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Publisher's Note

John P. Garrett

Growing city, growing family

Claire turned this column over to me while she focuses her attention on her family. June 8, she gave birth to John Harrison Love, named after his late grandfather Johnny Love. The baby came in at 20 inches and weighed 8 lbs., 9 oz. Mom and child are healthy and doing well. Claire will get to know her little one for a few weeks, but plans to be back on the job soon to keep readers informed about the Leander and Cedar Park area.

Claire's energy and love for her community over the fifteen months since this publication's inception has been an inspiration to our staff. She is excited now to give that same attention to her newborn.

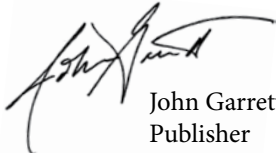
Our top stories touch on topics which continue to dominate this area's news. The Cedar Park Entertainment Center has been a controversial topic for more than five years. After the November vote

approved funds for the center from the 4A corporation, city officials have been researching ways to avoid the pitfalls that killed the project's last incarnation.

Leander's annexation of land for its growing city brings debate between city officials and landowners. Officials say they realize the city is growing and want to be able to accommodate its future population and its current citizens, while landowners fear their rights and services will suffer.

A few weeks ago I joined many elected and city officials on a trip to Fort Hood as guests of Congressman John Carter. I was touched by a comment made by a local chamber official with two young sons. He said that before the trip, he felt blessed that his boys were too young to be sent to Iraq. But after seeing the professionalism and training of our armed forces, he said he would feel safety and pride in sending his sons abroad.

As Claire brings her infant son home, let's remember and pray for other sons and daughters around the globe, whom we also long to bring safely back to their homes.


John Garrett
Publisher

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Twin Creeks Country Club breaks ground for new clubhouse



Twin Creeks Country Club in Cedar Park celebrated a groundbreaking for a 15,000 sq. ft. clubhouse June 1. Planned amenities include a fine dining restaurant, bar and lounge, covered outdoor dining, private board meeting room, men's and women's locker rooms, men's and women's card rooms, pro shop, turn house and bag and cart storage. The facility will also include 10,000 sq. ft. of outdoor space in addition to the club's existing Fred Couples Signature Golf Course, Family Activities Center and waterpark. For more information, visit www.twincreekscountryclub.com.

Leander Park & Ride opens

The Capital Metro Park & Ride officially opened June 2 at the Transit Center on US 183, north of the RM 2243 intersection.

Express weekday service to and from downtown Austin departs every 25 minutes during rush hours. Parking is free, bicycles are allowed on buses, WiFi is available on Red & White Express buses and carry on items are unlimited.

Express bus rides cost \$1 for a one-day pass and \$2 for a pass good for unlimited rides in a 24-hour period. Adults 65 and older, people with disabilities and children under 5 years old ride free. Express 31-day passes, good for unlimited rides, cost \$17 for an adult and \$8.50 for students. In late 2008, the Park & Ride will also be the northernmost station serviced by Capital MetroRail, which will provide service to northwest, central and downtown Austin. For more information, visit allsystemsgo.capmetro.org.



Leander school opening delayed

Grandview Hills Elementary will not open in time to start the 2007-2008 school year. LISD officials say the delay is due to heavy rains, problems with construction permits from the City of Austin and a recent discovery of mold in the exterior wall brickwork. The district plans a January 2008 opening, but issues with construction could push the opening back to the 2008-2009 year.

The mold is not thought to be a health issue, but district officials want to ensure the site is safe, Bill Britcher, district spokesman, said. Two separate tests have been completed on the site, the latest by Weston Solutions, an environmental engineering firm, which deemed the site "extremely safe." Students in neighborhoods zoned for the school will attend class in portable buildings at River Place Elementary, 6500 Sitio Del Rio Blvd.

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Mechanic educates customers about auto work

BY KATHERINE KENNEDY

Buddy Weatherford compares his business, Buddy's Underthehood, to ZZ Top — both are small and great, he said.

The automotive repair shop opened in 1989 and moved to Cedar Park in 2000. After hosting a radio talk show on KVET for two years, Weatherford decided to open his own garage in Austin with two bingo chairs and a toolbox.

"My first shop was small. I would advertise on my radio show for customers to come visit me at the little shop behind the dumpsters," Weatherford said.

Buddy decided to move his business to Cedar Park because of the city's resemblance to the Austin of his childhood, he said.

"The city provides an excellent opportunity for growth for new businesses."

With only two other employees, Weatherford said his company provides excellent service to customers by educating them about the automotive industry.

"People are fascinated with how pyramids last forever, much like my customers appreciate the fact that my work will last forever. I consider my customers to be the Pharaohs; they want the best quality work," Weatherford said. "I don't encourage customers to come here. I ask them to stop by, educate them on their cars and let them make the

decision for themselves. I even encourage them to learn to do the work themselves so they can have a true appreciation for mechanics."

Weatherford says he takes pride in his work and believes his employees should do the same. He considers himself to be a teacher and a mentor.

"My business is like a trade school. I spoil my employees and teach them about mechanics," Weatherford said. "Customer service is important.

The full-service shops are going to come back because people realize the need for personalization."

Apart from work, Weatherford enjoys restoring old Coca-Cola memorabilia and growing roses.

He has more than 20 vending machines, oversized Coca-Cola buttons, checks written to Coca-Cola that he will put in a collage, clocks and a 1923 bottle from the City of Weatherford.

His rose collection rivals the Coke collection: Twenty-one types

of roses grow in his garden.

"In the next five to 10 years, after I retire, I plan on owning my own Coca-Cola restoration business," Weatherford said. "After my daughter wins the Miss Texas pageant, we will travel with her and play catch-up on the family life. I would love to travel, swim, gamble and get away from work when I retire."



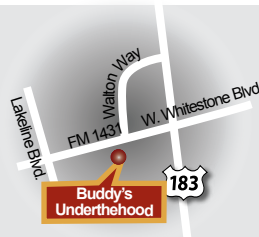
Buddy Weatherford, owner of Buddy's Underthehood.



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Buddy Weatherford with some of his Coca-Cola memorabilia.



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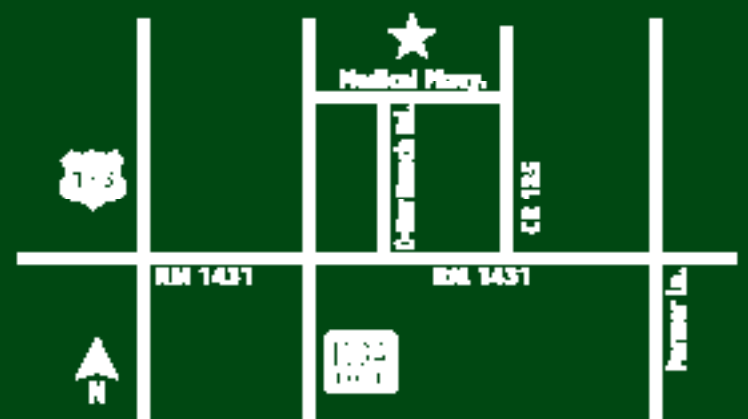


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1 Treasure fest

The **Treasure of the Hills Senior Center**, 408 Ridgewood, plans a health fair and festival from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 15. Free eye exams, endurance testing, blood pressure checks, food, door prizes and a variety of vendors and representatives from area health and activity services will be available for browsing and information. Call 331-6000 for more information.

2 Let the games begin

The **Texas Amateur Athletic Federation** scheduled some events of the AT&T Games of Texas in Cedar Park. Youth and adult swimming are planned for July 27 – 29 at the Elizabeth Milburn Park swimming pool, 1901 Sun Chase Blvd. Registration information for the event is available at www.taaf.com/gamesoftexas/swimming.htm (sic).

