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# Developer plans two subdivisions near Avery Ranch

Waterstone also plans Leander project

#### By Robert Bell

The developer behind one of the top-selling subdivisions in Central Texas is betting that homebuyers will be attracted to a strong local brand name.

Waterstone Development designed the Avery Ranch subdivision in north Austin. By all accounts, the 1,800-acre master-planned community has been a runaway success. Which is one reason why IBC Bank approached the company about developing a parcel it owns just south of Avery Ranch near the intersection of US 183 and Lakeline Boulevard.

"One of the reasons IBC liked us as a developer is [because] we have the rights to the Avery Ranch name," said Gary Newman, president of

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#### By Joseph M. de Leon

Michael McCloskey will handout pamphlets, connect with residents and promote participation in the largest count of people in Cedar Park history. He leads an effort to make sure everyone in town participates in the 2010 Census.

If all goes as planned, the hard work could pay off with increased federal funding to pay for programs that range from heath care to roadwork.

"People tend to look at events the day of, and they don't realize what it takes to make that happen," McCloskey said. "You're looking at moving the whole population to act on a certain day, so the message has to be formed early."

The collection of census data, which is mandated by the U.S. Constitution, is used to allocate

more than \$300 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments every year, distribute congressional seats to states and make decisions about what community services to fund.

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McCloskey is the chairman and city liaison for Cedar Park 2010 Census Complete Count Committee. The group of seven volunteers has been coordinating an effort to inform the public about the importance of participating in the census since the committee formed in June.

As city leaders prepare for the 2010 Census, more than 120 million census forms are being printed. Residents should begin receiving the forms in the mail starting in March 2010. The data is collected by April 1—Census Day.

The Census Bureau donated welcome bags and census handouts, which volunteers—coordinated by the committee—distributed at the Cedar Park Business Expo on Aug. 1.

"We are encouraging

serve the surrounding 15-county area, including Cedar Park and Leander. The office, at 3010 Williams Drive in Georgetown, will hire up to 40 office workers and oversee about 1,500 field staff during the peak of census gathering in spring 2010. Read more on Page 21. Census data at a glance **2010 Census** Federal funds disbursed yearly based on census: \$300 billion **Booklets in both Spanish\*** and English: 13 million First time data gathered using handheld computers: 2010 Census Number of questions: 10 Time to complete form: 15 minutes Cost of census: \$15 billion First time census forms will be offered in both Spanish and English Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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#### General Manager's Note

I often meet people who tell me they like reading Community Impact Newspaper, and I like to ask what they enjoy about the paper. The most common

response is the maps included in the paper. One of the reasons we believe maps are important is because the roads in Cedar Park and Leander are constantly changing. Often you think you're on the right road when you're not.

Not long ago, I accidentally ended up in Jonestown on my way to the Cedar Park Driving Range. While I normally enjoy driving down new roads and learning about the connectivity across town, this was not one of those instances. The construction on this segment of FM 1431, which has been referred to as dead man's curve, has improved the safety of one of the most dangerous roads in our area.

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Those of you who have lived in this area for a couple of years might have had similar experiences. Others who have lived here for 20 years or more have seen the rural communities change into thriving cities. We had the opportunity hear from some of the longtime residents at the Cedar Park Business Expo held in early August. I heard countless stories from readers who have witnessed major changes over the

Thank you to all the readers who stopped by our business expo booth with feedback and appreciation for our newspaper. It was great to meet you.

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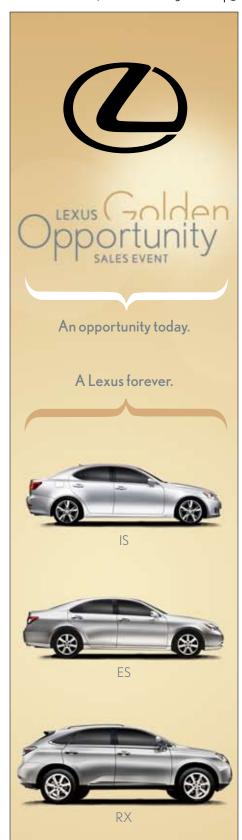


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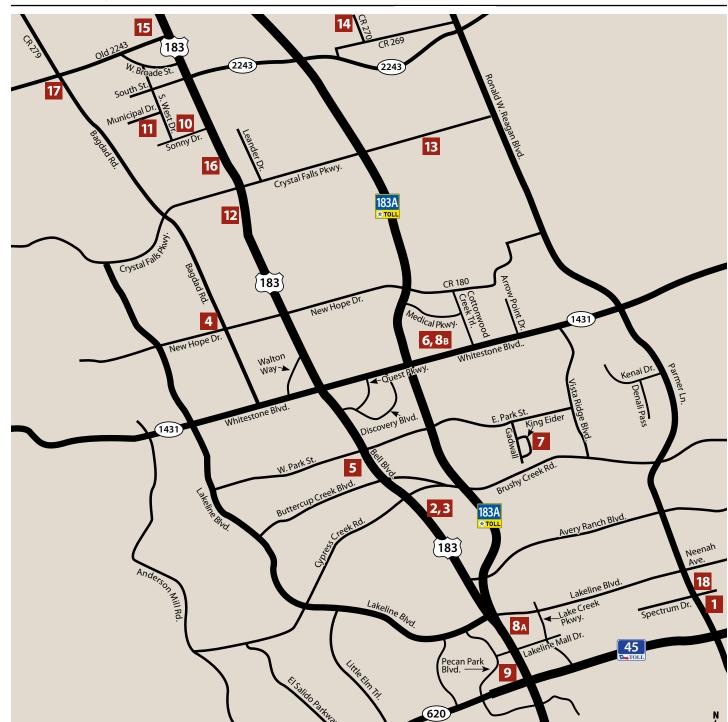
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#### **Cedar Park**

#### 1 Swim, bike and run

Triathletes Gustavo Pinheiro and Camila Morais moved to the Austin area from Puerto Rico to sell cycling, running and swimming gear. They opened VO2 Triathalon and Cycles, 9222 Parmer Lane, Ste. B, July 23. The store offers triathlon equipment and a full-service bike shop. Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Call 918-2300 or visit www.vo2tc.com.

2 Chinese medicine center

On July 1, Denise Edmiston opened Points for Health Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine, 930 S. Bell Blvd., Ste. 2-204. The clinic offers patients acupuncture and herbal medicine, treats general illness and specializes in women's health and emotional disorders. Open Tue. and Thu. 1-6 p.m., Wed. and Fri. 9

a.m.-3 p.m. Call 250-8124 or visit www. points4health.com.

#### Massage and yoga

Billy Miller, a registered yoga teacher, and Rainbough Phillips, a licensed massage therapist, opened Breath & Balance Bodyworks, 930 S. Bell Blvd., Ste. 301, in July. The business offers clients Swedish, deep-tissue, sports, prenatal and myofascial massage and one-on-one yoga sessions by appointment only. Open Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Call 923-0785.

4 Financial consultant moves

Formerly in the Arboretum in Austin, Ameriprise Financial Services Inc. moved to 921 W. New Hope Drive, Ste. 204. Ameriprise offers financial, investment and insurance services and estate and tax planning. Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 986-5569 or visit www.ameripriseadvisors.com.

#### 5 Gifts and more

Owners Peggy and Ruben de la Rosa moved Davlynn's Gifts and Craft Mall to the Village Belle shopping center, 201 S. Bell Blvd., Ste. 110, Aug. 3. The mall includes items from more than 30 vendors, including handcrafted wares and rhinestone T-shirts designed by the de la Rosas. Open Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 335-4438.

Map not to scale

#### 6 Property search

Real estate firm Keller Williams Realty, 1335 E. Whitestone Blvd., Ste. Z-200, will celebrate its grand opening Sept. 12 with refreshments, children's activities, home-improvement vendors and a raffle. Proceeds will benefit KW Cares, a nonprofit that supports humanitarian causes in communities worldwide. The office has more than 80 area agents and specializes in residential, commercial and luxury properties. Open Mon.-Fri.

8 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 616-4000 or visit www. kellerwilliamscedarparkleander.com.

#### 7 Financial advice

On July 21, financial planner David P. Ackel started a home-based business, Focus Forward Financial LLC, 506 King Eider Lane. Ackel offers independent financial advice. Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 213-4940 or visit www.focusforwardfinancial.com.

#### 8 Restaurant consolidation

**A Spicy Pickle**, 14005 N. U.S. 183, Ste. 1000, shut its doors July 22 because of a significant drop in sales. Owner Clay Rule will open a location on South Lamar Boulevard in Austin early next year. B The Spicy Pickle location in 1890 Ranch, 1335 E. Whitestone Blvd., is unaffected by the closure. Call 528-9900.

#### 9 Sharkey's shears

Shetal Patel will host a grand opening Aug. 22 for Sharkey's Cuts for Kids, Lakeline Plaza, 11066 Pecan Park Blvd., Ste. 215. The salon for children has TVs at each stylist station, with styling chairs in the shape of sports cars or video game consoles. Karaoke and theme parties are available. Open Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sun. noon-5 p.m. Call 257-1957 or visit www.sharkeyscutsforkids.com.

#### Leander

#### 10 Hispanic market

Luis Miguel and Betty Castillo started a commercial development in hopes of creating a Hispanic business center in Leander. The first of the businesses, La Canasta Market, 207 Sonny Drive, Ste. 101, is expected to open in early September. The store will offer a meat market, produce, groceries and a taco kitchen with seating for 20 customers. The market will be open daily 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Call 576-0601.

#### 11 Cool cars

Gregg Frieze hosted a ribbon cutting July 30 to celebrate the opening of Frieze Automotive, 410 Municipal Drive, Ste.

A-100. The shop offers engine diagnostics and repair; alignments; sells new and used tires; fixes transmissions, air conditioners, electrical problems and brakes; and does some auto body repair. Open Mon-Fri. 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 919-0059 or visit www.friezeauto.com.

#### 12 Martial arts program moves

Scott Maczuga began the nonprofit Impact Community Outreach in the Detroit area in 2004 to serve underprivileged and at-risk children. The program expanded to 10303 E. Crystal Falls Parkway in June 2008 and will relocate to Reunion Square, 1815 US 183, Ste. 203, in early September. Maczuga's for-profit venture, World of Martial Arts, shares space with and funds the Leander nonprofit. Hours are Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Call 259-6642 or visit www.impactcommunityoutreach.org.

#### 13 Kids learn water safety

Infant Swim Resources teaches swimming safety to children 6 months to 6 years of age. Recently, the program expanded to Good Earth Day School, 10820 E. Crystal Falls Parkway. Instructor Jennifer Wren Loomis offers one-on-one instruction by appointment only. Sessions are Mon.-Fri., 10 minutes per day for four to six weeks, Call 762-2221 or visit www.israustin.com.

#### 14 Workers donate services

Lowe's Heroes—a group of about 30 workers from Lowe's, 1495 U.S. 183and Cowboy Up Contracting volunteered to remodel a family waiting area at the nonprofit therapeutic horse riding center Open My World, 1020 CR 270. Lowe's donated \$1,500 worth of materials. The crew made the building and restroom handicap accessible, replaced light fixtures, installed an air conditioner and added floor and wall coverings. Call 259-6665.

#### 15 Open wide

K.C. Dabney and Paul Dabney, D.D.S., opened Leander Smiles, 651 U.S. 183, Ste. 150, on June 15. The practice offers general dentistry and accepts Medicaid, participates in the Children's Health

Insurance Program and serves foster children through the StarDent plan. Open Mon.-Thu. 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Fri-Sat. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 260-0123.

#### 16 Coming soon

A new 11,000 sq. ft. retail building under construction at the 40-acre Gateway at Leander shopping center, 1245 S. US 183, is scheduled to open in October. The building will include AT&T Wireless, **Great Clips** and a restaurant that is still under negotiations. Call 306-0100 or visit www.gatewayatleander.com.

#### 17 Fill 'er up

A convenience store and gas station is scheduled to open in late November at 12201 Old 2243 West. The Texacobranded store is expected to be open 6 a.m.-11 p.m. every day. Call 736-2706.

#### Safety first

Concerned about child safety around swimming pools, Robin Bates started Safe Pools of Austin earlier this year. The home-based business offers free home pool safety inspections and sells removable mesh fencing, pool covers and alarms for swimming pools or spas. Call 350-8356 or visit www.safepoolsofaustin.com.

#### **Austin**

#### 18 Fire station breaks ground

The Austin Fire Department broke ground on a new fire station Aug. 21. Station 45, 9421 Spectrum Drive, will serve the Avery Ranch and Davis Springs neighborhoods. The four-bay station will house fire and emergency medical personnel. Construction on the \$4 million project is expected to be finished in summer 2010. For details, call 974-0130.

#### Flower children

Kendra Wilde recently started Birdie & Peanut Snap-Cessories. The online store sells infant and girls' flower headbands and accessories. Custom orders are available. Call 203-9338 or visit www.birdieandpeanut.com.

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Debbie Laurin and Angel Simmons of Lowe's Heroes cut trim for a renovation project at Open My World.







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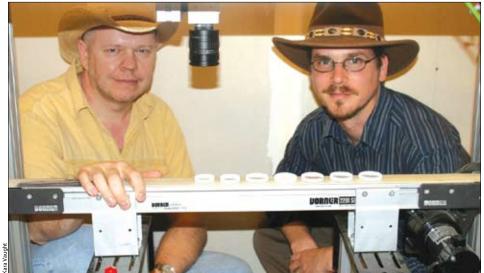
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# **Business Profile** | Nagle Research Cedar Park



John Nagle and Andy Thyssen, with the machine they designed to detect imperfections in pill bottlecaps

John Nagle and Andy Thyssen are not magicians, but at times their customers have said otherwise.

Video game programmers turned entrepreneurs, Nagle and Thyssen said their inventions—which often involve lasers and robots—can seem like a smoke-andmirrors act to the untrained eye.

"Sometimes people call it voodoo or magic," Thyssen said. "Our projects have turned out to be video games backwards. In video game programming, you are trying to make the pictures on the screen look as real as possible. [Now, John and I] take pictures of real things and try to figure out everything that's in the picture."

Nagle Research develops automated solutions to problems other companies have when human employees do what they are prone to do—mess up.

Employees checking pill bottle tops can only look at so many of the small pieces before they all begin to look alike. But the laser system Nagle Research is developing will not tire of scanning for defects, and the attached air gun will spit defective lids into the reject bucket day and night.

The concept of such automated solutions is not new; many companies across the country make similar systems. What makes Nagle Research different, Nagle said, is its usage of 3-D imagery.

"[Others are] just using a camera to take pictures and then writing software to find the defect in the picture," Nagle said. "We use a special 3-D camera. The things we can inspect are not typically easily identifiable from a traditional camera."

In 2003, Nagle started the company to develop an automated, high-speed railroad track inspection system. Since that success, Nagle—with the addition of Thyssen in 2007—has invented ways to scan things ranging from small rubber seals to carbon fiber strands on commercial aircraft.

