Cities prepare to reap more hotel tax revenue in 2020

By Brian Perdue

As Cedar Park’s annual hotel occupancy tax, or HOT, revenue is expected to top $1 million in fiscal year 2019-20—and Leander begins receiving HOT revenue with the opening of its first hotel—city officials say they are considering how to best allocate funding to deserving entities.

On Dec. 13, Community Impact Newspaper received Cedar Park’s hotel tax revenue for the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30. That total—$953,911—represents a 22.1% increase over the previous year and a nearly 300% increase over the first year the city collected HOT revenue in 2009. Nine hotels are in the city limits, according to Cedar Park spokesperson Fran Irwin.

Since fiscal year 2008-09, Cedar Park’s nine hotels have generated more than $6.3 million in hotel occupancy tax, or HOT, revenue, which is required by law to be spent on items that promote tourism and hotel occupancy.

### HOTEL TAX REVENUE

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**TOTAL:** $6,304,405.55

Three Cedar Park hotels opened before hotel tax revenue began:

- **Quality Inn:** OPENED 1998
- **Best Western Cedar Inn:** OPENED 1999
- **Holiday Inn Express:** OPENED 2001

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**FROM DENISE:** Happy New Year! This issue is our Annual Community Guide which is filled with useful information such as a local dining and shopping guide to help support our local businesses. I wish you a prosperous 2020.

Denise Seiler, **GENERAL MANAGER**

**FROM BRIAN:** Welcome to the 2020 Annual Community Guide for Cedar Park and Leander. In order to have a consistent data set measuring both cities, this year’s guide draws entirely from U.S. Census Bureau data instead of using some numbers supplied by city spokespersons.

Brian Perdue, **EDITOR**

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Businesses that have recently opened or are coming soon, relocating or expanding

**NOW OPEN**

1. **Lone Star Circle of Care** opened a Cedar Park location Dec. 9, according to a press release from LSCC. The community health center is located adjacent to Cedar Park Regional Medical Center at 1401 Medical Parkway, Bldg. B, Ste. 311, Cedar Park. Lone Star Circle of Care at Cedar Park offers comprehensive primary and behavioral health care services. 877-800-5722. www.lonestarcares.org


3. **Montessori Kids Universe** — a new private school that offers day care and instruction to children from 6 weeks to 6 years old—has opened in Cedar Park. According to owner Tom Marshall, the Cedar Park location at 1602 Medical Center Parkway, Cedar Park, opened Dec. 10 and is the first Austin-area school to open under the MKU national franchise. Reservations for tours of the facility may be made online or by telephone, according to Marshall. 512-528-5959. https://montessorikidsuniverse.com/cedarpark


7. **Planet Fitness** opened Nov. 15 at 1245 S. US 183, Leander. The gym features strength and cardio machines, cross training and bodyweight-suspension training. 888-237-9005. www.planetfitness.com

8. **CBD Plus USA** opened Aug. 27 at 908 W. Whitestone Blvd, Ste. 300, in Cedar Park. Open seven days a week, the store offers “safe, legal and affordable CBD solutions” to its customers, according to its website. According to store owner Connie Hurley, the store sells a variety of topicals, edibles, tinctures, smokeables and pet products. The store has also begun shipping CBD products and has a knowledgeable and friendly staff that can help new customers, Hurley said. 512-359-8202. www.cbdplususa.com

9. A new, veteran-owned travel agency business is now open in Cedar Park. **Book and Go Travel**, a home-based business, opened Nov. 11, according to business owners Don and Jennifer Shirley. The business can service travel requests for any budget, destination and group size, according to Jennifer Shirley. The business is part of Dream Vacations. 512-270-9896. www.bookandgotravel.com

**COMING SOON**

9. **Park Place Dealerships** is building its first Austin-area location at 13910 N. RM 620, Austin. **Park Place Jaguar-Land Rover North Austin** will open in March and offer new and preowned vehicles sales as well as service on Jaguars and Land Rovers. The 70,000-square-foot dealership will have 42 service bays, a car wash and a five-story garage. Park Place Dealerships

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10 StarCycle, an indoor cycling studio, plans to open in Cedar Park in January, according to a press release. The franchise, which started in Portland, Oregon, combines “ultra high-intensity cardio ... with the candlelit ambiance of a yoga class,” according to the release. Studios lack bright lights or TV screens, allowing cyclists to focus on their workout. The Cedar Park location, at 1310 E. Whitestone Blvd., Ste. 580, Cedar Park, is owned by spouses Bex and Marc Irvine and is the 12th StarCycle franchise, the press release said. 512-986-6380. www.sincycles.com

11 Spenga—a fitness studio that incorporates spin, strength training and yoga into a high-intensity 60-minute workout—is building its first studio in the Austin area just east of Lakeline Mall, according to the company’s website. The new studio, located at 14010 US 183 in Austin, offers 60-minute workouts that “combine 20 minutes of heart pumping spin, 20 minutes of high intensity strength training, and 20 minutes of invigorating yoga,” according to its website. No opening date has been announced. www.spenga.com

RELOCATIONS

12 A motorcycle shop is relocating from Lake Travis to Cedar Park. Sinners Cycle Shop, currently at 4601 Hudson Bend Road, Ste. 100, Austin, plans to move to 1300 W. Whitestone Blvd., Bldg. F, Cedar Park, according to shop owner Jeff Williams. Williams said the shop opened at its new location Jan. 7. According to the shop’s website, Sinners Cycle Shop is a full-service repair shop that has been in business for eight years. A certified Harley-Davidson mechanic, Williams specializes in American-made motorcycles and custom builds. 512-656-6380. www.sinnerscycleshop.com

IN THE NEWS

15 Juanita Budd began work as the new general manager of the Brushy Creek Municipal Utility District, or MUD, on Dec. 1. According to a press release from Brushy Creek MUD spokesperson Teresa Rose, the Board of Directors of Brushy Creek MUD unanimously approved Budd as the new GM. Composed of 20,000 residents, Brushy Creek MUD provides utilities and other services to 20,000 residents, according to the release. The MUD borders Cedar Park, Round Rock and Austin. www.bcmud.org.