The wiffle ball tournament will be at Elizabeth Milburn Park July 28 – 29. No prequalification is necessary and all ages are welcome. The fee is \$50 per team, and the registration deadline is July 20. For more information, call Tim Dean, 401-5506, or visit www.taaf.com/gamesoftexas/Wiffleball.htm. To volunteer, call Kimberly Garrett, 930-3542, or Angie Scott, 218-5540.

3 Chamber, city picnic

Chamber of commerce members, City of Cedar Park employees and their family members are invited to a picnic from 4 – 9 p.m. June 22 at Elizabeth Milburn Park. Food, drinks and entertainment for the whole family will be provided free of charge.

4 Rainbow's beginning

A ground-breaking ceremony for **Rainbow Station** child development center barely beat the rain May 22 at its future location, 11615 W. Parmer Lane. The facility will offer nursery school, preschool, after-school recreation and special care for mildly to chronically ill children from registered nurses on staff. Construction was scheduled to begin today, June 15, and the grand opening is planned for Spring 2008. For more information, visit www.rainbowstation.org/loc-austin.



Rainbow Station owner Nadiya Lakhani, kneeling with sons Ishan and Aashish, celebrated the groundbreaking of the facility with family members. From left, her mother, Noorsultan Lakhani; husband, Akbar Dhanani; father Akbar I. Lakhani; sister, Tinki Lakhani and brother/business partner, Ahmed Lakhani.

Leadership program

Registration is in progress for the **Cedar Park Chamber of Commerce's** nine-month leadership program, which includes sessions about transportation issues, government operations at all levels, public health and public safety, emergency services, education and non-profit services throughout the area. For more information, contact Danita Futch at 260-7800 or Danita@cedarparkchamber.org. Applications received by July 1 will receive a 10 percent discount.

Getting extensions

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the extension of Anderson Mill Road from Cashell Wood Drive south to RM 2769 was May 24. The project consisted of the construction of 2,200 ft. of four-lane divided roadway with curbs and gutters, sidewalks, utility and drainage improvements, and involved coordination between TxDOT and Travis County. The \$2.6 million project removes a curve on Old Volente Road and opens up large tracts of land for development.

5 Hi-ya!

DragonHeart Karate is moving to 200 S. Bell Blvd., Ste. C1A. The new site has 4,500 sq. ft., which allow for a larger training floor, video and audio capabilities. Schedules and classes will not change. For more information, call 918-8921 or visit www.dragonheartkarate.com.

Beautifying 183

The US 183 Corridor Enhancement Project, a partnership of the Community Development Corporation's 4B board

and the city council, has funds available for beautification projects along the road. Any commercial entity on US 183 may apply for monies to fund safety, mobility and aesthetic improvements to property such as landscaping, driveway closures or realignments, joint access and sign replacement or relocation. Businesses who qualify for project funding could receive 75 percent of the total eligible costs for a project, up to \$50,000. Applicants must be able to contribute financially for a portion of the total project cost. Applications are available at www.cedarparktx.us/cp/page19474218.aspx. Call 401-5060 for more information.

Cupcake heaven

Bliss Cupcakery, www.blisscupcakery.com, opened recently offering treats including the Lemon Raspberry Surprise, Blue Coconut, Double Espresso and Chocolate Peanut Butter. Standard size cupcakes are \$30 per dozen, jumbo size cakes are \$40 per dozen and delivery is free to the greater Austin area. Call 512-876-4446 or e-mail info@blisscupcakery.com for more information.

6 New preschool

The Goddard School, 1905 El Salido Parkway, plans to open in late September or early October. The nationwide franchise offers comprehensive preschool programs and curriculum for academics, socialization, movement, music, language and overall development for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years old. For more information, call owner Maria Aggen at 258-5292 or visit www.goddardschool.com/Schools/Cedar-Park-TX/Schools.gsp.

7 Sizzling

Tokai Japanese Hibachi, in the Railyard shopping center at 601 E. Whitestone Blvd., Building 7, Ste. 720, plans to open in early July. The restaurant is owned by Ricky and Wendy Chen and will offer traditional Japanese and other Asian fare.

8 Water works and remodeling

The ribbon cutting and grand opening of the Splash Pad at **Twin Lakes Family YMCA**, 204 E. Little Elm Trail, was June 14.



Construction began on the lobby area in May to add a new member services desk, Child Watch check-in desk and a jungle-themed playscape. The current teen center, The Zone, will gain extra footage in the remodel, which is scheduled to be complete in late August. Call 250-9622 or visit www.ymcagwc.org/TL_whatsnew.htm for more information.

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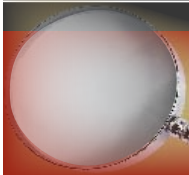
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Closer Look

As a corporate trainer for Dell Inc., Michele Hammer became accustomed to public speaking. It's a skill she still uses – just at a faster pace.

Hammer is the auctioneer and owner of Hammer Down Auctions, which celebrated its first year in business May 20. Her twice-monthly auctions, consisting of estates, consignments, business liquidations and personal property, are booked through August.

"There was a real need for this in the area; business took off immediately," Hammer said. "I can't even sell my own stuff because there's so much of other people's."

Having always enjoyed eBay and attending live auctions, Hammer said she decided to leave the corporate world and do something fun.

"Life's too short, you know," Hammer said.

Customers tell her the auctions have become their favorite Saturday night outing. The concession stand offers ballgame-type dinners, drinks and desserts, including homemade banana pudding famous among the regulars. Entertainment is provided by Hammer, guest auctioneers and the bidders, who become competitive for popular items.

Many attendees are regulars, including collectors and shop owners replenishing their wares.

Auction house sells it all from Cadillacs to cookie jars

BY KARA VAUGHT

"You meet all walks of life here," Hammer said. "The next phone call could be your million dollar sale — or not. From cookie jars to Cadillacs, we sell it all."

The shop also sells everywhere. Live bidders compete against Internet buyers using Java software to listen to audio streams of the auction.

"We've sold all over the world through the Internet process," Hammer said. "I just sold a car to a guy in Norway. As long as they have a computer, they are good to go."

But the Internet bidders, fast talking and competition shouldn't deter anyone from attending an auction for the first time, said Hammer's co-owner, Sherry Fairclough.

"I think a lot of people are scared that they're not going to be able to afford anything or that it's all going to be junk," she said. "We keep the quality of items high, but stuff might go for \$2.50 or \$250. We're surprised by something at every auction."

Besides entertainment for buyers, Hammer said she and her staff also

provide comfort and peace of mind to sellers.

"When people are selling their things, it is usually a stressful time," Hammer said. "It could be because someone is sick, moving or has died, or a business liquidation. They want someone who is going to take care of things collected over a lifetime — someone to handle it tenderly."



Michele Hammer calls an auction while an assistant displays the item up for bid.



BEFORE YOU BID

Buyers should inspect items carefully before raising their paddles to bid, Hammer said. Maker's marks, signatures and stamps can all be signs of quality, but are not guarantees.

"A customer needs to know what they're doing before they spend tons of money. Just like clothing, everything has a tag, but some items are much better quality than others."

Tommy Nolley displays a clock on the auction block at Hammer Down.

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1 Park it, then ride

The grand opening celebration for the **Capital Metro Park & Ride** was June 2 at the Transit Center on US 183, north of the RM 2243 intersection. The free event included inflatable games for children, business exhibits, dignitary remarks, free barbecue lunch and a concert by Dale Watson. For more information about ticket prices and schedules, see page 3 or visit allsystems.go.capmetro.org.