A local company has contacted the two about a storage solution they originally created for JC Penney to detect misaligned boxes on automated warehouse vehicles.

After an off-kilter box clipped a

sprinkler and caused a flood that ruined a large amount of merchandise, the local company is interested in purchasing a Nagle solution to avoid another deluge.

Not all the company's projects involve manufacturing.

The Mexican government uses a Nagle Research product to scan vehicles crossing the border to detect smuggling. The system identifies make and model, alerting officials if the weight of the vehicle varies greatly from an acceptable range.

"We're trying to make contact with the appropriate federal agencies to get this technology installed on U.S. borders,"

Despite their success, Nagle and Thyssen intend to remain the only employees for the time being.

"As long as we can handle the workload, we are happy to keep it like this," Nagle said. "We just tell each other, 'Type faster."

#### Nagle Research's résumé

- Created a system to identify the orientation of wood planks on a pallet and a robot that plucks the planks from the pallet and loads them precisely into a furniture-finishing machine
- Designed a program that can analyze a human face and create a likeness from a block of chocolate for a casino to sell to customers as a
- Developing a way to verify that the score marks made in large sheets of chewing gum are neither too shallow, which could cause tearing, or too deep, causing breakage
- Developing a program to identify and remove valuable items from large amounts of scrap metal



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Stacy and Joanie Shamblin

#### By Susan VanDeWater

Archadeck of Austin has been creating customized outdoor living spaces for the past 10 years. Owners Stacy and Joanie Shamblin and their team of designers and builders have completed 2,000 projects in the Austin area since 1999. Their custom work ranges from decks and pergolas to outdoor kitchens and fireplaces.

"We do pretty much everything

except the pool and landscaping," Stacy said.

Stacy and Joanie grew up in Huffman, just outside of Houston. The high school sweethearts married after college and moved to North Carolina, where Stacy was a salesman for a large building materials company. A few years later, he went to work as a regional sales manager for a ready-mix concrete company.

During that time, Stacy earned his general contractor license, and he and Joanie began moonlighting as homebuilders.

"We built houses from the ground up," Stacy said. "We designed it, secured all the bids from the contractors, and after it was built, we'd live in it for a little while and then sell it."

The Shamblins built and sold four houses in Charlotte, N.C., before deciding to move back to Texas, where Stacy wanted to start his own construction company.

While taking a blueprint class in Charlotte, Stacy met a man who had bought an Archadeck franchise.

"I thought that was the strangest thing I'd ever heard," he said. "But over the next six years, I watched his grow to be the largest deck company in the United States. I was intrigued by his success."

Stacy flew to Richmond, Va., to visit the Archadeck headquarters.

"I liked their philosophy. Their business model is based on quality, service and fair pricing," Stacy said.

The Shamblins moved to

Liberty Hill in 1999, where they began operating Archadeck of Austin out of their garage.

'We chose Austin because we were familiar with the area and really liked it. We wanted to be part of this community," Stacy said.

A year later, they moved the business to FM 1431 near Lakeline Boulevard. They stayed there for seven years before relocating to their current spot on CR 269.

During their time in the Austin area, the Shamblins have built a strong customer base.

"I like to tell people that we don't sell decks. We sell value. We sell craftsmanship," Stacy said.

Each project is unique.

"The first thing we do is go to the customer's backyard to take photographs, ask questions and listen to their answers," he said.

After that, the project is sent to one of three design representatives at Archadeck of Austin. The team meets with the homeowner again to sign a written agreement. The design is then sent to the Archadeck home office to be converted to blueprints. A pre-construction meeting takes place afterward to ensure all the

Dr. Judy

loose ends are tied up. Archadeck projects typically take two weeks and cost an average of \$15,000.

In addition to their business, the Shamblins are active in the community, sponsoring Pee Wee football, Little League baseball, cheerleading and Eagle Scouts.



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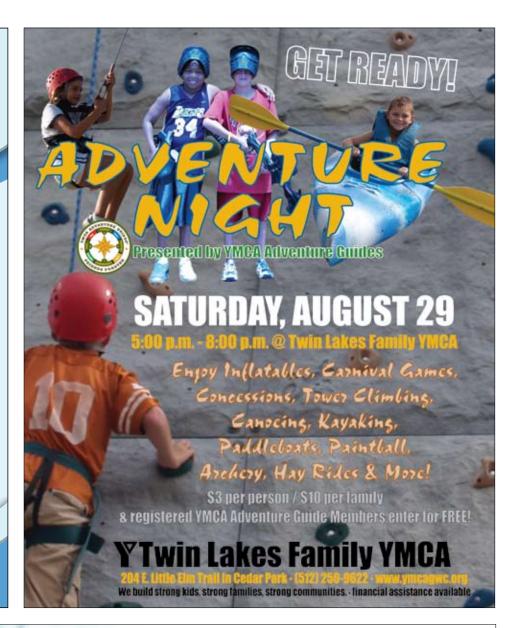


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#### August

#### 21-22 | "Hartburn Hotel"

Production of the play by Whitney Ryan Garrity, directed by Karen S. Miller

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#### **22** Austin Cycle Association Summer Picnic

Organized bike ride, picnic and water fun

Brushy Creek Lake Park, 3300 Brushy Creek Road, Cedar Park Ride at 8 a.m., picnic at 11 a.m. • \$5 • 260-0943 www.austincycling.org

#### Open house and dedication ceremony

Instrumental band Undergrowth performs; students will perform their play "What Happens When Boys Play Barbie" Serendipity Learning Center, 900 Nelson Ranch Road, Cedar Park • 10 a.m.-1 p.m. • Free • 401-0800

#### **Summer Bon Voyage Cardboard Boat Regatta**

Design, construction and race contest for boats made of cardboard and duct tape CHASCO Family YMCA, 1812 N. Mays St., Round Rock 1:30 p.m. • \$15 (per boat) • 246-9622 www.ymcagwc.org/chasco

#### 24 | Trails master plan meeting

Public invited to provide input for city's trail master plan Cedar Park Recreation Center, 1435 Main St., Cedar Park 7 p.m. • 401-5500

#### 25 Sth Annual State of the District Address

U.S. Rep. John Carter, R. Georgetown, talks to constituents; sponsored by Leander Chamber of Commerce 1800 Clover Lane, Cedar Park • 7:30-9 a.m. • \$10 (chamber members), \$15 (non-members) • 259-1907 www.leandercc.org

#### 26 Trails master plan meeting

Public invited to provide input for city's trail master plan Cox Elementary, 1001 Brushy Creek Road, Cedar Park 7 p.m. • 401-5500

#### 29 Dr. John's Back To School Bash

Learn how physical activity and good nutrition improve academic performance; enjoy local sports team demonstrations, contests and classes Dr. John's Sports Center, 1800 Clover Lane, Cedar Park 10 a.m.-2 p.m. • Free • 259-7545 www.drjohnssportscenter.com

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#### September —

#### 2 | Third annual multicultural career expo

Job fair and workshops; all exhibiting employers required to have open positions; sponsored by Multi-Ethnic Chamber Alliance and City of Austin

Norris Conference Center, 2525 W. Anderson Lane, Austin 10 a.m.-4 p.m. • Free • 476-7502 • www.gahcc.org

#### 3, 24 Wou Can't Do That, Dan Moody!"

Dress rehearsals of the play by Ken Anderson and Tom Swift; admission includes 6:30 p.m. reception at The Williamson Museum and one-year museum membership Williamson County Courthouse, 710 S. Main St., Georgetown 7:30 p.m. • \$25 (members), \$35 (non-members) • 943-1670 For play schedule, visit www.thegeorgetownpalace.org.

#### 4 Movies in the Park: "High School Musical 3"

Robin Bledsoe Park, 601 S. Bagdad Road, Leander Movie begins at dusk. • Free • 528-9909 • www.leandertx.org

#### 6 | Splash Jam

Swimming, games, prizes, washer tournament, live music Elizabeth Milburn Park, 1901 Sun Chase Blvd., Cedar Park 4-10 p.m. • \$3 (adults), \$2 (ages 9-17), \$1 (ages 3-8) 401-5500 • www.cedarparktx.us

#### 11-12 | Up the Chisholm Trail

Cattle drive, chuck wagon races, rodeo, cook off and contests San Gabriel Park, 1101 N. College St., Georgetown Fri. 5:30-8:30 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. • Free • 943-1670 www.upthechisholmtrail.org

#### 12 | Paws in the Park Cirque du Pawrade

Parade, costume contest, vendors, trainings and demonstrations; sponsored by Austin Dog Alliance Cedar Park Regional Medical Center, 1401 Medical Parkway, Cedar Park • 11:30 a.m. • Free • 335-7100

#### **Cedar Park Cave Day**

Self-guided tours and information about seven caves in Buttercup Caves Preserve; sponsored by Cedar Park Parks and Recreation Department and hosted by Texas Cave Conservancy Westside Elementary, 300 Ryan Jordan Lane, Cedar Park 10 a.m.-4 p.m. • Free • 401-5500

#### 13 | Cedar Park YMCA Woman's Race

Two-woman race teams compete through water, ground and mystery challenges; costume, float and fundraiser contests Cedar Park YMCA, 204 E. Little Elm Trail, Cedar Park • 8 a.m. \$24 (16 and younger), \$75 (adults) • 873-1204 www.womensrace.com

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#### 18 Movies in the Park: "Bolt"

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#### 19 Cedar Park Bydee Festival

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#### **26** Walk n' Roll and Ataxia Awareness Day

Fundraising walk, picnic, live music, games and speakers San Gabriel Park, 1101 N. College St., Georgetown • 9 a.m. Free • 635-9478

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#### October

**3** Texas Stars vs. San Antonio Rampage • 7 p.m. Ticket prices start at \$9; call for more details

**8** | Wilco • 8 p.m. • \$30-\$35

#### November -

18–22 | Walking with Dinosaurs, The Arena Spectacular • Ticket prices start at \$21



**Dig Pub:** singer/songwriter sets, cover bands, jazz; Fridays 7 p.m.; Saturdays 8 p.m.; some Sundays • 401 Cypress Creek Road, Ste. 600, Cedar Park • 996-9900 • www.thedigpub.com

Aug. 21 | Shaun Davenport 28 Double -R- Nothin' Sept. 4 | CTRL-Z

11 | Mark Craven

29 | The Detentions 18 | Paul Logan Band

Hayashi Modern Japanese Cuisine: cover bands, karaoke, comedy; Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays 9:30 p.m. • 1335 E. Whitestone Blvd., Ste. T-140, Cedar Park • 986-7176 • www.hayashigrill.com

Aug. 21 | Aaron Collier

Sept. 12 | Roman Holiday 19 | UNB Band

22 | Halfway to Graceland

28 Divas and Cavaliers

29 | TBA

**It's a Grind:** acoustic sets, singer/songwriters, jazz; Fridays and Saturdays 8:30 p.m. • 700 E. Whitestone Blvd., Cedar Park 259-2220 • www.itsagrind.com

Aug. 21 | Preacher Keen 22 | Philip Morrow

29 | Matt Raines

28 | Fiesta Explosion

Sept. 4 | Karen Chisholm

5 | Paul Eddy

11 | Chris the 90/90 Jordann Mitchell

12 Matt Raines

19 Johnny Grimball

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**Sept.** 4 | Blue Finger Disco 11 LC Rocks

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28 | Jim Nosler Band

29 | Drew Womack

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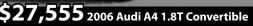
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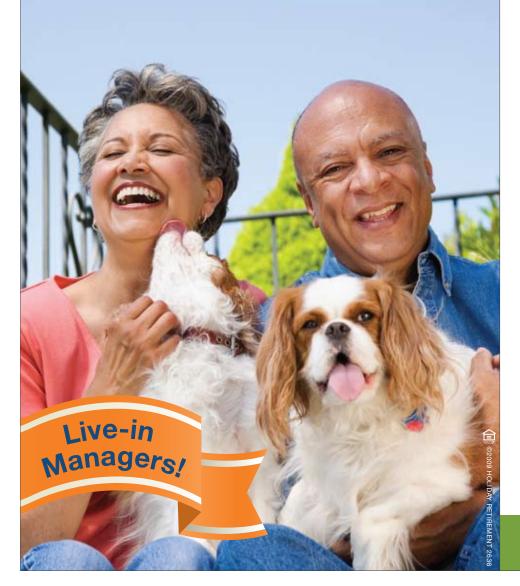




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#### **Neighborhood Dining** | Hunan Chef Cedar Park



Co-owners Le and Laney Vo with son Skyler

#### By Tiffany Young

Good food isn't the only thing that repeatedly draws diners into Hunan Chef—it is also the friendliness of the Vo family, who owns and operates the Chinese restaurant, and their staff.

On arrival, guests are escorted to one of 11 tables by a hostess or perhaps Laney Vo herself, who busies herself answering phones, taking orders, running to the kitchen and ringing up customers at the cash register.

Laney, who is from Vietnam, had a Vietnamese restaurant before opening Hunan Chef with her father and uncle in 2003. While she is efficiently taking on everything in the dining area, her father, Loi, runs the kitchen. Trained in the art of Hunan cuisine, he has been cooking for about 28 years and is now training Laney's uncle, Canh An Nguyen.

Extended family members run two other Hunan restaurants as well: Lotus Hunan in Westlake and Hunan Chinese Restaurant in Giddings.

The menu consists of Hunan recipes, one of the eight regional cuisines of China. It is known for its spicy flavor, fresh aroma and deep color, often using chili peppers, shallots and garlic.

Daily lunch specials are served from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., and cost about \$7. They include a bowl of egg drop or hot and sour soup, an egg roll, a fried chicken wing and a main dish, served with a heap of fried or steamed rice.

One of the lunch specials is crispy shrimp with walnuts (\$6.50 lunch, \$9.75 dinner), a dish that is as colorful as it is flavorful. Lightly fried shrimp and large walnuts are mixed with green bell peppers in a spicy but sweet red sauce.

The curry shrimp cooked in coconut milk (\$6.75 lunch) comes with sautéed onions, peas, carrots and bamboo shoots. The coconut milk adds just enough sweetness

to complement the spicy yellow curry used to flavor the vegetables.

For something a little different, try the slippery chicken (\$5.95 lunch, \$7.95 dinner). Tasting like an Asian-inspired take on buffalo wings, the dish consists of deep-fried boneless chicken in Lotus flour, stir-fried with broccoli and baby corn in a spicy sweet and sour sauce.

Dinner is served after 3 p.m. and includes menu items such as the Neptune platter (\$9.95), spicy seafood in a clay pot (\$10.95) and basil chicken (\$7.95).

If there is room for dessert, the chocolate cake (\$3.95) is five layers thick with decadently gooey chocolate icing.

Laney said consistency is what really sets Hunan Chef apart.

"Most places you'll go in and it's really good one day and not as good the next, but we're consistently good," she said.



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# **Transportation Report** | TxDOT finishes FM 1431 realignment, waives toll violation fees

#### By Joseph M. de Leon

The straightening of FM 1431 from Vista Oaks Drive to just west of Trails End Road was finished Aug. 1 for \$11.7 million.

