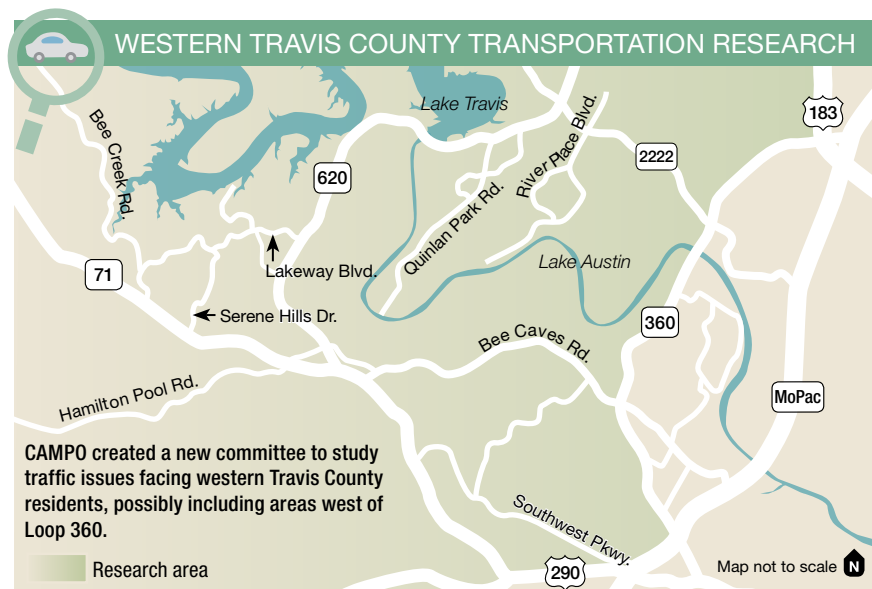
The project drew criticism from residents and environmental groups who said the tollway would pass through federal preserve land as well as add noise and light pollution to the area.

"We put LW01 up there to start the process of getting a study done, and now we've got that," Bain said.

Conley said that since the city decided to pull the project from the illustrative list, CAMPO will support Lakeway and other area cities by creating a committee to focus strictly on transportation issues in western Travis County, he said.

The committee's scope is the region west of Loop 360, Conley said.

"We want a good, balanced discussion [within the new committee] to



Source: Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization/Community Impact Newspaper

deliver some results," Conley said.

The committee is expected to begin its discussions this summer, he said.

Subregional study

In addition to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization committee created at the April 13 meeting, Executive Director Ashby Johnson proposed the agency's Transportation Policy Board conduct a sub-regional study of transportation issues in western Travis County, broader in

scope than Loop 360 and RR 620.

"CAMPO should come up with some solutions that will help Lakeway and the rest of Travis County," he said.

The proposed study will follow the results of a TxDOT study of Loop 360 and RR 620 traffic currently underway, Johnson said.

"The combination of the two studies should produce some viable options for transportation improvements in the years to come," Lakeway City Manager Steve Jones said.

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NEWS

Low Water Crossing Park slated to gain \$400,000 in improvements

Local neighbors oppose Mansfield Dam-area park changes

By Leslee Bassman

The Lower Colorado River Authority will fund a \$400,000 project aimed at adding an entrance station with a booth, restrooms, a paved parking area and a recreational vehicle host site to the Mansfield Dam Low Water Crossing Park off North RR 620, LCRA officials said at an April 22 open house event.

The 41-acre tract has been used as a park site for more than 30 years, LCRA Park Program Coordinator John Gillen said.

A park host site is an RV space with electricity, water and wastewater that is dedicated to a couple whose job includes picking up trash in the park, cleaning the restrooms and ensuring site security in exchange for living on the park site, Gillen said. Currently, some LCRA parks enlist park hosts, he said.

Gillen said the goal of the project was not to bring more people into the park but to sustain the day population the area currently attracts.

"We hope these improvements will help better manage the park," he said.

The project would replace the site's three portable toilets with flush models, Gillen said.

In the Lake Travis area, LCRA maintains nine properties including the Low Water Crossing Park, he said.

"We have a vision to tie them together through roads, hike and bike trails, and waterways," Gillen said.

Although LCRA Parks Superintendent Susie Baxter-Harwell said the agency had no immediate plans

to charge a fee to the admission-free park, LCRA may in the future consider charging admission to supplement its operating costs. She said the agency's parks are required to generate 50 percent of the funds needed for maintenance.

Architect Steve Knoll presented two options for the project as well as what future designs may entail for anticipated projects on portions of the tract that have not received funding. The future projects may include a camp store, kayak rental center, concession stand, linear promenade with a picnic area along the water and a fishing pier, he said.

Some park users fish off the bridge in the park, an activity that is not allowed by the city of Austin, which owns the bridge, Baxter-Harwell said.

Additionally, a learning or staging area that would house kayak classes and a separate pavilion for community events are possible future projects, Knoll said.

"We're making [the park] better, more efficient and able to be maintained," he said.

Out of the roughly 50 people attending the presentation, 45 said they were against the proposal. A majority of the opponents were from the neighborhoods adjoining the park—Hidden Valley and Montview Harbor. Hidden Valley dead-ends at Fritz Hughes Park and Montview Harbor is adjacent to Steiner Ranch.

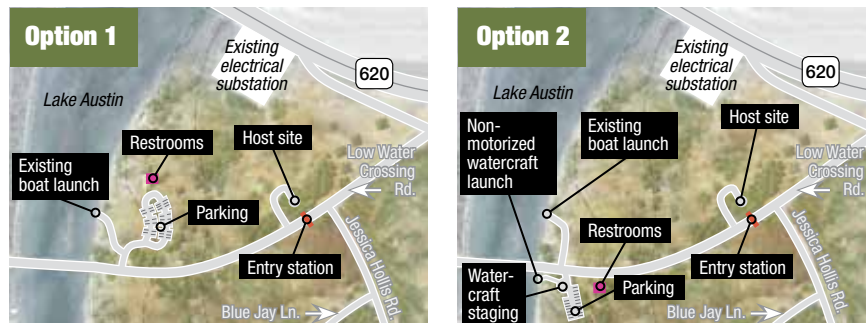
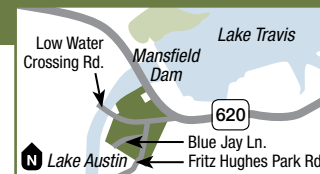
The residents cited concerns over a possible increase in crime and trash from additional park visitors, traffic



LCRA staffers John Gillen and Susie Baxter-Harwell address West Austin residents April 22.

Low Water Crossing Park options

Lower Colorado River Authority staffers presented two options for a \$400,000 improvement project at the Low Water Crossing Park. Both options include restrooms, parking, an entry station and host site but vary in the facilities' placement.



Source: Lower Colorado River Authority/Community Impact Newspaper

issues, added fire potential, environmental issues and homeland security because Mansfield Dam may be a target in a terror attack.

"People come into our neighborhood after checking out the park," Montview resident Phil Han said.

He said he has already encountered visitors trespassing into his backyard from the creek and was concerned that the increase in park patrons would only exacerbate the problem.

"The park hosts [are] our eyes and

ears in the park," Gillen said. "They will alert Travis County and the game wardens."

Baxter-Harwell said boundary fencing can be constructed along the park area. She also said LCRA envisioned the park for day use only and is not planning on allowing overnight camping at this time.

"We're talking about a very environmentally sensitive area," Han said. "And we're talking about inviting people into the area."

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DEVELOPMENT

Proposed Four Points affordable housing community awaits funding

By Leslee Bassman and Amy Denney

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs will determine July 31 how it will allocate tax credits for 173 proposed affordable housing communities, including the Cardinal Point Apartments at 11011 1/2 Four Points Drive, Austin. Public comment on the project to TDHCA closes June 12.

Cardinal Point is a 120-unit community that would offer affordable housing including rents between \$600 and \$700 per month, said Walter Moreau, executive director of developer Foundation Communities.

Market-rate rents in the Four Points area range from \$848-\$2,299.

A portion of the community would be reserved for residents who have recently moved out of homelessness, Moreau said.

Developers are able to cover 70 percent of low-income housing construction costs through the tax credit program, said Gordon Anderson, senior communications adviser at the TDHCA. Funding construction through credits allows a developer to offer rent at less than market value, he said. Tenants earning up to 60 percent of the area median family income are eligible to live in properties built using credits.

How tax credits work

Housing tax credits are part of a federal program funded through the U.S. Treasury Department to use private investment dollars to create affordable housing, Anderson said. Once the developer receives a tax credit, he or she then sells the credit to an investment partner who provides capital in exchange for equity in the project. Investors receive a dollar-for-dollar reduction on federal tax bills for 10 years.

The Cardinal Point proposal is part of a region that includes seven applicants competing for \$3,787,731 in tax credits as of April 15, Anderson said. Those seven applicants have requested a total of \$9,261,437 in tax credits, nearly a 3-to-1 ratio of funding. Cardinal Point developers have requested \$1.5 million in tax credits for the project. Additionally, the project is planned for an area in which only 6.1 percent of the residents live at or

below the federal poverty rate.

"The [ratio of nearly 3-to-1 in available tax credits] illustrates just how competitive the process is," Anderson said.

Factors considered

More than 20 criteria exist to score applicants for tax credits, Anderson said. However, there are a few factors that are given more weight in the decision, including the financial feasibility of the proposed development, income levels of tenants served, and the size and quality of the units proposed, he said.

Additionally, scoring factors include the amount of local government support the project has, he said. On Feb. 12, Austin City Council agreed to a \$1.88 million loan to developers for the Cardinal Point project.

"The goal of the program is to target as deep a pocket of need as possible," he said.

Cardinal Point developers are currently waiting to learn the scoring of the project and real estate underwriting review by TDHCA, Moreau said.

Opposition

The Cardinal Point proposal has drawn opposition from nearby neighborhoods including River Place and Grandview Hills, as well as opposition from District 6 Councilman Don Zimmerman, who voted against three proposed projects in his district, including Cardinal Point. Although Zimmerman supports affordable housing, he said he is against subsidizing development because such properties are not on the tax roll, resulting in higher taxes for nearby residents to sustain the additional burden on roads and other city services.

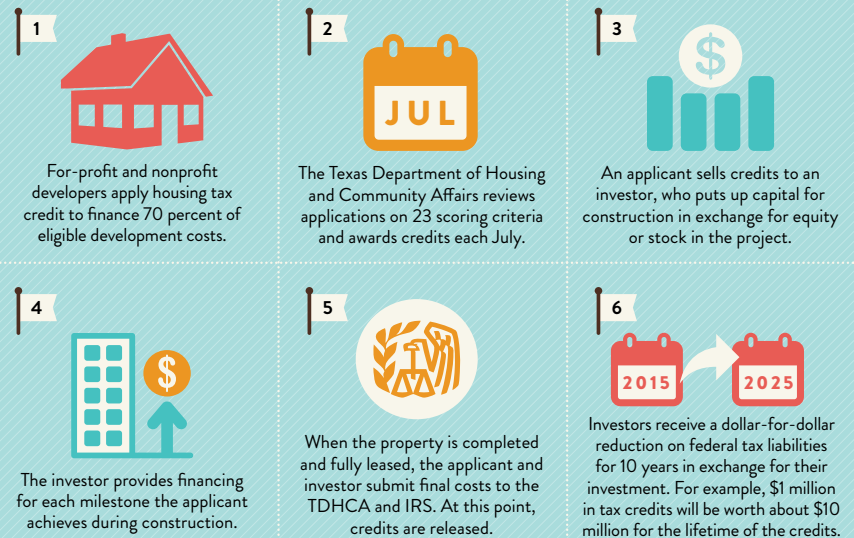
"Subsidized housing is unaffordable because it's based on unsustainable taxation and government subsidies," he said.

Instead, Zimmerman said the city should focus on reforming existing ordinances, reducing regulation and revamping management in the permitting department to make housing development more affordable.

The River Place homeowners association filed a statement with the TDHCA on Feb. 27 opposing the complex based on concerns about the

HOW DO HOUSING TAX CREDITS WORK?

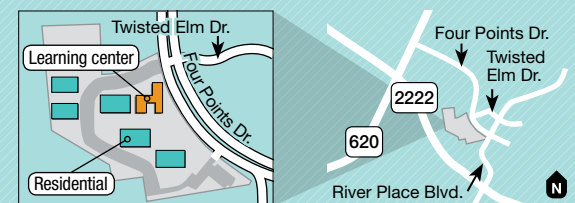
The program is funded through the U.S. Treasury Department and is overseen by the IRS. The goal is to use private dollars to create affordable housing.



Source: Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs/Community Impact Newspaper

CARDINAL POINT APARTMENTS

The proposed Cardinal Point Apartments would include a learning center and programming.



WHO LIVES IN A FOUNDATION COMMUNITIES HOME?

Foundation Communities provides affordable housing to low-income and previously homeless residents.



For individuals and families with low to moderate incomes to live at a Foundation Communities property one must:

- Meet specific income guidelines
- Pass criminal and credit checks
- Have a good rental history



For at-risk and homeless families to live at a Foundation Communities property one must:

- Be a family with children
- One adult must be working at least part-time and able to move toward full-time status
- The family's total income cannot exceed 30 percent of Austin's median annual family income

Source: Foundation Communities/Community Impact Newspaper

increase in traffic the project would create at the nearby intersection of RR 222 and River Place Boulevard. The group also noted that Four Points lacks bus service.

Zimmerman said he does not buy the traffic argument.

"It's not possible anymore to target a particular development or project and oppose that on the grounds of traffic congestion because the entire city is congested," he said. "If you're going to bring that principled rationale, no one is allowed to build anything anywhere for that reason."

Multifamily housing also

contributes lower amounts of traffic than single-family homes or commercial developments, said Mandy De Mayo, executive director of HousingWorks Austin, an affordable housing research and advocacy group. People who would qualify to live at Cardinal Point likely already work in the area and need housing closer to work, she said.

"You need to look at affordable housing as a traffic solution," De Mayo said. "If you have jobs all over town and people can only afford to live in Buda, Kyle or Manor, then ... they're clogging the roadways."

CITY & COUNTY

News from Bee Cave, Four Points, Lakeway and Rollingwood

Compiled by Leslee Bassman and Dylan Lysen



Residents of Versante Canyon, located in western Travis County, clear brush to make their community less prone to wildfires. The neighborhood was certified as a Firewise Community.

Versante Canyon neighborhood certified as a Firewise Community on March 22

Addition marks 22 Firewise communities in Travis County

FOUR POINTS Versante Canyon was the 22nd Travis County community officially recognized by the National Fire Protection Association as a Firewise Community.

The Austin neighborhood, located at 8824 RR 620 near Concordia University Texas, celebrated its recognition with a March 22 ceremony in the Versante Canyon Clubhouse.

Firewise event and track volunteer time and costs.

The Firewise program assists wildland urban interface areas—meaning wildland fires are possible in the area, said Versante Canyon's Firewise organizer Bill Childs.

"[The Firewise Community certification] simply recognizes that we've begun a long journey that will never end," he said. "We will always be threatened by wildfire and will be constantly vigilant to protect our families and property."