2 Marriage and money

Way Off Broadway, 10960 E. Crystal Falls Parkway, plans seven performances of *June Groom*, the story of a man who mixes up his marriage in an attempt to claim a fortune offered by his uncle. Shows begin at 8 p.m. June 15, 16, 22, 23 and 28 - 30. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. Call 336-8966 or visit www.wobcp.org for more information.

3 Time

The Texas Amateur Athletic Federation has scheduled the youth softball portion of the **AT&T Games of Texas** July 27 and 28 at Robin Bledsoe Park, 601 S. Bagdad Road. Fastpitch teams composed of girls 12 and younger must register by 4 p.m. July 16. The event is governed by the Amateur Softball Association. Contact Kelley Morris at kmorris@ci.leander.tx.us or visit [www.taaf.com/gamesoftexas/Softball%20\(youth\).htm](http://www.taaf.com/gamesoftexas/Softball%20(youth).htm) for more information.

4 At the ready

RediClinic, which provides preventative healthcare and treatment for more than 25 common ailments, opened April 6 inside H-E-B Plus! at 651 N. US 183. The clinic is staffed by nurse practitioners with advanced degrees and supervised by St. David's physicians. No appointments are necessary, and RediClinic advertises no wait times. The clinic's hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, call 260-0871 or visit www.rediclinic.com.

Plumbing the line

Gavit Plumbing, serving residential and commercial customers, is now open for business. Master plumber Mike Gavit is insured, state certified and available at 968-6039 and gavitplumbing@yahoo.com.

5 Get physical

Leander Physical Therapy, 502 Crystal Falls Parkway, opened June 4. Licensed physical therapist Nancy Coldicott offers outpatient physical therapy services by either doctor referral or walk-in. For more information, call 528-0800.

National recognition

Leander joined three other communities in receiving the inaugural Driehaus Form-Based Codes Award from the Congress for the New Urbanism May 17 in Philadelphia. Form-based codes create a predictable public layout by controlling the physical aspects of development and land use through city or county regulations. The other award recipients were: St. Lucie County, Fla; Gulfport, Miss. and Farmer's Branch, Texas.

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Annexation

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surrounding the city limits, known as extraterritorial jurisdiction. On May 8, Leander's city council declared a population of 25,214, which by law entitles the city to two miles of ETJ from all points of the city limits. A city with a population less than 25,000 is allowed ETJ one mile from the city limits.

Annexations can occur only from land within a city's ETJ, which is protected from encroachment by developers and other cities by a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity. Granted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, a CCN gives a city the exclusive right to provide water and sewer services within its ETJ.

A CCN is important, Sáenz said, because planning for capital improvements costs the city money that would be wasted if another entity moved in on the land. By annexing, a city expands its limits and ETJ, protecting more land for the city's future use.

Trade off

In a letter to landowners facing the possibility of involuntary annexation, the city cited the services it provides, such as response from police, firefighters and animal control, as benefits to annexation.

David Bradley, who owns portions of the newly annexed Bradley Ranch, told the city at its May 3 council meeting that he had no use for city services.

"I've got a .22 and a .38. I don't need animal control," he said.

Availability

Once annexed, the city is obligated by law to make services, including utilities, available to landowners.

However, the law does not mandate that the city pay for lines to connect each landowner to the nearest city water artery, an expensive venture if no line is nearby.

No city has the financial capability to install utility infrastructure right up to every business and home, said



Residents of Gabriel's Overlook wore red to the June 7 Leander City Council meeting.

Barney Knight, Leander city attorney.

Instead, cities often rely on developers to lay lines in the course of independent building projects such as shopping plazas and subdivisions. Such activity shortens the distance from surrounding landowners to water arteries, thus lowering their cost of tapping the line.

If no developer is building in the area of a newly annexed landowner, the burden of laying a line falls to them if they want city water.

If a landowner decides to fund the connecting water lines, the city will generally reimburse portions of that cost as other entities tap the new line and pay the corresponding connection fee, Knight said.

Here, not there

A portion of Alynnette Farley's land on CR 279 was added to Leander in 2002 in a strip annexation. Homes of landowners near her were within annexed strips, while hers is not. Farley sees city trash collections drive by her house to serve others, but she cannot receive the same services. Because the home is outside the legal limits of the city, it is also outside the jurisdiction of EMS and fire response services, Sáenz said.

In a statement to the Leander City Council May 17,

Gabriel's Overlook subdivision residents protest inclusion in Leander's ETJ

More than 100 residents of Gabriel's Overlook subdivision attended the June 7 Leander City Council meeting wearing red in protest of the strip annexation of 103.6 acres near their homes. Although their land was not annexed, it now lies within Leander's ETJ.

Multiple speakers from the group accused the city council of ignoring requests to stop the annexation, land grabbing and using fuzzy math to determine a population of more than 25,000, which gives the city a larger ETJ.

Mayor John Cowman said the city followed the law, and he offered his cell phone number to anyone who wished to discuss the matter.

A director of the Gabriel's Overlook homeowners' association, David Moore, told the council the residents would not let the annexation stand.

"You've met the red shirts now," Moore said. "Be cautious how you treat us."

TERMS AT A GLANCE

Annexation — The ability of a city to add land into its area of authority. Once annexed, residents are subject to city taxes and receive city services.

CCN — A Certificate of Convenience and Necessity gives a city the exclusive right to provide water and sewer to a given area, and is often granted for a city's ETJ land.

ETJ — Extraterritorial jurisdiction is the ability of a city to govern areas beyond the city limits. A city may annex land from within its ETJ, which is one mile around the city limits for cities with a population less than 25,000 and two miles for a city with more than 25,000 residents. In a May 8 meeting, Leander's city council declared a population of 25,214.

Farley requested full city services for landowners affected by strip annexations, contending the city is increasing its tax base without meeting obligations.

Strip annexations are done for the purpose of expanding a city's limits and ETJ, not its tax base, Sáenz said.

"If the city wanted to bring in tax revenue, it would annex whole areas rather than strips. A strip annexation just allows us to expand our ETJ so that we can plan in order to be able to manage our growth."



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Entertainment center

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groups presented their proposals in a seven-hour meeting with the 4A board. The entertainment centers pitched ranged from a \$150 million mixed-use village to a more modest \$37 million home for the Ice Bats.

Candidates

The International Facilities Group presented a 5,000 to 6,000-seat arena at a cost between \$35 million and \$48 million. The company's past projects include San Antonio's AT&T Center and the Laredo Entertainment Center.

Their vision for Cedar Park's project is a flexible place where both sports teams and community events can take place. They also recommended the city encourage the development of a hotel that would support visitors coming from outside the city.

The second proposal came from CS&J Management, a \$37 million project that, if chosen, could open as soon as December 2008. CS&J Management is run by Randy Sanders, President of the Austin Ice Bats.

This proposal comes with the team attached, and Sanders says a name change to the Cedar Park Ice Bats would be possible. Even if CS&J is not chosen as the developer, the Ice Bats would still consider making the entertainment center their home, Sanders said.

The Ice Bats have been without a "bat cave" since moving out of the Travis County Expo Center in 2006 and pres-

ently play at the 2,000-seat Chaparral Ice in north Austin. The largest and most costly of the three proposals came from Stewart Green Properties, which pitched not only an entertainment center, but a full complex of shops, hotels and restaurants that would surround the center. It would use the entire plot of land and cost about \$150 million.

One of the heads of Stewart Green is Norman Green, who is a former member of the National Hockey League's board of governors as well as former owner of the Dallas Stars hockey team. With Stewart Green's proposal came the promise that he would bring an American Hockey League team to the entertainment center.

Next step

On May 29, the board met in a private session to put together additional questions for the developers. If the board decides on a proposal, they will bring it to the city council for approval.