Marcus Cooper, spokesman for the Texas Department of Transportation, said the two-year project—paid for by a combination of federal stimulus, Travis County and City of Cedar Park funds-included such improvements as widening the stretch from two to four lanes, adding medians and shoulders, making left-turn lanes and installing street lights in some areas.

Road signs identify the new stretch of road as FM 1431. Cooper said maintenance of the old portion of FM 1431 will likely be turned over to Travis County or Cedar Park, which would also be responsible for any proposed name changes to distinguish the old stretch of road from FM 1431. City and county officials have not yet considered a name change.

Better quality asphalt called permeable friction course was used to make the road safer. The material allows water to more easily drain to reduce hydroplaning.

"It's like Swiss cheese, in a way. Instead of pooling on the surface, water drains through and exits to the sides of the road," Cooper said. "That allows car tires to get better traction in wet weather and reduces the amount of rain splatter to improve visibility."



The construction improved safety along the zigzagging stretch of road, which has been the site of several deadly crashes over the past several years.

"[The old] stretch could be described as a crooked snake because it's very hilly and has winding roads," Cooper said. "Now you have additional room for traveling, but also more room for safety."

While the road opened to traffic Aug. 2, landscaping and striping continues.

#### **TxDOT** to waive violation fees

Those with delinquent toll accounts will soon get a break on violation fees under a program approved July 30 at the Texas Transportation Commission's monthly meeting.

TxDOT will reduce the violation fees accrued on delinquent toll accounts for Toll 1, Toll 45 and Toll 130 while requiring the individual to open a TxTag account and pay all tolls accrued in full.

Once the program is finalized, TxDOT will contact those eligible for fee reduction through direct mailings to the home or business address associated with the vehicle's license plate.

Those who take advantage of the offer will be required to keep their accounts in good standing for a certain period of time. Final details of the plan have not been determined, but will be announced in September.







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#### **Cedar Park**



Sgt. Jessie Campbell and Chief Henry Fluck

#### Council honors Hays, Campbell, Randa

The city council recently honored Capt. Jeff Hays and Sgt. Jessie Campbell for 15 years of service to the Cedar Park Police Department, and Curt Randa, parks and recreation director, for the 10 years he has worked for the city.

#### City staff cuts expenditures

Council heard from Stacie Carter, interim finance director, about steps the city staff is taking to reduce expenditures. The finance department had anticipated

using nearly \$1.27 million from the city's fund balance to pay for some purchases. But after the economic crisis began in fall 2008, city staff began looking for ways to cut spending because they knew revenue would probably not meet the original projections for FY 2009, said Brenda Eivens, city manager.

The city has made some of the purchases it had planned on, but has delayed several others and has also found other ways to cut spending. Eivens said she expects revenue to exceed expenditures by the end of 2009.

#### **Council makes board appointments**

Council made appointments and reappointments to the parks and recreation advisory board and the planning and zoning board.

For the parks and recreation advisory board, Wayne Ruark, Mike Tangorra and Janet Bartles were reappointed, and new member John Greely was appointed.

On the planning and zoning board, Lorena Echevaria, Eddie Hurst Jr. and Tony Dale were reappointed, and Nick Kauffman was appointed.

#### Leander

#### Federal government denies grants

Austin-based battery manufacturer Valence Technology Inc.—which had recently applied for \$225 million as part of a federal stimulus program that will fund next-generation battery technology—was not included on the list released Aug. 5 of companies that will receive funding from that program. Valence had applied for the money to help pay for a manufacturing facility in Leander.

The company still has a separate application with the U.S. Department of Energy, under the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program, for low-interest loans to help finance the construction of the plant, said Robert Kannode, president and CEO of Valence.

"A majority of the funding for the proposed facility would be derived from the loans under this program," Kannode said.

Kirk Clennan, Leander economic development director, expressed disappointment about Valence not being awarded funding, but said the city will still work with the company on its plans to move to Leander.

"We continue to support Valence and will work with them on whatever they think the next step should be," Clennan

#### Council appoints five to P&Z board

The city council appointed Eric Zeno to place 1 on the planning and zoning board and reappointed Seth Tanner, Clay Rose, Betty Saenz and Shiloh Rowe.

#### Amendment made to firearm law

Council approved an amendment to an ordinance regulating hunting and the discharge of firearms to comply with state law. The change allows the discharge of pistols on properties 10 acres or larger and prohibits rifles from being fired on properties smaller than 50 acres.

#### **Extension of roadway named**

Council agreed to name the extension of CR 269 Hero's Way. The name recognizes area veterans who served in the armed forces. A date has not yet been set to start construction of the road.

#### **Williamson County**

#### **Aviation brigade recognized**

The Commissioners Court issued a resolution to honor the efforts of members of the Brigade Headquarters Company of the Combat Aviation Brigade with the 4th Infantry Division from Fort Hood for their achievements during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Capt. Kelsy Williams and Col. Patrick Tierney accepted a plaque marking the occasion.

#### Court records fee increased

Beginning Oct. 1, county officials will add a \$5 filing fee to civil suits, cross actions and counter claims to the current fee of \$220. The money will be used to

pay for the preservation of court records, for which the county hires a third party to handle the delicate documents and preserve the originals.

#### Public hearing for 2009-2010 budget

A meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Aug. 25 on the second floor of the Williamson County Courthouse, 710 S. Main St., Georgetown. The Commissioners Court will hear public comments about the budget.

#### **Burn ban issued**

The county commissioners issued a 90day burn ban for the county during the

July 7 meeting. The ban prohibits burning any combustible material that takes place outside of an enclosure designated to contain flames or sparks. Burning household yard waste including leaves, grass, brush and trimmings, or trees or shrubs to clear land is also prohibited.

#### **Court distributes tobacco funds**

Commissioners voted to distribute \$654,590 from the county's tobacco fund to local health organizations, as well as the county's general fund. Lone Star Circle of Care will receive the largest share, \$320,000. The general fund will receive \$239,590, and the remainder will be split among other agencies.

#### Waterscape

Williamson County will add a \$1.7 million water play area to the Southwest Regional Park. In addition to the water play area, there will be a restroom, large picnic shelter, several small birthday shelters and additional parking. The project is expected to be complete in summer 2010.







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# At the Capitol | Special session and offices up for election



#### Legislators stick to noncontroversial topics during two-day session

#### By Patrick Brendel

State lawmakers stuck to a modest agenda during a two-day special session of the Texas Legislature in early July, passing crucial legislation while avoiding potential divisive subjects.

They extended the lives of five state agencies and authorized \$2 billion in transportation bonds, but did not address the more controversial topics on Gov. Rick Perry's schedule, involving a revolving fund for transportation and publicprivate toll roads.

Due to legislators' actions, the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Department of Insurance and three smaller agencies will continue operating until 2011.

#### **81st Regular Session**

In the final days of the 81st Regular Session, which ended June 1, Democrats' filibustering of a voter photo identification bill pushed by Republicans led to the death of many other bills, including Sunset legislation reauthorizing the five agencies. State agencies are subject to regular Texas Sunset Advisory Commission performance reviews, which legislators must approve in order for the agencies to

continue functioning.

#### Perry calls a special session

That encouraged Perry to exercise his power to call a special session on topics he chose. During the special session, lawmakers pushed the Sunset date back to 2011 for the agencies—TxDOT, TDI, Texas Racing Commission, Office of Public Insurance Counsel and Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation. They will look at the agencies again during the next session in two years.

Also, legislators approved the sale of \$2 billion in voter-approved bonds for transportation projects during the special session. However, House members refused to put \$1 billion of that into a new Texas Transportation Revolving Fund, which would act as a bank and loan money to local authorities wishing to build transportation projects. Senators had indicated their approval of the new fund, which is a concept similar to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for local water projects.

#### **CDAs**

Lawmakers also chose not to pass legislation allowing the state to enter into new public-private partnerships on

transportation projects after Aug. 31. The Legislature set that date in 2007 as part of a moratorium on the so-called Comprehensive Development Agreements.

Bill authors said they would revisit CDAs in the next session, with legislation addressing the issues of primacy, noncompete clauses and buyback provisions.

CDAs are contracts between public and private entities, usually stipulating that the private contractors finance, build and/or maintain the road in exchange for revenue from tolls or a one-time payment. A pair of Austin toll roads—Toll 130 and Toll 45 SE—were built by private contractors under CDAs. Future public-private toll projects include Hwy. 290 East from Hwy. 183 to Toll 130.

#### **Local control**

Primacy means that local authorities control whether or not they want to enter into CDAs. Noncompete clauses disallow public authorities from building roads that would take away toll revenue from private roads. Buyback provisions apply when a public entity wishes to resume control of the private road in the future.

#### Offices up for election fall 2010

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Dan Gattis, R-Georgetown Elected in 2003 Donna Howard, D-Austin Elected in 2006 Diana Maldonado, D-Round Rock Elected in 2008

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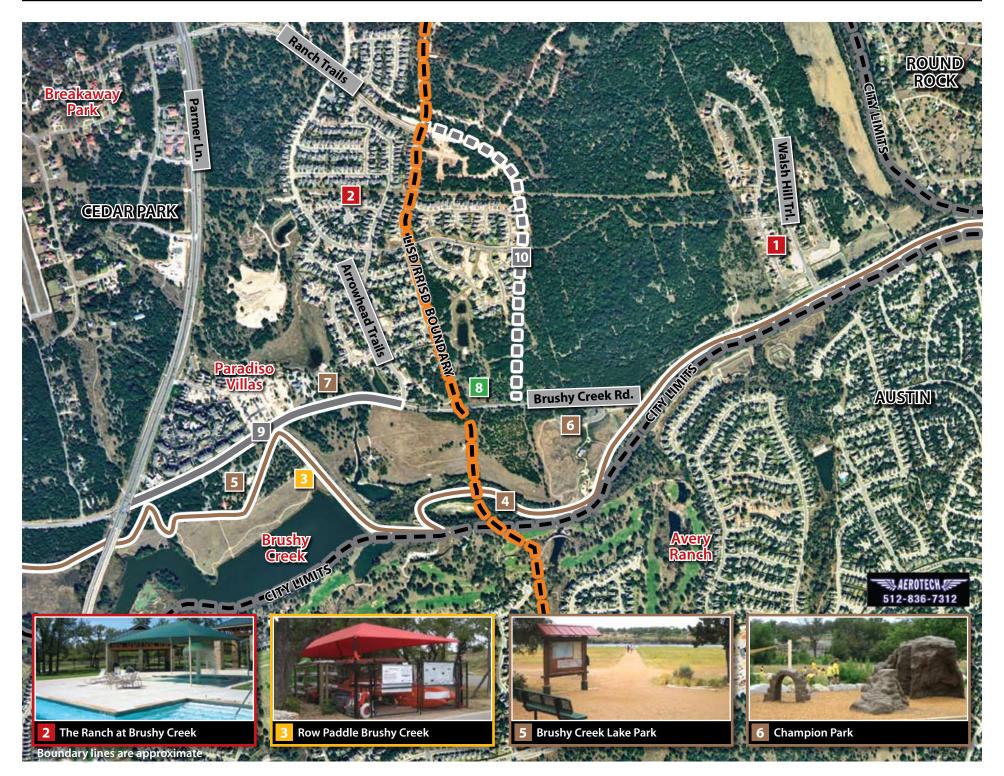
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Brushy Creek Road ties together three communities and two school districts. Along this road, travelers can follow the Brushy Creek banks into Round Rock. Outdoor activities, residential communities and upcoming road projects make up this corridor.

#### Residential I

1 Walsh Trails is a subdivision located in Round Rock ISD with homes built by David Weekley Homes, Gehan Homes and Wilshire Homes. Prices range from the low \$200,000s to mid \$300,000s. There is a tunnel under Brushy Creek Road connecting the neighborhood to parks and hike and bike trails.

2 The Ranch at Brushy Creek is a neighborhood split between Leander ISD and Round Rock ISD schools. Prices range from the mid \$200,000s to upper \$500,000s. Builders include Drees Custom Homes, Grand Haven Homes, Highland

Homes, Mercedes Homes, Meritage Homes and Newmark Homes. Some gated lots are available. Neighborhood amenities include a pool, playscape, sand volleyball courts, basketball court, pavilion and walking trails within a 14-acre park.

#### Business

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#### Parks I

4 Brushy Creek Regional Trail is 7 miles long, running from Twin Lakes YMCA to about 1 mile east of Great Oaks Drive in Round Rock. The trail is ultimately planned to extend 30 miles from Lake Travis to

Hutto. A timeline has not been set for the next phase of construction.

- 5 Brushy Creek Lake Park is an 89-acre city park with a fishing area, water playscape/splash pad, volleyball court, bocce courts, sandbox, playscape, picnic areas, pavilions, restrooms and hike and bike trails. The splash pad is free and open daily through Sept. 30, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
- 6 Champion Park, the newest Williamson County park, opened in October 2007. The 33-acre park features two large picnic pavilions with grills, a fishing area, a bridge across Brushy Creek, restrooms, a hike and bike trail, a playscape, a water play area and a dinosaur dig area. The park is open daily, 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m. The water play area is open daily through Sept. 30, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
- 7 Silverado Springs Park South is a 22-acre city park with a hike and bike trail.

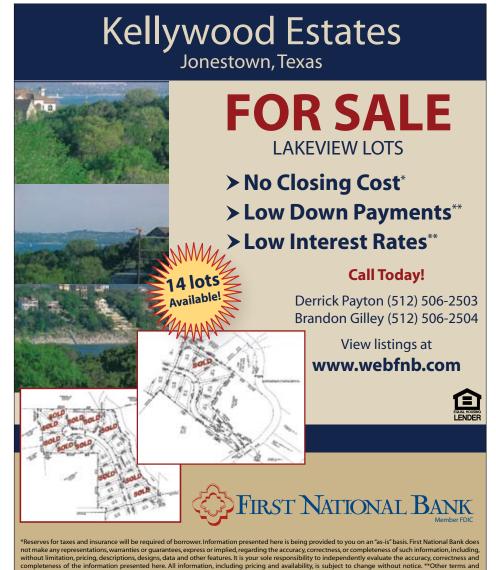
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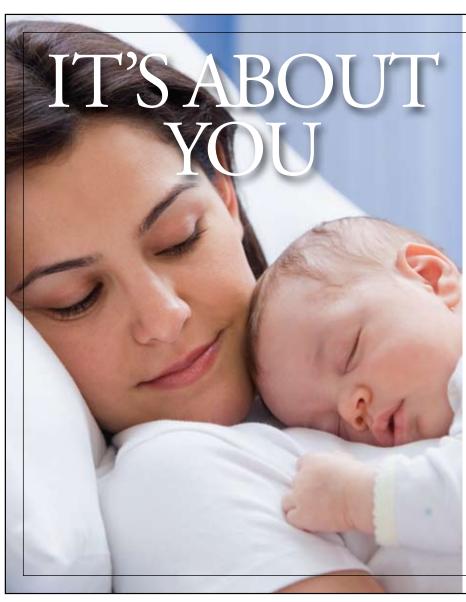
8 No development plans are established for this 9-acre tract, but the developer said ideal usage could include a strip shopping center, church or daycare facility. For more information, call 656-2964.