"We will always be threatened by wildfire..."

—Bill Childs, Versante Canyon Firewise organizer

The achievement was a product of cooperative efforts among Versante Canyon residents, Texas A&M Forest Service and Austin Fire Department.

According to a news release, the neighborhood was required to create a Firewise committee, obtain an overall assessment of its fire risk, develop a Firewise plan, hold an annual

Lakeway Municipal Court recognized for traffic safety

LAKEWAY The Texas Municipal Courts Education Center and the Texas Department of Transportation recognized Lakeway's Municipal Court on March 30 for its traffic safety initiatives.

The city was honored along with 17 other Texas municipal courts at the annual Traffic Safety Conference in Austin. Lakeway's programs include public safety slideshows, bumper stickers with the court's



Lakeway Municipal Court Judge Kevin Madison was honored for his safety initiatives.

telephone number to report unsafe driving and teen driving contracts.

Lakeway Municipal Court Judge Kevin Madison was a speaker at the event.

Mayor to develop lightning policy for city of Rollingwood

ROLLINGWOOD Mayor Thom Farrell said he will provide Rollingwood City Council with a city-wide lightning policy for its May 20 meeting.

On April 15 the council discussed creating a policy to address what residents should do for protection in a storm, including the city purchasing a lightning detection system.

Alderman Jordan Scott said he and the Parks Commission were prompted to add a lightning detection system as a result of an April 2014 event during which residents remained in a parking lot despite hearing thunder. He also cited a lightning strike of a youth soccer player in Bee Cave the same year.

Scott said cities have either systems to warn residents of lightning or rely on residents to understand the situation is dangerous.

"At either rate, we need a policy in place, and we need some signs out there telling anybody how to react in the case of lightning," he said.

Central Park to get lightning detection system by June 1

BEE CAVE Due in part to a \$10,000 donation by Bee Cave benefactor Adrian Overstreet, the city's Central Park will receive a Thor Guard lightning detection system.

Overstreet, the managing partner for Hill Country Galleria's Sonesta Hotel, which is under construction, made the donation at Bee Cave City Council's April 28 meeting. The City Council unanimously approved installing a Thor Guard lightning detection system for Central Park visitors.

Overstreet's donation will cover 80 percent of the system cost, Mayor Caroline Murphy said.

It will be installed by June 1, City Manager Travis Askey said.



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News from the 84th Texas Legislature

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TRANSPORTATION

By Amy Denney

The status of additional state funding for the Texas Department of Transportation is up in the air as the Texas House and Senate will have to discuss their differences on approving a bill designed to divert money to the State Highway Fund and TxDOT.

On April 30, the House approved Senate Joint Resolution 5, which would dedicate \$3 billion of revenue from the state sales and use tax to the State Highway Fund each fiscal year. However, the bill differs from the Senate's version, approved March 4. The Senate's version of the bill would dedicate the first \$2.5 billion of motor vehicle sales tax revenue to the state's general revenue fund and the second \$2.5 billion to the SHF. The Senate declined to accept the House's version of the bill May 4, requiring both chambers to hash out differences in a conference committee.

FUNDING TEXAS ROADS

Senate	House
Motor vehicle sales tax	Sales and use tax
\$2.5 billion to general revenue fund	\$3 billion + 2% of growth to State Highway Fund
\$2.5 billion to State Highway Fund	
	Source: Texas Legislature Online

ECONOMY AND SMALL BUSINESS

By Joe Olivieri

HB 40, a bill which would clarify that the state—and not local authorities—would regulate oil and gas activity, was approved by the Senate and sent to the governor for action May 6.

HB 26, a bill that would abolish the Texas Emerging Technology Fund among other actions, was sent on May 5 to the Senate Natural Resources & Economic Development committee.

HB 1155, a bill that would create a program to help the relocation or expansion of businesses with high-skilled jobs, was sent to the Senate on May 5.



Representatives discuss a bill May 5.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

By Kelli Weldon

On May 6, chambers of commerce, school boards and superintendents came to the Capitol to voice support for the House's version of an education budget allocating \$3 billion for education in Texas. The Senate's version allocates about \$1.4 billion.

On May 5, the Senate committee on education voted 9-2 to approve HB 4, which outlines a high-quality prekindergarten program. The bill now heads to the Senate.

On April 22 the House passed SB 149, which aims to create committees to determine if students who pass classes but fail standardized tests can graduate. Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, who filed the bill, moved to concur with House amendments April 29, and the Senate approved that motion. SB 149 was sent to the governor April 30.

SB 1483, filed by Sen. Sylvia Garcia, D-Houston, defines the community schools model and was considered in a public hearing April 23.

"Although community schools are operational in Texas, currently there is no definition or uniform set of practices," Garcia said in an April 7 meeting, noting schools could choose the model outlined in statute instead of using a Texas Education Agency intervention team.

HIGHER EDUCATION



University presidents Bill Powers and Mark Hussey joined forces earlier in the legislative session asking law makers for funding.

By Jennifer Curington

Bills slated to bring changes to higher education are still waiting for passage.

A bill that would allow licensed concealed weapon owners to carry firearms on public college campuses was approved by the Senate but still has not been heard on the House floor. A bill repealing a law allowing some undocumented students to pay in-state tuition rates is waiting to be heard by the Senate but has not cleared its first committee in the House. Some other bills in limbo include those that would issue revenue bonds to help higher education institutions fund projects such as new facilities.

HEALTH CARE

By Lyndsey Taylor

The Senate approved SB 575 May 6 with a 21-10 vote relating to abortion services covered by health insurance plans.

The bill, authored by Sen. Larry Taylor, R-Friendswood, moves onto the House for a vote and prohibits "elective abortions" from being covered in private health insurance plans, some health benefit plans for state employees, as well as those offered through the federal Health Insurance Marketplace, except in the case of a medical emergency, according to the bill analysis. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act allows individual states to set their own parameters for abortion coverage for health plans offered through the Health Insurance Marketplace.

SB 575

- Prohibits "elective abortions" from being covered by private health insurance plans and plans offered through the federal Health Insurance Marketplace, except in the case of a medical emergency
- Clarifies insurance coverage for women seeking an "elective abortion" is available through purchasing supplemental health plans

Source: www.capitol.state.tx.us

BUDGET

By Leslee Bassman

On April 28 the House unanimously approved HB 31, which would decrease the state sales tax rate from 6.25 percent to 5.95 percent, and HB 32 by a vote of 116-29, which would reduce the state's franchise tax rate by 25 percent.

"Today the House voted [HB 31] to provide all Texans with tax relief that encourages job creation and economic growth," House Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, said. Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer, D-San Antonio, opposed HB 32, saying the money saved should be spent on state needs including public schools and veterans programs.

"If you think we have enough money in our schools, vote for this bill," he said. "... If you believe our health care plan is the best plan that we can provide to our Texans, vote for this bill. Otherwise, know we've just sent a tax relief bill to the Senate with HB 31."

The Senate passed SB 762 also on April 28, resulting in an increase from \$500 to \$2,500 in the amount of business personal property that is exempt from property tax.

"Every Texan that owns a small business, is a sole proprietor, LLC or others will love this bill as it saves them time and money," Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, said.

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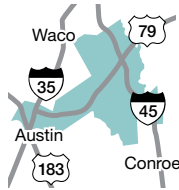
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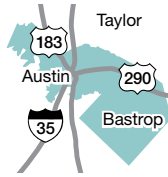
- SB 8 passed out of the Senate by a vote of 24-7. It aims to provide businesses with tax cuts by eliminating the state franchise tax for more than 52 percent of all businesses
- SB 239 passed out of the Senate. The bill aims to offer student loan assistance for mental health professionals who agree to treat underserved patients.

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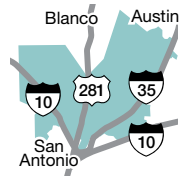
- SB 585 and SB 586 requires lobbyists to disclose expenditures of \$50 or more per day spent on politicians and their families. The Senate passed both bills May 5.
- SB 754 funds a motorcycle safety and driver education campaign using money in the Motorcycle Education Fund. The bill passed the Senate on May 5 and was sent to the House for consideration.

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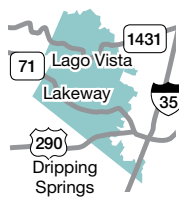
- SB 310 and SB 573 were presented to committee May 3. The bills provide local oversight of debt and bond issuance.
- SB 1639 protects property owners from annexation into a city without the consent of the area majority. It was presented to committee on April 30.
- SB 1900 was approved by committee May 3. The bill provides facility funding for charter schools.

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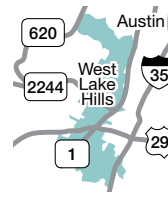
- House Joint Resolution 79 was put on the House calendar May 9. It calls for a convention of the states to propose a U.S. Constitution amendment for a balanced federal budget.
- HB 40 gives Texas exclusive jurisdiction over oil and gas operations in the state. It passed the House on April 20, and the Senate on May 4, and was sent to the governor.

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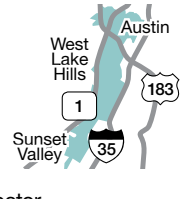
- HB 2396 received a second reading on the House floor May 5. The bill addresses tuition funds that are not used for their intended purpose.
- The House passed HB 2660 on May 5. The bill addresses the attendance and funding disparity between public school students on a regular schedule and those on a flexible schedule.

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Recent activity:

- HB 837, which creates a mitigating factor in a defense for patients who are recommended medicinal marijuana by a doctor, was left pending in the Public Health Committee.
- HB 3183, a living will directive and do-not-resuscitate order of a pregnant patient—also known as Marliese's Law—was also left pending in a committee despite an April 15 public hearing.



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DEVELOPMENT BRIEFS

Bee Cave Arts Foundation molds Phase 2 of city's sculpture park

New section to open mid-May on W. Hwy. 71 tract

By Leslee Bassman

About 18 months after its grand opening, the Bee Cave Sculpture Park will unveil its final phase in mid-May, said Chad Bockius, president and founder of the Bee Cave Arts Foundation. Bockius' nonprofit group is responsible for creating and developing the park that is free to the public and open from sunrise to sundown.

The 7-acre park, located across from the Bee Cave Police Department off Hwy. 71, opened its eight pad sites in November 2013. Over time a total of nine additional sculptures were added to the first phase, Bockius said.

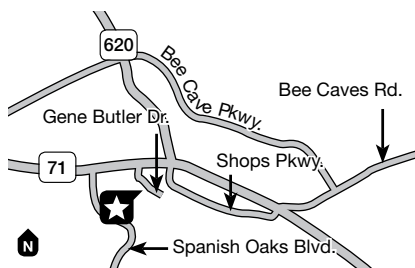
The new section will house an additional nine sculptures, including the "Prelude" piece, which was purchased for \$250,000 from the city of Austin seven months ago, Bockius said. The 16-foot-tall sculpture was

in a state of disrepair when it was acquired, but volunteers refurbished it, he said.

The second phase of the park was not a part of its initial design, Bockius said.

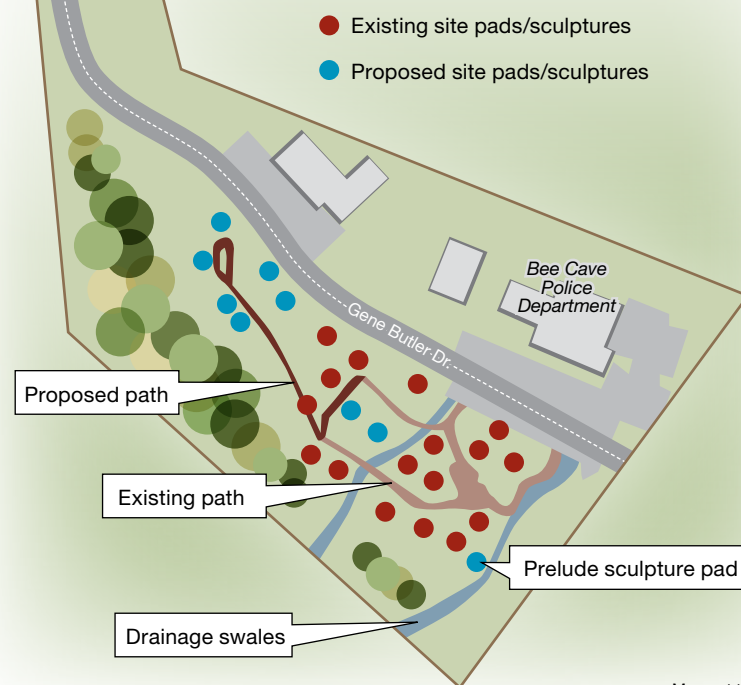
"After walking the remainder of the park [once Phase 1 was in place], I realized what a great piece of land this was," he said.

The Bee Cave Economic Development Board funded the \$18,000 in park improvements needed for Phase 2.



Bee Cave Sculpture Park

Construction of Phase 2 of the Bee Cave Sculpture Park is underway and expected to be completed in mid-May. The project will feature nine new artwork pieces, including a bench and the "Prelude" sculpture, which was purchased from the city of Austin seven months ago and refurbished.



Map not to scale

Source: Bee Cave Arts Foundation/Community Impact Newspaper

Columbarium, garden to be added to West Lake Hills church grounds

By Dylan Lysen

St. John Neumann Catholic Church received final approval from West Lake Hills City Council on April 22 to begin building a 4,500-square-foot outdoor columbarium and prayer garden on the church's campus at 5455 Bee Caves Road.

The church columbarium, housing urns holding cremated remains, will be open to registered church members and their direct family, Chief Operations Officer Chad Nusbaum said.

"It's an opportunity for our parishioners to spend time in prayer with their loved ones," he said.

The project contains three phases, including building 384 niches, or storage units, per phase, he said. A niche can hold two urns, Nusbaum said.

The project includes placing new trees along the columbarium, he said.

Phase 1 construction will begin in June and continue for three to four months, Nusbaum said.



St. John Neumann Catholic Church will begin construction of a columbarium and gardens.

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DEVELOPMENT BRIEFS

WCID 17 plans for June opening of household recycling center

Test collections begin in early June, public events later

By Dylan Lysen

Travis County Water Control and Improvement District 17 is planning on an early June opening for its Household Reuse and Recycling Center, WCID 17 administrative assistant Linda Sandlin said.

The new center is located at 3207 Neidhardt Drive, Austin, just off General Williamson Drive in Austin.

The facility neared completion in late March but could not open because Neidhardt Drive had not been paved because of weather delays, Sandlin said. The road is scheduled to be paved in mid-May, she said.

Although the center will open in June, the staff will need to prepare before public events, said Julie Oakley, Lakeway finance director and center spokeswoman.

"The Household Reuse and Recycling Center will conduct test collections in June to prepare the facility and staff to offer public events in the future," she said.

The project is funded by the cities of Bee Cave and Lakeway, the Lakeway Municipal Utility District, Hurst Creek Municipal Utility District, Village of The Hills and WCID 17. Residential utility customers of these regional entities will be allowed to drop off unused household materials such as paint, pesticides and motor oil at no charge, Sandlin said.