The entertainment center will not go back to voters because the November election gave the 4A corporation the power to handle the project.

If the 4A board members decide that none of the proposals suit the city, they can search for other possible candidates or scrap the entertainment center project altogether. No timetable has been set for the project yet.

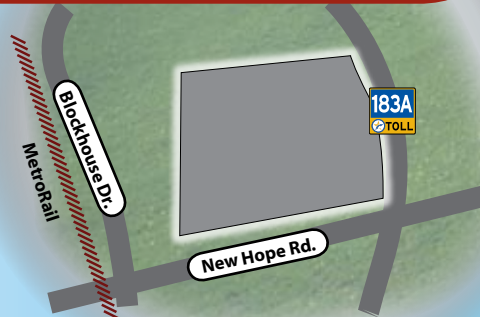
"I want the entertainment center to contribute to the quality of life in Cedar Park, and for it to be a community amenity," Brewer said. "We anticipate it will be a catalyst for development."

Cedar Park Entertainment Center in the making

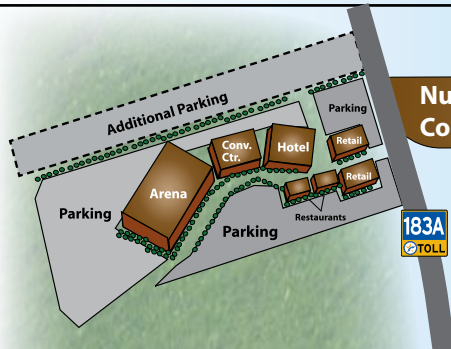
The primary site being considered by the 4A Corporation for the Cedar Park Entertainment Center is a city-owned plot of land along 183A Toll and New Hope Road.

The location offers transportation access to the toll road and is located in close proximity to the Capital Metropolitan MetroRail, due to open in 2008, although Cedar Park does not currently buy into the Capital Metro program.

The 4A board is currently in the process of reviewing the following three proposals.



International Facilities Group

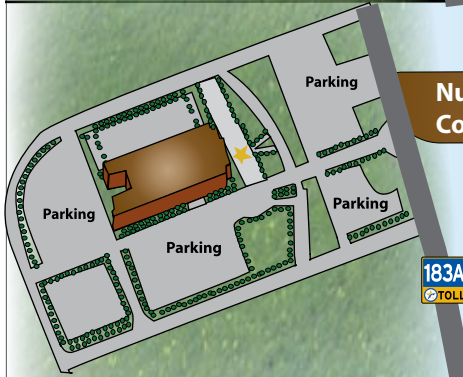


Number of seats: Between 5,000 - 6,000
Cost: Between \$35 million - \$48 million

Because the land is so close to Cedar Park neighborhoods, this design features a green median to buffer the area between the entertainment center and the residents.

Although they do not currently have a deal, IFG expressed commitment to find a team to make this location their home.

CS & J

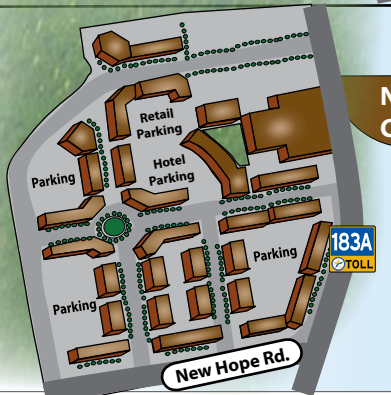


Number of seats: 5,000
Cost: \$37 million

If this development group is chosen, the Austin Ice Bats would make this location their new home.

Along Toll 183A would be several pad sites for development in conjunction with the entertainment center.

Stewart Green Properties



Number of seats: More than 6,000 permanent seats
Cost: \$150 million

Rather than just an entertainment complex, this plan features a full mixed-use development.

Other major features include a second sheet of ice, strips of shopping centers lining the parking lots and several parks that buffer the area between the entertainment center, the toll roads and the neighborhoods.

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Burt Witcher

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Fourth of July Celebration

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Live music

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Robin Bledsoe Amphitheater, 601 S.

Bagdad Road

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Department at 259-2640

Jean Pierre and the Zydeco Angels.

June 22

Whitestone. August 24

Old Town Leander Concert Series

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Fireworks Celebration
 June 30

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City events

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Flushed Away. June 15

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Fourth of July Celebration

Elizabeth Milburn Park
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Splash Jam

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Inside Information

Anatomy of a city council meeting

Agenda: Understanding the process of a city council meeting

The cities of Leander and Cedar Park are required by city charter to hold two regular meetings each month.

The Cedar Park City Council has seven elected members: the mayor and six council members. They meet the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Cedar Park Public Library, 550 Discovery Blvd.

The Leander City Council also has seven elected members: the mayor and six council members. They meet the first and third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of the Pat Bryson Municipal Hall, 201 N. Brushy St.

The Open Meetings Act requires the council to conduct an open meeting when a quorum — at least four members — of the council is present for the purpose of discussing public business.

Open meetings must be publicly posted and items not appearing on the agenda will not be discussed. Minutes of the meeting are kept by the city secretary.

For more information, visit the city websites at www.ci.leander.tx.us and www.cedarparktx.us.

City secretaries

- Cedar Park - LeAnn Quinn, 401-5002.
- Leander - Debbie Haile, 528-2743.

Order of events at a typical city council meeting



- **Call to order by the mayor.**
- **Quorum verified.**
- **The meeting is declared open by a motion from the mayor.**
- **Invocation.**
- **United States and Texas pledges of allegiance.**
- **Citizen communications** — Citizens are allowed to address the council. In order to speak, citizens must put in a request with the city secretary prior to the meeting.
- **Mayor and city council opening comments** — A time for the mayor and city council to update each other on things going on in the community and in their own business.
- **City manager's report** — An update on activities and projects.
- **Consent agenda** — Items on which a consensus opinion has been reached.



- Approval of city council minutes from previous meetings; receipt of board and commission minutes; planning and zoning commission minutes; community development corporation minutes; any other action items.



- **Public hearings** — Citizens given an opportunity to provide input on items under consideration.
- **Regular agenda** — Items on which a consensus has not been reached.
 - Discussion and possible action by the council.
- **Executive session** — A closed meeting or session. The council may meet to discuss specific personnel matters, certain consultations with its attorney, the value or transfer of real property, security personnel or devices, a prospective gift or donation to the city, tests that the governing body conducts for purposes of licensing, certain economic development matters, certain competitive matters relating to a city-owned electric or gas utility for which the city council is the governing body or certain information relating to the subject of emergencies and disasters.
- **Open meeting** — Once the executive session is over, the council will reconvene into general session and consider any action on items that were discussed in executive session.
- **Mayor and council closing comments.**
- **Adjournment.**



Sources: Cedar Park and Leander city charters and Texas Attorney General's office, www.oag.state.tx.us.

Frequently asked questions

Q: What is the difference between consent agenda and regular agenda?

A: The consent agenda includes items that do not need any discussion or debate either because they are routine business procedures or already have unanimous consent. These items are clustered into a single agenda and may be passed with a single motion.

If a question arises regarding any item, the item may be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular agenda for a separate discussion and action.

Q: How does a citizen get an item on the agenda?

A: Citizens may contact a city employee, such as the city manager, secretary or council member, who then will direct the concern or issue to the appropriate board or committee for review.

Q: How long can a citizen speak on an item?

A: Citizen communications are limited to three minutes but may proceed longer at the discretion of the mayor.

Q: Can the council respond to a citizen's comments?

A: No, the mayor and city council members will listen and consider issues brought to them by the public, but cannot engage in active discussion with the public during the meeting.

Q: How many votes are required for an item to pass?