16 Cedar Park resident Jose Luis Sanchez has been recognized by his employer for grilling an estimated 1 million steaks, according to a press release. A 24-year Grill Master with LongHorn Steakhouse, Sanchez received a surprise celebration at the business at 1469 E. Whitestone Blvd., Cedar Park. He received a $2,500 award, a special gold chef coat and a visit from LongHorn Steakhouse President Todd Burrowes. 512-260-1681. www.longhornsteakhouse.com/home

CLOSED

18 AJ’s Bar and Grill in Old Town Leander has closed, according to the owner. Contacted through Facebook, owner Andrea Jobes said AJ’s was “closed for the time being due to unforeseen circumstances.” The restaurant, which serves craft dishes for lunch and dinner and brunch on Sundays, opened in Old Town at 105 W. Willis St. on Sept. 17.
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www.oldtownstreetfestival.com (Courtesy city of Leander)

MARCH

13 DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE
This year’s event, themed “Light Up the Night,” will feature two dances: infants to 7 years old, 6-7:30 p.m., and 8 years and older, 8-9:30 p.m. Registration is required and costs $25 per couple and $7 for each additional daughter. Cookies and punch will be served. Registration opens online Jan. 27. Cedar Park Recreation Center, 1435 Main St., Cedar Park 512-401-5500. www.cpparks.net

08 AND 09  JAZZ & ART ON MAIN
The two-day event will be held from 6-9 p.m. Fri. and 11 a.m.—5 p.m. Sat. The event will offer live music, arts and craft booths, and food vendors. The event is free. Cedar Park Recreation Center, 1435 Main St., Cedar Park 512-401-5500. www.cedarparktx.gov/parks

04 AND 05  LEANDER BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL
The 15th annual event will take place from 6-10 p.m. both nights at the Mason Homestead. The free event will feature live music, vendors and children’s activities. 1101 S. Bagdad Road, Leander 512-528-9909. www.leandertx.gov/parks

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23 YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT
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RESIDENT AGE

Median
Cedar Park
34.8
Texas
34.4

EDUCATION LEVEL

High school graduate or higher *
95.4%
83.2%

Bachelor’s degree or higher
52.7%
29.3%

RENT VS. MORTGAGE

Median monthly rent
$1,350
Cedar Park
$2,078
Texas

Median monthly mortgage

POPULATION

Median annual household income

$279,900
$161,700

$101,854
$59,570

* Ages 25 and older

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Five-year change: 54.52%

HOME VALUE

- Median: $235,900 (Leander), $161,700 (Texas)

HOUSEHOLD INCOME

- Median annual income: $92,426 (Leander), $59,570 (Texas)

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RENT VS. MORTGAGE

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   - www.hm.com

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   - www.mysteelmagnolia.com

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Leander ISD instituting several changes in 2020

BRIAN PERDUE

In 2020, Leander ISD will continue to face the challenge of accommodating increased enrollment while remaining one of the highest-scoring districts in the state, school officials have said.

The upcoming year offers a host of new proposals that LISD will be considering.

**All-day prekindergarten**

LISD is seeking community feedback on how best to expand its prekindergarten program from a half day to a full day, according to officials.

House Bill 3, passed by the Texas Legislature and signed into law June 11, requires that all pre-K offered to 4-year-old students be for the entire day, not just a half day. To help meet the requirements, HB 3 increased funding and created an “early education allotment,” according to the Texas Education Agency.

Eligibility to attend full-day pre-K at no cost is based on several, mostly economic, factors.

The district has set up an online survey to gauge interest from LISD families, residents and stakeholders at www.leanderisd.org/preksurvey.

**Another bond?**

With LISD expected to gain more than 1,000 students annually through the 2029-30 school year, an annual demographic report recommends that LISD begin considering proposing a school bond to fund capital projects to keep up with enrollment.

The last school bond, which totaled $454.4 million, passed with two-thirds of the vote in 2017. However, trustees have said that bond was described before the vote as a three-year bond.

Trustees said there may be other, short-term alternatives to a bond, such as school rezoning or the creation of magnet-type schools on campuses that are under capacity.

**New classes**

In August, LISD will offer eight new classes:
- **Physics I:** a course that is equivalent to a first-semester introductory college course in physics;
- **Chamber Ensemble:** this alternative to Jazz Ensemble would be an elective course;
- **Cybersecurity:** instructs the fundamentals, ethics and laws;
- **Law, Safety, Corrections and Security:** instructs students in law, public safety, corrections and security;
- **Audio Visual Production:** class would offer comprehensive instruction in audio and video communications and the industries around them;
- **Graphic Design and Illustration:** offers introductory instruction in careers in graphic design and illustration, which are incorporated throughout the advertising and visual communications industry;
- **Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM):** students will apply previously studied knowledge and skills; and
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The location of each class will be based on demand, according to LISD officials.
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Leander selects committee to help update comprehensive plan

BY BRIAN PERDUE

Leander City Council will update its comprehensive plan in 2020. A comprehensive plan serves as a guide to the city’s future. It provides recommendations on the types of developments and infrastructure appropriate throughout the city.

Halff Associates is conducting the plan update, after Leander City Council awarded a $198,860 contract to the firm Sept. 19. Throughout the year, the firm will draft an updated comprehensive plan and seek public input through open houses and focus groups, according to city documents. The new plan is expected to be complete by September.

Leander City Manager Rick Beverlin told Community Impact Newspaper that community feedback will be important to the project.

The last comprehensive plan update was in 2015, and the city has nearly doubled in population and annexed more land since then.

During the process, a group of residents and community members known as the comprehensive plan advisory committee will meet and confer with Halff Associates and other stakeholders in the city. Nine members were approved by a majority of City Council members, and the remaining seven were each appointed by a council member without a council vote.

Leander City Council was scheduled to hold a joint workshop with the Planning and Zoning Commission and the comprehensive plan advisory committee on Jan. 16, after this edition went to press.

**Comprehensive plan advisory committee**

The committee will work with Halff Associates and city stakeholders in the city throughout the comprehensive plan update. Here is the makeup of the committee:

- planning and zoning commission: Annette Sponseller
- parks board: Randy Hutchison
- public arts commission: Deanna Ramirez
- TIRZ board: Joe Eckels
- economic development committee: Bob Shaver
- Leander ISD: Jimmy Disler
- chamber of commerce: Bridget Brandt
- ETJ resident: Herb Meischen
- Old Town: Frank Stiles
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- Place 5: Chelsea Irby
- Place 6: Kelsey Stone and
- Place 7: Jason Anderson.

Lime Creek Quarry feasibility study to be presented to council

BY MARISA CHARPENTIER

A study to determine the feasibility of redeveloping and reusing the Lime Creek Quarry in Cedar Park should see completion in 2020. Cedar Park City Council voted May 9 to authorize the city to procure a feasibility study on the quarry. The study analyzes the site and market conditions and is expected to include land-use scenario plans, according to city documents. The city of Cedar Park acquired the Lime Creek Quarry from Austin for $4.1 million in 2014 with the intention of eventually ending blasting on the site.