#### **Transportation**

- 9 Design plans are under way for the widening of **Brushy Creek Road** from Parmer Lane to Arrowhead Trails. Brushy Creek Road will be widened from a two-lane undivided roadway to a four-lane divided roadway with a raised median, lighting and sidewalks. The City of Cedar Park and Williamson County will share the cost of the project. Construction funding and a schedule have not yet been determined.
- 10 Ranch Trails will eventually connect to Brushy Creek Road. The collector road extension will be scheduled and funded by the developer, and no timeline is set.







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participation through various community activities," McCloskey said. "People need to know how critical it is to get that census data filled out and sent in."

McCloskey said the committee will spend much of its time trying to connect with groups of people that are traditionally hard to reach, such as renters, immigrants and senior citizens.

Committee members plan to work with Austin-area groups, such as Capital Area Council of Governments and the Catholic Diocese of Austin, to stress how important, secure and easy the census will be. The diocese will work with churches to offer residents a trusted location to ask questions and complete census forms.

Committee members also plan to reach out to residents Sept. 19 during the Bydee Festival, which is a celebration of cultural diversity that will take place at Heritage Oak Park in Cedar Park.

From 1990 to 2008, Cedar Park's population grew 1107 percent, from 5,161 residents in 1990 to an estimated 62,308 in 2008.

During the 2000 Census, the city hung street banners at prominent intersections to raise awareness. McCloskey said for 2010, the city plans to do more to highlight the count, but the details are still being planned.

#### Leander gets ready

Leander Mayor John Cowman said the city started discussing preparations for the 2010 Census as early as 2003. That included hiring a geographical information systems coordinator in 2004.

How is a **Census ta** 

It is the first time the survey will be

widely distributed in Spanish and

English. It will be the first time the

bureau prints on eco-friendly paper.

It is also the first time GPS-enabled

handheld computers were used to

For the 2010 Census, 10 primary

questions and seven questions

about each resident in a household

gather and verify address information

for the upcoming count, which started

throughout the country earlier this year.

The form will be one of the shortest and

easiest to complete in the census's more

for the U.S. Census Bureau.

than 200-year history.

The 2010 Census will be a historic event

"We knew this was going to be a big deal for us, so it was important to start early," he said. "I believe we are ready as a city to be counted and it's going to be a big number."

Wayne Watts, Leander public works director, said data from water bills show the city's population to be about 31,500.

While there are no plans to form a committee to prepare for the count, Watts said every resident will receive notices in their water bills from the city about the importance of participating in the census.

"Everyone wants to have their voice heard in their government and this is one of the ways to be counted."

> Sean Lafferty, Leander geographic information system coordinator

"Everyone in this city needs water service, so it's the best way to reach all of our residents," he said. "It doesn't matter where you live or where you're from, if you use water, you will get these messages."

#### Why participate?

The main goal of the census is to count the number of people living in the country, but other details are also collected. Information about age, sex, marital status, religion and education is collected to determine the characteristics of the population. Questions about income are used to measure the work force and its occupational and industrial breakdown.

covering name, gender, race, ethnicity,

relationship and residence will be

Printing of the forms started July 27,

2009, and will continue through March

2010 at a rate of about 1.5 million per

day. They will be mailed to more than

The main effort to collect data will begin

start to receive census forms in the mail.

mailed a second questionnaire. Between

April and July 2010, census takers will

in March 2010, when residents should

By April 1—Census Day —the forms

Those who do not respond will be

should have been returned by mail to

delivered via mail.

120 million households.

the Census Bureau.

"Our efforts will take away a lot of the resistance from folks that don't have a problem being counted, but who may not be comfortable with sharing more personal information," McCloskey said. "They don't have to worry about this information being divulged to other government agencies—the law prohibits that."

Sean Lafferty, Leander geographic information system coordinator, knows some residents might shy away from money-related questions, but hopes they will be honest.

"This is the basic metric used to divvy up government services from the federal to local level," he said. "When they ask income information, it's not to pry into your personal life—it's to classify your area to find out if you are a part of a priority-need community."

Many federally funded programs are based on income and need, Lafferty said. If enough residents in an area show a need for financial help, more federal money could be directed to the area.

A miscount could represent a loss of many thousands of dollars, roughly \$1,000 per capita per year, Lafferty said.

The amount of money the federal government offers a community is proportional to its population, he said. Missing just 10 people could mean a loss of more than \$100,000 over 10 years until the next census is taken.

A miscount could also disqualify an area from receiving grants for such work as

visit households that did not return

forms to manually record census data.

In the fall of 2010, census workers will

computers that will compile the data

into statistical tables for publication.

are made ready for processing by

The bureau must deliver

population counts to the

president for distribution no

later than Dec. 31, 2010. By

March 2011, the bureau will

have delivered redistricting

data to states. Data such as

demographic profiles and

reports will be released

from April 2011 through

September 2013.

check completed questionnaires, which

road improvements, which often use the number of residents in the area as a factor to determine what projects will receive money for improvements.

Money awarded to the Leander area is based in part on the 2000 Census when 7,596 residents were counted. Leander's population has exploded in the past 20 years, up 684 percent from 3,398 people in 1990 to an estimated 25,424 last year.

"We're not that 8,000 people from 10 years ago-you're talking about a dot on the map you're going to notice," Lafferty said. "Everyone wants to have their voice heard in their government and this is one of the ways to be counted."

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# **Census offers** ob opportunities

The 2010 Census got a boost in the greater Austin area when a local office in Georgetown opened in January—the first census office to open in the area. The office will serve a 15-county area and will supervise the early stages of the upcoming population count.

Since the office opened, much of its focus has been on recruiting workers. About 40 office positions have been filled and up to 1,500 field positions will be filled starting in January. Officials said that for every 5,000 people who take a test to become a census taker, only about 1,000 get a job.

The bureau usually relies on college students, stayat-home parents and retirees to do the work. This time around, recruiters expect to see many laid-off workers filling out applications as well.

Most workers will be verifying addresses in neighborhoods, but longer office-based assignments, such as filing and training, are also available.

Assignments usually last eight weeks, but management positions can last into the middle of 2010, when a new group of workers will be needed to go door-to-door to try to get responses from those who have not returned

> The census jobs offer on-the-job training, no experience is necessary and hours are flexible. Beginning salary is \$11.50 an

> > hour—\$4.25 above federal minimum wage. Fulland part-time work is available, and work hours include days, nights and weekends.

Job listings can be viewed and applications downloaded from www.census. gov. Applicants cannot apply for jobs online. To be considered, job seekers must download and mail in the forms. Bureau staff will contact those who will be offered jobs, Call

942-6210.

#### Populations by area and

Leander 1990 3,398 7,596 25,424 2000 2008\*

**Cedar Park** 1990 5,161 2000 26,049 2008\* 62,308 **Williamson County** 1990 139,551 2000

249,967 2008\* 394.193 1990 16,986,335 2000 20,851,811 2008\* 24,326,974

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**United States** 

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

#### How and when was the Cedar Park **Convention and Visitors Bureau** started?

Harold Dean moved here in 1998 and we didn't have one. He became the president of the chamber. In 2000, he saw that there was a need for a convention and visitors bureau. He proposed to the city that they bring it in. From 2000 to 2005, it was run through the chamber of commerce. The city had it from 2005 until October 2008, when it went back to the chamber. The CVB and destination marketing industries are huge, and with our growth, we needed a full-time person in Cedar Park to help with that kind of marketing. I was hired at the end of December 2008 and started in January.

#### What is the mission of the CVB?

It is to bring people into our city to see our attractions and stay in our hotels. Encompassing that are the relationships you can build with the hotel owners and different visitor-generating businesses. We work with them to coordinate ways to bring tourists in.

#### What are some of your responsibilities at the CVB?

When I first came on, the city had decided to get a discount coupon book that

would help bring people into the hotels and restaurants and get them to shop at our businesses. So I worked on putting that together. The first run is done, and we're almost out. Anyone who has a visitor-related business can be in the book. We'd love to have all the restaurants in it. There will be more the next time around because we have new businesses that have opened and some older ones that didn't get in the first time.

The hotel owners were really happy to have the coupon book available as well. It is a service to the customers who are staying at their hotel. I'm also working with a visitor impact group. It is an outreach program that we're doing to pull in businesses and organizations that have an effect on how many people come here. We just had our first meeting, and we'll meet every six months to share information and numbers.

#### How is the CVB funded?

It is funded through the hotel-motel tax. The city collects the tax and it has a fund for generating and helping to bring in more business—that's the CVB.

First and foremost, our goal is to drive people to the hotels. But we also work to help make Cedar Park a destination and to let people know what all there is here.

The Austin Steam Train Association,

for instance, brings in about 600 people each weekend, and 95 percent of those people are from out of the area.

When we found out that "Walking with Dinosaurs" was coming to the Cedar Park Center, our phones were ringing off the hook. The Cedar Park Center is going to be a huge draw, no doubt about it.

#### What are some of the CVB's goals for the near future?

Generating a cohesive message on what Cedar Park has to offer to "staycation" folks, as well as people coming in from all over the country.

We're here to support the businesses that are bringing people in. We've got the visitors center, and hopefully we'll have a more approachable center that is more out in the open in the near future. Also, we'll be working with the other CVBs that are close by and seeing what we can all do to collaborate to get people into the area.

#### Does the CVB partner with other organizations to bring visitors to **Cedar Park?**

We do. We're starting to do that quite a bit. We partner with the Austin Steam Train Association. We're on each other's websites. We try to have all the attractions in Cedar Park linked to us.



## Aimee Whiteley-George

**Cedar Park Convention and** Visitors Bureau manager

Hometown: Arlington, Texas Lived in Cedar Park: 11 years

Started at current position: January 2009

Education: Bachelor of Fine Arts, University

of Texas at Arlington

Work experience: Real estate agent with Preston Carlton Real Estate since 1998; recently sold portion of commercial electrical contracting company; worked for Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth

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# News Update | Cedar Park Tourism Board makes funding recommendations to city council

#### By Joseph M. de Leon

The Cedar Park Tourism Board recently recommended that city council award up to \$173,000 to five groups that bring visitors to Cedar Park.

The board, which the city established in 2005, makes suggestions to city council about how money generated from a hotel and occupancy tax should be spent to attract visitors. The board also recommends ways of promoting tourism and conventions within the city.

"We're trying to create a destination by creating an identity for Cedar Park," said Don Moore, chair of the tourism board.

The board's primary goal is for people around the state to know that Cedar Park is a place to go to have fun, Moore said, citing the Austin Steam Train Association and the Cedar Park Center as examples.

City council members are ultimately responsible for deciding whether or not to award a funding request and how much money to grant. Before the board was started, the Cedar Park Chamber of Commerce handled those duties.

The money to be awarded comes from a 7 percent tax collected on every room a hotel or motel rents to a nonresident that costs \$2 or more per day.

Organizations that rent rooms for religious, charitable or educational purposes are exempt from the tax. Groups that

draw visitors are awarded the money as reimbursements for money spent on qualifying projects after receipts are submitted and audited.

The recommendation process takes about four months and starts in June with a series of three meetings to inform interested parties about available money and the application process.

Each organization then submits an application packet by the beginning of July. Applicants must appear before the board during its July meeting to answer questions, such as how the money will be used.

The money is only to be used to promote tourism and the convention and hotel industry. Uses include advertising that attracts tourists; promotion, improvement, and application of the arts; and restoration and preservation projects that encourage tourists to visit historic sites in the city.

The funds may also be used to provide a venue, hire workers and pay for materials related to the registration of convention delegates or registrants and a transportation system that moves tourists from hotels to shopping destinations, a convention center, other hotels and tourist attractions in or near the city.

The process ends in September when council members adopt the budget and decide what money will be awarded. The fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

During its July 10 meeting, board members decided to recommend funding the following projects for fiscal year

\$20,000 for advertising for the Cedar Park Center, a multipurpose sports and entertainment venue set to open in September

\$3,000 for the Cedar Park Heritage Society, which promotes historical tourism, to update and print a history-related brochure

\$25,000 for a veterans memorial sculpture; an additional \$5,000 requested for advertising a fundraiser did not meet requirements

> \$65,000 for the Austin Steam Train Association, which offers train rides and is restoring a steam locomotive—\$50,000 to build an engine house tour center; \$15,000 for advertising

Up to \$60,000 for the Cedar Park Chamber of Commerce to operate the Convention and Visitors Bureau

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The Veterans Memorial Citizens Advisory Group is raising money to purchase a statue; a date to begin construction of a veterans memorial has not been set.



A planned engine house tour center will hold the Southern Pacific 786 steam engine, which is under renovation.





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#### Trauma centers could reduce patient transport time, save lives

Round Rock Williamson County paramedics have transported more than 600 victims of serious injuries to Austin for emergency care since the beginning of 2008, traveling to trauma centers at least twice as far as the nearest emergency room on a daily basis. Trauma center doctors treat patients with life-threatening injuries and are equipped to perform advanced surgeries immediately

upon a victim's arrival.

Two Round Rock hospitals announced in June that they will seek designation as Level II trauma centers, a certification that requires dedicated operating room space and trauma surgeons available within 15 minutes of a call.

"It's inarguable that getting an injured patient or a critically ill patient to the right hospital the first time is better for them

than getting them to a hospital to be stabilized and transporting them to another hospital," said Joe Granberry, deputy director of Williamson County EMS. "That's expensive, it's very time consuming, and it's not the way to take care of sick and hurt people."

Seton Medical Center Williamson and St. David's Round Rock Medical Center have each begun to prepare for the accreditation process, which can take from nine months to more than a year.

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#### **Business Profiles**

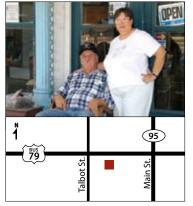
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Taylor Don and Cherri Wolbrueck added the word etcetera to the name of their bookstore, Paperbacks, etc., to give them the freedom to carry a diverse array of inventory. The bookstore is a far cry from corporate used bookstores or book boutiques no built-in shelves; no cushy chairs; few rare editions and almost no hardcover books.

"Hardcover books ... they take up dust on the shelves," Cherri said. "Nobody wants to buy them, so we deal mostly in paperbacks."

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value, and then Don and Cherri will adjust the price up or down based on the book's physical condition.

Despite discount prices, Cherri knows when to ask for more. When she found a rare print of "The Story of Little Black Sambo," Cherri sold it on eBay

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#### **Trauma center classifications** The American College of Surgeons classifies hospital trauma centers according to

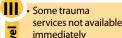
Range of specialists and equipment in-house 24-hours a day

Must have a program of research and participate in injury prevention activities within the community

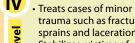
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the level of services they offer.