A: The majority, four, of the council members must approve an item in order to pass it.

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Historical Impact

Walkerton: Roots of the county, part II

BY KAREN R. THOMPSON
Thompson is manager of archives for Williamson County.

Last month's edition featured part one of "Walkerton: Roots of the county." To see the article, visit www.impactnews.com. In 1835, Tumlinson Fort became the first habitation in Williamson County. Texas Supreme Court Judge Alexander Stuart Walker turned the land into a 1,387 acre cattle ranch. In 1882, the new railroad's flag station was named



Susan Walker, daughter of Stuart and Mary Walker, shown in 1922 with a large gathering of eggs. The 1,387 acre Walker Ranch primarily consisted of cattle, sheep and goats, but it also included a large chicken operation. Mary Walker's grandparents were Lucy Merriweather and William Lewis, parents of Merriweather Lewis of Lewis and Clark fame.



Ranch horse "Old Rip" was a favorite. In this 1950s photograph, Stuart Armstrong is trying his best to be a Texas Cowboy. His parents, Susan Walker and John "Tex" Armstrong, met as students at Yale University.



When Captain John J. Tumlinson built a "block house fort" in 1835, they cut steps out of this large oak tree to use as a lookout. This 1926 photograph shows Alex and his sister Susan Walker in front of that "lookout tree."



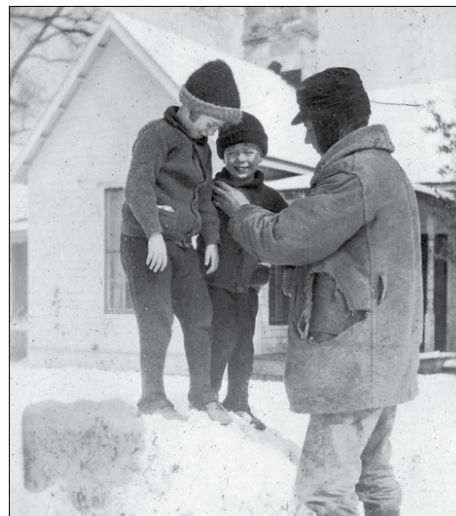
Judge Alexander Stuart Walker, Jr. (1865-1933), the second Judge Walker, is shown with his granddaughter, Susan Walker, in 1921. He was almost always dressed in a suit. Among his professional careers, he was the Collector of the Internal Revenue appointed by President Woodrow Wilson.

Waterton. The judges' son, county attorney Alexander Stuart Walker, Jr., and grandson, Alexander Stuart Walker III, also worked the family ranch. Stuart III's, daughter, Susan, and son, Alexander Stuart Walker IV, were raised on the land. In 1978, the ranch was sold for the Block House Creek subdivision.

The Walker Ranch was known for cattle and horses, but sheep and goats were also raised. Mary Walker seems delighted with a baby goat while "Mr. Stuart" looks on. The ranch brand was a D X, first registered in Williamson County in May 1860 by A. S. Walker Sr.



In this 1921 photograph is Katherine Waggoner Walker, wife of Judge A.S. Walker Jr., with granddaughter, Susan. Katherine's father, Leslie Waggoner, was the first president of the University of Texas in 1895. UT opened in 1883 with interim officials.



A snowfall in Leander usually brings out the cameras, and this 1926 event was enjoyed by Susan and Alex Walker along with their father, "Mr. Stuart" Walker. The Walker ranch house is in the background. That house is now the Community Building at Block House Creek.



Susan Walker Armstrong riding on the ranch in 1942. Susan attended schools in Leander ISD, and graduated from the University of Texas. She did post graduate work in anthropology at Yale University.

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Dragonfly mixes cultures in extensive menu

BY DEB ARNOLD

One might not expect to find a serene dining experience in a shopping mall, but the Dragonfly Asian Restaurant & Bar in Lakeline Mall offers quiet, casual meals.

Dragonfly opened four years ago as a family venture. Owner Tom Quach and his wife live in Cedar Park and knew the area was growing rapidly. When space became available in Lakeline Mall, Quach moved in and became the only sit-down restaurant in the mall.

"Most of the other restaurants [in the mall] are in the food court," San Quach, Tom's daughter, said. "Dragonfly food comes out fast, but we are still a sit-down restaurant with a laid-back atmosphere."

After we were seated, our waiter presented an extensive menu of Chinese and Vietnamese dishes. Keeping both their heritages is very important to Tom and his wife, which is why they offer a mixed menu.

We began with Egg drop Soup (\$1.50/cup or \$3.95/bowl) and the Pu Pu Platter for Two (\$9.50). The platter consisted of Egg Rolls, BBQ Beef Sticks, Ribs, Chicken Wings, Fantail Shrimp and Crab Rangoons encircling a tabletop hibachi. The variety was interesting and sharpened our appetites for the main entrees.

The Pho Tom (\$6.50/bowl), a well-seasoned beef broth served with noodles, bean sprouts, sliced jalapenos, fresh basil, cilantro and a wedge of lime, was a hit with our party's Pho Tom expert. I had to taste this soup because it was so aromatic. The flavor was full but not overwhelming, and the fresh vegetables in the savory broth were enjoyable.

The Salt and Pepper Shrimp (\$12.95) arrived with batter-fried shrimp and squid along with sautéed jalapenos and onions. A side of broccoli and white rice complimented the dish, and the delectable salt, pepper and garlic dipping sauce crowned this selection.

I enjoyed the Sweet and Sour Chicken (\$8.95). The white chicken bites were light and batter-fried. The rice was moist, the peppers and onions were al dente and the sauce was tangy.

The restaurant has a bar with beer, wine and a flat-screen TV so patrons can watch sporting events. Seattle's Best Coffee selections are also available.

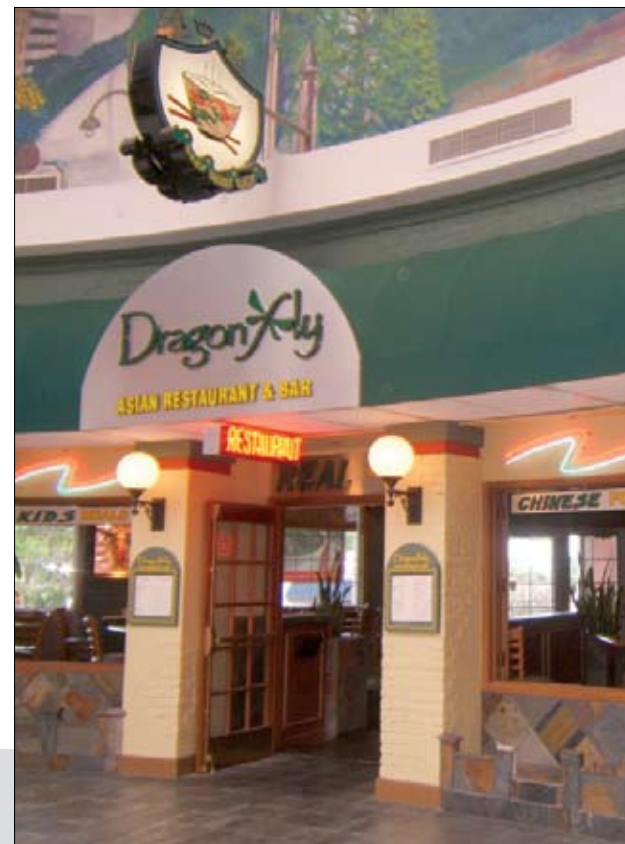
There is no dessert menu, so our meal concluded with the traditional fortune cookie. My fortune read "Relax and enjoy your everyday ventures." I looked around the table and decided that we had done just that.