The study was anticipated to take seven to nine months to be completed. It is scheduled to be presented to council in early 2020, according to city officials. The Lime Creek Quarry is one of Cedar Park’s next big redevelopment projects, according to the city.

City set to approve master agreement for Bell Boulevard

BY MARISA CHARPENTIER

Cedar Park City Council is set to take the next big step in the Bell Boulevard redevelopment project in 2020.

The master developer agreement between the city and the project developer Redleaf Properties should come before council in early 2020, according to city spokesperson Jennie Huerta.

The master developer agreement outlines the conditions for the redevelopment and financing of a planned development, according to Huerta.

The Bell Boulevard redevelopment project will transform the area along Bell between Buttercup Creek Boulevard and Park Street into a mixed-used development. The district is set to feature shopping, dining, offices, housing and the Buttercup Creek Natural Area, according to the city. The project also involves the realignment of a portion of Bell to the alignment of Old Hwy. 183.

City Council selected Redleaf Properties, an Austin-based commercial real estate firm, to serve as the master developer in January 2019.

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**BY THE NUMBERS**

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Williamson County’s largest park to open this summer

**River Ranch intends to offer escape from urban life through passive recreation**

**BY ALI LINAN**

After nearly a year and a half since it broke ground, River Ranch County Park is anticipated for a summer opening, county officials said.

The 1,354-acre park will be the largest in the county and is designed after the state park model, emphasizing passive recreation, such as wildlife observation and hiking, said Russell Fishbeck, county senior director of parks and recreation.

“It’s kind of like an oasis in many ways as we see growing development,” Fishbeck said. “To have almost 1,400 acres of somewhat untouched land is pretty special.”

The park is located in the Texas Hill Country between Leander and Liberty Hill off Bagdad Road at CR 278. It will offer 10-12 miles of hiking, biking and equestrian trails as well as 25 spots for RV camping and 50 spots for tent camping of various kinds, Fishbeck said.

The grounds will also have a playground and open-air pavilions with grills for picnics, he added.

“This is going to be a more passive recreational facility, a more natural kind of destination,” Fishbeck said. “We provide an opportunity for folks to partake in those activities they like to enjoy.”

On Dec. 10, the county celebrated the groundbreaking of the park’s interpretive center, which will offer 4,836 square feet of space for classrooms, exhibits and meeting space. The approximately $1.9 million project was funded by a $750,000 Texas Parks and Wildlife Department grant and voter-approved park bonds. It will open in the fall.

“We don’t have a state park in Williamson County, and our goal with this park is to make it a state park feel,” Precinct 2 County Commissioner Cynthia Long said.

The county originally purchased about 1,000 acres of the land in 2008 for approximately $10.63 million using voter-approved park bonds. The Commissioners Court voted to add 343 acres in April 2019 for an additional $4.38 million.

Construction time was extended in late 2019 after a decision was made to convert overhead electrical poles underground to preserve the view for visitors and enhance the overall experience, Fishbeck said. The project added $426,890 to the total cost, he said.

Fishbeck said there are plans to have entrance fees as well as overnight camping fees, but those have not yet been approved by the Commissioners Court. He added the department is working on implementing a Williamson County parks pass, which will allow for reduced fees and additional perks.

The park will also add eight to nine full-time employees for maintenance, customer service and administrative support, Fishbeck said.

County Judge Bill Gravell said he believes River Ranch will rival any state park in Texas.

“I believe River Ranch is the crown jewel of parks in Central Texas,” Gravell said.

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**Travis County begins contract negotiations for new women’s jail**

**BY EMMA FREER**

After years of development, Travis County commissioners voted unanimously to authorize county staff to begin negotiations with Nebraska-based HDR Architecture on a $77.5 million contract to build a new women’s jail facility at a Dec. 10 meeting.

The county has planned to build a new, separate women’s facility for years, despite some pushback from local activists.

Travis County has made progress on improving its representation services and diversion programs. In August, the county received a $545 million state grant to create a general public defender’s office. Austin is the largest city in the county without a public defender’s office. Instead, indigent clients are represented by contracted attorneys paid a flat fee.

Additionally, because of diversion programs and screening efforts, bookings at the Travis County jail decreased 22% from fiscal year 2014-15 to FY 2018-19, according to a presentation made to commissioners at the Dec. 10 meeting.

“We are not holding in jail the people who commit very minor offenses when we can do anything about that,” Precinct 2 Commissioner Brigid Shea said at the Dec. 10 meeting.

“We’ve had very successful diversion programs, so who’s in jail now is really the people who have committed very serious offenses who you need to keep in jail.”

Despite the declining number of bookings, Travis County will continue to pursue a new women’s jail facility. Commissioners approved a capacity of 350 beds—slightly lower than the staff recommendation of 360 beds—in April.

Counties Executive Roger Jeffries—who oversees justice and public safety—stressed the need for a centralized facility to better serve women who are incarcerated in Travis County.

“Once it was thought that the more the individual suffered the less chance they would commit crime in the future,” Jeffries wrote in a Nov. 27 memo to commissioners. “Now we understand there is more to it than someone choosing to commit a crime; that not everyone belongs in jail (diversion); and for those that must be in jail, trauma informed care will better serve both the community and those involved with the criminal justice system.”

Travis County is on track to hire a consultant to help design the new jail facility and its programs, such as medical services, by early February, according to Jeffries’ memo.
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**Lone Star Circle of Care at Cedar Park opens**

**BY MARISA CHARPENTIER**

Lone Star Circle of Care opened its newest health center in Cedar Park on Dec. 9, according to a press release from LSCC. The community health center is adjacent to Cedar Park Regional Medical Center at 1401 Medical Parkway, Bldg. B, Ste. 311, Cedar Park.

Lone Star Circle of Care at Cedar Park offers comprehensive primary and behavioral health care services and will increase access for pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, family medicine and integrated behavioral health care in the area, according to the release.

**Family First Healthcare is accepting patients**

**BY MARISA CHARPENTIER**

A joint venture between Cedar Park Regional Medical Center and Premier Health, Family First Healthcare opened in Leander in January.

Family First Healthcare is staffed by clinicians specializing in urgent care procedures, according to a press release.