Prior to constructing the new facility, an annual one-day event

to collect household materials was held at the parking lot of one of the nearby schools, Sandlin said. As the annual event garnered increased drop-offs, the need for a more permanent facility became evident, she said. The facility will have limited openings this year as WCID 17 staffers learn the needs of the community and the center's capabilities, allowing the organization to take small steps to plan appropriately for the facility's future, she said.

The center will accept household items and some paints and automotive products. The center will not take tires, electronics, explosive material, medical waste or radioactive materials, Sandlin said. Accepted materials must come in their original containers for transport, she said.

Before the new facility opens, drop-offs may be taken to the Travis County Household Waste Facility located at 2514 Business Center Drive, Austin, Sandlin said.

To dispose of fluorescent light bulbs, Sandlin suggests residents use The Home Depot, which has an ongoing fluorescent light bulb recycling service.



Steiner Ranch adds community

Construction on multifamily homesites set for summer

By Leslee Bassman

A multifamily community, Tacara Steiner Ranch, is set to add 246 housing units to the Steiner Ranch neighborhood at 4306 N. Quinlan Park Road.

Developed by Casey Development Ltd. of San Antonio, the project will include 10 residential buildings, a swimming pool and a clubhouse, Director of Development Services Greg Gibson said. The community is

slated for a 60-acre site, he said.

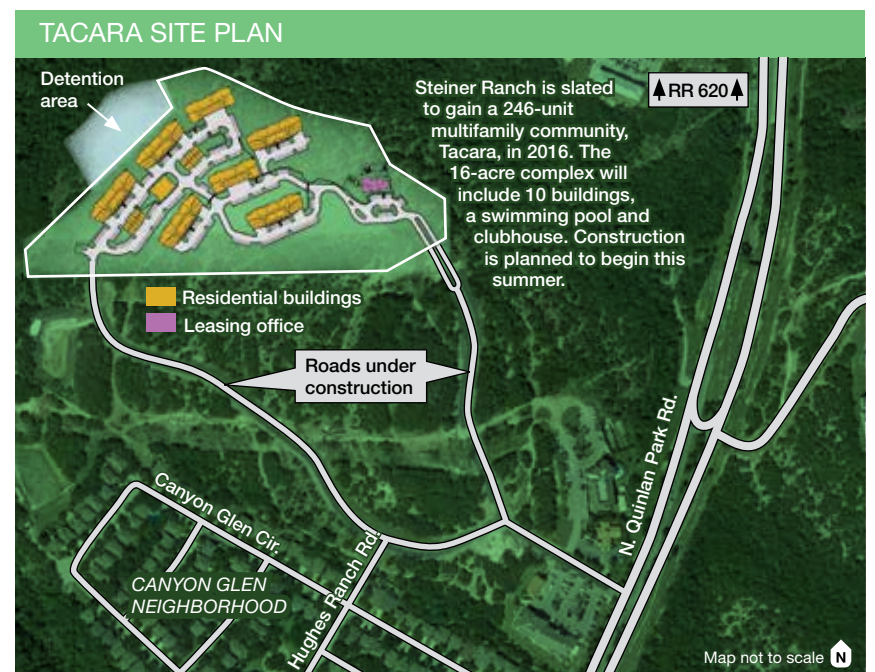
The project will offer one-, two- and three-bedroom units starting in size at 624 square feet, Gibson said.

"The views of the lake on our site will be pretty incredible," he said.

Construction is set to begin this summer, Gibson said. The first units are expected to be offered for rent in the late spring or early summer of 2016, he said.



Units in the Tacara multifamily community are scheduled to be available for rent in May 2016.



Source: Casey Development Ltd./Community Impact Newspaper




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EDUCATION BRIEFS

Abercorn earns IB World School designation

Lakeway school's primary years program receives international certification

By Dylan Lysen

Abercorn International School earned International Baccalaureate World School status March 11. The foundation recognized the school's Primary Years Programme.

Abercorn's program encourages students to integrate art into their science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or STEM, programs, the school announced in a news release.

Abercorn, 601 S. RR 620, Lakeway, is the only Austin-area school to achieve full authorization from IB, the release stated.

Students combined STEM and arts during the school's fall musical show, featuring LEGO constructions, produce and objects produced by a 3D printer.

Abercorn Headmistress Dusty Fretwell said the thinking process in STEM subjects and art are closely related.

"The level of creative, critical thinking and analyzing comes into arts as it does [with STEM]," Fretwell said. "If you think about it, all the skills are related. We feel we can't separate [the analysis and arts]. It's such a natural fit."



Max Miller performs during an Abercorn International School musical production.

Courtesy Abercorn International School

Eanes ISD campus teachers receive awards

By Dylan Lysen

Eanes ISD announced its nine campus Teacher of the Year winners April 15. The school district's Teacher of the Year award winner will be announced from the nine campus nominees at EISD's recognition dinner on May 7.

"All the research has shown that there is nothing more important to the academic and social and emotional health of students than having a highly effective teacher in the classroom," EISD Superintendent Tom Leonard said. "These Teacher of the Year nominees all reflect excellence in the

CAMPUS TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARDS	
SCHOOL	TEACHER AND TITLE
Barton Creek Elementary	Melissa Sankey, behavior support
Bridge Point Elementary	Shelly Dennington, behavior support
Cedar Creek Elementary	Cindy Artz, second grade
Eanes Elementary	Elizabeth Holstien, second grade
Forest Trail Elementary	Cindy Lueck, English language learning
Valley View Elementary	Holly Peterson, fourth grade
Hill Country Middle	Krista Bradham, math
West Ridge Middle	Julie Campbell, Texas history
Westlake High	Denise Demartino, chemistry

Source: Eanes ISD/Community Impact Newspaper

classroom, which has become the standard of all of the staff in Eanes ISD. We are very proud of them."

The Westlake Rotary Club

sponsors the award, and Rotary members serve on the District Teacher of the Year selection committee, which chooses the overall winner.

CAMPUS TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARDS	
SCHOOL	TEACHER AND TITLE
Bee Cave Elementary	Joel Stuemke, first grade
Lake Pointe Elementary	Patsy Mendel, gifted & talented
Lake Travis Elementary	Matt Bowers, music
Lakeway Elementary	Vanessa Malone, fourth grade
Serene Hills Elementary	Carol Nelson, dyslexia/reading
West Cypress Hills Elementary	Shannon Kelly, dyslexia/reading
Hudson Bend Middle	Ryan Dann, math
Lake Travis Middle	Susan Jones, math
Lake Travis High	Ashley Bernard, Health/Science

Source: Lake Travis ISD/Community Impact Newspaper

Lake Travis ISD announces teacher of the year awards

By Dylan Lysen

Lake Travis ISD Superintendent Brad Lancaster made classroom visits April 10 and 13 announcing 2014-15 Campus Teacher of the Year winners.

Of those selected, one elementary and one secondary teacher will be selected as a Teacher of the Year LTISD representative. The two recipients will then be considered for the regional and state Teacher of the Year awards.

"We have some of the finest teachers in all of Texas," Lancaster said in a news release. "They work hard each and every day to provide a safe and nurturing learning environment for students in a highly demanding and ever-evolving profession. In particular, our campus Teachers of the Year have demonstrated a unique ability to help all students achieve, resulting in exceptionally high academic and extracurricular performance districtwide. We congratulate them for this well-deserved honor."

The LTISD Campus Teacher of the Year winners will be formally recognized during the May 19 board of trustees meeting.

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EDUCATION

LTISD unveils proposed 2015-16 budget

Officials expect to make up difference of \$2.5 million revenue shortfall

By Leslee Bassman

Although Lake Travis ISD will be working with what officials consider to be a more manageable \$2.5 million shortfall in its 2015-16 budget, tough times are in store for the district when it faces a projected \$7.6 million loss two years later.

LTISD officials and board of trustees reviewed the district's proposed budget for 2015-16 on April 1. It will be approved in August.

The new budget tallies a projected revenue of \$98,364,641 with expenses expected to be \$100,864,641, leaving a \$2.5 million deficit. The 2014-15 fund balance deficit was \$1.7 million.

The budget process

"In February we started the budget process and asked campuses to do a zero-based

budget—they start off at \$0 and put down what they think they will need to operate," said Johnny Hill, LTISD assistant superintendent for Business, Financial and Auxiliary Services.

He said each campus presents its request for needs, and officials decide on a per-pupil allocation based on district population growth and expected revenue. The LTISD board of trustees adds input.

Once the board approves the shortfall, the district works hard to end the year with a balanced budget, he said.

Hill said the district generally makes up the difference between its starting and ending deficits through personnel attrition during the year.

He said a starting teacher earns \$250 and a substitute

teacher earns \$85 daily

The substitute staffer for a relinquished position may be in place for two months at a lower cost before the permanent position is filled, he said.

"Eighty percent of the budget is in personnel," Hill said. "We have more than 1,100 employees and an 8 percent annual turnover rate."

He said cuts, if any, will be from the support services area of the district, such as technology and administration.

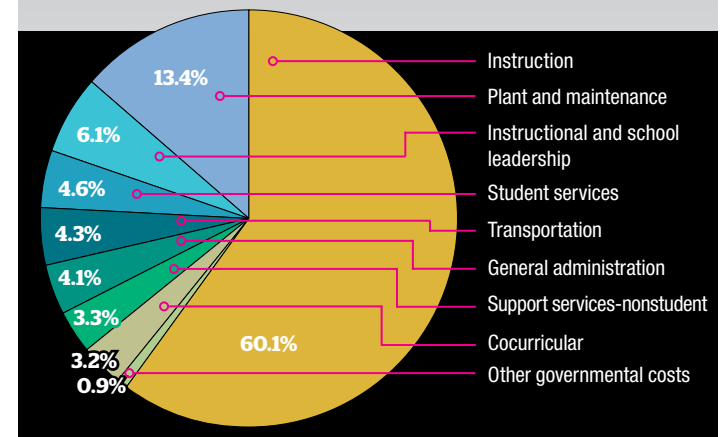
"We never cut back on campus allocation," Hill said of services that include teachers, nurses and counselors. "We are not talking about cutting any campus-based services."

A shortfall in the range of \$2 million to \$2.5 million is acceptable because the district can make it up, he said.

"Overall, I'm very happy

EYEING LTISD'S PROPOSED 2015-16 BUDGET

On April 1 the Lake Travis ISD board of trustees received a proposed district budget for the 2015-16 school year. The majority of the general fund budget will go toward teacher salaries.



Source: Lake Travis ISD/Community Impact Newspaper

with the way the budget is looking now," Hill said. "With a \$2.5 million deficit, I feel very confident we will end the year at a balanced budget."

Looking ahead

LTISD continues to receive state money annually as compensation for the 2005-06 school year when Texas reduced school district property taxes from \$1.50 to \$1

statewide, Hill said.

Some relief for current school finance formulas may come from legislative efforts this session, spokesman Marco Alvarado said.

"With the long-range budget, we're talking about major, major cuts—deep personnel cuts," Hill said. "We're looking at lowering the tax relief [the school district] is giving to our homeowners."

LTISD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

The six LTISD elementary schools had a total enrollment of 4,145 students in the 2014-15 school year, which is expected to grow to 4,409 students in 2015-16.

SCHOOL	ACTUAL 2014-15	PROJECTED 2015-16
Bee Cave Elem.	616	673
Lake Pointe Elem.	671	678
Lake Travis Elem.	881	900
Lakeway Elem.	698	706
Serene Hills Elem.	755	846
West Cypress Hills Elem.	524	606
TOTAL	4,145	4,409

LTISD MIDDLE SCHOOLS

The two LTISD middle schools had a total enrollment of 2,095 students in 2014-15 which is expected to increase to 2,201 students in 2015-16.

SCHOOL	ACTUAL 2014-15	PROJECTED 2015-16
Hudson Bend M.S.	1,029	1,101
Lake Travis M.S.	1,066	1,100
TOTAL	2,095	2,201

LTISD HIGH SCHOOL

Lake Travis High School is anticipated to increase its enrollment from 2,556 students in 2014-15 to 2,737 students in 2015-16.

SCHOOL	ACTUAL 2014-15	PROJECTED 2015-16
Lake Travis H.S.	2,556	2,737
TOTAL	2,556	2,737

LTISD PROJECTED 2015-16 ENROLLMENT: 9,347

CHANGE FROM 2014-15: 551

PERCENTAGE OF CHANGE FROM 2014-15: + 6.3%

Source: Lake Travis ISD/Community Impact Newspaper

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ENVIRONMENT

Opposition to proposed elevated double-deck bridge mounting

By Leslee Bassman and Dylan Lysen

Rollingwood resident Wendi Hundley said she walks her three children to Zilker Park daily for fresh air and exercise along Lady Bird Lake. She said she is opposed to the section of the proposed MoPac South project that would add an elevated, double-decked toll road over the lake.

"We use the park all the time, and if the toll road is built there would be lanes of traffic," Hundley said. "It will forever change this metropolitan area."

She also said she fears vehicles will be diverted through her neighborhood adjacent to the proposed project when the roadway becomes full.

"Once you build [the tollway], you can't take it away," Hundley said.

Rollingwood City Council heard Hundley's testimony April 15 before unanimously approving a resolution opposing the double-decked, elevated bridge and agreeing to work with the city of Austin and Travis County to determine an alternative to the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority bridge proposal.

A public forum at Austin High School was held March 30 by environmentalists as well as Rollingwood and Austin residents opposing the project.

As a result of this community feedback, CTRMA Executive Director Mike Heiligenstein stated in a May 1 web post that the agency will hold another open house this summer, extend the project study by three to six months, and host neighborhood meetings to share information.

Rollingwood weighs options

At its April 15 meeting, Rollingwood

City Council reviewed options to oppose the double-deck bridge that the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization approved April 13 to be included in its 2040 draft plan.

"I was left with the impression that the reason [CAMPO] needed the elevated bridge over Lady Bird Lake is that they were taking two express lanes down to one express lane," Rollingwood Mayor Thom Farrell said. "And they said to us, 'We don't have any other way to route the traffic.'"

The City Council discussed hiring a lobbyist to help further advance their opposition to the double-deck toll road but decided to consult with an attorney first to determine the city's rights.

Farrell said the city of Rollingwood needs to work with Austin's Transportation Department to introduce a plan that can handle the same traffic capacity but without the upper deck.

"I think the city of Austin is willing to look at this with us as an alternative because they have just as much to lose on this as we do," he said.

Double deck OK'd by CAMPO

The MoPac South proposal, including an elevated, double deck bridge across Lady Bird Lake, was approved by CAMPO's Transportation Policy Board April 13 as a proposed amendment to its draft 2040 plan.