VIETNAMESE TRANSLATOR

Pho – Beef or chicken broth
Mi – Egg noodle soup
Vermicelli – Rice noodle
Cari – Curry
Lemon grass – A long, thin gray-green leaf with a scallion-like taste
Cha gio – Egg roll
Gui cuon – Shrimp spring roll
Do xao – Stir fry

CHINESE TRANSLATOR

Lo mein – Soft noodles
Chow mein – Crispy noodles
Moo shoo – Wrap
Hunan – A style of cooking named for an area of China
Szechuan – A spicy style of cooking named for an area of China



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Education Focus

Search for new superintendent begins



With the school year and the election over, the Leander ISD School Board of Trustees will focus on finding a new superintendent. Tom Glenn, superintendent for the past 20 years, announced his retirement earlier this year. His decision to retire in December rather than at the end of the school year was made to give the school board more time to find his replacement.

"I think this will be a position that will be very popular," Grace Barber-Jordan, school board president, said. "Tom has done such a great job with the district and I don't see us having problems getting applicants. We wanted to wait until after the election and not rush to place a new superintendent. This position defines the school district and it is not something to go into lightly."

A budget for the search has not yet been determined.

Basic superintendent search process:

- Prepare a proposal to send to national search firms.
- Search firms submit bids and the board chooses one firm.
- Board gathers community input on qualities of leadership needed in a superintendent.
- A committee is chosen to help determine the needs and wants for the position.
- Board finalizes a job description. Search firm provides potential candidates, who go through two interviews.
- Candidates visit Leander and the school board visits the candidate's community and school district to observe previous work and environment.
- The board plans to select a final candidate and have them on the job by Jan. 3. If not, an interim superintendent will take over the position until a final candidate can be found.

Leadership LISD gives community members taste of school

BY BETH WADE

Leadership LISD invites select community members to participate in 10 two-hour classes that include presentations by students, teachers, school board members, administrators and staff from all areas in the district.

"The district wanted to give parents and community leaders an opportunity to gain an inside look at the district and its successes," said Jennifer Williams, LISD spokesperson.

Class subjects include budget and finance, curriculum, long range planning, school safety and



From left, Sarah Sutfin, LISD elementary science coordinator; Linda Lippe; Danita Futch and Vic Villarreal, Leander City Council member, perform a science experiment as part of Leadership LISD.

security, personnel and staffing, legislative issues, transportation and special programs.

"Overall, I wish more people understood how many people and how much work goes into having such a great school district," said Mary Bradshaw, Leander Chamber of Commerce executive director. "The district is very well thought out and coordinated. I'm impressed by the structure that Tom Glenn has brought to the district. It doesn't just happen that we have a great district; there are a lot of people making it happen."

Each school in the district, along with the administration and school board, has the opportunity to nominate a parent or

community member from their area to participate in Leadership LISD.

"We want to see this continue year after year," Williams said. "Our schools are a large part of the communities. This is a fast growing area. We have a lot of new people moving in, and this is a way to bring in the older residents and new and give them a better understanding of the district, its programs and its mission."

Invitations for the third year of Leadership LISD go out in July. For more information or to express interest in getting involved, contact Jennifer Williams at 434-5009.



Ray Cowperthwaite, a past Leadership LISD participant.

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\$150 - \$199.9k	240
\$200 - \$299.9k	197
\$300 - \$399.9k	78
\$400 - \$499.9k	29
\$500 - \$749.9k	29
\$750 - \$999.9k	9
\$1 Million +	9

Area HOMES

May 1, 2007 – May 31, 2007

Price Range	# SOLD	Avg. Sales Price	Days On Market
< \$100,000	6	\$83,250	20
\$100 - \$149.9k	47	\$132,750	37
\$150 - \$199.9k	42	\$167,100	36
\$200 - \$299.9k	23	\$233,000	55
\$300 - \$399.9k	8	\$324,000	56
\$400 - \$499.9k	6	\$440,250	71
\$500 - \$749.9k	3	\$572,00	144
\$750 - \$999.9k	–	–	–
\$1 Million +	–	–	–

Monthly Home Sales

Month	Number of Sales	Average Price
May 2007	132	\$160,465
May 2006	231	\$168,097
April 2007	174	\$165,000
March 2007	222	\$184,479
February 2007	248	\$187,118
January 2007	120	\$185,648
December 2006	184	\$187,866
November 2006	170	\$177,486

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Band members perform for the love of the music

BY KATHERINE KENNEDY

A Disney tune performed during a Band of the Hills concert in April had an effect many teachers and parents would envy: It made children stop playing, sit and listen.

Director Bob Dalrymple said that is why music is important: It touches everyone.

Band of the Hills formed nine years ago with 15 members to provide a cultural and musical experience for the residents living in the central Texas area.

"When we started, we didn't have the capacity to play middle school-type music. Now, we have grown in both quality and quantity [between 30-40 members] and are able to play more challenging music," Dalrymple said. "The band provides a wonderful adult activity that is different from the daily routines of our members. It is a pleasure to bring music to those in our community who want to hear it."

Band members include teachers, executives, students, retired people and business owners.

"Anyone who has a horn and knows how to play is welcome. There is no time limit or expiration date on ability. We have a member who joined after not playing for almost 40 years," Dalrymple said. "Our band is a place for family; there are husbands with wives, brothers with sisters and children with parents and grandparents."

People who join the band love music and want to spend

their free time practicing what they love. Dalrymple said the hours of rehearsal provide a break from reality and a time to gain back sanity.

"Most non-profit members carry a lifelong learned skill. They join specific organizations for a particular cause," Dalrymple said. "We join because we want to play. We truly love what we are doing."

Band of the Hills plays a variety of music: marches, classical, show tunes, big band, patriotic and seasonal.

"Three fourths of our performances are outside," Dalrymple said. "We try to provide happiness of the seasons. We bring enjoyment to the retirement homes at Christmas and hold a patriotic Fourth of July performance."

Band president Amy Firkins has been a member for three years. She says the band plays music that people don't always hear on the radio.

"Attending our concerts is a great way for people to spend their afternoon or evening," Firkins said. "Our concerts are fun, community oriented and free."

Firkins said joining the band has positively influenced her life as well as her family's.

"Joining the band has had a profound

impact on my children," Firkins said. "Before I started playing again, they didn't show any interest in playing a musical instrument. Now, my son is becoming quite a good trumpet player and my daughter wants to play the violin, drums and clarinet. It's fun."

Dalrymple said the band plans to grow to about 90 members and will continue to expand their performances to venues outside of the central Texas area.

"We would like to play more indoor concerts and hope to start touring more," Dalrymple said. "When the band tours, we get to play with other community bands for a fresh crowd. It is a great learning experience."



Band of the Hills performs at Central Market in Austin in April.