The center treats patients age 3 months and older and provides care for minor accidents and illnesses. It will also offer occupational health services to employers in the area. The facility is located at 1295 US 183, Ste. 110, Leander.

**St. David's Healthcare office building slated to open in March**

**BY BRIAN PERDUE**

The second phase of development by St. David’s Healthcare in Leander—a medical office building—is expected to open in early March after construction and site work are finished, according to St. David’s.

St. David’s operates St. David’s Emergency Center, which is also at 601 St. David’s Loop in Leander and opened in January 2018.

There is no timetable yet for the third phase of development at the site: a planned hospital in Leander, according to St. David’s, and will depend on the future needs of the community.
Study offers opportunities for possible future public transit

By Brian Perdue

Citing a lack of ridership, Cedar Park in 1998 withdrew from an agreement with Capital Metro to provide bus service for the city. Twenty-two years—and more than 50,000 residents—later, Cedar Park is considering rekindling that relationship or starting a partnership with a private transit company, according to officials.

Within the next few weeks, the consulting firm is expected to release a final version of a transit study that will recommend options, costs and the viability of different public transportation options for the city.

The purpose of the transit study—which cost the city $130,000 and is being written by consulting firm Nelson Nygaard—is to “identify available transit options and to evaluate options based on cost efficiency and effectiveness,” according to city spokesperson Jennie Huerta.

According to officials and the transit study’s latest draft, those options range from passenger vans making door-to-door stops for commuters to large buses transporting city residents between park-and-ride locations and major employment centers outside the city.

With Cedar Park’s steady development and planned high-density, mixed-use projects planned for the near future, City Council asked staff to “take a fresh look” at available transit options, Huerta said.

Public transit history

After terminating its bus service contract with Capital Metro in 1998, the city continued to research and slowly expand public transit options, according to a transit presentation at the Nov. 14 Cedar Park City Council meeting.

The city participated in transit studies with the Capital Area Rural Transportation System in 2002 and Capital Metro in 2008, when the city’s population reached 50,000, according to Gamesz.

The 2008 study resulted in a single local bus route between Lakeline Station, a Capital Metro rail stop in Northwest Austin, and Lago Vista, a smaller community west of Cedar Park on the Colorado River, according to Gamesz. In 2010, the city rejected a proposal by Capital Metro for additional bus service within the city.

In 2011, Capital Metro began bus service that cut across Cedar Park, from Lakeline Station west to the Austin Community College Cypress Creek campus in Cedar Park. Approximately 40 people use that service—Route 214—each weekday, according to Gamesz.

“A lot of people use [the campus route], primarily coming from Austin to the ACC campus,” Gamesz said at the Nov. 14 council meeting.

In addition to the Lakeline-Lago Vista and Lakeline-ACC Cypress Creek routes, other public transportation options exist within the city. According to the report, each weekday:

- More than 900 people take either Capital MetroRail or MetroExpress, Austin-area public rail and bus service, from Lakeline Station to Austin;
- 80 city residents ride in 11 Capital Metro vanpool groups to South Austin; and
- through Drive-A/Senior Northwest, a nonprofit that receives $20,000 annually from the city, five to 10 Cedar Park senior citizens are transported daily.

Transit study

In June 2018, the city approved a contract with Nelson Nygaard to craft the study, which was paid for through the city’s general fund, according to Huerta.

To craft the transit study, Gamesz said Nelson Nygaard analyzed traffic data, conducted an online poll with the city—which drew 1,152 responses—and culled data from the U.S. Census Bureau. Initially, Nelson Nygaard studied the feasibility of seven different transit options, according to earlier drafts of the transit study. They ranged in scope from the city partnering with private ride-sharing companies to exploring commuter rail service. Capital Metro’s MetroRail Red Line travels through the city to reach its final stop in Leander. Both ride-sharing partnerships and commuter rail were ruled out due to cost concerns, according to Gamesz.

The latest draft concludes that there are four “potential opportunities” for public transit in the city: two that involve researching a pilot program for hyperlocal van transport in the city and two that involve communicating with Capital Metro about possible contracting options for bus service.

Gamesz said that 93% of Cedar Park residents who are employed work outside the city limits—and 87% of those who work in Cedar Park commute from outside the city, according to the study.

With ongoing residential and commercial development—especially the planned high-density Indigo Ridge and Bell District developments—traffic on the area’s roads is sure to increase, according to Gamesz.

“That will mean more people living in a tighter space,” he said.

After the Nov. 14 presentation, Council Member Anne Duffy credited the consulting firm and city staff for the level of response received from residents and stakeholders.

“The community outreach was outstanding on this,” she said.

After the Nov. 14 presentation Mayor Corbin VanArsdale said he felt more comfortable with the fact that the city funded the study. The 2008 study was funded by Capital Metro, creating a perception of bias by the Austin-area public transit service, he said.

After the Nov. 14 presentation, a Nelson Nygaard representative predicted the final version of the transit report would be ready in “four to six weeks,” or by Dec. 26.

City officials expect the final version report soon, Huerta said.

Marisa Charpentier contributed to this story.


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Potential Public Transit Options

Four types being studied
Based on four public transit study options, the map depicts four hypothetical routes to illustrate what the different transit suggestions could potentially look like. No proposed routes have been released by the city or the consultants.

Flexible Routes

**Fixed Routes**

**Up to 35 Passengers**
- Local bus: provides connection to transit stations offering rail or other bus service
- Estimated annual cost: unknown
- Estimated city share: undetermined; could be affected depending on transit service provider
- Estimated daily ridership: 55

**Up to 40 Passengers**
- Express bus: operates during morning and evening commutes; connects nonstop service to major employment centers
- Estimated annual cost (private contractor only): $708,000
- Estimated city share: $377,000
- Estimated daily ridership: 170

**Flexible Routes**

**Up to 14 Passengers**
- Demand-response passenger van: publicly operated, requiring riders to make reservations in advance; provides door-to-door service within a specific area
- Estimated cost: $843,000
- Estimated city share: $485,000
- Estimated daily ridership: 55

- Microtransit: fixed route making frequent stops along major activity centers and roads every 30–60 minutes; can serve a variety of destinations
- Estimated annual cost: $865,000
- Estimated city share: $487,000
- Estimated daily ridership: 100

Potential transit stops
- Pickup points
- Leander Station
- Lakeline Park & Ride

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CROSSING THE RED LINE

Voters approved building the MetroRail Red Line rail route in 2004 between Leander and downtown Austin, and MetroRail opened to riders in March 2010. The route has nine stations, three of which have adjacent Park & Rides.