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sprains and lacerations Stabilizes victims of serious accidents before transporting them to Level I or II facilities

trauma such as fractures,

Source: American College of Surgeons

## **Barton Springs** drying up?

**Central Austin** Barton Springs pool is in danger. If Central Texas' most severe drought in 50 years persists too much longer, warmer water temperatures and more abundant algae could harm Austin's premier swimming hole.

It is a scenario Austin's watershed protection department has brought before the city council, said Matt Hollon, a city environmental and conservation program manager.

"It is rather alarming because the concern is that the oxygen levels can drop to zero," he said. "We take that seriously because this is an iconic resource."

As the water level drops and stagnates, the dissolved oxygen levels also drop. The changed

environment can threaten the animal life dependent on the springs, including the endangered Barton Springs salamander, Hollon said.

Oxygen levels are unlikely to plummet that far, he said, though the pool's current oxygen level (4.2 milligrams of oxygen per liter of water) is below the threshold for concern (5 milligrams per liter).

The springs-fed pool, dubbed the crown jewel of Austin's park and recreation system, has made it through other droughts without any long-term effects. During the worst drought on record, from 1950 to 1956, levels at the Barton Springs discharge dropped to as low as 9.6 cubic feet per second on one day. That is less than 20 percent of the long-term average of 53 cfs.



Edwards Aquifer discharge into Barton Springs is in critical stage drought limits. If the current drought continues for too long, the springs could cease flowing entirely

Right now, levels hover around 16 cfs, in what is considered a critical stage drought by the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District. That is the lowest spring flow period

Full story at more.impactnews.com/5275

#### Yogurt r' Rock 2711 La Frontera Blvd., Ste. 230 248-8892

Round Rock At Yogurt r' Rock, 10 flavors of low-fat frozen yogurt wait to provide a sweet escape from the summer heat. The self-serve frozen yogurt shop made its way to Round Rock after owner Tracy Tieu got the idea from a relative in California.

"A family member had a similar business, and I wanted to bring it to Texas," Tieu said. "It's a very good product for Austin because people care about their health. The yogurt falls into that lifestyle. It fits really well here."

Originally from Vietnam, Tieu moved to California to be near family. But after a trip to Austin two years ago, she knew she wanted to relocate and bring



the self-serve fro-yo craze with her. Tieu chose Round Rock as the home for her business when she noticed the area lacked a selftailored yogurt shop.

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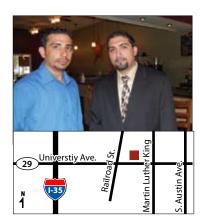
#### **Neighborhood Dining**

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**Georgetown** Brothers John Berenjy and Jesse Berenji-who spelled their names differently during the immigration process—endured religious persecution, social oppression and mistreatment in a foreign state-run compound before they could realize their dream of living in the United States.

Now the brothers own and operate a successful Mexican restaurant in Georgetown—El Patrón Mexican Restaurant & Cantina, located at 603 W. University Ave., Ste. 110—with plans to open a second location in Lakeway in about six months.

The brothers, who grew up in Iran and are Christians, were considered outcasts. Christians in Iran are regarded as impure, may not pursue higher education



and are prohibited from working in certain industries, John said.

"I had to run away from my country because it's against the law to practice my religion," John said. "My goal was to find my freedom in the United States." Full story at more.impactnews.com/5250

#### **Transportation Report**

Northwest Austin A project to add a concrete bridge at a low-water crossing in Bull Creek District Park would greatly reduce the number and length of time of road closures where the creek and Lakewood Drive meet, said Stan Evans, the Capital Improvement Project coordinator on the project for the City of Austin's Watershed Protection Department.

Now in its final approval and permit phase, the estimated \$1 million project is expected to begin construction by January and will take about six months to complete.

"The bridge we have planned can be constructed with minimal impact to the site and the environment," he said. "The bridge will provide many improvements to the environment by getting the vehicles out of the creek. But more importantly, the bridge

will greatly improve safety to the traveling public and for pedestrians and those riding bikes as they cross Bull Creek at the park."

Each lane of the bridge will be 14 feet wide and will include a 6-foot wide pedestrian sidewalk with guard rails for a total width just wider than 34 feet. The sidewalk will continue along the length of the new roadway pavement and connect the south side of the park to the main park area north of the creek.

"The typical creek flow at this location is almost 6 inches deep on a normal day, so when there is any rain upstream of the crossing, it needs to be closed, which requires our staff to mobilize to the site to set up barricades," Evans said. "Nearby homeowners are affected by this, as is the traveling public using Lakewood Drive."

Full story at more.impactnews.com/5734

#### **Community Impact**

#### Italiano ristorante

**Georgetown** East Coast restaurateur Jocko Saltus expects to open an Italian food restaurant, Amante's, 701 Main St., Sept. 1. Saltus relocated to Georgetown from Connecticut, where his restaurants earned high ratings from The New York Times and served celebrities including Martha Stewart, Robert Redford and Bobby Flay. Call 639-3172.

#### The return of El Chilito

Central Austin Fl Chilito is opening at 1025 Barton Springs Road, the former home of Gypsy Italian Bistro. In May, owner Carlos Rivero converted the older downtown El Chilito into a larger restaurant called El Chile. Rivero has two other restaurants, one at 1917 Manor Road and the other at 3435 Greystone Drive. For more information, visit www.elchilecafe.com.

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**Georgetown** Property owner Clifford Hardesty completed renovations to the former 1920s Sherman Hotel, turning it into 11 executive office spaces for lease at 1008 S. Main St. He celebrated with a ribbon cutting July 9. The project is Georgetown's first adaptive use, green historic preservation renovation. Call 784-0163 or visit www.1008southmain.com

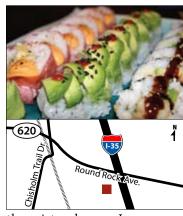
Robert P. Wills, MD

#### Origami Restaurant and Sushi Bar 110 N. IH 35, Ste. 200B 238-6522 • www.origamisushitx.com

Round Rock Many people in the Round Rock area remember the shopping center at RM 620 and IH 35 as the home of the Albertsons building that has sat vacant for years. The center is about to get a boost when natural grocery store Sprouts Farmers Market moves into the space, but tucked away from IH 35 is a dining gem that has been in business for more than

Origami Restaurant and Sushi Bar has been serving traditional Japanese cuisine since it opened in 1998.

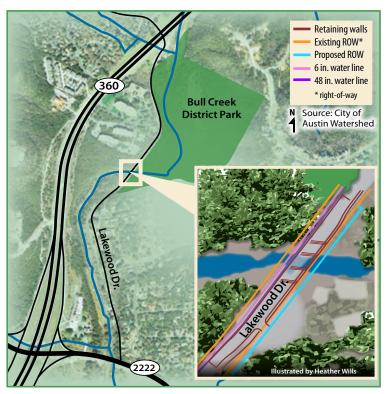
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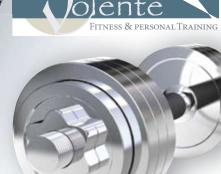
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## Nonprofit Profile | United Way of Williamson County



LeAnn Powers, Ramona Urbanek, Cathy Harlow and Sarah Carriker

#### By Kelsey Wilkinson

The United Way of Williamson County aims to influence change in the community by focusing on three key areas: education, health and income. The nonprofit operates under the assumption that it can have a greater effect on the area if it funds organizations that address these issues.

'You can't educate someone if they are starving because they can't afford food," said Sarah Carriker, development director at United Way of Williamson County. "But people can't get better jobs without education. Education is key, but so is everything else. United Way brings those issues together in a way that will pull up the whole community."

In late June, the United Way board of directors awarded \$360,000 in community investment grants to 15 local programs that focus on addressing education, health or income. Community volunteers spent close to 800 hours sorting through nearly 50 grant applications to determine which organizations best addressed those issues.

"For some recipients, the grant was a huge part of their budget. For some, it wasn't," LeAnn Powers, chief professional officer for the local United Way chapter said. "Lone Star Circle of Care [which received money] had an \$80 million budget, but a [different] school expansion program got 100 percent of their budget from us."

The United Way of Williamson County receives the majority of its funding through work campaigns, a system set up between United Way and business owners that gives employees the option of donating a portion of their paychecks directly to the organization. The organization also accepts separate, non work-related donations from Williamson County residents.

United Way is one of the most recognized agencies in the country with roots in Williamson County dating back 70 years. Powers credits the volunteers with building the organization's influence.

"I think that's probably what I find the most satisfying part about the work we do here," she said. "It's the volunteers from the community that are making these decisions about how to support the community. All of the volunteers are people that donate as well, so they feel good about what they are doing."

Powers says the financial success of the organization is rooted in its ability to offer more bang for the buck.

"If I'm going to give \$25 to one nonprofit, it doesn't seem like much—it doesn't seem like it will make a difference in the grand scheme of things," she said, "But if I give that same \$25 to United Way, I can see it benefits 15 nonprofits all along Williamson County."

#### **Recipients of the United Way** of Williamson County 2009 Community **Investment Grants**

- Capital IDEA: \$40,000
- Catholic Charities of Central Texas: \$20,000
- Cedar Park Library Foundation: \$10,000
- Communities in Schools of Central Texas: \$20,000
- Easter Seals Central Texas: \$10,000
- Family Eldercare: \$20,000
- Hope Alliance: \$40,000
- Interagency Support Council of East Williamson County: \$30,000
- Literacy Council of Williamson County: \$20,000
- Lone Star Circle of Care: \$30,000
- Round Rock Area Serving Center: \$20,000
- Samaritan Health Ministries: \$30,000
- Seedling Foundation: \$20,000
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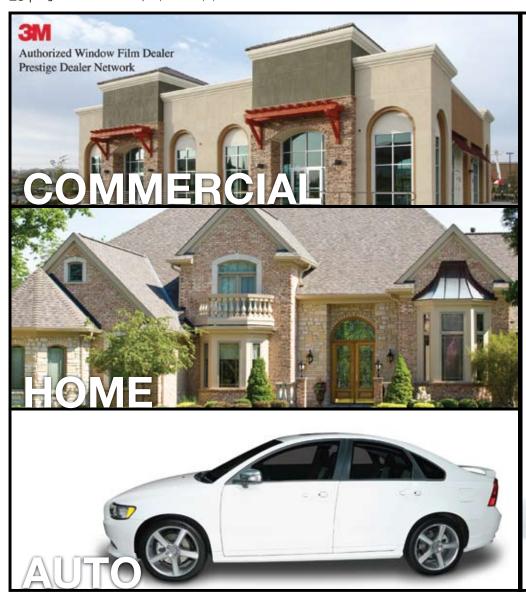


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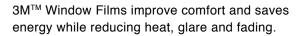
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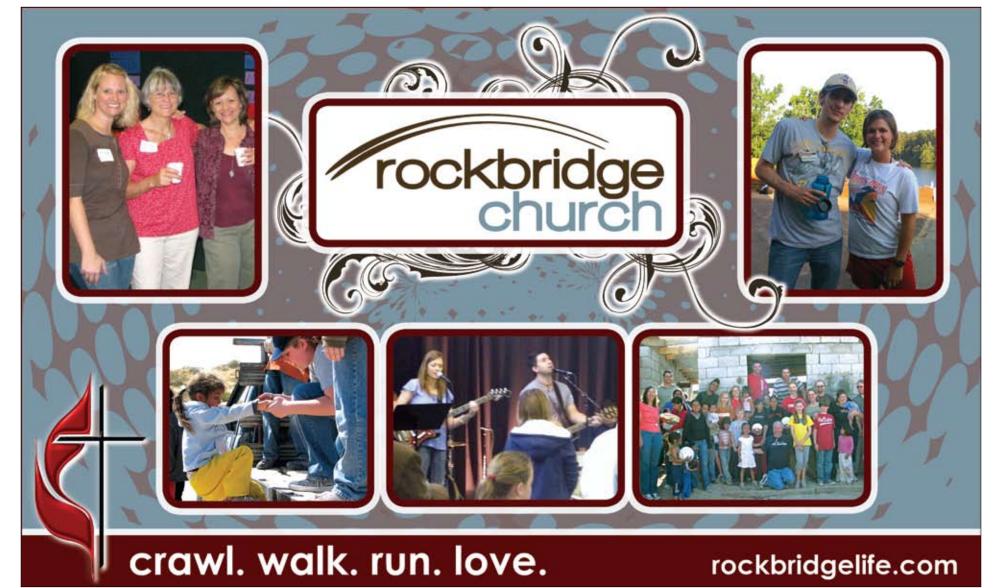


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#### Round Rock ISD Superintendent Jesús Chávez evaluates state of district

#### **Bv Rob Heidrick**

A tight budget and new state academic standards have led Round Rock ISD into a period of

transition, and district leaders are working to help schools adapt to the challenges. Superintendent Jesús Chávez worked with administrators from other Williamson County school districts during the state's 2009 legislative session to promote common objectives, particularly relating to education funding and school accountability.

"We got together and prioritized the kinds of issues that we wanted to deal with at the legislative session, and to some extent we were very successful," Chávez said. "But I would say that right now, we are not sufficiently funded to meet those high goals that the state has set for us."

#### **Education funding**

In 2006, the legislature created a new formula for calculating the amount of funding each district would get per student, based on a weighted average. The perstudent figure, known as target revenue, is tied to the amount of funding each district spent in the 2005-2006 academic year.

Target revenues vary widely among neighboring Central Texas districts. Round Rock ISD's 2009-2010 target is \$5,604, compared to the state average of about \$5,000. Leander ISD's is \$5,565. Pflugerville ISD receives \$4,887 per weighted student, and Taylor ISD is allotted \$4,634. Many area educators contend that the targets are snapshots of a single year's finances, insufficient for meeting needs that have emerged since they first went into effect.

"The unfairness is in that great variance," Chávez said. "For Round Rock, our tax base was growing when they happened to freeze that amount, so we happened to be at that level of expenditure at that time."

In this year's legislative session, lawmakers set a new minimum target revenue of \$4,800, meaning districts below that amount, including Taylor ISD, will receive additional funds to cover the difference. School districts in Williamson and Travis counties had lobbied lawmakers to set the minimum at \$5,000.

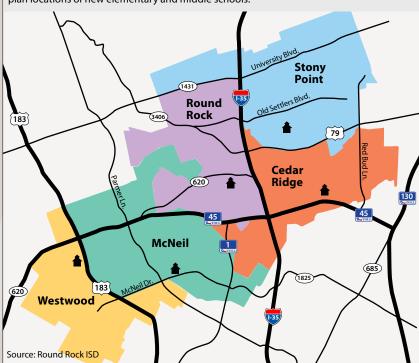
This year, districts above the minimum will receive an extra \$120 per weighted student to cover increases in teacher salaries, but targets will be scaled back to normal levels in 2010-2011.

"My hopes are that they do a true scientific study of what the actual education costs are, and that the state then uses that information to appropriately and adequately fund education so that all of our students can be college-ready as they're asking us to be," Chávez said.

#### High school boundaries 2010-2011

The Round Rock ISD Board of Trustees approved new school boundaries in April that will go into effect when Cedar Ridge High School opens in 2010.