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4: Cedar Park
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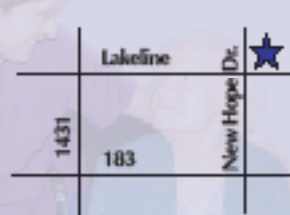
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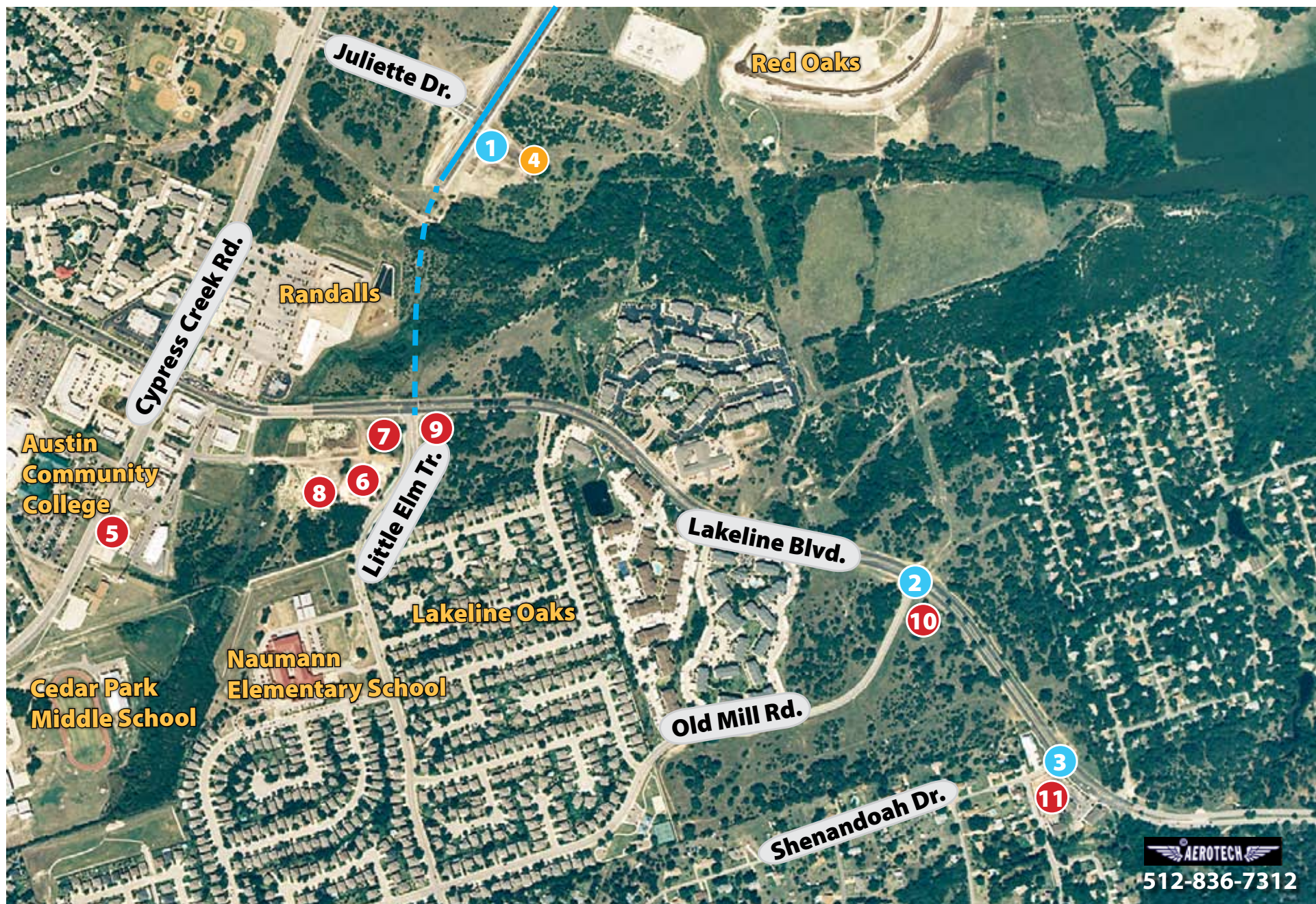
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One of five major north-south traffic routes through Cedar Park, Lakeline Boulevard carried 20,000 cars a day the first week of opening. It serves as a primary residential and commuter route with easy access to four schools and major arteries US 183 and 183A Toll.

Transportation update

- 1 Cedar Park plans to extend Little Elm Trail east to US 183. No plans have been finalized at this time and will develop as future growth demands.
- 2 Cedar Park anticipates the intersection of Lakeline Boulevard and Old Mill Road will be a potential location for a traffic signal based on future traffic volume.
- 3 A signal light at the intersection of Lakeline Boulevard and Shenandoah Drive is in the finishing stages of design and will be under construction this summer.

Residential real estate

- 4 **Portrait Homes** broke ground in May on the 21-acre site for **Cypress Creek Townhomes**. The 180-unit complex is located at 1900 Little Elm Trail, and prices start in the \$130s.

Commercial property

- 5 **Lakeline Center** is a multi-phased development at the southeast corner of Lakeline Boulevard and Cypress Creek Road. **TinStar**, a southwestern-style restaurant, and **T-Mobile** will occupy the 3,500 sq. ft. building with a scheduled move-in date at the end of August.
- 6 Phase 2 of **Lakeline Center**, a 13,000 sq. ft. building on 28 acres, is projected to open September 1. Tenants include **Roaster's** coffee shop, a dry cleaner, nail salon and **Rooster's** men's hair salon. The remaining 8,000 sq. ft. for lease includes two junior anchors and a 3,500 sq. ft. restaurant with a patio. Future plans include 30,000 sq. ft. of space as demand dictates.
- 7 **Omni Bank** plans to break ground this month on a 5,000 sq. ft. freestanding building with a projected Spring 2008 opening.
- 8 **Primrose School**, an early education facility, will begin construction by the end of August. The new 11,000 sq. ft. school will open Spring 2008.
- 9 **Lakeline Oaks Retirement Community** is in the planning stages for a 175,000 sq. ft., 128-apartment independent living community. The development anticipates a September groundbreaking with completion expected by October 2008. On-site amenities include a theater, bank, gift shop, beauty salon/barber shop, billiards room, library, crafts and game rooms, fitness center and whirlpool spa. Transportation service will be provided for off-site appointments. For additional information, contact Michela at (402) 420-2311.
- 10 **Lake Mill Plaza** broke ground May 30 on two buildings. **Clean Smart Cleaners** will occupy the 3,500 sq. ft. building featuring a drive-through and all work done on-site. The second building has 11,900 sq. ft. of space available for leasing. Construction is expected to be completed at the end of the year.
- 11 **Trinity Family Partners** will complete construction of a 7,200 sq. ft. space at **Lakeline Commons** in September. The new location joins three existing buildings including **Jani-King**, **Tillman Physical Therapy & Sports Training Center** and the new **Cedar Park Sleep Center**. Cedar Park Sleep Center opened June 8.



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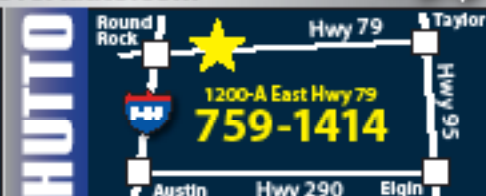


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ACC in Round Rock

School planned to support eastern Wilco's need

BY CHRISTI SNOW

Austin Community College wants to build its largest campus, capable of serving 10,000-11,000 students, in eastern Williamson County as soon as possible. The school has already begun land acquisition on University Boulevard and commissioned concept drawings. It is a unique situation because ACC has never purchased property in a community outside of its district.

Since 1980, ACC has offered classes in Round Rock schools, and in more recent years the Round Rock Higher Education Center has acted as a sort of satellite campus by hosting classes. During the All-of-Austin-Annexation in 2005, 33 percent of the Round Rock Independent School District joined the college's district. However, most of the city has remained outside ACC jurisdiction.

"I joke we've been dating a long time," ACC President Stephen Kinslow said. "It's time to get married."