SOURCE: CAPITAL METRO/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

Momentum picks up on effort to build trail adjacent to MetroRail

BY AMY DENNEY

For more than 10 years a proposal to build a bicycle and pedestrian trail adjacent to the MetroRail Red Line route sat mostly untouched. Except for a 1-mile section built in 2013 and another included in the 2016 Mobility Bond, the proposal has lacked support to become a reality. But renewed support from Austin City Council and Capital Metro’s board of directors is helping breathe life into those plans.

The momentum behind the effort is from the Red Line Parkway Initiative, a nonprofit created in 2017 and spearheaded by Tom Wald, a local bicycle and pedestrian activist. He started having conversations with city staff in 2016 about the feasibility of building out the trail and realized the proposal needed a concerted vision to make it happen.

“There’s a real opportunity to go beyond a simple paved trail and really make it more of a loved place with pocket parks and larger parks with water features, retention ponds [and] detention ponds that could be converted and trail-oriented development,” he said.

The nonprofit’s mission is to help coordinate with all parties potentially affected by the trail, including the city of Austin and Capital Metro. In November, the board of directors for Capital Metro and Austin City Council both approved resolutions to formalize a partnership with the nonprofit and work toward the implementation of the trail.

Planning the trail

Initial conversations for a trail adjacent to the Red Line began around 2000 and ramped up in 2004 when city of Austin voters approved the Red Line. Capital Metro completed its Rail With Trail Feasibility Study in June 2007 that considered how a trail could fit into the railroad right of way.

A variety of factors contributed to Capital Metro not pursuing the trail, said Sam Sargent, the agency’s deputy chief of staff. These include a constrained right of way and the agency’s focus on other transit infrastructure and planning, such as the Project Connect regional plan.

“There are a lot more right of way constraints than the [agency’s] 2004 leadership realized,” Sargent said.

He said the agency continues to work with the city on planning efforts, including the latest portion of the trail that will be built. The city’s 2016 and 2018 bonds dedicate a total of $5 million for the preliminary engineering and design of the trail between Braker Lane and the Northern Walnut Creek Trail.

“Cap Metro is still working with the city on the development of the trail segment,” Sargent said. “We’re making sure there’s room for the trail and in the right of way and making sure it doesn’t preclude us from making Positive Train Control [safety signal system] work and double tracking.”

Next steps

With a formalized partnership, Wald said the nonprofit will embark on a planning study he estimates to cost about $200,000. This study will look at alternatives for the alignment, cost estimates, funding sources and opportunities for parks.

The study should be ready by June, he said. In early 2020, Wald said the organization plans to engage more with nearby communities and work with the city on priorities for the anticipated 2020 transportation bond.

Red Line Trail update

The city’s 2016 and 2018 bonds dedicate a total of $5 million for the planning and design of a portion of the Red Line Trail in North Austin between Braker Lane and the Northern Walnut Creek Trail.

City staff are continuing the design of the trail and will host another open house once the design is 60% complete. Staffers anticipate that meeting to occur in 2020. Funding allocated so far will get the project through engineering and design.

Timeline: fall 2020-late 2022 (construction)

Cost: $8.6 million

Funding sources: 2016 and 2018 city bonds

SOURCE: CITY OF AUSTIN/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER
As temperatures cool heading into the winter in Cedar Park and Leander, pollen counts from Ashe juniper trees begin to climb, causing seasonal allergies referred to locally by residents as “cedar fever.”

According to the Texas A&M Forest Service, Central and West Texas is home to about 10 million acres of Ashe juniper—also known as a mountain cedar—trees. Female Ashe junipers have berries and cones, while male trees cause the airborne pollen, according to the service.

Sumit Bose, an allergist/immunologist with Baylor Scott & White Health, told Community Impact Newspaper on Dec. 6 that cedar fever is fairly unique to Texas due to the large concentration of the trees. “The interesting thing is that, in most of the United States, and especially in northern United States where you don’t have a lot of cedar trees, people actually get some relief from pollen allergies in the winter,” he said. “But here in Texas people continue to struggle with pollen allergies just because of the unique cedar allergies that we have.”

Cedar season runs from December-February

Bose said cedar trees pollinate for about three months out of the year, beginning in December.

“By the end of February cedar trees stop pollinating, so typically people stop having symptoms of cedar allergies by early spring,” he said.

However, other pollen allergens are present in Central Texas throughout the year, including tree pollen in the spring, native grass allergies in the summer and pollen from weeds in the fall.

“It is not uncommon for patients to be allergic to multiple things,” he said. “We routinely see patients suffer from tree pollen allergies in March and April (after cedar is no longer present).”

Symptoms mimic the common cold

Bose said the name “cedar fever” is a bit of a misnomer because typically people do not suffer from an actual fever but experience similar symptoms to a fever or cold. According to Bose, typical symptoms of cedar allergies include nasal congestion; sneezing; itchy, watery or puffy eyes; sore throat; coughing; and fatigue.

Winter is, however, still peak season for the common cold, the flu and other illnesses, and also brings with it an increase in dust allergies as well. Bose said those experiencing symptoms that are inconsistent with cedar pollen counts from Ashe juniper trees begins to rise can help reduce or fight off symptoms.

“If people have a documented cedar allergy, they should start using their nasal sprays at least a week or two before cedar season,” he said. “Think of Thanksgiving as a reminder that you should start using your nasal spray regularly, and stay on it continuously through the season to be the most effective.”

Some techniques can reduce symptoms

Bose said he recommends that once cedar season begins, those prone to the allergen keep track of pollen counts and stay indoors when counts are high. If required to spend extended time outside, he said to change clothes once back inside and to shower before bed to remove any pollen, preventing exposure at night.

Nasal saline washes can help clean pollen out from nasal and sinus cavities, he said. Over-the-counter medications—such as antihistamines and intranasal steroid sprays—can be taken on an as-needed or daily basis, he said.

Bose said that seeing a board-certified allergist could also offer additional solutions or help pinpoint if cedar or other allergens are causing symptoms. Allergists can conduct allergy tests that can review what a patient is allergic to. Allergists can also administer immunotherapy, which can help the body build up a tolerance to an allergen over time, according to Bose.

People new to the region may not experience allergies right away

Bose said in order for an individual to develop an allergy, he or she has to have enough exposure to the pollen for a few years. Because of this, those new to Central Texas may not feel symptoms the first few years they live in the region but could develop the allergy later.

“Sometimes we tend to hear that people who have moved down to Central Texas area initially don’t have any symptoms of Cedar Fever, and that’s actually true,” he said.