Travis County Commissioner Brigid Shea said she opposed the measure, opting for board members to incorporate an earlier plan that included only one lane in each direction on the tollway crossing the lake. She said the change to two lanes in each direction adds a double-deck bridge over the lake

CITY OPPOSES ELEVATED, DOUBLE-DECKED LANES

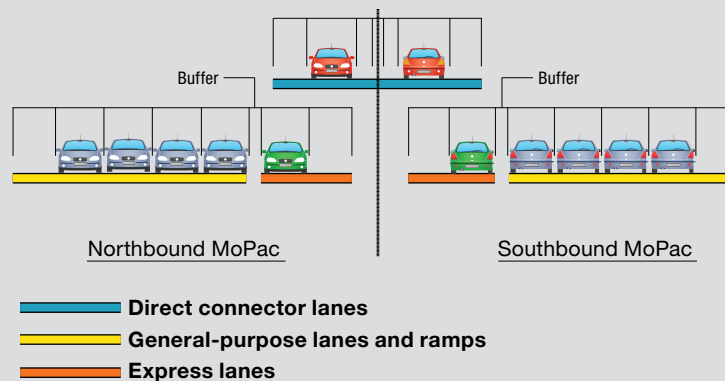
Rollingwood City Council approved a resolution to work with Austin and Travis County to determine alternatives to the proposed elevated double-decked bridge over Lady Bird Lake. Residents opposing the bridge addressed council members April 15.



Rollingwood Mayor Thom Farrell said he is against a proposal to construct an elevated double-decked bridge over Lady Bird Lake.

PROPOSED SECTION OVER LADY BIRD LAKE

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization voted to amend its proposed 2040 draft plan to include elevated double-deck toll lanes on MoPac, across Lady Bird Lake and extending to Cesar Chavez Street.



Source: MoPac South Environmental Study/Community Impact Newspaper

to accommodate the total of four lanes.

Shea said her concerns about the proposal focus on the road's technical feasibility, effect on connecting roadways and environmental compliance.

"It just strikes me that if any of the other communities here learned of a pretty dramatic change to a toll road project in the middle of their

downtown, and asked for a consideration to not vote to put it in the [2040] plan, or rather vote for the less-intense version and allow more time to study the impact of it, we would support that," Shea said. "That's a reasonable request, it seems to me."

CAMPO's policy board will vote on the draft 2040 plan May 11.



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Courtesy Cuernavaca Arts Cooperative

17 **Art at the Park**

This event features paintings, sculpture and photography with established and up-and-coming area artists highlighted. Attendees can also walk the trails of the Sculpture Park. Hosted by the Cuernavaca Arts Cooperative, art activities are available, and all ages can attend. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Old Bee Cave Schoolhouse, 13333 W. Hwy. 71, Ste. A, Bee Cave. 512-589-3137. www.cuernyarts.com

17 **Stop the Clot 5K Race and One-Mile Walk**

The event is intended to help the National Blood Clot Alliance reach its \$10,000 fundraising campaign goal. 8 a.m. (packet pickup), 9 a.m. (5K race begins), 9:15 a.m. (1-mile walk begins). \$35 (adults) \$15 (ages 12 and under). The Reserve at Lake Travis, 2208 Sea Biscuit Cove, Ste. 132, Spicewood. [www.https://stoptheclot.webconnex.com/stc2015austin/registration](https://stoptheclot.webconnex.com/stc2015austin/registration)

18 **Storehouse Golf Tournament**

The annual golf tournament raises money to provide groceries for needy families. 1 p.m. (shotgun start). \$125 (per player). Lost Creek Country Club, 2612 Lost Creek Blvd., Austin. 512-989-9989. www.thestorehousenetwork.com/golf-tourney.html



Courtesy Lake Travis Community Library

19 **Ceramic art presentation and exhibit**

Local artist Joe Rodriguez gives a presentation on working with clay, including firing techniques and information on a few of his own pieces. His ceramic art is on exhibit at the Lake Travis Community Library in May. 6 p.m. Free. Lake Travis Community Library, 1938 Lohman's Crossing, Austin. 512-263-2885. www.laketralibrary.org

20 **Lakeway Men's Breakfast Club features George N. Miller, Jr.**

The breakfast club, available to men residing in the Greater Lakeway area, features George N. Miller, Jr., CEO of Community Care Health Center. 7 a.m. (breakfast), 8 a.m. (speaker). \$1 (breakfast). Lakeway Activity Center, 105 Cross Creek, Lakeway. 512-363-5793. www.lakeway.org/men.htm. speakers@thomasgcain.com



Courtesy city of Lakeway

22 **Lakeway Memorial Day Service**

Jeff "Beak" Howell, a former director of NASA's Johnson Space Center and a retired Marine Corps lieutenant general, presents "I Remember" at the city of Lakeway's Memorial Day service. The service is not held on the traditional Monday because of a scheduling conflict. The Lakeway Police Department Color Guard will parade the colors and perform. Music is provided by Lakeway Sing Along vocalists and musicians. 11 a.m. Free. Emmaus Catholic Parish, 1718 Lohmans Crossing Road., Lakeway. 512-608-9533. history@lakeway-tx.gov

Worth the **TRIP****MAY 31** **Reckless Kelly's Celebrity Softball Jam**

The seventh annual softball game fundraiser hosted by Austin country band Reckless Kelly features a lineup of musicians, professional athletes and celebrities. The event benefits area youth sports and includes performances from more than 20 country bands and musicians, including Jack Ingram. Noon (doors open), 1 p.m. (game start). \$20 (general admission). The Dell Diamond, 3400 E. Palm Valley Blvd., Round Rock. 512-255-2255. www.rkcsj.org

Courtesy Reckless Kelly



Courtesy TexARTS

23 **Variations on classic ballets**

The TexARTS Youth Ballet Theatre Company presents excerpts from classic ballets, including "Don Quixote," "La Sulphide," "Cinderella" and "Jewels." 6 p.m. \$15. St. Michael's Academy, Gloria Delgado Theatre, 3000 Barton Creek Blvd., Austin. 512-852-9079. www.tex-arts.org

27 **Lakeway Men's Breakfast Club features Dr. Ted Lain**

The breakfast club, available to men residing in the Greater Lakeway area, features speaker Dr. Ted Lain, who speaks about recognition, treatment and prevention of skin cancer. 7 a.m. (breakfast), 8 a.m. (speaker). \$1 (breakfast). Lakeway Activity Center, 105 Cross Creek, Lakeway. 512-363-5793. www.lakeway.org/men.htm. speakers@thomasgcain.com

29 **Discussion with Austin Mayor Steve Adler**

Austin Mayor Steve Adler speaks about the city's changing demographics and how older adults play a central role in the community. Attendees can learn more about his position on various issues and share thoughts on Austin. 10-11:30 a.m. Free. Zach Theatre, 202 S. Lamar Blvd., Austin. 512-476-0541. www.zachtheatre.org. txaarp@aarp.org

29 **Jimi Lee concert**

Jimi Lee is an award-winning blues musician who sings and plays the guitar and harmonica. 4 p.m. Free. Lake Travis Community Library, 1938

June

05 **Westlake Leadership Academy Workshop**
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Participants can learn how to select the right talent, train employees and turn around employee performance. 9 a.m.-noon. \$95 (members), \$135 (public). Sente Mortgage, 901 S. MoPac, Bldg. IV, Ste. 125, Austin. 512-327-3088. www.westlakechamber.com



Courtesy Lake Travis Community Library

06 **Library summer reading kickoff party**

The party includes music from The Nowhere Men, a Beatles cover band; Tiny Tail to You baby animal petting zoo; Hola-Hola! Spanish Story Time; face painting; crafts; balloons; photo opportunities; and refreshments. 10:30 a.m.-noon. Free. Lake Travis Community Library, 1938 Lohman's Crossing, Austin. 512-263-2885. www.laketralibrary.org

06 **Library summer reading kick off party**

Participants can sign up for the summer reading program and decorate their new 2015 summer reading bag. Events include face painting in the morning and CPR training in the afternoon. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Bee Cave Public Library, 4000 Galleria Parkway, Bee Cave. 512-767-6620. www.beecavetexas.gov

Compiled by Dylan Lysen

Featured Event



Courtesy city of Lakeway

MAY 16 Lakeway Spring Fine Arts Show

The show features exhibits and a sale of fine art paintings, pottery, sculpture and jewelry by local artists. Checks and cash are preferred. 1-5 p.m. Free admission. Lakeway Activity Center, 105 Cross Creek, Lakeway. 512-261-1010. www.lakeway-tx.gov/activitycenter. rblock6@austin.rr.com

06 Pat LaFrieda workshop

Butcher and restaurateur Pat LaFrieda hosts two one-hour workshops and is available to sign his new book, "Meat: Everything You Need To Know." He discusses what knives are best for raw and cooked meats and teaches participants how to break down large pieces of meat for cooking outdoors. Free meat sampling is available. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Faraday's Kitchen Store, 12918 Shops Parkway, Ste. 540, Bee Cave. 512-266-5666. www.faradayskitchenstore.com

08 'Beauty and The Beast'

Auditions for the musical are held May 30 and rehearsals begin June 8. Rehearsals culminate in six public performances at TexARTS Kam and James Morris Theatre, 2300 Lohmans Spur, Ste. 160, Lakeway. 512-852-9079. www.tex-arts.org

10 Teen Juggling Workshop with Matt Tardy

Teens can learn to juggle with professional juggler Matt Tardy, who uses comedic and high-energy juggling. Tardy has performed for family audiences throughout the world on Disney Cruise Lines, the International Juggling Festival and at The White House. This event is intended for ages 12-18. 2-3 p.m. Free. Bee Cave Public Library, 4000 Galleria Parkway, Bee Cave. 512-767-6620. www.beecavetexas.gov



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13 and 14 Dunten Gallery 2015 show

Attendees can view the art of painter Jared Dunten. After he was paralyzed from the neck down in a diving accident, Dunten learned to paint with a paintbrush between his teeth. 5-9 p.m. (Sat.). 11 a.m.-3 p.m. (Sun.). Free. Dunten Gallery/Living Desert Ranch, 22701 W. Hwy. 71, Spicewood. 512-215-2009. www.livingdesertranch.com

Online Calendar

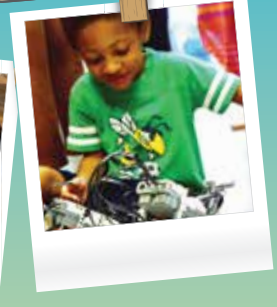
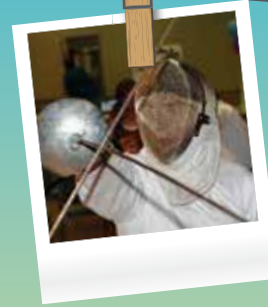
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RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

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Four Points snake awareness event

Keller Williams Bartlett Real Estate Group joined Moviehouse & Eatery to sponsor a snake awareness event for the Four Points community on April 18. Special guests, including Four Paws at Four Points Veterinary Hospital and Best Friends Training's Shannon McCauley, informed residents about snake avoidance training for pets as well as snake bite antidotes.

1 Specialists were on hand to respond to participants questions about snakes in western Travis County.

2 The staff of Keller Williams Bartlett Real Estate Group hosted the two-hour event. From left: Tim Moncrief, Rachel Roumaya, Shannon Kramer and Marissa Radack.

3 Austin Reptile Service's Ruth Ann Panipinto shares a python with Kaylee Burton (middle) and Priscilla Burton.



Photos by Leslee Bassman/Community Impact Newspaper

EZCorp volunteers at Salvation Army's downtown facilities

About 25 EZCorp volunteers provided \$16,000 of donated materials and labor to update three areas of the Salvation Army's 27-year-old downtown Austin shelter and social services center March 26-27.

The executive team and corporate office staff joined Lt. Col. Henry Gonzalez and Lt. Col. Doris Gonzalez, Salvation Army Austin area commanders, in the effort.

1 EZ Corp's Paul Proffitt builds furniture in March at the Salvation Army center.

2 Payal Sabhanani creates blankets for Salvation Army's downtown center during EZ Corp's volunteer days.

3 The Salvation Army's learning center is revitalized after EZCorp volunteers added paint and improvements.



Courtesy EZCorp

MW Cleaners donates to American Heart Association

MW Cleaners CEO Mike Nesbit presented a check March 19 to Deandrea Dillard, American Heart Association corporate marketing director, representing proceeds from their February campaign.



School in the Hills

School in the Hills staffers and Four Points Chamber of Commerce members celebrate the groundbreaking of the school's second site March 31 in River Place at 10819 RR 2222, Austin.



Courtesy Suzanne Covert Photography

A+ Federal Credit Union ribbon cutting

Four Points Chamber of Commerce and A+ Federal Credit Union employees welcomed local guests to the bank's ribbon cutting of its Four Points branch on April 24.

Participants were treated to P. Terry's Burger Stand snacks, door prizes and the Volente Fire Department truck.

The new branch is located at the Trails at 620, 8300 N. RR 620, Austin.



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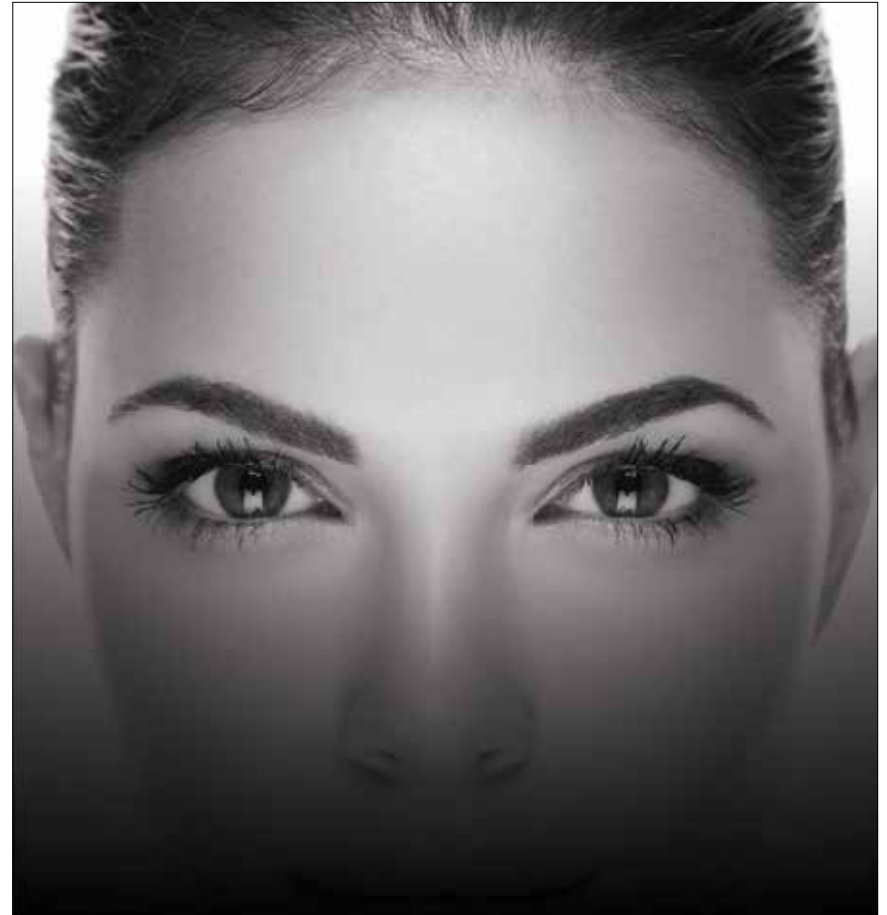
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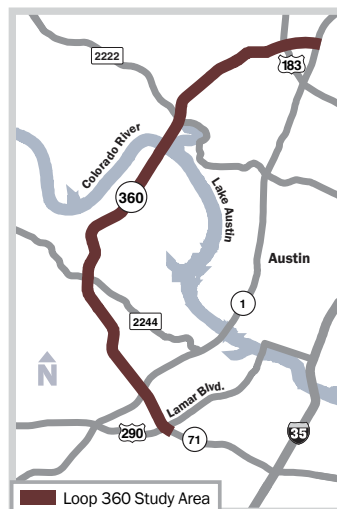
IMPROVEMENT STUDY

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) recently launched a new study to identify short- and long-term transportation improvements along Loop 360 from US 290/SH 71 to North MoPac.