Boundaries must be updated periodically as attendance increases and new schools open. Administrators expect the new boundaries to remain stable through at least 2012 as they plan locations of new elementary and middle schools.



#### **District growth**

New enrollment at RRISD and most other Central Texas districts is expected to slow in the coming year because fewer new residents have moved to the area in the midst of the recession. Chávez said the district expects to enroll between 400 and 500 new students this fall, compared to about 1,200 in 2008.

Nevertheless, the student population continues to grow, and RRISD is taking steps to keep pace. Bond elections in 2006 and 2008 yielded about \$561.5 million for the district, much of which will fund construction of new schools. Another proposed bond failed to pass in a 2005 election.

"We were behind in our construction," Chávez said. "We've

been able to somewhat catch up ... [but] if you look today and you look at this upcoming year, we're still going to have schools across our district that are overcrowded."

Round Rock's fifth high school is scheduled to open in fall 2010 to help relieve crowding at McNeil, Stony Point and Round Rock high schools. The district held a groundbreaking ceremony July 28 for a new elementary school on Stone Oak Drive.

Chávez said administrators are tracking growth in different areas of the city to determine locations for future schools. He expects attendance boundaries to remain stable for the next two years, and the next district bond election could be held in 2011.

#### School accountability

Chávez said the district's primary goal in the coming years is to foster an educated workforce by preparing every student for college. Newly modified accountability standards that emphasize individual performance could steer area schools closer to this objective.

Under the previous system,
Texas high schools were required
to meet 35 standards in order to
qualify as academically acceptable. Twenty-five of the indicators were based on results of the
Texas Assessment of Knowledge
and Skills, the standardized tests
used as a primary measure of
each school's overall academic
performance. The other 10 scores

measured factors such as attendance, completion and dropout

If a school fell below the mark on just one of the 35 criteria, it could be classified as academically unacceptable. New legislation only requires districts to meet 85 percent of the criteria. Chávez said the modified policy promotes student development without focusing too much on technicalities.

"We wanted a better way of classifying schools and districts on their overall performance rather than the lowest common denominator," he said. "You no longer have that one score that's going to give you that bad label."

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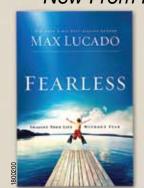
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# EducationFocus

#### **Forest North Elementary**

13414 Broadmeade, Austin **464-6750 • Year Opened:** 1977 **Total Students: 270** 

2009 Accountability Rating:

2008 Economically Disadvantaged: 15.2% 2008 TAKS Results: Reading 98%, Math 94%

2009 Preliminary TAKS Scores:

**Grade 3:** Reading 100%, Math 90% **Grade 4:** Reading 91%, Math 93% Grade 5: Reading 96%, Math 100%

#### **Deerpark Middle**

8849 Anderson Mill Road, Austin 464-6600 • Year Opened: 1986 **Total Students: 955** 

2009 Accountability Rating:

Academically Acceptable

2008 Economically Disadvantaged: 23.4% 2008 TAKS Results: Reading 97%, Math 92%

2009 Preliminary TAKS Scores:

Grade 6: Reading 97%, Math 90% **Grade 7:** Reading 89%, Math 90% **Grade 8:** Reading 97%, Math 83%

#### McNeil High



5720 McNeil Road, Austin • 464-6300 Year opened: 1992 • Total students: 2,718

2009 Accountability Rating: Recognized 2008 Economically Disadvantaged: 11.8% 2008 TAKS Results: Reading 94%, Math 85%

2009 Preliminary TAKS Scores: Grade 9: Reading 94%, Math 83% Grade 10: Reading 92%, Math 84% Grade 11: Reading 97%, Math 93%

#### **Brushy Creek Elementary**

3800 Stonebridge Drive **428-3000 • Year opened:** 1981 **Total students:** 779

2009 Accountability Rating:

2008 Economically Disadvantaged: 14.6% 2008 TAKS Results: Reading 99%, Math 97%

2009 Preliminary TAKS Scores:

Grade 3: Reading 99%, Math 99% Grade 4: Reading 94%, Math 93% Grade 5: Reading 99%, Math 99%

#### **Cedar Valley Middle**

**8139** Racine Trail, Austin **428-2300 • Year opened:** 1991 Total students: 1,089

2009 Accountability Rating:

2008 Economically Disadvantaged: 12.2% 2008 TAKS Results: Reading 98%, Math 95%

2009 Preliminary TAKS Scores:

Grade 6: Reading 99%, Math 96% Grade 7: Reading 96%, Math 96% Grade 8: Reading 100%, Math 98%

16200 Avery Ranch Blvd.

2009 Accountability Rating:

2008 Economically Disadvantaged: N/A

**2009 Preliminary TAKS Scores** 

Grade 5: Reading 100%, Math 100%

#### **Walsh Middle**

3850 Walsh Ranch Road **704-0800 • Year opened:** 2008 **Total students: 824** 

2009 Accountability Rating:

2008 Economically Disadvantaged: N/A

2009 Preliminary TAKS Scores

Grade 6: Reading 99%, Math 96% Grade 7: Reading 94%, Math 91% Grade 8: Reading 100%, Math 95%

#### **Round Rock High**



300 Lake Creek Drive • 464-6000 Year opened: 1913 Total students: 2,535

2009 Accountability Rating: Academically Acceptable 2008 Economically Disadvantaged: 23.9% 2008 TAKS Results: Reading 91%, Math 72%

2009 Preliminary TAKS Scores: Grade 9: Reading 89%, Math 67%

**Grade 10:** Reading 90%, Math 71% **Grade 11:** Reading 96%, Math 88%

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#### **2008 Statistics** State District **Economically Disadvantaged** 24.7% 55.3% Limited English Proficient (LEP) 16% 8.3% Average years experience of teachers 11.3 10.4 Average actual salaries of teachers \$46,405 \$46,179

Subject	State <b>2008</b>	District 2008	District 2009
Reading	91%	95%	95%
Math	80%	88%	90%
Writing	93%	95%	96%
Science	74%	85%	89%
Social Studies	91%	95%	97%

Sources: Round Rock ISD; Texas Education Agency

#### District Scores by Grade

2009 TAKS Prelim	ninary Scores (sum of all English speaking	students per grade)
Grade 3:	Reading <b>96%</b>	Math <b>91%</b>
Grade 4:	Reading <b>91%</b>	Math <b>92%</b>
Grade 5:	Reading <b>96%</b>	Math <b>96%</b>
Grade 6:	Reading <b>96%</b>	Math <b>92%</b>
Grade 7:	Reading <b>91%</b>	Math <b>89%</b>
Grade 8:	Reading <b>98%</b>	Math <b>89%</b>
Grade 9:	Reading <b>92%</b>	Math <b>77%</b>
Grade 10:	English Language Arts <b>91%</b>	Math <b>76%</b>
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A.C. Bible Jr. and Mary Bible

#### By Kara Vaught

A.C. Bible Jr., longtime Cedar Park and Leander resident and former Leander ISD school board member, said he has an alibi for the night in 1936 when the high school he graduated from the year earlier burned down.

"Leander Common School District had a two-story school, and I graduated with seven people," Bible said. "It accidentally burned down; we didn't do it."

Born Sept. 14, 1918, in Austin, Bible moved with his family to the area that would one day become Cedar Park when he was a year old. His father, a sharecropper, was on the school board when Bible attended Pleasant Hills School.

"They passed me on to the fourth grade," Bible said. "I don't know why; I wasn't smart. But after that my dad told them I was too young to go to sixth grade, so I had to do fifth grade twice."

The school day began with a chapel service. The principal read scripture followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and singing. Students attended 11 grades at the time, so Bible graduated at age 16.

After spending some time helping his father on the farm, Bible joined the Civilian Conservation Corps set up by the federal government to put people to work during the Great Depression.

"They paid us \$1 a day plus 'found,' which was clothes, food and a place to stay," Bible said. "We did projects for soil conservation—built barbed-wire fences mostly—and I was lucky because I made friends with the engineering crew and got on it. Otherwise it was hot work."

Although the CCC took him to Bartlett, Bible still courted his sweetheart and now-wife, Mary.

"We were raised together around here and went to church together," Bible said. "I used to cut cedar to be able to take her to the picture show in Georgetown. A 2-inch diameter cedar post 6 feet long was worth 1 cent, and picture shows cost 15 or 25 cents."

In 1941 Bible got married and joined the Army.

"I knew they were fixin' to get me anyway," he said of the armed forces.

Bible and his fellow soldiers were some

of the first to get into Italy, and he was in one of the first five tanks into Rome.

When his Army duty was over on Nov. 25, 1945, Bible said he was given \$100 worth of tools and told to "go be part of the gross domestic product."

He chose a career as an electrician, working first for an Austin company for 10 years and then for himself with the name ACB Electric in Cedar Park and Leander for 30 years.

When he moved back to Cedar Park in 1973, Bible served on the city's first charter writing committee. In Texas, a city must have a population of 5,000 before it can write a charter establishing a city government that can annex land and set a property tax higher than the maximum non-chartered cities can impose. A charter review committee recently proposed changes, including providing modest compensation for council members, simplifying the process of filing to run for city office and making the charter compliant with state and federal regulations.

Bible continued his civic involvement with a 1975-1988 tenure on LISD's board of trustees, which earned him the honor of having the football stadium at Leander High School named after him and in memory of the community's fallen soldiers. Bible was president of the school board in 1985 when the bleachers for the stadium were bought from Ector County ISD in Odessa and shipped to Leander.

Ollie Jones—one of Bible's friends and also a former LISD board member—said Bible met the challenges of governing the growing school district honorably.

"In the latter years of his tenure, he and the board were faced with a lot of tough decisions. We were growing and it was stretching the budget," Jones said. "He always kept in mind the taxpayers that had to pay for whatever programs we came up with."

As for how Bible spends his time now, he said, "Oh, I just fiddle around. Really. I've been fiddle-playing since CCC camp. Never did learn to read music; I've just always played by ear."

#### History of A.C. Bible Jr. **Memorial Stadium:**

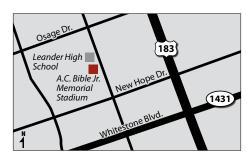
In 1983, Leander ISD purchased the lights and seating of Barrett Stadium from Ector County ISD for \$61,000. LISD beat the Pflugerville ISD's bid for the 18,000-capacity stadium. Trucks hauled the disassembled load of steel and redwood from West Texas. Upon arrival in Leander, 10,000 of the seats were reassembled to create what was named Lion Stadium.

During the 1997-1998 school year, the structure underwent another transformation after a Round Rock student fell through one of the wooden seats during a game. All the wood in the stadium was replaced with aluminum, and the scoreboard was repainted in neutral colors so as not to favor Leander High School over the district's new high school in Cedar Park. Additionally, the school board renamed the structure A.C. Bible Jr. Memorial Stadium to honor both the man who was president of the school board when the stadium was purchased and soldiers from Leander and Cedar Park who died in the armed services.

This fall, fans will attend games in the newly rebuilt Bible stadium thanks to a 2007 bond election. All new steel construction, expanded restroom and concession areas and a repositioning of the press box were included in the renovation.



A.C. Bible Jr. Memorial Stadium





## **Inside Information** | Library usage increases

#### By Joseph M. de Leon

During an economic recession, residents might be likelier to consider public libraries—a source of free books, music and movies—to find some entertainment as they slow their spending.

Both Cedar Park and Leander public libraries offer programs such as story times, reading groups and movie showings, but librarians also use technology to keep visitors interested.

The Leander library offers Nintendo Wii and Sony PlayStation 3 consoles and a variety of action games. In Cedar Park, guests can play on two Wii systems, which include sports and music games.

Priscilla Donovan, library director for Leander, said computers are among the library's most popular resources.

"There is very rarely a lull in computer use," she said. "Even

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if the library is quiet, you always have people on the computers."

To answer the demand and to help people build job skills, the Leander Public Library started offering basic computer classes at 2 p.m. every Tuesday. The sessions cover such topics as how to use Microsoft Office, e-mail and the internet. The library also offers GED classes twice a week.

To serve Hispanic residents, the Leander library hopes to recruit volunteers to teach English language classes later this year. In May, the library received a \$2,500 Texas Book Festival grant to buy books in Spanish. Donovan hopes to have the books ready for checkout this fall.

Pauline Lam, library director for Cedar Park, said her staff has worked hard to keep up with the increase in demand spurred by the slump in the economy.

"We have seen a really big

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impact on our services," she said. "But we have no increase in resources, so we do what we can to provide a good quality service to our community.'

In 2009, the Cedar Park Public Library was awarded a \$25,000 Dell Foundation grant it used to replace computers, buy books, expand its reading program and renew a database subscription. Lam hopes the foundation will award another \$25,000 in August to continue those efforts in 2010.

The initiative called Cedar Park Reads will encourage every resident to read the same book.

"One Ranger," a memoir by Joaquin Jackson about what it was like to be a Texas Ranger, will be the first book in the program. "We want an event the entire community can get involved in," Lam said. "When adults get excited about reading, it always filters down to the kids."

#### **Public library use** statistics and budget

#### **CEDAR PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY**

	FY '06-'07	FY '07-'08	FY '08-'09*
Library cards	7,365	8,177	6,385
Head count	302,998	293,304	232,371
Collection	96,407	99,639	104,549
Circulation	573,685	678,843	563,488
Computer use	86,709	81,001	61,801
Budget	\$1,036,535	\$1,092,469	\$1,140,399

#### **LEANDER PUBLIC LIBRARY**

	FY '06-'07	FY '07-'08	FY '08-'09*
Library cards	7,813	10,645	11,932
Head count	64,106	163,224	192,492
Collection	27,599	31,487	33,204
Circulation	105,986	115,031	92,957
Computer use	37,334	43,633	35,067
Budget	\$143,441	\$364,218	\$413,216

\*'08-'09 figures are for first nine months of the fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30.

Library cards—number of registered individual or household users Head count—number of patrons counted by electronic sensor Collection—number of copies of print and audio/visual materials Circulation—number of times print or audio/visual materials checked out Computer use—count of every time a patron logs on Budget—total operating expenditures

Source: The libraries

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# **Local History** | Public libraries

#### By Robert Bell

The residents of Cedar Park and Leander made it clear early on that knowledge is a priority.

Within a few years of incorporating, both cities had established libraries that would eventually grow from small spaces stuffed with second-hand books to fullservice libraries offering a variety of options for fun and learning.

Both libraries have also benefited from the countless hours put in by volunteers, monetary donations from individuals and foundations, and the work of other support organizations.

#### **Cedar Park**

Cedar Park incorporated in 1973. In 1979, a group of citizens petitioned the city council for a library. The council responded by appointing an ad hoc committee to examine the issue. By December 1980, the city had found its library director in Pauline Lam, who had just completed her master's degree in library science at the University of Texas.

When Lam started, there were about 3,300 people living in Cedar Park. The population has increased significantly since then, of course, and the library has grown with it.

The Cedar Park library's first two locations were a bit humble.