Preventive measures can help

Bose said many patients come in already suffering from severe allergies, when it could be too late for preventive measure to work. Taking an allergy-relief intranasal steroid spray prior to the season and “not playing catch-up” when pollen counts rise can help reduce or fight off symptoms.

“People who have a documented cedar allergy, they should start using their nasal sprays at least a week or two before cedar season,” he said. “Think of Thanksgiving as a reminder that you should start using your nasal spray regularly, and stay on it continuously through the season to be the most effective.”

Steps to reduce the effects

Wear a face mask outside

Get checked by an allergist for pre-cedar fever help

Keep windows closed

Wash clothing exposed to the outdoors

Change to HEPA furnace/air filters and change often

Allergy symptoms can lead to infections if left untreated.

Antibiotics help fight off the bacteria.

Source: Pollen.com/slash.uc

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**True REST Float Spa**
Northwest Austin sensory deprivation center offers relaxation

When Tanner Heim, manager of True REST Float Spa in Northwest Austin, was introduced to sensory deprivation floating, he had reservations about the therapy. Heim came from a massage spa background and said he was skeptical of floating’s benefits.

“But I was absolutely blown away. I fell asleep or was knocked out during my float and came out feeling like it was a different day,” Heim said. “I came back quickly for more floats.”

Heim in May 2017 helped open the True REST location off Research Boulevard and in early 2020 will open another location in Cedar Park alongside current employee Taryn Ostendorf.

Sensory deprivation floating puts patients in a hatchback-sized pod filled with water composed of 30% Epsom salt. The water’s high salt content allows for patients to float in an anti-gravity environment that relaxes the mind and body, Heim said.

“We match your skin temperature with the water and the air, so you kind of forget where your body ends and the water begins. ... You dissolve into space, almost,” Heim said.

The float tank center serves up to 200 people every week, and Heim’s staff has treated athletes training for the Olympics as well as The University of Texas at Austin’s football team.

“Some people come in with this idea that they’re not going to float. ... Well, the UT football team floats, so I promise that you’ll float,” Ostendorf said.

Heim and Ostendorf said many of the clients who come into the float spa have issues with sleep. Floating can help with sleep issues during the treatment, the two said, but can also improve sleep back at home because of the deep relaxation gained in the float pod.

“Our minds are so hard-wired for doing and going and exerting that when you [float] the effect is profound. You’re really able to slow the mind down,” Heim said.

**WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF FLOATING?**

Tanner Heim, manager at True REST Float Spa in Northwest Austin, said float tanks provide myriad benefits. The therapy aids physical and mental health simultaneously, Heim said, producing a relaxed state. Here are some physical and mental benefits from sensory deprivation floating:

- better sleep
- reduced blood pressure
- pain relief
- anxiety relief

**FLOATING FAQS**

Do I need to wear a swimsuit?
It is optional, but not required. Each float suite provides privacy for changing and showering.

What if I am claustrophobic?
Each session is customizable, meaning you can float with the lid open or closed, with or without music and with or without light.

How long does floating last?
The float sessions last 60 minutes, but True REST recommends giving yourself extra time before and after the float for relaxation.

Is the water cleaned between floats?
The water in the float tanks goes through a filtration system seven times between each float. The filtration method includes sanitizing water using ultraviolet light, micron filtering, ozone sanitation and hydrogen peroxide sanitation.

Is there a better time of day to float?
There is no better time in the morning, day or evening for floating. It is a matter of personal preference.

**SOURCE:** TRUE REST FLOAT SPA/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

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A hundred years after its formation, the Texas League of Women Voters organization is returning to its Georgetown roots with a local chapter.

The state league was formed Oct. 19, 1919, following the passing of the 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote. Its first president was Jessie Daniel Ames—a prominent women’s suffragist, social reformer, Georgetown resident and graduate of Southwestern University.

Ames moved to Georgetown in 1893 when she was about 10 years old and graduated from Southwestern University in 1902, according to university documents. Ames became a constant champion of women’s and African American rights, leading her to head several state and national social justice organizations.

“If I had been a man, I would have been an awfully good revivalist,” Ames said at the time.

The newly established League of Women Voters Williamson County chapter was formed in September with plans to have a kickoff celebration in January. The group has formally broken off from the League of Women Voters Austin Area, which previously covered Williamson County.

Chris Spano, president of the Williamson County league, said she believed it was time to create a Williamson County-specific league, as the Austin-area one was spread thin with the increase in population.

While a century has passed since the league was formed and Ames was president, the purpose of the league remains the same: to increase voter turnout by creating better-informed citizens.

The League is a nonprofit that works to empower voters to make educated decisions at the polls by providing nonpartisan information on local and state candidates and ballot measures. It is also known for increasing voter registration and conducting candidate forums.

There are 35 active chapters of the League in Texas, including the state league.

“Voting is a right that we feel everybody should take advantage of,” Spano said. “We need to let our elected leaders know how we feel about issues and things that are important in our communities.”
Leanderthal Lounge
Distillery opens affordable tasting room to showcase small-batch liquors

In three years, Leanderthal Distilling founder Scott Calame has seen his business evolve. The small-batch distillery opened in 2016 as Square Peg Distillery. In 2018, Calame chose a new name in part to honor the “Leanderthal Lady,” the name for prehistoric remains found in the city in 1982.

In May, Leanderthal Distilling inked an agreement with a Houston-based liquor distributor.

A tasting room, dubbed Leanderthal Lounge, opened in early December with a series of soft openings at 11894 Hero Way W., Leander.

Calame, who co-owns the business with Shari Kolding, said he uses the tasting room to promote Leanderthal’s seven bottled spirits.

The cocktail price points should intrigue even the most frugal Leander consumer, he said. Most cocktails cost $4, with the Maple Old Fashioned, at $6, being the most expensive.

“We’re not here to make money off the drinks,” Calame said. “We want to showcase our bottles and promote bottle sales,” which range in price from $13.99-$29.50, he said.

According to Texas state law, Leanderthal customers can only purchase two bottles from the distillery every 30 days, according to Calame. The distillery must also only use alcohol sold by the business. No outside spirits can legally be sold or used in drinks.

Calame said he has had some fun with his drinks’ names, such as the No Russian Collusion, a coffee liqueur drink with milk and dark coffee shavings that tastes similar to a White Russian.

“We’re not being political,” he said. “It just indicates there’s no Russian vodka in the drink.”