TxDOT wants to know your thoughts, concerns, and ideas for the future of Loop 360.

Visit **www.Loop360Study.com** to:

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SPRING CLEANUP

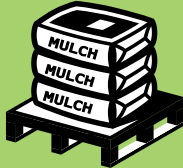
Spring cleaning comes once a year and residents' chore lists can pile up as quickly as the brush in the yard. To help ease the minds of residents with large to-do lists, here are some tips on how to put the excess yard trimmings to good use and declutter the house for an organized living space.

Compiled by Dylan Lysen • Design by Amy Vanlandingham

THE FULL CYCLE RECYCLE

During the spring months, homeowners often collect an increase of brush in their yards as they begin post-winter cleanup and yard work projects. Residents seeking to dispose of brush in an eco-friendly manner can recycle the brush and turn their yard waste into compost or mulch. Loren Struiksma, Bee Cave Eco-Depot manager, said he considers turning brush into compost or mulch as a "full cycle recycle."

3 Once the brush is ground, the recycle centers sell back the converted brush to residents to be used to help other vegetation grow and to complete the "full cycle recycle."



1



Homeowners can deliver their excess brush to a participating recycle center that transports the brush to a site for processing. Brush includes leaves, branches and yard trimmings.

2

Brush recycle centers then grind the brush to create mulch or compost. The brush is not trashed but turned into a reusable item for gardeners and homeowners.

YARD TRIMMING COLLECTION GUIDELINES

Residents recycling brush need to know what makes up brush and how to prepare the waste for easy transport. Here are Austin Resource Recovery's guidelines:

GUIDE 1



Make sure yard trimmings are grass clippings, leaves and small branches that are no longer than 5 feet and no thicker than 3 inches in diameter.

GUIDE 2



Place yard trimmings in paper lawn-and-leaf bags or reusable containers that are no larger than 34 gallons and no heavier than 50 pounds.

GUIDE 3



Tie small branches into bundles that are 50 pounds or less with string or twine.

Source (above graphic): Austin Resource Recovery/Community Impact Newspaper
Source (lefthand graphic): Eco-Depot manager Loren Struiksma/Community Impact Newspaper

DECLUTTERING TIPS

Over the years, residents may collect a handful of items that never seem to be in the right place or have no use at all. Arranging It All, a professional organizing company in West Austin, suggests these tips to help you organize those items and declutter your home.

TIP 1



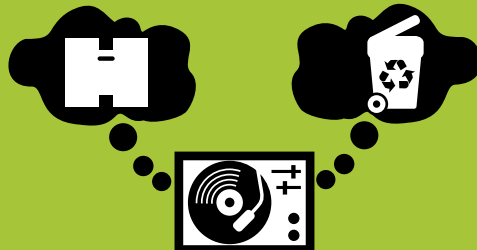
Select one area that bothers you the most and begin organizing it first.



TIP 2



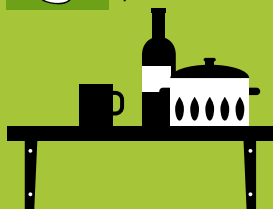
Find a home or place for every item you want to store. If you cannot find a place for an item, consider throwing it away.



TIP 3



Store the items you use the most in the most accessible place.



TIP 4



Do not leave items laying around. Put items back where they belong immediately after use.



TIP 5



If you have not used an item in years, you probably will not use it in the future. Consider throwing it away.



Source: www.Arrangingitall.com/Community Impact Newspaper

RECYCLE CENTERS NEAR YOU



Map not to scale

1 Eco Depot Transfer Station (Texas Disposal Systems)

4001 S. RR 620, Bee Cave
512-263-5265
www.texasdisposal.com/landfill-transfer-stations

Accepted items: brush, household materials and nonhazardous waste

2 Lake Travis Brush Recycling

7911 N. RR 620, Austin
512-335-0623

Accepted items: brush

3 The Home Depot

3600 S. RR 620, Bee Cave
512-263-0785
www.homedepot.com

Accepted items: fluorescent light bulbs and rechargeable batteries

4 WCID 17 Reuse and Recycle Center (Coming soon)

3207 Neidhardt Drive, Austin
www.wcid17.org

Accepted items: Household items, except hazardous materials. Must be in original container for transport.

5 Ecology Action of Texas (Closing in late September)

707 E. Ninth St., Austin
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www.ecology-action.org

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Farmers Market

GUIDE

Compiled by Amy Denney

Farmers markets in Austin offer more than just produce. Besides farm-fresh fruits, vegetables and meats, these markets offer artisan foods and goods, such as soaps, pickles, jewelry and artwork from local artists as well as activities for children, chef demonstrations and local food vendors. Below are some of the farmers markets in the Austin area.

WHAT'S IN SEASON?

SPRING



- » asparagus
- » beets
- » blackberries
- » blueberries
- » cabbage
- » carrots
- » cauliflower
- » cucumbers
- » flowers
- » garlic
- » grapefruit
- » green beans
- » herbs
- » leaf vegetables
- » new potatoes
- » onions
- » peaches
- » plums
- » squashes
- » strawberries
- » sweet potatoes

SUMMER



- » black-eyed peas
- » blueberries
- » cantaloupes
- » cucumbers
- » eggplant
- » figs
- » garlic
- » grapes
- » musk melons
- » okra
- » onions
- » peaches
- » pears
- » peas
- » peppers
- » potatoes
- » red potatoes
- » squashes
- » sweet corn
- » tomatoes
- » turnips

FALL



- » apples
- » beets
- » cabbage
- » carrots
- » citrus
- » cucumbers
- » figs
- » green beans
- » herbs
- » leaf vegetables
- » okra
- » pears
- » peas
- » peppers
- » pumpkins
- » radishes
- » red potatoes
- » squashes
- » sweet corn
- » tomatoes
- » turnips

WINTER



- » beets
- » broccoli
- » cabbage
- » carrots
- » cauliflower
- » celery
- » cilantro
- » fennel
- » grapefruit
- » leaf vegetables
- » leeks
- » lemons
- » onions
- » oranges
- » parsley
- » radishes
- » spinach
- » strawberries
- » sweet potatoes
- » turnips
- » winter squashes

Sources: Barton Creek Farmers Market, Texas Farmers Market/Community Impact Newspaper

1 Barton Creek Farmers Market

Barton Creek Square, 2901 S. Capital of Texas Hwy.
512-280-1976 • www.bartoncreekfarmersmarket.org
Hours: Sat. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. • Open since 1997

What's available: live music, children's entertainment, cafe, specialty foods, artisan crafts, fresh lobster from Garbo's, open year-round

2 Barton Creek Farmers Market 2

2323 S. Lamar Blvd.
512-280-1976 • www.bartoncreekfarmersmarket.org
Hours: Sun. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. • Open since 2013

What's available: live music, children's entertainment, artisan crafts, Bluebonnet Flea Market, open year-round

3 Hope Farmers Market

Plaza Saltillo, 412 Comal St.
512-553-1832 • www.hopefarmersmarket.org
Hours: Sun. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. • Open since 2009

What's available: live music, artists, artisan foods, educational programming, children's activities, open year-round

4 Lone Star Farmers Market

Shops at the Galleria, 12611 Shops Parkway, Bee Cave
512-924-7503 • www.lonestarfarmersmarket.com
Hours: Sun. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. • Open since 2010

What's available: products from growers only, live music, children's activities such as face painting, open year-round

5 Pflugerville Pfarmers Market

The Green Red Barn at Heritage Park, 901 Old Austin-Hutto Road, Pflugerville • 512-990-6360
www.pflugervilletx.gov/pfarmersmarket

Hours: Tue. 3-7 p.m. • Open since 2007

What's available: artisan foods such as vegan baked goods and relishes, knife sharpening, live music, runs April 28-Dec. 15

6 SFC Farmers' Market at Sunset Valley

Toney Burger Center, 3200 Jones Road, Sunset Valley
512-236-0074 • www.sfcfarmersmarket.org

Hours: Sat. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. • Open since 2010

What's available: Imagination Playground, cafe seating, live music, open year-round

7 SFC Farmers' Market at the Triangle

Triangle Park, 4700 W. Guadalupe St.
512-236-0074 • www.sfcfarmersmarket.org

Hours: Wed. 3-7 p.m. • Open since 2007

What's available: cafe seating, live music, open year-round



8 SFC Farmers' Market Downtown

Republic Square Park, 422 Guadalupe St.
512-236-0074 • www.sfcfarmersmarket.org

Hours: Sat. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. • Open since 2003

What's available: demonstrations, cafe, picnic areas, food vendors, artisan foods, live music, Imagination Playground, open year-round

9 Texas Farmers Market at Domain

Great lawn at Domain II Plaza, 3225 Amy Donovan Plaza
512-363-5700 • www.texasfarmersmarket.org

Hours: Sun. 3-6 p.m. • Opens May 10

What's available: market will have 30-40 vendors, including some from other TFM locations



10 Texas Farmers Market at Lakeline

Lakeline Mall, 11200 Lakeline Mall Drive
512-363-5700

www.texasfarmersmarket.org/cedar-park

Hours: Sat. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. • Open since 2010

What's available: products from growers only, artisan goods and foods, chef demonstrations, live music, open year-round



11 Texas Farmers Market at Mueller

Browning Hangar, 4550 Mueller Blvd.
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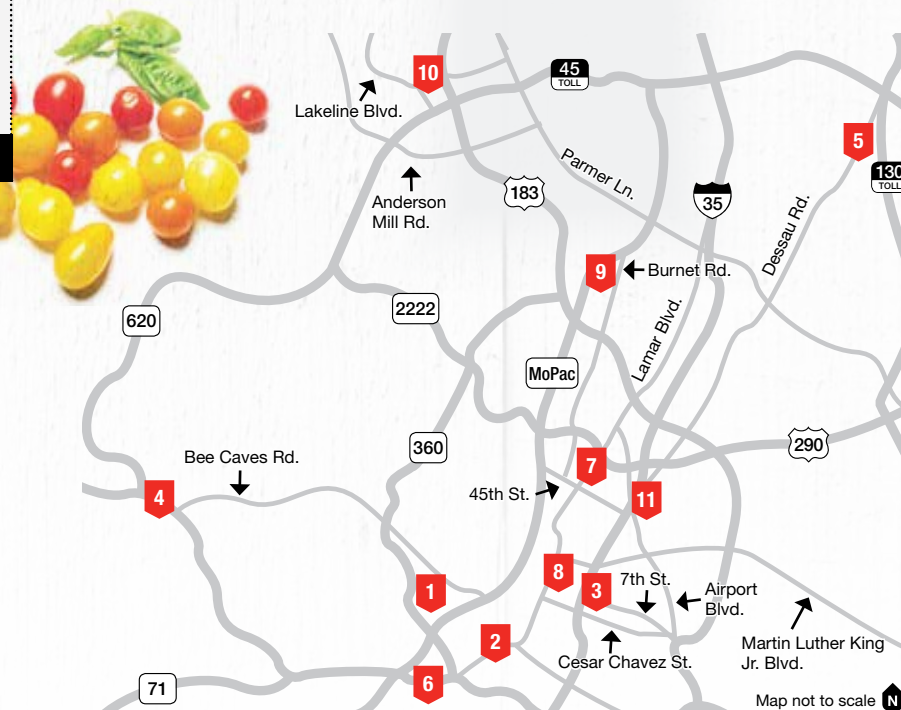
www.texasfarmersmarket.org/mueller

Hours: Sun. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Open since 2012

What's available: products from growers only, chef demonstrations, artisan goods and foods, cafe seating, open year-round

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TOP STORY

Hispanic population on the rise in Austin

SOUTHWEST AUSTIN The Hispanic population has been the largest-growing segment of the population in Austin for the past few years, and Southwest Austin is seeing that growth in action, city of Austin Demographer Ryan Robinson said.

He said a large number of middle-class Hispanic families are moving to suburbs such as the Southwest Austin area south of Hwy. 71, west of I-35, north of FM 1626 and east of FM 1826 rather than Central Austin.

"The overall level of residential segregation for middle-class and upper-middle-class Hispanics is probably at an all-time low," he said.

The Hispanic share of Austin City Council District 8, which includes the Oak Hill neighborhood, grew from about 15 percent in 2000 to 18.5 percent in 2010, Robinson said.

"Now, probably one in five

individuals [in District 8 is Hispanic]. ... And so I think that's telling," he said.

About 30 percent of Austin City Council District 5 in Southwest Austin is Hispanic. In nearby districts 2 and 3, Hispanic populations are greater than 60 percent, with large concentrations of Hispanic residents east of I-35, Robinson said.

More and more Hispanic professionals are looking to Austin as a hub for traditional Hispanic-owned businesses such as restaurants as well as options in more high-growth industries such as technology, said Mark Madrid, president and CEO of the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

"We are still on the heels of recovery from the recession, so [the Hispanic population growth in Austin] is going to impact the Hispanic community, the children in our schools and the cultivation of Hispanic leadership. ... But it's also going to affect our economy," Madrid said.

Surveys show the majority of residents younger than age 18 in Austin are Hispanic, Robinson said, noting that majority has remained the case since about 2009.

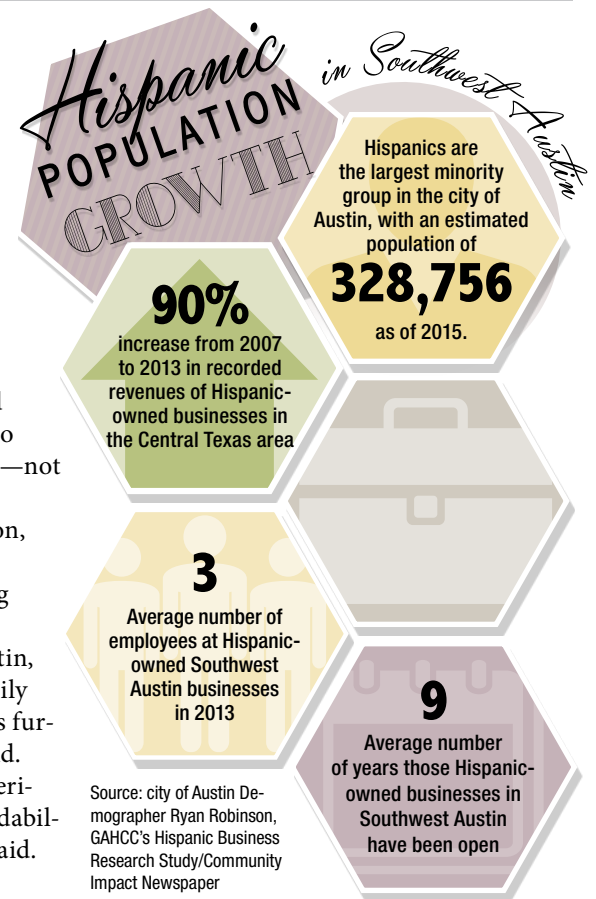
"This growth has been nothing short of phenomenal," Robinson said.