The original opened in 1981 in a 700 sq. ft. storefront location. The second opened about nine months later in a former Laundromat on Commercial Parkway, which at 1,500 sq. ft. more than doubled the amount of space available for books, reference volumes and periodicals.

In September 1990, a new 7,000 sq. ft. location opened on Discovery Boulevard. But that wasn't enough space to accommodate the growing library, and in 2000, construction began that would expand that building to more than 25,000 sq. ft.

The new, bigger library opened in January 2001. The renovation was paid for through a bond issue and from the fundraising work of the Cedar Park Public Library Foundation.

#### Leander

Leander incorporated in 1978. At a city council meeting in February 1986, a councilman asked residents Curtis and Blanche Corley to look into starting a public library.

Prior to that, a small local group had made some moves toward that goal. Through bake sales and other fundraising efforts, they had collected \$4,290 and also had secured a big donation of books from Florence, Texas. But the books didn't have a home in Leander yet, and the city was spending \$75 a month to store them.

The Corleys approached Leander ISD about using an old Works Progress Administration school building that had sat empty for many years. Along with other volunteers, the Corleys worked to get the building up to code.

The Leander Public Library opened its doors in June 1987.

Shortly thereafter, an Austin-based developer donated an 1,800 sq. ft. metal building to the city for use as a library. The building was placed on a city-owned lot on Municipal Drive.

Once again, through the efforts of many donors and volunteers, the building was renovated and opened in 1989 as the new home of the Leander library.

In 1993, Rosemary Detrech was hired as the director of the library. Hers was the first full-time paid position.

Leander voters approved a bond issue for construction of a new library in May 2004. Christine Mason donated part of her property for the library site, and the city purchased the remainder.

Construction started in December 2005, and the 18,000 sq. ft. library opened in October 2006. The metal building on Municipal Drive now serves as home to the Leander Parks and Recreation Department.

Detrech was the director at the library until June 2006. Current director Priscilla Donovan was hired for that position in September 2007.







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land development and operations for Waterstone.

Avery Station is a 177-acre, \$250 million subdivision that will eventually be home to about 700 residential units with prices ranging from about \$190,000 to \$450,000.

Waterstone is also developing another Avery Ranch bookend about 3 miles to the east. Pearson Place is a 196-acre site that will feature 392 homes. About 60 acres of the subdivision will be used for multifamily housing such as apartments or townhouses.

The company will most likely partner with Williamson County to establish road districts to widen and improve Lakeline Boulevard, which runs along the southern edge of the Avery Station site. Waterstone is also working on a similar solution for extending Neenah Boulevard to Pearson Place, Newman said. Lakeline Boulevard becomes Neenah Boulevard east of Parmer Lane.

#### Station to station

Avery Station will include a variety of residential options.

"The product lines we'll have are a townhome, we'll have a condominium product in the southwest parcel that may be private and gated and we'll probably have three offerings of single-family houses," Newman said.

Overall, the look and feel of Avery Station will be similar to that of Austin's Mueller development, with smaller lots augmented with community amenities such as parks and interconnected walking paths and trails. The reason for patterning Avery Station similarly to Mueller is because of the proximity to Lakeline Station, where Capital Metro's Redline commuter rail will stop, he said.

Waterstone is negotiating with some of the builders that have constructed homes in Mueller. The company is taking a different course than it has with other master-planned communities and is asking the builders what types of housing products they think would work best in the development, Newman said.

In terms of timing, crews could break ground on lots at Avery Station as early as the second quarter of 2010, he said.

#### Location, location

Waterstone wants to preserve some of the natural elements of the site

"This particular development is just packed with live oak trees," Newman said. "So we're looking at how we might move the lot lines to save as many trees as we can."

Retail development is also part of the plan for Avery Station, with two 4-acre sites that will be phased in after all of the residential construction is complete. Because the retail market is very soft right now, the shopping centers are probably at least two years away, he said.

The proximity of Avery Station to Avery Ranch makes the lots in the forthcoming development very valuable, said Mark Sprague, a partner with Residential Strategies, a real estate research and consulting firm. The Avery Station site is one of the most desirable spots in the Austin metro area, he said.

Builders' response to Pearson Place would also support the idea that the locations are a hot commodity because they have contracted all of the residential lots in that subdivision, Newman said.

#### Familiar name

Name recognition is a big part of the strategy for Avery Station and Pearson Place. Both will be marketed as being part of the Avery Ranch brand, though residents of Avery Station and Pearson Place will not be members of the association of Avery Ranch, Newman said.

"They'll each have their own amenity center and recreational areas," he said.

But the success of Avery Ranch—and the Avery name itself—bode well for the two new developments, Sprague said.

John Avery Sr. is a member of the family that, since the 1890s, had owned much of the land Avery Ranch was built on. He and his brothers Charles and Nelson and sister Christina Fell had a distinct vision for how the development of their property should unfold.

They wanted Avery Ranch Boulevard to be built all at once. They also wanted to ensure that the subdivision would preserve a substantial amount of green space and include plenty of trails, and they knew Waterstone and its CEO, Bob Wunsch, would do that, Avery said.

"It's a historic place and was home to people for thousands of years, from Native Americans to early pioneers," he said. "So it had to be developed with a certain dignity and respect and not be just your usual subdivision. Mr. Wunsch was the perfect fit for us because he has an eye for quality and the detail that it takes to make an exceptional subdivision with all the amenities that you need."

The Avery family does not have a hand in Avery Station, but is involved with Avery Centre, a 1,200-acre Waterstone development in northeast Round Rock. The development is home to Texas State University's Round Rock Higher Education Center and Seton Medical Center, and will eventually include campuses for Austin Community College and Texas A&M Health Science Center.

The family donated portions of that development for the hospital and schools. The remaining 973 acres will be a mix of residential and commercial properties.

#### **Waterstone plans Leander devlopment**

Cortina Creek will be about 273 acres and will feature up to 200,000 sq. ft. of retail space and about 900 residential units, mostly in the form of apartments and townhouses.

It has frontage on US 183 and San Gabriel Parkway. A timeline for construction has not yet been established.



All of those developments have a strong emphasis on the Avery name, but that was not the intention at the outset.

"It's not that I really enjoy my name that much," Avery said.

In fact, he and his relatives were originally considering calling Avery Centre by a different name, but were advised not to.

"All the consultants told us, 'You know, you really ought to stick with the name because people like to see that,'" he said. "[People] like history. Everybody moves around a lot, so the thought that some family has been there 150 years is a big deal."

Pearson Place is named after the Pearson family. Iveann Pearson was a rancher who bought the land in the 1940s to raise cattle, sheep and goats.

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#### **Road districts**

A road district is a financing vehicle that enables a developer to build a road that will service not only his development, but the county as a whole, said Charlie Crossfield, Williamson County right-of-way attorney.

The developer partners with the county and puts up part of the money needed to get the road completed. He gets a portion of that cost back through the issuance of debt that is attached to the properties that directly benefit from the road, he said.

Road districts are set up before anyone moves into the development, and homebuyers there are informed that part of their property tax bill will go toward paying for the road.

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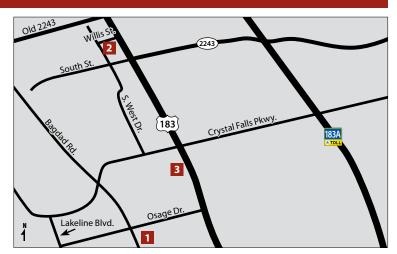
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1,312 sq. ft. \$18.29/sq. ft./year 799-9083 Agent: John Mallach Keller Williams



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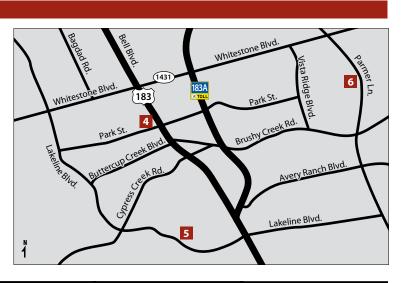
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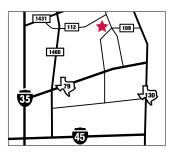
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- Deer Creek Elementary
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1707 Chula Vista Drive \$237,000 5 Br/2.5 Ba | 2,630 sq. ft. 567-4478 Agent: Donna Cannon, Pacesetter Properties



3 2407 Mancuso Bend \$319,000 4 Br/3.5 Ba | 3,300 sq. ft. 797-4870 Agent: Michele Eilers, Farelli & Associates



2610 Melekhin Bend \$420,000 5 Br/3.5 Ba | 3,519 sq. ft. 784-6850 Agent: Susan Galyean, Avalar360 On Bee Caves



4 1109 Ritter Drive \$384,965 5 Br/3.5 Ba | 3,749 sq. ft. 844-3254 Agent: Stuart Sutton, J.B. Goodwin, Realtors

#### Horizon Park Leander - 78641

This neighborhood offers easy access to Toll 183A, shopping and is moments away from Crystal Falls Golf Course. El Chaparral Park and Block House Lake are nearby.

#### Schools

- Pleasant Hill Elementary School
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5 406 Golden Gate Drive \$184,900 4 Br/2.5 Ba | 2,716 sq. ft. 627-6850 Agent: Bonita Burrows, Realty Austin



1800 Kwai Cove \$149,900 517-8241 3 Br/2.5 Ba | 1,955 sq. ft. Agent: Robert Sedlor, Coldwell Banker United Realtor



6 2207 Twin Peaks Cove \$157,750 4 Br/2 Ba | 1,857 sq. ft. 940-6645 Agent: Doug Land, Capital City Sothebys International Realty



8 112 Stanford Drive \$127,500 925-9898 3 Br/2 Ba | 1,355 sq. ft. Agent: Kathleen Townsley, Smart Source Realty

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78613	Cedar Park	Anderson Mill	2202 London Lane	3br/2ba	2,387	\$229,900	Fran Drakeford	Goldwasser Real Estate	657-9609
78613	Cedar Park	Bella Vista	2708 Azzuro Way	4br/3ba	3,315	\$375,000	Donna Ciccarelli	Goldwasser Real Estate	736-3124
78613	Cedar Park	Breakaway Park	609 Breakaway Road	4br/3ba	3,098	\$399,900	Janice Haecker	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	632-1878
78613	Cedar Park	Buttercup Creek	507 Live Oak Drive	3br/2ba	1,394	\$123,550	Kim Bramlette	Prudential Ultima Real Estate	825-2182
78613	Cedar Park	Buttercup Creek	401 Trumpet Vine Trail	3br/2ba	1,574	\$155,000	Jasper Augustine	RE/MAX Capital City II	744-4172
78613	Cedar Park	Buttercup Creek	701 Sapling Cove	3br/2ba	1,583	\$159,995	Colleen Sellars	RE/MAX Capital City II	646-1375
78613	Cedar Park	Buttercup Creek	1100 Blackbird Court	4br/2ba	2,471	\$195,000	Yusuf Johnson	Goldwasser Real Estate	419-8020
78613	Cedar Park	Buttercup Creek	2006 Clegg Drive	4br/2ba	2,140	\$224,999	Sydney Heard	Moreland Properties	733-3277
78613	Cedar Park	Buttercup Creek	1708 Juniper Ridge Loop	4br/2ba	2,130	\$229,000	Kevin Breaux	J.B. Goodwin, Realtors	502-7731
78613	Cedar Park	Buttercup Creek	1501 Menteer Drive	3br/2ba	2,674	\$250,000	Bruce Berman	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	750-6611
78613	Cedar Park	Buttercup Creek	200 Cripple Creek Road	4br/2ba	3,345	\$253,900	Rebecca Queen	RE/MAX Capital City II	646-1331
78613	Cedar Park	Buttercup Creek	1007 Lone Buck Pass	4br/3ba	2,998	\$260,000	Linda Graves	RE/MAX Capital City	255-0477
78613	Cedar Park	Buttercup Townhomes	401 Buttercup Creek Blvd.	2br/1ba	1,022	\$96,850	Kent Redding	Prudential Texas Realty	306-1001
78613	Cedar Park	Buttercup Townhomes	401 Buttercup Creek Blvd.	3br/2ba	1,308	\$100,900	Paulette Bostur	Prudential Texas Realty	751-4567
78613	Cedar Park	Buttercup Townhomes	401 Buttercup Creek Blvd.	2br/2ba	1,303	\$112,100	Kent Redding	Prudential Texas Realty	306-1001
78613	Cedar Park	Carriage Hills	2111 Bridal Path	3br/2ba	1,386	\$136,900	Susan McVicker	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	691-6717
78613	Cedar Park	Carriage Hills	1808 Hollow Ridge Drive	3br/2ba	1,652	\$139,999	Karen Salley	Keller Williams Realty	669-3115
78613	Cedar Park	Cedar Park Ranchettes	2306 Bois D Arc Lane	3br/2ba	1,352	\$50,000	Dan O'Connell	Prudential Texas Realty	407-2449
78613	Cedar Park	Cedar Park Ranchettes	204 Cougar Ave.	3br/2ba	1,560	\$149,900	Jerry Castillo	RE/MAX Capital City II	751-0386
78613	Cedar Park	Cedar Park Square	103 Valk St.	3br/1ba	957	\$149,000	Terry Williams	Moreland Properties	699-4868
78613	Cedar Park	Cedar Park Square	1400 Serene Oak Drive	3br/2ba	1,080	\$119,900	Peter Sajovich	Re/Max Austin Advantage	219-3030
78613	Cedar Park	Cedar Park Towncenter	1814 Lost Maples Loop	3br/2ba	1,512	\$150,000	Douglas Young	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	762-7761
78613	Cedar Park	Cedar Park Towncenter	1702 Main St.	3br/2ba	2,386	\$199,997	Lisa Myers	J.B. Goodwin, Realtors	576-0370
78613	Cedar Park	Coventry Crossing	2615 Stapleford Drive	3br/2ba	1,454	\$115,000	Karen McKinney	J.B. Goodwin, Realtors	502-7712
78613	Cedar Park	Crossing At Carriage Hills	1016 Silverstone Lane	3br/2ba	1,469	\$125,000	Kim Bramlette	Prudential Ultima Real Estate	825-2182
78613	Cedar Park	Cypress Creek	2307 Sharon Drive	4br/3ba	3,068	\$229,965	Stuart Sutton	J.B. Goodwin, Realtors	844-3254
78613	Cedar Park	Cypress Mill	1304 Roadrunner Drive	0br/2ba	2,061	\$189,500	Marian Derks	RE/MAX Capital City	659-1642
78613	Cedar Park	Cypress Mill	2620 Little Elm Trail	4br/2ba	1,973	\$194,900	Marian Derks	RE/MAX Capital City	659-1642
78613	Cedar Park	Forest Oaks	802 Bogart Road	3br/2ba	2,111	\$169,900	Tim Kress	RE/MAX Capital City	719-5555
78613	Cedar Park	Forest Oaks	1306 Walnut Cove	4br/2ba	2,339	\$209,900	Tim Kress	RE/MAX Capital City	719-5555
78613	Cedar Park	Forest Oaks	1220 Willowbrook Drive	4br/2ba	3,237	\$264,900	Drew Griffin	Goldwasser Real Estate	785-9765
78613	Cedar Park	Forest Oaks	1028 Savanna Lane	4br/2ba	2,794	\$275,000	Christy Gessler	RE/MAX Capital City II	657-5092
78613	Cedar Park	Forest Oaks	1003 Suffolk Court	4br/3ba	2,553	\$314,070	Kevin Elliott	Keller Williams Realty	347-7740
78613	Cedar Park	Forest Oaks	1004 Bretton Woods Drive	4br/2ba	2,899	\$314,900	James Swift	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	897-4812
78613	Cedar Park	Forest Oaks	1115 Shiloh St.	4br/3ba	4,077	\$384,900	Suzette Gabriel	C&G Summit Realty	635-1197
78613	Cedar Park	Gann Ranch	2224 Wheaton Trail	3br/2ba	2,273	\$189,900	Jeff Dillard	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	426-1294
78613	Cedar Park	Heritage Park	2203 Bakers Way	3br/2ba	1,379	\$135,000	Donna Ciccarelli	Goldwasser Real Estate	736-3124
78613	Cedar Park	Heritage Park	1109 Heritage Park Drive	3br/2ba	2,430	\$175,000	Stacy Shapiro	Moreland Properties	480-0848
78613	Cedar Park	Heritage Park	1111 Heritage Park Drive	4br/2ba	2,186	\$209,000	Lynn Robin-Pitts	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	736-8822
78613	Cedar Park	Leander Bay	103 Central Drive	3br/2ba	1,536	\$299,000	Terry Williams	Moreland Properties	699-4868
78613	Cedar Park	Park Place	313 Kings Canyon Drive	3br/2ba	2,284	\$113,850	Howard Nemetsky	Sellstate Hill Country	415-3050
78613	Cedar Park	Quarry Oaks	803 Post Oak Circle	3br/2ba	1,848	\$177,900	Gay Puckett	J.B. Goodwin, Realtors	502-7787
78613	Cedar Park	Quest Village	608 Paso Fino Trail	3br/2ba	2,040	\$185,900	Jeff Dillard	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	426-1294
78613	Cedar Park	Quest Village	703 Le Ann Lane	4br/2ba	2,189	\$187,300	Janette Friend-Harrington	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	844-3331
78613	Cedar Park	Ranch At Cypress Creek	2214 Kerr Trail	4br/2ba	1,536	\$164,950	Kimberly Smith	J.B. Goodwin, Realtors	576-7341
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# ZIP code guide