Case for a campus

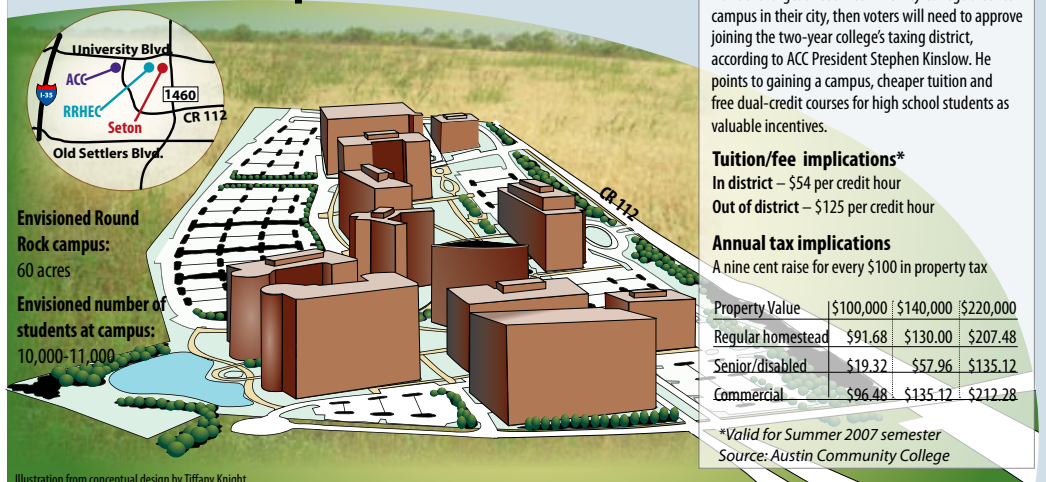
The ACC facilities master plan for the 2006 through 2008 fiscal years calls for a Round Rock-Pflugerville area campus, highlighting the area's attraction to young residents who can afford local housing costs and the overall population growth.

Kinslow said in the Fall 2006 semester, the college had 5,189 Williamson County students enrolled with almost 3,500 from Round Rock. Only a small portion of county enrollees, 512, attended the RRHEC.

He suggests this is because the campus, which also houses classes from Texas State and the Small Business Development Center, has limited space translating into fewer classes services and programs.

With this in mind, the ACC Board of

Another campus on the hill



Trustees wants to step forward with a Round Rock campus that would include around 200,000 sq. ft. of space. At the same time, Kinslow admits they will probably not build on a large scale until the city joins the taxing district—and it looks like that might also happen soon since an unnamed group recently announced their decision to begin an annexation campaign effort that would

result in a May 2008 election.

Meanwhile, ACC intends to acquire land near the RRHEC on University Boulevard by purchasing a portion of the more than 60 acres and receiving the remainder as a donation from the Avery family. The RRHEC and the neighboring Seton Medical Center-Williamson were also once Avery land.

Northwest Austin Parks

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District

- 1. Balcones**
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- 2. Gracywoods**
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- 3. Mountain View**
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- 4. Northwest Balcones**
10201 Tallyran Drive
- 5. Pickfair**
10904 Pickfair Drive
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1401 Riata Trace
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- 9. Tanglewood**
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- 13. Great Hills Park**
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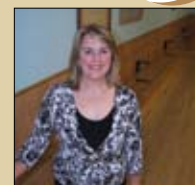
Taco Shack

In 1995, Yoli Arriaga was a teacher in Round Rock. Today Yoli and her husband Orlando own a chain of restaurants with locations in all parts of Austin.



Shirley McPhail School of Dance

Edwina McPhail Worley gained her love for dance from her mother Shirley, who founded the school in 1970. Today classes are taught to three year olds up to the oldest who is 84.



Tom Billington

As a Marine, Tom Billington escorted high-ranking government officials in Washington, D.C.

After completing his four-year commitment to the Marine Corps, Billington wanted to continue working for the government.

"I felt the Postal Service was a great organization to have a career with. I knew the Postal Service is a respected organization that provides an important service to our country," he said.

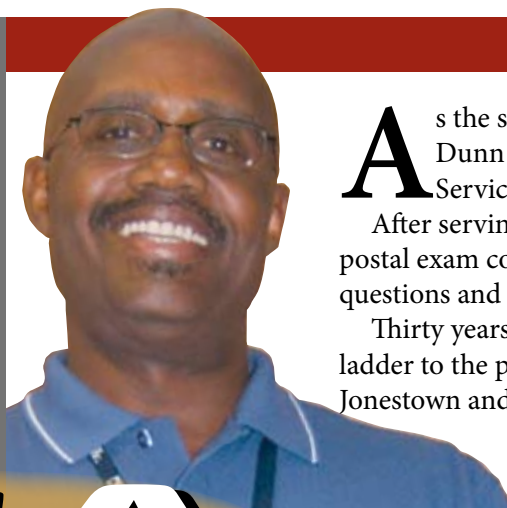


Maurice Dunn

As the son of a postal employee, Maurice Dunn said a career with the U.S. Postal Service was always an option for him.

After serving in the U.S. Air Force, Dunn took a postal exam composed of memory and math skills questions and was hired for his high scores.

Thirty years later, Dunn has moved up the ladder to the position of postmaster for Leander, Jonestown and Lago Vista.



Cedar Park postmaster

Q&A

Leander postmaster

Q. How long have you worked in Cedar Park, and where were your previous jobs?

A. I've been here a year on June 24. Before that I was postmaster in Tyler for two years, and before I was a postmaster, I was a station manager in Austin. I started out my postal career as a carrier in 1988.

Q. What's your most unusual experience working at the post office?

A. During Christmas time, it gets very busy, so an accordion player came and performed seasonal music for those waiting in the lobby.

Q. What does a postmaster's day look like?

A. The postmaster is really an ambassador to the community in regard to postal services. I ensure the retail needs are met at the counter and am responsible for the 32 routes that we deliver. I have two supervisors who help me out: Pat Lippe and Josiah Macfoy.

Q. What's the biggest challenge a postmaster faces?

A. The postmaster spends a great deal of time with customers. There are lots of requests I need to answer and people who have concerns about their mail delivery or a certain piece of mail. There are also administrative duties in managing up to 60 employees.

Q. How are people taking the rate increase?

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Q. What is one of your goals or accomplishments?

A. My claim to fame is that I try to keep the lines to a maximum five-minute wait. The trick to that is using historical data to staff my windows, meaning that I look at our records of high and low volume times and days and put extra or fewer people at the windows accordingly. Also, I or my supervisors will help people prepare packages, and we take customers out of line who are just picking up a package.

Family: Wife, Robin, and sons Thomas, 14, Chase, 12 and Derek, 8.

Contact Information: The Cedar Park Post Office customer line is 260-7585.

Q. What's your most unusual experience working at the post office?

A. Once, when I was managing one of the smaller towns, there was an incident where one of our postal customers had grandchildren visiting from out of town, and the grandchildren came to pick up the mail. Nobody knew the grandchildren, so we weren't sure if we should give them the customer's mail. But then someone recognized the customer's dog, which had followed the children to the post office. So then we knew we could hand over the mail.

Q. What does a postmaster's day look like?

A. It's mostly administrative work, but I'm ultimately responsible for everything that happens in this facility and in Jonestown and Lago Vista.

Q. What's the biggest challenge a postmaster faces?

A. Managing the available resources, including staff, to meet the company's allocated budget. You do the best you can with what you have. There are times when you have to prioritize all your tasks, but safety and customer service always come first.

Q. How are people taking the rate increase?

A. Most people understand that we move our mail by truck. They look at the price of gas and understand that we have to cover our costs. The post office is a break-even operation.

Q. What is one of your goals or accomplishments?

A. I consider being able to understand things from a customer's perspective one of my strengths. Most people understand that even though I can't fix everything, their concerns mean a lot to me and I'll do what I can.

I've been selected to be a coach for other postmasters. Right now I am on the review board for the associate supervisors. These are people trying to get into a management position, and seeing such dynamic people is encouraging.

Q. What do people need to know about the post office that they might not?

A. As I tell everyone, the U.S. Postal Service is the model for the rest of the world's postal services. There is no other postal system in the world that can do what we do as well as we do it. Nobody has as much volume or efficiency.

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