In the next 20 years the Hispanic population could go from being a minority to being a plurality in Austin—not a majority, but close to 50 percent of the population, he said.

Strong schools are among factors drawing Hispanic residents to Southwest Austin, but a lack of affordable family housing may push residents further outward, Robinson said.

"I think what we are experiencing is a collapse of affordability in this city," Robinson said.

Full story by Kelli Weldon



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NEWS

Austin chamber offers progress reports of local school districts from 2012-13, 2014

NORTHWEST AUSTIN

Graduation rates reached an all-time high for all three school districts in Northwest Austin, according to the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce's annual Education Progress Reports for the districts.

Isabel Shelton, director of Education and Talent Alignment for the chamber, said the GACC has partnered with school districts and chambers of commerce for 10 years to produce its Education Progress Reports. This year's reports, which were released April 27, give business owners, educators, parents and the community a bird's-eye view of area school districts.

Reports include student data from the 2012-13 school year and 2014.

"Our hope is that this year we'll increase our visibility by making [reports] a little more clear and accessible to families, the business

community [and] educators," she said, noting reports have been streamlined.

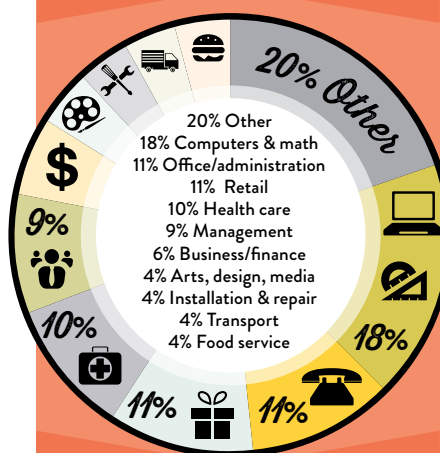
The reports cover 11 Central Texas districts, said Drew Scheberle, GACC senior vice president of Federal/State Advocacy and Education/Talent Development.

Scheberle said the reports are the largest regional effort in the country to help report on progress at the school district level of items of greatest importance to the business community: whether students are graduating from high school; whether they are prepared for college and careers; and whether they are enrolling at a university, community college or technical school immediately after graduating—known as direct-to-college enrollment.

AISD's direct-to-college enrollment rate was flat for the Class of 2014.

Full story by Kelli Weldon

Exploring TOP Central Texas JOB OPENINGS



Mismatch

Despite many job openings in computer science only 5% of Central Texas students said they want to study the subject area in college.



EDUCATION PROGRESS



AUSTIN ISD

85,014 students	84.1% graduation rate for the Class of 2013	61% economically disadvantaged students
61% direct-to-college enrollment rate in 2014	\$46.9K average annual teacher salary	11.2 AVERAGE TEACHER YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

PFLUGERVILLE ISD

23,497 students	93% graduation rate for the Class of 2013	54% economically disadvantaged students
59% direct-to-college enrollment rate in 2014	\$46.9K average annual teacher salary	10.8 AVERAGE TEACHER YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

ROUND ROCK ISD

46,535 students	95% graduation rate for the Class of 2013	29% economically disadvantaged students
69% direct-to-college enrollment rate in 2014	\$50K average annual teacher salary	10.9 AVERAGE TEACHER YEARS OF EXPERIENCE



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BUSINESS

RealSavvy

CENTRAL AUSTIN

An Austin startup is gaining momentum for its home search organization tool—one that helped RealSavvy in March claim the South by Southwest Interactive Accelerator award for best social technology.

RealSavvy CEO Rick Orr founded the company along with Creative Director Clay Knight. Launched in July, the service is a social platform similar to Pinterest that allows users to organize their home search by pinning homes to a “board.” That process enables users to collaborate with real estate agents who can broker their purchase.

The service launched as a desktop-based pilot program in December, and a mobile version became available via the Apple App Store at the end of March.

Ashley Doyle, a real estate agent with Realty Austin, said she signed



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up to use the service late last year. She said she is excited to see what the company has in store for the future.

Full story by JJ Velasquez

Cedar Rock Railroad

LEANDER With recent improvements in place and more changes on the horizon, Cedar Rock Railroad is on track to become the train-themed destination owner Ken Knowles said he wanted to create.

The quarter-scale train carries passengers along a 1.3-mile route through Southwest Williamson County Regional Park in Leander. The park train, which can accommodate up to 42 passengers at a time, runs every 30 minutes at 15 and 45 minutes after the hour. The ride through the park lasts about 15 minutes, and tickets cost \$2.50 for riders age 1 and older, Knowles said.

At the beginning of March, Knowles expanded the railroad's hours of operation to include weekdays except Mondays, weather permitting.

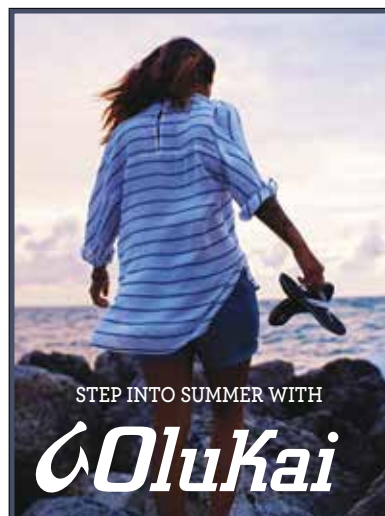
“This will be our first full year operating during weekdays. I think



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there's a lot of room for that to grow,” Knowles said, adding that the train is closed when the tracks are wet or when temperatures are below 50 degrees.

Full story by Elizabeth Hunter



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DINING

Shahi Foods & Shahi Cafe

NORTHWEST AUSTIN

Shahi Foods—shahi is a Persian word meaning “royal”—opened in 2001 as a small 1,400-square-foot grocery store. Owners Sadiq and Lisa Islam have since expanded the grocery store to 5,000 square feet, offering a variety of teas, coffees, packaged foods and other items from throughout the world, including the Middle East, South Asia and the Mediterranean.

In March 2014 the Islams’ daughter Jamila opened Shahi Cafe adjoining the grocery store. Both the grocery store and cafe are open every day.

“Everything is fresh-made daily,” Jamila said.

Full story by Amy Denney



Amy Denney/Community Impact Newspaper



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Fire Bowl Café

SOUTHWEST AUSTIN

Chinese, Thai and Vietnamese influences are the building blocks of Fire Bowl Café, which husband-and-wife team Gigi Lee and Daniel Pao opened 16 years ago in the Sunset Valley Village shopping center.

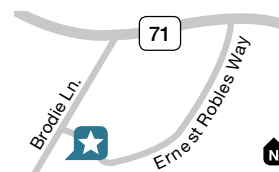
Lee and Pao had both worked in the restaurant business for several years and decided to open an Asian eatery to serve the Southwest Austin area, where they lived at the time.

“We are foodies,” Lee said. “We always enjoy eating out, but we are also very health-conscious. We want to have good flavor yet have good ingredients.”

Full story by Kelli Weldon



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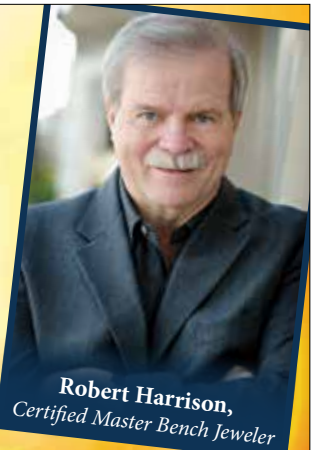
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Eanes ISD

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otherwise known as “Robin Hood” plan school district—a wealthier district that must share its funds with less income-rich districts as required by state law—Wolff said approximately 54 percent of all of its local funding is sent to the state for recapture. He said this number is expected to rise to 63 percent in the next few years.

“This will mean important decisions will be necessary as we prepare our budget for future years,” Wolff said. “In Eanes, approximately 85 percent of our operating budget is directly tied to personnel. Most of our reduction options will be in this area.”

He said attrition can account for the decrease in district staffers for the 2015-16 school year.

Proposed plans for the upcoming school term include between \$1.055 million and \$1.36 million in budget savings. These savings are the result of not filling teaching positions and other vacancies; obtaining waivers that would allow for a greater number of students in a classroom; and eliminating some instructional support positions, coaching staff and administrative support personnel.

However, Wolff admits there may be a price to pay for these changes.

“As our average class size increases, staff will be stretched in the amount of time [open] to interact with students,” he said.

Wolff cites concerns over the ability of teachers to individualize student instruction if support positions are eliminated.

“Fewer students will receive needed support, negatively impacting their achievement,” he said.

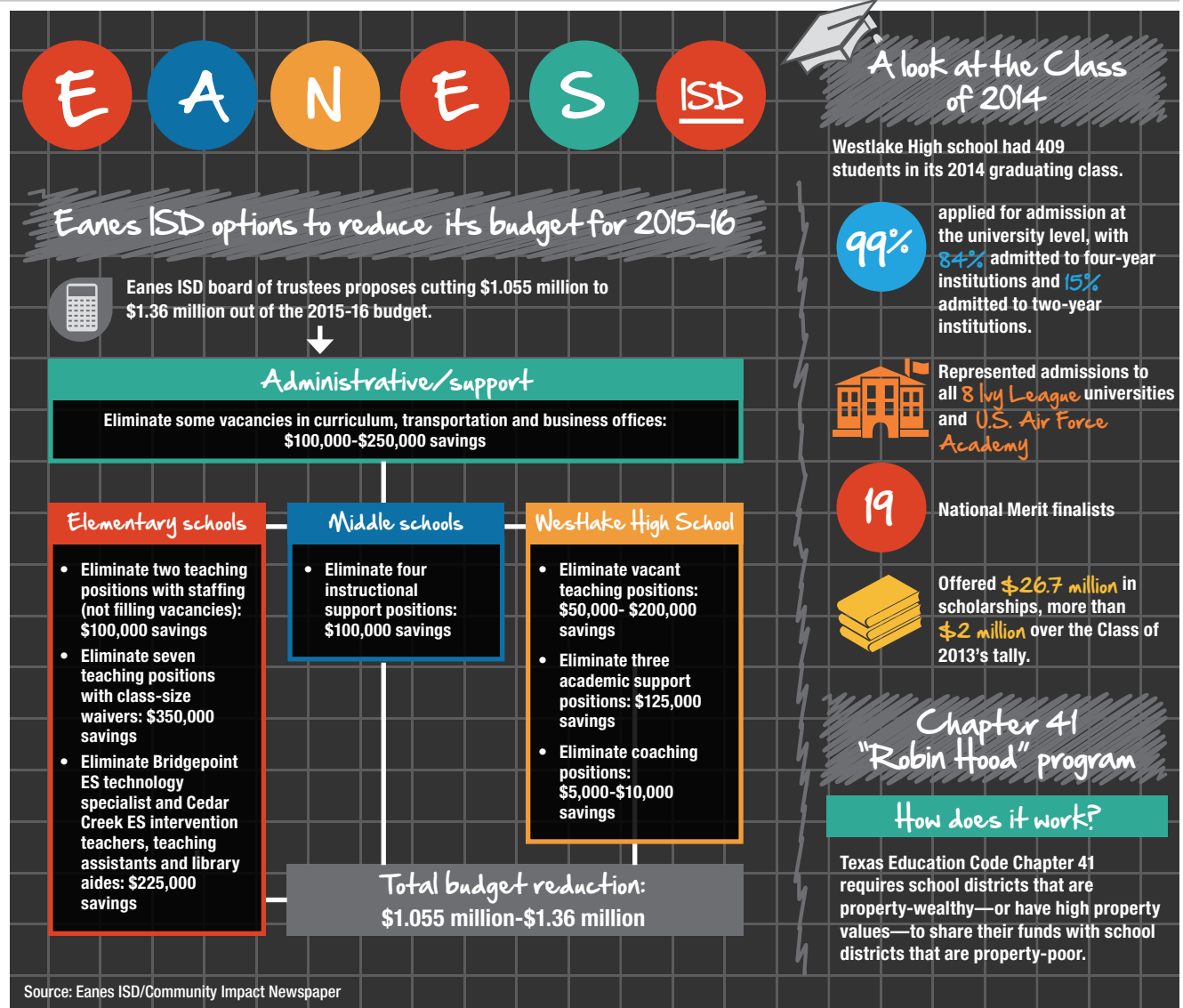
Some positions have already been eliminated through resignations and retirement, he said.

“Please know that once the final [staffing] decisions are adopted, the direction of this district will be significantly affected,” Wolff said. “It is our belief that employee morale may be compromised as will the programmatic experiences of our students.”

Help from the Texas Legislature

The School Finance Bill, passed by the Texas House of Representatives on April 7, may help EISD overcome some of its financial struggles, Leonard said.

The bill’s two-year proposition increases the base allotment for school districts funding Texas’ Chapter 41 plan, including EISD—allowing more money to stay in the district.



With the proposed increase, EISD may receive compensation for its transportation costs, amounting to a “significant jump in revenue,” Leonard said at a board meeting held the same day. However, he said the district will still continue with its deficit reduction plan.

“Our current game plan is a gradual spenddown,” said Rob Hargett, president of the EISD board of trustees.

Also problematic for EISD is that the district, along with Lake Travis ISD and others, receives funding—Additional State Aid for Tax Reduction, or ASATR—that will end in 2018.

“We are going to plan for the worst, and we’re going to advocate in whatever way we can to get whatever we can from the state Legislature,” Leonard said.

Opposition to budget cuts

Al Cowan, former EISD board of trustees president, said the district has been operating at an annual deficit for years. Cowan, along with Clint Sayers, who also served as board president, led the charge against the \$52.5 million EISD bond proposal on the May ballot.

The men are part of Citizens for Academic Excellence in Eanes, a group opposed to the proposed budget cuts.

Cowan said the district, instead of focusing on the elimination of teaching positions, should put a moratorium on transfer students and cut administrative positions instead.

Raising revenue

At its April 7 meeting, EISD’s board of trustees outlined revenue-raising measures previously discussed during their Oct. 7 study session, including sponsoring driver’s education courses at the high school, increasing summer school tuition, adding transportation charges and reviewing fees.

The Eanes Education Foundation’s Feb. 21 annual gala raised \$425,000, enough to fund 8.5 teacher positions for the following school year, EEF spokeswoman Desiree Figer said.

“We don’t want to give our parents fee fatigue,” said Hargett, who suggested the board of trustees revisit fees that have not increased in five years.

In June the board will review the fees other districts charge and the legal limits of raising revenue, Leonard said.

New elementary school negotiations questioned

Former board of trustees president Al Cowan said Eanes ISD is negotiating with a church to buy land for a school.