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401 Trumpet Vine Trail, Cedar Park



1007 Lone Buck Pass, Cedar Park

\$260,000



1814 Lost Maples Loop, Cedar Park



1003 Suffolk Court, Cedar Park

103 Central Drive, Cedar Park

\$299,000

\$314,070

# Residential Real Estate | Market Data

**Monthly home sales** 

Market data provided by Nason Hengst RE/MAX | 512-775-7900 | nasonh@remax.net



On the market (July 1-31)						
Price range	No. of ho CLN*	No. of homes for sale CLN* CLS*		on market CLS		
Less than \$100,000	6	3	80	65		
\$100,000-\$149,900	87	41	71	81		
\$150,000-\$199,900	126	100	73	58		
\$200,000-\$299,900	57	174	119	84		
\$300,000-\$399,900	29	64	122	77		
\$400,000-\$499,900	12	30	135	123		
\$500,000-\$749,900	26	29	194	190		
\$750,000-\$999,900	4	9	292	169		
\$1 million +	5	12	114	178		

Month	No. of sales		Averag	je price	
	CLN	CLS	CLN	CLS	
July 2008	107	104	\$186,512	\$226,023	
July 2009	86	117	\$186,145	\$233,322	
June 2009	88	115	\$178,359	\$255,449	
May 2009	82	72	\$196,796	\$244,538	
Apr. 2009	60	72	\$166,379	\$227,317	
Mar. 2009	65	67	\$193,914	\$230,676	
Feb. 2009	42	37	\$157,524	\$228,434	
Jan. 2009	46	37	\$208,860	\$219,442	
Dec. 2008	66	57	\$168,044	\$209,455	

# Residential Real Estate | Property listings

ZIP code	City	Subdivision	Address	Bed/Bath	Sq. Ft.	Price	Agent	Agency	Phone	
78613	Cedar Park	Ranch at Cypress Creek	2003 Harvest Moon Drive	3br/2ba	1,528	\$165,000	Kathy Schenken	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	965-3399	
78613	Cedar Park	Ranch at Cypress Creek	1700 Bow Ridge Drive	4br/2ba	2,679	\$219,900	Jasper Augustine	RE/MAX Capital City II	744-4172	
78613	Cedar Park	Ranch at Cypress Creek	1701 Barrilla St.	3br/2ba	2,688	\$229,000	Kathleen Wainwright	RE/MAX Capital City II	646-1324	
78613	Cedar Park	Ranch at Cypress Creek	1812 Autumn Fire Drive	3br/2ba	2,319	\$235,500	Kathy Schenken	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	965-3399	
78613	Cedar Park	Ranch at Deer Creek	2503 Melekhin Bend	5br/4ba	4,560	\$388,500	Carla Ramm	Keller Williams Realty	250-0550	.
78613	Cedar Park	Red Oaks	513 Rolling Brook Lane	3br/2ba	2,128	\$262,230	Christine Rougeux	Austin Lifestyle Realty	466-1860	
78613	Cedar Park	Red Oaks	323 Silent Spring Drive	5br/3ba	3,717	\$365,000	Christine Rougeux	Austin Lifestyle Realty	466-1860	
78613	Cedar Park	Red Oaks	404 Autumn Bend Lane	4br/3ba	4,270	\$374,900	Matthew Menard	Keller Williams Realty	947-8787	
78613	Cedar Park	Red Oaks	415 Scarlet Maple Drive	5br/4ba	4,074	\$424,900	Barbara Bittner	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	431-6027	
78613	Cedar Park	Silver Oak Townhomes	700 Mandarin Flyway	3br/2ba	1,609	\$172,799	Ryan Rogers	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	413-9456	
78613	Cedar Park	Silverado West	2517 Peterson Drive	4br/2ba	3,392	\$190,000	Cesar Reyes	Atlas Realty	363-6764	
78641	Leander	Block House Creek	2503 Claudia Drive	3br/2ba	1,387	\$138,900	Debbie DiCarlo	Keller Williams Realty	630-7542	
78641	Leander	Block House Creek	1323 Mojave Bend	3br/2ba	1,423	\$143,000	Derek Schoepflin	Keller Williams Realty	630-1407	
78641	Leander	Block House Creek	1143 Pine Portage Loop	4br/2ba	1,864	\$159,999	Jodi MacHardy	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	254-289-3020	
78641	Leander	Block House Creek Block House Creek	16302 Spotted Eagle Drive	3br/2ba	1,746	\$160,000	Mary Boatright	RE/MAX Capital City II	426-1881	
78641	Leander	Block House Creek	16214 Copper Leaf Lane	3br/2ba	1,817	\$160,000	Mary Boatright  Mary Boatright	RE/MAX Capital City II	426-1881	,
78641	Leander		1106 Bordeaux Drive	4br/2ba 4br/2ba	2,289	\$179,900	, ,	RE/MAX Capital City II	426-1881 646-1350	,
78641	Leander	Boulders at Crystal Falls	1303 Wigwam 1100 Applerock	4br/3ba	2,282	\$209,900	Dragoljub Popovich  Kevin Breaux	RE/MAX Capital City II		
78641 78641	Leander Leander	Boulders at Crystal Falls  Caballo Ranch	2005 Manada Trail	3br/2ba	2,811	\$214,900 \$289,170	Kevin Elliott	J.B. Goodwin, Realtors  Keller Williams Realty	502-7731 347-7740	
78641	Leander	Fairways at Crystal Falls	2401 Pawnee	4br/3ba	3,294	\$339,900	Robert Guest	Keller Williams Realty	616-4100	
78641	Leander	Grand Mesa at Crystal Falls	1724 Mira Vista	4br/3ba	3,306	\$380,000	Donald Hemingway	Crystal Falls Realty	789-3356	
78641	Leander	Grand Mesa at Crystal Falls	1904 Rio Seco	3br/3ba	2,994	\$385,000	Betsy Gallagher	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	431-8265	
78641	Leander	Grand Mesa at Crystal Falls	924 Palos Verdes	4br/4ba	3,300	\$420,000	Nicole Scott	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	632-6790	
78641	Leander	Highlands at Crystal Falls	2723 Highland Trail	4br/3ba	2,784	\$279,000	Douglas Young	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	762-7761	
78641	Leander	Horizon Park	1800 Kwai Cove	3br/2ba	1,955	\$149,900	Robert Sedlor	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	517-8241	
78641	Leander	Horizon Park	301 Glen Valley Drive	3br/2ba	2,140	\$149,900	Howard Nemetsky	Sellstate Hill Country	415-3050	
78641	Leander	Horizon Park	1821 Brentwood Drive	4br/2ba	2,705	\$174,900	Larry Geller	J.B. Goodwin, Realtors	413-5461	ı
78641	Leander	Lake Travis	8201 West Drive	4br/3ba	4,838	\$949,000	Jana Birdwell	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	784-8600	
78641	Leander	Lakeline Ranch	48 Verde Ranch Loop	3br/2ba	1,892	\$147,000	Vicki McGrath	Sellstate Classic Realty	921-0010	
78641	Leander	Lakeline Ranch	2415 Elkhorn Ranch Road	4br/2ba	3,032	\$244,000	Linda Larson	Sellstate Hill Country	260-6382	
78641	Leander	Leander Walker Addition	103 West Drive	4br/1ba	1,180	\$299,900	Tim Kress	RE/MAX Capital City	719-5555	
78641	Leander	Mason Creek	1003 Bluebonnet Court	3br/2ba	1,237	\$118,500	Merick Nelson	J.B. Goodwin, Realtors	797-4248	
78641	Leander	Mason Creek	1714 Greening Way	4br/2ba	1,703	\$141,000	Fred Norton	Prudential Texas Realty	658-9411	
78641	Leander	Mason Creek	1103 Rockrose Court	4br/2ba	2,403	\$154,900	Cheryl Tucker	Best Agents in Texas	705-9010	
78641	Leander	Mason Creek	1109 Deepwoods Trail	3br/2ba	1,607	\$155,000	Carla Ramm	Keller Williams Realty	250-0550	
78641	Leander	Ridgewood	1813 Rutherford Drive	3br/2ba	2,120	\$184,900	Pat Gunter	RE/MAX Round Rock	750-0116	
78641	Leander	Shady Mountain	13107 Shady Mountain Road	4br/3ba	2,875	\$389,900	Judy Schoening	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	797-4422	
78641	Leander	Summerlyn	312 Falcon Lane	3br/2ba	1,587	\$163,670	Christine Rougeux	Austin Lifestyle Realty	466-1860	
78641	Leander	Summerlyn	316 Falcon Lane	4br/2ba	1,824	\$175,255	Christine Rougeux	Austin Lifestyle Realty	466-1860	
78641	Leander	Vista Ridge	1829 Baranco Way	4br/2ba	2,500	\$229,900	Kevin Breaux	J.B. Goodwin, Realtors	502-7731	.
78641	Leander	Westview Meadows	206 Carol Ave.	4br/2ba	1,878	\$159,500	Kevin McCord	Goldwasser Real Estate	784-9644	
78641	Leander	Westview Meadows	110 Katherine Way	3br/2ba	2,038	\$160,000	Margaret Kennedy	Sellstate Classic Realty	698-3478	
78641	Leander	Westwood	312 Sunny Brook Drive	3br/2ba	2,344	\$140,000	Christy Gessler	RE/MAX Capital City II	657-5092	
78641	Leander	Westwood	200 Rim Rock Drive	3br/2ba	2,351	\$141,000	Kim Bramlette	Prudential Ultima Real Estate	825-2182	
78641	Leander	Westwood	2424 Lauren Loop	4br/2ba	3,152	\$179,000	Karin Chappell	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	589-7637	
78641	Leander	Woods at Crystal Falls	1401 Muledeer Run	4br/2ba	1,839	\$172,500	Greg Young	Keller Williams Realty	587-1337	
78717	Austin	Avery Brookside	9609 Bundoran Drive	3br/2ba	2,213	\$264,000	Kelly Dodds	Atlas Realty	775-7895	
78717	Austin	Avery Ranch	14609 Springs Edge Drive	3br/2ba	2,302	\$204,900	Colleen Rouhselang	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	350-3787	
78717	Austin	Avery Ranch	14712 Springs Edge Drive	3br/2ba	2,052	\$205,000	Robert Guest	Keller Williams Realty	616-4100	
78717	Austin	Avery Ranch	14401 Ballycastle Trail	3br/2ba	1,918	\$214,900	Marcy Ringstaff	C&G Summit Realty	945-0205	
78717	Austin	Avery Ranch	11508-5 Staked Plains Drive	4br/3ba	2,341	\$227,500	Rosalinda Stephens	Prudential Texas Realty	217-9749	.
78717	Austin	Brushy Creek Village	16915 Village Oak Loop	3br/2ba	1,148	\$113,777	Rhonda Hale	Keller Williams Realty	748-0652	
78717	Austin	Davis Spring	15023 Savannah Heights Drive	5br/3ba	3,465	\$299,900	Stan Smith	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	431-6255	
78717	Austin	Plaza Townhomes at Avery Ranch	14812 Avery Ranch Blvd.	1br/2ba	1,618	\$189,900	Ruth Vela	Presidio Group, Realtors	964-3434	
78717	Austin	Plaza Townhomes at Avery Ranch	14812 Avery Ranch Blvd.	3br/2ba	2,288	\$212,999	Lisa Marie Contaldi	Intero Real Estate Services	784-5111	
78717	Austin	Plaza Townhomes at Avery Ranch	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	3br/2ba	2,288	\$215,000	JD Summers	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	250-2121	
78717	Austin	Schirpik & Sane Tracts	13635 Rutledge Spur	4br/2ba	1,723	\$528,876	Walter Payne	Prudential Texas Realty	587-6653	
78717	Austin	Woods at Brushy Creek	15823 Garrison Circle	3br/2ba	2,296	\$198,900	Shaun Rakhar	e-Executive Realty	844-9375	. ,
78717	Austin	Woods at Brushy Creek	8214 Cornerwood Drive	4br/2ba	2,061	\$205,000	Sheila Fontenot	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	797-3534	. [
78717	Austin	Woods at Brushy Creek	8600 Ripon Cove	4br/2ba	2,065	\$214,900	Tim Kress	RE/MAX Capital City	719-5555	
78717	Austin	Woods at Brushy Creek	8204 Cornerwood Drive	4br/2ba	2,449	\$215,000	Sheila Fontenot	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	797-3534	
78717	Austin	Woods at Brushy Creek	8114 Monona Ave.	4br/3ba	2,709	\$229,900	Julie Pratt	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	250-1540	



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