He has also localized some of his drinks’ names. Instead of a Moscow Mule, he offers a Bagdad Burro.

Calame said he also helps his business neighbors by listing nearby restaurants on a chalkboard in the tasting room. Tasting room customers are welcome to bring in food to enjoy with their Leanderthal Distilling libations, he said.

Calame said he also plans to hang locally produced art in the tasting room at no cost to the artist.

No one under 21 is permitted in the lounge, according to Calame.

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Co-owners Scott Calame and Shari Kolding use Leanderthal Lounge to promote Leanderthal Distilling’s seven small-batch liquors (pictured), which range in price from $13.99-$29.50. (Photos by Brian Perdue/Community Impact Newspaper)
After serving locals and tourists alike at its downtown location for more than 15 years, Moonshine Patio Bar & Grill opted to open a new location in 2018. Now just over a year old, the Avery Ranch location—called Moonshine Comfort & Cocktails—is bringing the same Southern comfort food and atmosphere to North Austin communities with a slightly modern flair.

Moonshine founders Chuck Smith and Larry Perdido opened the original location in 2003 in a historic building that dates back to the 1850s. Moonshine Director of Operations Joseph Nguyen said the atmosphere and food reminds people of “going to their grandmother’s house.” Since it was not possible to recreate the same historical feel in Avery Ranch, the northern location reflects a modern interpretation of Southern comfort, Nguyen said.

“It’s like going to your mom’s house now instead of your grandma’s house,” Nguyen said.

The menu includes many of the same items as the downtown location’s, such as chicken-fried steak covered in chipotle cream gravy, chicken and waffles, St. Louis-style ribs with apple barbecue sauce and cathead biscuits equipped with all the fixings: honey butter and sweet preserves. An all-you-care-to-eat brunch buffet takes place on Sundays. The restaurant’s drink menu contains wine; beer; and a number of cocktails, such as the Southern Belle Martini and a bourbon slush.

The restaurant has a bar featuring a wall of carefully selected whiskeys and bourbons. Nguyen said over the last five years, Moonshine has been working to expand its whiskey and bourbon list. While five years ago it contained fewer than 20 bourbons and whiskeys, the list now has more than 140. Nguyen and other members of the team travel around the U.S. to pick out quality liquors to serve at Moonshine.

“We’ll go to Kentucky, or we’ll go to Virginia, and we’ll actually go to the distilleries and work with the master distillers on hand-selecting a single barrel of bourbon or whiskey to bring back to Austin,” Nguyen said.

Moonshine Comfort & Cocktails
Downtown Austin hotspot brings modern southern food to Avery Ranch

After serving locals and tourists alike at its downtown location for more than 15 years, Moonshine Patio Bar & Grill opted to open a new location in 2018. Now just over a year old, the Avery Ranch location—called Moonshine Comfort & Cocktails—is bringing the same Southern comfort food and atmosphere to North Austin communities with a slightly modern flair.

Moonshine founders Chuck Smith and Larry Perdido opened the original location in 2003 in a historic building that dates back to the 1850s. Moonshine Director of Operations Joseph Nguyen said the atmosphere and food reminds people of “going to their grandmother’s house.” Since it was not possible to recreate the same historical feel in Avery Ranch, the northern location reflects a modern interpretation of Southern comfort, Nguyen said.

“It’s like going to your mom’s house now instead of your grandma’s house,” Nguyen said.

The menu includes many of the same items as the downtown location’s, such as chicken-fried steak covered in chipotle cream gravy, chicken and waffles, St. Louis-style ribs with apple barbecue sauce and cathead biscuits equipped with all the fixings: honey butter and sweet preserves. An all-you-care-to-eat brunch buffet takes place on Sundays. The restaurant’s drink menu contains wine; beer; and a number of cocktails, such as the Southern Belle Martini and a bourbon slush.

The restaurant has a bar featuring a wall of carefully selected whiskeys and bourbons. Nguyen said over the last five years, Moonshine has been working to expand its whiskey and bourbon list. While five years ago it contained fewer than 20 bourbons and whiskeys, the list now has more than 140. Nguyen and other members of the team travel around the U.S. to pick out quality liquors to serve at Moonshine.

“We’ll go to Kentucky, or we’ll go to Virginia, and we’ll actually go to the distilleries and work with the master distillers on hand-selecting a single barrel of bourbon or whiskey to bring back to Austin,” Nguyen said.
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Rick Beverlin
Moving from Galveston, Leander’s newest city manager brings experience in tourist communities

Leander’s new city manager, Rick Beverlin, has been on the job since Dec. 2. He came to Leander from Galveston, where he had served as the assistant city manager since 2016. In that role he oversaw public transportation, development services and economic development. Other jobs he has held include working as economic development director for League City and a city administrator for Kemah. His base salary totals $225,000, according to his employment contract with the city of Leander.

Beverlin said he was born and raised in the southwest side of Houston. He has three children ages 10, 13 and 17.

WHY DID YOU WANT TO COME TO LEANDER?
I think it’s a beautiful area. I think that all of the pieces are in place for really going to the next level. You have a range of housing. You have a robust regional economy, a lot of jobs, a lot of opportunities. Obviously, the climate is wonderful as well.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR SHORT-TERM GOALS AS YOU BEGIN THIS POSITION?
I think the first priorities are identifying the opportunities that are there, be they coordination with other agencies and adjacent communities ... and of course aligning the priorities of staff with those of council.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR LONG-TERM GOALS?
Long-term would be to build balance to the economic base to not just [maintain] the current quality of life but [to ensure there are] other opportunities for entertainment and lifestyle, not just shopping and things like that but also parks ... and trails. ... We’re already one of the premier destinations for suburban housing, statewide, but [another goal is that] we go to that next step so long term we’re seen as and we remain a premier community that has a diverse economic base and is a great place not just to live and then work somewhere else, but to live, work and play long term.

THERE’S BEEN A DESIRE AMONG SOME COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO SEE MORE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. HOW ARE YOU EQUIPPED TO SEE THAT THROUGH?
I’ve worked in communities that have had a very robust tourism-hotel-restaurant economic base as well as communities that have a lot of primary jobs within their footprint, so Class A office space, business parks, things like that. ... I think that my strong set is a good fit for Leander, and I fully intend to use everything in the toolbox that I’ve been lucky enough to experience along the way here.

WHAT ARE LEANDER’S BIGGEST CHALLENGES?
Primarily that I appreciate the opportunity to serve the community and the staff. And that I’m really looking forward to where we can all go together in the coming years.

WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?
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Leander, meanwhile, is set to receive tax revenue from the first hotel in its city limits. After originally planning to open in the fall, Holiday Inn Express and Suites, at 247 W. Metro Road in Leander, within a couple of months, according to Leander spokesperson Mike Neu.

State law allows local jurisdictions to tax rooms used for sleeping for less than 30 days, according to documents. Both Cedar Park and Leander levy a 7% hotel tax rate.

The state also levies a 6% hotel tax rate for a total of 13% in both cities. State law requires that hotel tax revenue be used to promote tourism.

Cedar Park's tourism board began the current fiscal year with a beginning balance of $2,005,219, according to the city budget. For the current fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30, the city budget predicts hotel tax revenue will increase above the million-dollar mark to $1,130,564.

At its Dec. 5 meeting, Cedar Park City Council unanimously approved the allocation of $187,500—less than 20% of all HOT revenue the city collected the previous fiscal year—in grants to six projects (see Page 43) recommended by the tourism advisory board to receive grants from the city's hotel occupancy tax revenue.

HOT revenue funds all aspects of local tourism promotion, Cedar Park spokesperson Jennie Huerta said, which explains the difference between the Dec. 5 grant total and the larger annual hotel tax revenue total. Each HOT revenue recipient must sign an agreement that requires each entity to produce a final report on attendance, revenues and expenditures, and the city will pair that with local hotel occupancy rates.
“attributable to the project,” according to city documents. Leander has $486 in hotel tax funding from a now-closed bed and breakfast that once operated in Leander’s extraterritorial jurisdiction, or ETJ, according to Neu. Once the city reached a population of 35,000, state law forbade it from collecting hotel tax funds from its ETJs, Neu said.

Leander Mayor Troy Hill said he expects more hotels to set up shop in the city. The city created a tourism subcommittee in August to oversee future hotel tax revenue.

“We have more coming on the horizon,” he said. “We have had talks with two or three other hotels.”

Once Leander starts receiving hotel tax revenue, 75 percent will be directed to the tourism subcommittee that will fall under the purview of the Leander Chamber of Commerce, according to chamber President Bridget Brandt.

As the funds go up, the committee’s share will decrease, Brandt said. When revenue reaches from $250,000-$500,000, the percentage will drop to 60 percent. When it goes above $500,000, the percentage will drop further to 50 percent.

Brandt said Leander has already secured a tourism-related deal, even before the first hotel opens in the city.

“The Leander Wolfpack, our semipro football team, has people who are coming into town all the time,” she said. “With this hotel, we just initiated an agreement to be their official hotel.”

While Leander’s hotel tax revenue stream is just getting started, Cedar Park is in the process of revising its method for allocating hotel tax funds to local entities.

In 2019, entities applying for hotel tax revenue grants in Cedar Park had a three-week window—from April 24 to May 15—to download and complete an application to receive hotel tax revenue. Cedar Park Tourism Manager Neu said Cedar Park has already scheduled for Jan. 28, according to city officials.

Saridon Stanton suggested accepting applications all year.

“This would allow Cedar Park to be more competitive in bringing events to the community and provide more opportunity for applicants to receive funding assistance,” she said.

Cedar Park’s Tourism Advisory Board will likely take up the application revision issue at its next meeting scheduled for Jan. 28, according to city officials.
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Pflugerville officials seek to remedy water treatment failure from 2018-19

PFLUGERVILLE For nearly a year, the city of Pflugerville failed to meet minimum requirements set by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for its water treatment techniques—a mistake, city staff said, they are actively working to ensure never happens again.

City staff published an official notice regarding the water treatment technique violations on the city’s website Nov. 5, confirming that from October 2018 through September 2019—excluding December 2018 and April 2019—the city’s water supply was inadequately treated, but added that it had been and continues to be safe to drink. City officials said the water treatment plant’s water membranes, which help process and clean the city’s water supply, were damaged by the presence of zebra mussels—an invasive, freshwater species that attach themselves to different underwater surfaces, posing a threat to water infrastructure.

Pflugerville staff first received confirmation there was a problem with its water treatment techniques in October 2019, according to city spokesperson Terri Toledo.

Initial concerns with zebra mussels date to September 2018, when mussels were found at Pflugerville’s water intake tower for the Colorado River. Pflugerville City Council approved a notice for its water treatment failure “to provide adequate surface water treatment for cryptosporidium” during the affected months.

Cryptosporidium, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is a parasite that causes diarrhea, stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting and a fever.

No reported cases were identified in Pflugerville during the 10-month period.
FULL STORY BY KELSEY THOMPSON

Round Rock ISD trustees considering possible school boundary alterations

ROUND ROCK The board of trustees discussed possible attendance boundary changes Nov. 21. Trustees stressed the plans are preliminary.

“We’re definitely still working on this,” said trustee Amy Weir, who also serves as the chair of the facilities and finance committee.

Should plans advance, boundaries could be altered to relieve overcrowding and realign feeder patterns. Before plans can be adopted, two public hearings must take place, per board policy. Changes must be approved by March 1, Weir said.

The district’s last changes to attendance zones were approved in November 2016 and went into effect at the start of the 2017-18 academic year.
FULL STORY BY COMMUNITY IMPACT STAFF
**BRYSON, 78641**

Bryson is a growing community in Leander. Bryson has just over 200 homes, with farmhouse, craftsman and traditional styles. The neighborhood will have 1,500 homes when fully built out.

- **Build-out year:** TBD
- **Builders include:** Perry Homes, Brookfield Residential, Chesmar Homes, Lennar Homes & Scott Felder
- **Square footage:** 1,615-3,896
- **Home values:** $249,375-$590,000
- **HOA dues (estimated):** $720 annually
- **Schools (Leander ISD):** Plain Elementary School, new elementary school coming in 2024, Wiley Middle School, Glenn High School, Austin Community College a stoplight away
- **Property taxes (in dollars):**
  - City of Leander: 0.541867
  - Williamson County: 0.418719
  - Austin Community College: 0.1049
  - Leander ISD: 0.04
  - Leander TODD MUD No. 1: 0.35
  - Williamson Co. FM/RD: 0.04
  - Leander ISD: 1.4375
- **Total (per $100 valuation):** 2.892986

**MARKET DATA FOR DECEMBER**

**HOMES SOLD/AVERAGE DAYS ON THE MARKET**

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**Featured Neighborhood**

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Bryson is a growing community in Leander’s hill country. (Courtesy Andrea Navarrette)

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