“What the district is trying to do is expand and add new facilities in the face of this deficit,” he said.

In 2013 voters rejected an \$89.5 million bond referendum that would have financed an elementary school in the Cuernavaca neighborhood.

Trustee Kal Kallison said Cowan’s land negotiation statement is “categorically false.”

“For the immediate future there will not be an elementary school near that site,” Kallison said.

Dave Brandolini, executive pastor at Austin Ridge Bible Church, said EISD approached the church about purchasing a portion of its 78-acre tract to build a school. He said the church and the district have been in ongoing negotiations for the property within the past few months.

“We are discussing the possibility of selling land to [EISD],” Brandolini said. “We have to make sure our needs are taken care of.”



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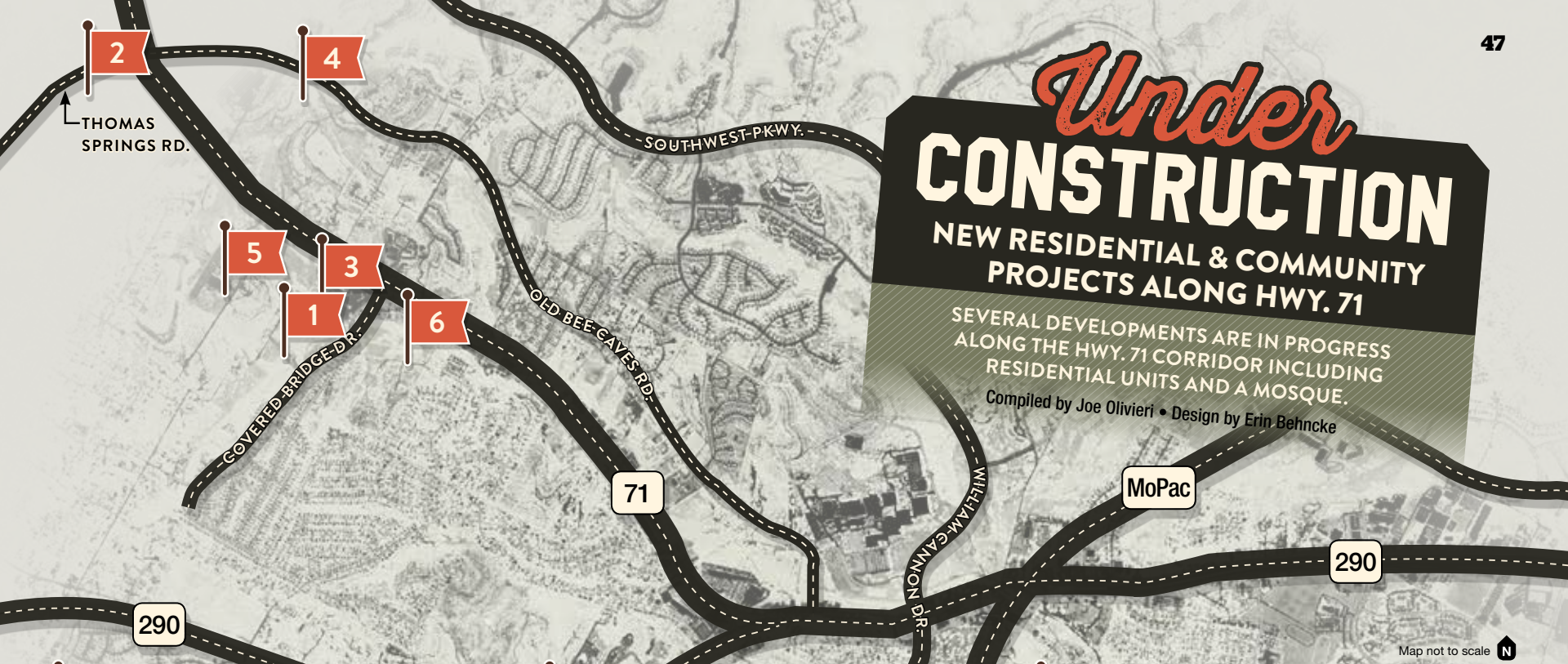
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3 COVERED BRIDGE VILLAGE

LOCATION: 8715 W. Hwy. 71

Property owner and developer Bill Schultz is in the process of building Covered Bridge Village, which will include 6,000-10,000 square feet of small offices, 6,000-10,000 square feet of retail services and one to two restaurants. Construction of the three commercial buildings should begin in June or July, Schultz said.

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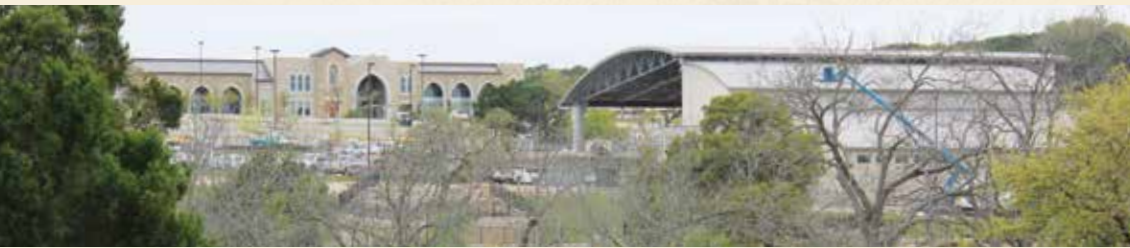
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Developer Oden Hughes completed the 240-unit, garden-style community in April, Managing Director Mac McElwrath said. The property features a resort-style pool, demo kitchen, grills, cabanas, a fitness center, movie theater and dog park, he said. Construction on the project began in November 2013.

5 LIFE AUSTIN

LOCATION: 8091 W. Hwy. 71



LifeAustin expects to have its new outdoor amphitheater completed by mid-May and plans to open the new worship center this summer, Business Pastor John Capezzuti said. Construction has taken 10 months, he said.

"It will primarily serve as a worship center," he said. "However, we hope to have occasional charitable events and some civic events there as well. We see [the amphitheater] as integral to our outreach in the community."

6 MASJID IBRAHIM

LOCATION: 8521 W. Hwy. 71



As of April, exterior work on the two-story mosque has been completed. Remaining steps include landscaping, gate and fence work and parking lot cleanup and striping.

Hwy. 71

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finish work on its outdoor amphitheater by mid-May and open the worship center in the summer, Business Pastor John Capezzuti said.

The amphitheater will primarily serve as an outdoor worship center, he said. However, the church hopes to host occasional charitable and civic events there as well. The church considers the amphitheater "integral to our outreach in the community," Capezzuti said.

"We are in discussion with several different organizations, including a

couple of local orchestras, a play house and several schools, to host both baccalaureate and graduation services," he said. "We are also really looking forward to being able to host worship in this beautiful new space."

The project had been controversial; two neighborhood associations filed suit against the city of Austin related to how the project was approved.

"We have done several mailings to our neighbors sharing information about the developments on our campus; offering them free tickets to attend special events or performances; and inviting them to use our beautiful

disc golf course, walking trails and dog park," Capezzuti said.

Nearby, developer Bill Schultz is working on Covered Bridge Village, a mixed-use project that will include retail, office and restaurant uses, he said. Construction on the three commercial buildings will begin in June or July.

Schultz said there is a need for services in the neighborhood. Planned future construction near the Y at Oak Hill will cause reduced accessibility to local businesses, he predicted.

He said his project is driven by the love of the neighborhood and Oak Hill and he plans to own the property

indefinitely.

"My budget is whatever it takes to bring the quality the neighborhood deserves," he said.

Schultz said the project uses natural materials and specially designed roof-lines.

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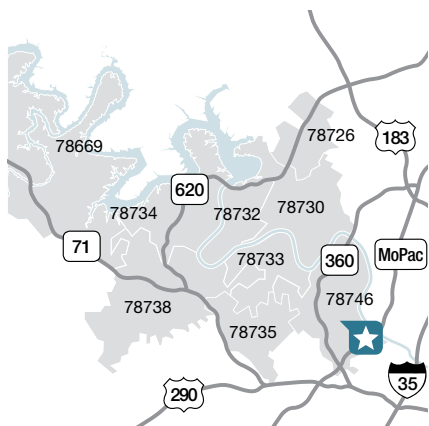
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Lost Creek hosts several events during the year, including Spring Family Fun Day, a July Fourth parade and a fall festival.



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FEATURED NEIGHBORHOOD

Lost Creek



Build-out year: 2000

Square footage: 1,850-5,200

Home values: \$485,000-\$950,000

HOA dues (estimated): \$60 monthly

Amenities: Lost Creek Country Club, Lost Creek Golf Club, Tennis, sports center, trails, greenbelts, parks

Schools: Forest Trail Elementary School, West Ridge Middle School, Westlake High School

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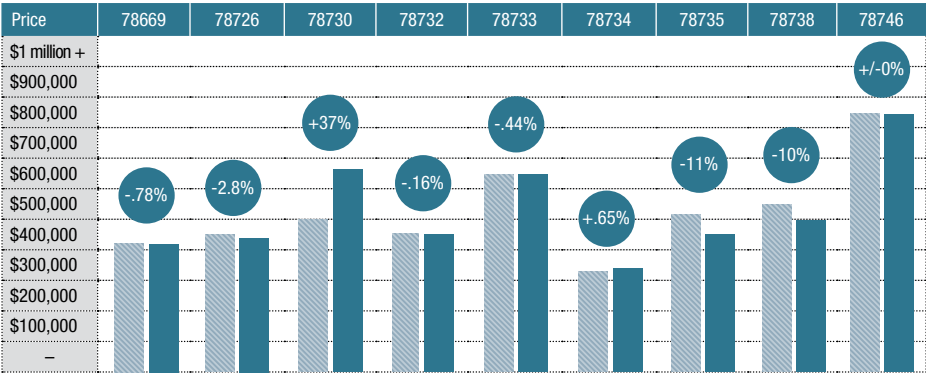
Market Data

On the market (April 2015)

Price Range	Number of homes for sale/Average days on market								
	78669	78726	78730	78732	78733	78734	78735	78738	78746
\$149,999 or less	7/90	—	3/39	—	—	3/59	1/90	—	—
\$150,000-\$199,999	1/23	—	3/7	—	—	5/67	—	—	—
\$200,000-\$299,999	29/140	—	1/53	1/452	—	16/80	4/16	8/71	—
\$300,000-\$399,999	29/104	10/109	—	17/53	3/59	35/73	5/38	12/143	1/41
\$400,000-\$499,999	34/101	16/64	4/31	19/56	4/59	50/101	7/58	40/120	4/54
\$500,000-\$599,999	20/222	8/197	7/39	18/81	7/45	28/107	3/28	59/128	4/30
\$600,000-\$799,999	30/199	1/13	10/49	34/58	9/60	26/90	—	72/126	18/58
\$800,000-\$999,999	20/231	3/101	6/100	15/67	2/27	22/99	2/173	29/125	19/48
\$1 million +	48/170	—	23/72	26/123	28/96	63/128	50/103	54/131	105/93

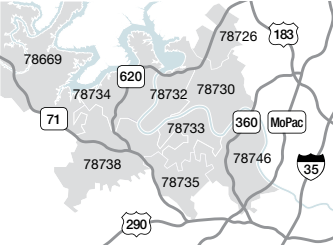


Median price of homes sold April 2014 vs. April 2015



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ZIP code	Subdivision	Address	Bed/Bath	Price	Sq.ft.	Agent	Agency	Phone
78726	Versante Canyon	11905 Terraza Circle, Unit 43	3br/3ba	\$304,520	2,089	Sarah McAloon	Sisu Realty & Associates	512-791-7776
78726	Versante Canyon	11909 Terraza Circle, Unit 42	3br/3ba	\$307,522	2,089	Sarah McAloon	Sisu Realty & Associates	512-791-7776
78726	Versante Canyon	11813 Terraza Circle, Unit 49	3br/2ba	\$311,404	1,707	Sarah McAloon	Sisu Realty & Associates	512-791-7776
78726	Versante Canyon	9205 Villa Norte	3br/2ba	\$474,000	2,635	Cord Shiflet	Moreland Properties	512-751-2673
78730	River Place	4102 River Place Blvd.	5br/5ba	\$895,000	4,342	Julie Mack	Kuper Sotheby's Intl. Realty	512-426-5395
78730	Westminster Glen	9701 Westminster Glen Ave.	5br/5ba	\$1,199,999	5,861	Carol Strickland	Kuper Sotheby's Intl. Realty	512-426-2381
78732	Bullock	7212 Cielo Azul Pass	3br/2ba	\$599,000	2,853	Sandy Cary	Kuper Sotheby's Intl. Realty	512-589-1002
78732	Comanche Point	14531Ridgetop Terrace	5br/5ba	\$2,750,000	4,147	Diana Thomas	Kuper Sotheby's Intl. Realty	512-970-4489
78732	Comanche Trail	7039 Comanche Trail	2br/1ba	\$295,000	1,636	Patricia Estes	Berkshire Hathaway TX Realty	512-217-9930
78732	Comanche Trail	7037 Comanche Trail	2br/1ba	\$330,000	1,662	Patricia Estes	Berkshire Hathaway TX Realty	512-217-9930
78732	Comanche Trail	14000 Panorama Drive	5br/4ba	\$950,000	6,274	Gene Arant	Keller Williams - Lake Travis	512-261-1000
78732	Mirasol	12712 Monte Castillo Parkway	4br/4ba	\$1,099,000	4,800	Priscilla Hanson	Moreland Properties	512-919-6406
78732	River Bend	1120 Shore Vista Cove	5br/4ba	\$2,850,000	6,118	Sandy Cary	Kuper Sotheby's Intl. Realty	512-589-1002
78732	Steiner Ranch	4308 Vista Verde Drive	3br/2ba	\$412,000	2,651	April Maki	Sisu Realty & Associates	512-470-7979
78732	Steiner Ranch	2732 Old Course Drive	4br/3ba	\$425,000	3,488	Gene Arant	Keller Williams - Lake Travis	512-261-1000
78732	Steiner Ranch	12936 Zen Gardens Way	5br/4ba	\$1,149,000	4,901	Gene Arant	Keller Williams - Lake Travis	512-261-1000
78732	Steiner Ranch	11313 Woodland Hills Trail	4br/3ba	\$569,900	3,995	Richard Olesch	Realty Austin	512-919-2975
78732	Steiner Ranch	2301 University Club Drive	4br/3ba	\$600,000	3,834	Riley Masterson	RE/MAX Capital City II	512-413-7292
78732	Steiner Ranch	121 Dawn River Cove	5br/4ba	\$1,100,000	4,554	Rhonda Durrill	Avalar Austin	512-994-8400
78732	Villa Montana	7025 Cielo Azul Pass	3br/3ba	\$989,000	4,368	Bertina Schreiber	Moreland Properties	512-796-5740
78733	Austin Lake Hills	1003 Lipan Trail	3br/2ba	\$415,000	3,277	Timothy Heyl	Keller Williams Realty	512-330-1047
78733	Austin Lake Hills	1704 Canyon Edge Drive	5br/4ba	\$614,500	3,716	Mike Minns	Atlas Realty	512-785-9157
78734	Apache Shores	2105 Little Beaver	3br/2ba	\$376,000	2,150	Fred Ochareon	Keller Williams - Lake Travis	512-589-8465
78734	Bella Strada	101 Bella Strada Cove	5br/5ba	\$879,112	4,244	Alisha Austin	Austin-Options Realty	512-255-8850
78734	Bluffs	517 Rock Bluff Drive	3br/2ba	\$274,000	1,818	Laura McMillan	Private Label Realty	512-903-5268
78734	Buffalo Gap	16421 Lake Loop	3br/3ba	\$1,299,999	4,178	Dianne Johnson	Moreland Properties	512-699-0619
78734	Cardinal Hills	2700 Lawrence Drive	4br/2ba	\$314,900	2,161	Alysia Transou	Avalar Austin	512-589-7765
78734	Cook Gerald T	17221 Rocky Ridge Road	4br/3ba	\$765,000	4,200	Lauri McNevin	Keller Williams - Lake Travis	512-439-7765
78734	Costa Bella	207 Bella Cima Drive	5br/5ba	\$1,849,000	6,166	Greg Walling	Moreland Properties	512-633-3787
78734	Eagle Ridge	5931 Hiline Road, Unit A	2br/2ba	\$429,950	1,305	Gene Arant	Keller Williams - Lake Travis	512-261-1000
78734	Eagle Ridge	5931 Hiline Road, Unit B	2br/2ba	\$506,360	1,465	Gene Arant	Keller Williams - Lake Travis	512-261-1000
78734	Eagle Ridge	5931 Hiline Road, Unit C	3br/2ba	\$598,400	1,700	Gene Arant	Keller Williams - Lake Travis	512-261-1000
78734	Eagle Ridge	5931 Hiline Road, Unit D	3br/3ba	\$729,000	2,122	Gene Arant	Keller Williams - Lake Travis	512-261-1000
78734	Hudson Bend	16200 E. Lake Shore Drive	6br/5ba	\$2,275,000	5,275	Mary Hickey	Keller Williams - Lake Travis	512-796-4245
78734	Lakeland Hills	5901 Lakeview Drive	3br/3ba	\$489,450	3,450	Alex Landry	Keller Williams - Lake Travis	512-994-7989
78734	Lakeway	102 Vixen Court	4br/4ba	\$599,999	3,100	Jaimie Flash	Keller Williams - Lake Travis	512-297-3482
78734	Lakeway	801 Electra	4br/4ba	\$549,900	4,100	Sean Sutton	Keller Williams - Lake Travis	512-988-7827
78734	Lakeway	123 Blue Jay Drive	3br/3ba	\$899,000	3,193	Sean Sutton	Keller Williams - Lake Travis	512-988-7827
78734	Lakeway	214 Corinthian St.	5br/4ba	\$899,000	3,661	Russell Eitel	Keller Williams Realty	512-276-8800
78734	Lakeway	501 Highlander Street	4br/5ba	\$995,000	4,544	Diana Thomas	Kuper Sotheby's Intl. Realty	512-970-4489
78734	Lakeway	706 Cutlass	3br/4ba	\$1,050,000	4,668	Monica Fabbio	Kuper Sotheby's Intl. Realty	512-825-8891
78734	Lakeway	24 Water Front Ave.	5br/5ba	\$1,649,000	4,996	Jana Birdwell	Kuper Sotheby's Intl. Realty	512-784-8600
78734	Lakeway	9 Water Front Ave.	5br/4ba	\$2,200,000	4,946	Judy Bowen	Keller Williams - Lake Travis	512-422-7018





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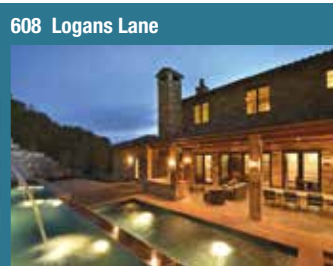
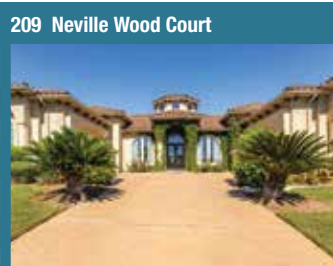
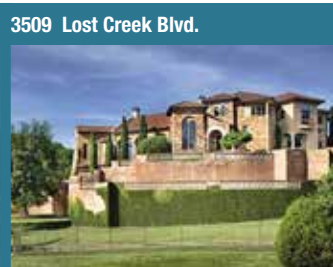
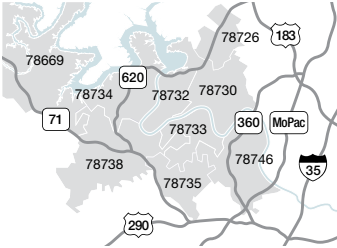


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78734	Rough Hollow	231 Canyon Turn Trail	5br/6ba	\$2,125,000	7,017	Amber Hart	Keller Williams - Lake Travis	512-415-9023
78734	Rough Hollow	303 Martinique Pass	3br/3ba	\$799,990	3,790	Alisha Austin	Austin-Options Realty	512-255-8850
78734	Rough Hollow	304 Barbuda Drive	5br/6ba	\$1,299,000	7,089	Sandy Cary	Kuper Sotheby's Intl. Realty	512-589-1002
78734	Round Mountain	218 Cedar Hurst Lane	6br/5ba	\$1,650,000	6,150	Bertina Schreiber	Moreland Properties	512-796-5740
78734	The Vistas of Lakeway	208 Evolutions Path	3br/3ba	\$368,965	2,397	Daniel Wilson	Keller Williams Realty	512-801-7718
78734	The Vistas of Lakeway	103 Perpetuation Drive	3br/3ba	\$389,990	2,799	Daniel Wilson	Keller Williams Realty	512-801-7718
78734	The Vistas of Lakeway	15119 Glen Heather Drive	3br/3ba	\$409,990	2,397	Daniel Wilson	Keller Williams Realty	512-801-7718
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78735	Amarra	8616 Acurela Court	4br/4ba	\$2,100,000	4,569	Timothy Heyl	Keller Williams Realty	512-330-1047
78735	Barton Creek	7508 Escala Drive	4br/4ba	\$1,637,500	5,344	Jonathan Creath	Kuper Sotheby's Intl. Realty	512-406-1086
78735	Barton Creek	4300 Verano Drive	4br/4ba	\$1,695,000	4,349	Dara Allen	Kuper Sotheby's Intl. Realty	512-296-7090
78735	Barton Creek	7609 Escala Drive	6br/7ba	\$3,990,000	9,713	Eve Kush	Coldwell Banker United, Realtors	512-845-0405
78735	Barton Creek	7509 Escala Drive	6br/7ba	\$4,450,000	10,828	Cord Shiflet	Moreland Properties	512-751-2673
78735	Barton Creek	3509 Lost Creek Blvd.	6br/6ba	\$6,900,000	14,091	Cord Shiflet	Moreland Properties	512-751-2673
78735	Ridge at Barton Creek	1405 Mesa Ridge Lane	3br/3ba	\$949,000	3,677	Sharman Reed	Keller Williams Realty	512-750-9797
78738	Rough Hollow	103 Serene Hilltop Circle	4br/3ba	\$699,900	3,490	Peg Braxton	Keller Williams - Lake Travis	512-263-6700
78738	Rough Hollow	203 Serene Hilltop Circle	4br/4ba	\$717,131	3,448	Peg Braxton	Keller Williams - Lake Travis	512-263-6700
78738	Bella Colinas	15713 DeFortuna Drive	4br/3ba	\$679,000	4,118	Mary Hickey	Keller Williams - Lake Travis	512-796-4245
78738	Belvedere	8708 Bellancia Drive	4br/4ba	\$1,310,000	4,200	Jana Birdwell	Kuper Sotheby's Intl. Realty	512-784-8600
78738	Belvedere	8516 Bellancia Drive	4br/4ba	\$1,359,000	4,509	Diana Thomas	Kuper Sotheby's Intl. Realty	512-970-4489
78738	Belvedere	8101 Bellancia Drive	4br/4ba	\$1,400,000	4,170	Jana Birdwell	Kuper Sotheby's Intl. Realty	512-784-8600
78738	Flintrock at Hurst Creek	407 Indianwood Drive	4br/3ba	\$458,990	2,710	Daniel Wilson	Keller Williams Realty	512-801-7718
78738	Flintrock at Hurst Creek	106 Shore Oaks Court	4br/3ba	\$799,000	3,941	Lynn Robin	Engel & Volkers Austin	512-736-8822
78738	Flintrock at Hurst Creek	213 Jack Nicklaus Drive	5br/5ba	\$965,000	4,882	Judy Bowen	Keller Williams - Lake Travis	512-422-7018
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78738	Sweetwater	18708 Waltz Court	4br/3ba	\$446,660	2,978	Sarah McAloon	Sisu Realty & Associates	512-791-7776
78738	Sweetwater	18629 Amberg Place	4br/3ba	\$449,990	3,159	Jimmy Rado	David Weekley Homes	512-821-8818
78738	Sweetwater	18701 Waltz Court	4br/3ba	\$469,990	2,847	Jimmy Rado	David Weekley Homes	512-821-8818
78738	Sweetwater	5804 Lipan Apache Bend	4br/3ba	\$549,990	3,836	Kenneth Gezella	Gatehouse Properties	210-837-8423
78738	Sweetwater	6108 Osceola Trail	4br/3ba	\$679,990	3,272	Alisha Austin	Austin-Options Realty	512-255-8850
78738	Sweetwater	6016 Osceola Trail	5br/4ba	\$749,990	4,003	Alisha Austin	Austin-Options Realty	512-255-8850
78738	Sweetwater	6117 Osceola Trail	4br/3ba	\$769,990	4,233	Alisha Austin	Austin-Options Realty	512-255-8850
78738	The Hills	15 Stillmeadow Drive	3br/3ba	\$485,000	2,935	Warren Chirhart	Keller Williams - Lake Travis	512-925-9182
78738	The Hills	331 The Hills Drive, Unit 10	3br/3ba	\$575,000	3,129	Bertina Schreiber	Moreland Properties	512-796-5740
78738	The Hills	5 Stillmeadow Drive	5br/3ba	\$575,000	3,826	Michael Said	Realty Austin	512-789-6543
78738	The Hills	3 Chameleon Drive	5br/4ba	\$599,900	3,724	April Womack	Moreland Properties	512-970-1031
78746	Barclay	4904 Barclay Heights Court	4br/3ba	\$1,075,000	3,367	Sharman Reed	Keller Williams Realty	512-750-9797
78746	Cardona Rodolfo	504 Spiller Lane	2br/2ba	\$1,900,000	2,506	Susan Dudley	Kuper Sotheby's Intl. Realty	512-497-6332
78746	Davenport Ranch	4157 Westlake Drive	5br/5ba	\$2,775,000	6,387	Linda Welsh	Keller Williams Realty	512-263-1030
78746	Davenport Ranch	2517 Waymaker Way	6br/7ba	\$2,895,000	9,439	Michele Turnquist	Engel & Volkers Austin	512-431-1121
78746	Davenport West	3805 Meandering Creek Cove	5br/4ba	\$910,000	3,308	Melanie Damron	Keller Williams - Lake Travis	512-431-6151
78746	Limerick Acres	1 Limerick Lane	4br/3ba	\$3,500,000	2,726	Eric Moreland	Moreland Properties	512-924-8442
78746	Lost Creek	1142 Lost Creek Blvd., Unit 5	3br/3ba	\$689,950	2,390	Susan Walker	Keller Williams Realty	512-965-5433
78746	Rob Roy	51 Pascal Lane	5br/4ba	\$2,000,000	6,160	Debbie Lalla	Keller Williams Realty	512-971-8849
78746	Sparks	803 Westlake Drive	4br/3ba	\$5,750,000	1,619	Debbie Werkenthin	Engel & Volkers Austin	512-773-4548
78746	Stratford Place	3148 Above Stratford Place	6br/7ba	\$13,500,000	9,716	Cord Shiflet	Moreland Properties	512-751-2673
78746	Summit at West Rim	608 Logans Lane	5br/5ba	\$2,945,000	6,370	Michele Turnquist	Engel & Volkers Austin	512-431-1121
78746	Summit at West Rim	4310 River Garden Trail	7br/8ba	\$3,695,000	9,768	Eric Moreland	Moreland Properties	512-924-8442



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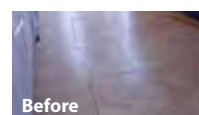


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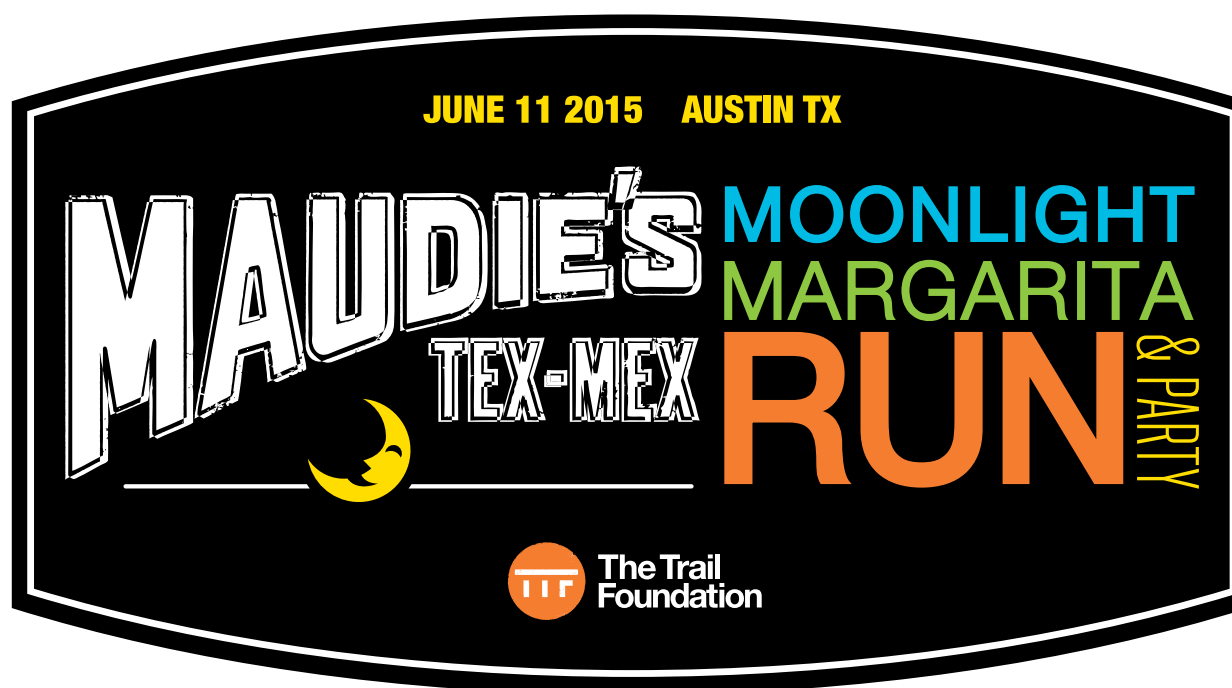
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