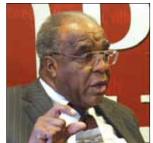


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This rendering depicts the original vision The Ainbinder Company had for the Town Center development, with Cedar Park City Hall in the heart of the downtown district.

A shift in vision

Town Center zoning reclassified By Macy Hurwitz

In the late 1990s, Cedar Park had a bold idea to create a downtown for the city located at the northwestern corner of Toll 183 and Whitestone Boulevard. The city solidified the goal in its 1998 Comprehensive Plan, and an entire zoning classification was created for it.

But this vision of a bustling, stroll-and-shop development with residential space started in better economic times, and the property's developer said the dream is no longer within reach.

Now, developer Michael Ainbinder, chairman and CEO of The Ainbinder Company, has a new plan for the land. He asked for, and received, a zoning change from the high-density, multi-use downtown district zoning classification. At the

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Attendance zones shift as Leander ISD population grows

Changes to philosophy, boundary lines possible

By Emilie Boenig

Attendance boundary controversies evoke passionate discussion among neighbors and pleas to the Leander Independent School District board of trustees. Deciding which school children attend is a challenge in the fast-growing district, which opened 22 schools in the last 10 years.

Most recently, the board approved a fall 2012 opening of Middle School No. 8 with attendance zones the parents from Avery Ranch protested for more than a year.

The district alters attendance boundaries to accommodate every new school constructed, and Pamela Waggoner, LISD school board vice president, said the opposition is routine.

"Every school will have a group

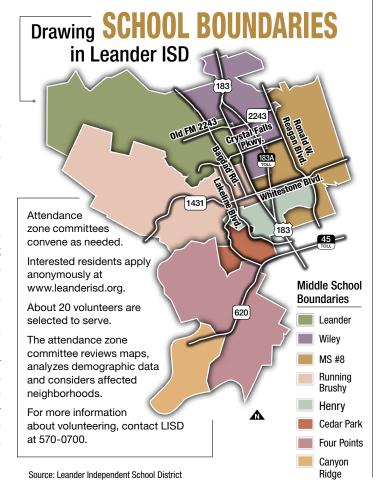
that does not want to change and will organize, but most of the time when it happens, a year later, you can't get those kids to go back," she said.

Impact on families

Parents face the sometimes inconvenient logistics of residing in a growing school district, and ideas on how to best alter attendance boundaries are as unique as the families they concern.

Parent Kimberly Cameron spoke at the Nov. 17 board meeting in protest of zoning Avery Ranch neighborhood students to Middle School No. 8. She said she hoped the board would consider attendance boundaries that cause minimal disruption to children's lives.

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Cedar Park Regional grows with area

Hospital makes technological advances

By Macy Hurwitz

After four years, Cedar Park Regional Medical Center continues to work to serve the Cedar Park and Leander area's medical needs while going above and beyond the usual limitations of a smaller hospital.

CPRMC is taking steps to ensure the hospital is the choice of area residents, not only because of proximity, but also because of the quality of care. To that end, CPRMC has begun construction on a neonatal intensive care unit and plans to add neurology and interventional cardiology services to its menu of health care options.

The hospital opened in 2007, and CPRMC Chief of Staff Dr. Tom Stanciu said that although there were some bumps in the beginning—Stanciu said CPRMC opened sooner than it probably should have—he is proud of the way the hospital has risen above conventional expectations for a smaller, suburban medical campus.

"Once we got our footing—which was about a year, year and a half into it—since then, it's been a tremendously different story," Stanciu said. "It's been really fun to see the advancements during that time."

More services on the way

Soon the hospital will have a NICU to more completely serve newborns and their mothers on campus. CPRMC CEO Tim Adams said a NICU was something the hospital's patients asked for. Adams said mothers want to know if their babies have health problems, the

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Market Editor's Note



I've always wanted to yell, "Stop the presses!" The kind of story that would warrant holding a newspaper is exactly why I became a reporter. I love telling readers the things they really

need to know, and it makes me feel good to be a part of keeping a community informed and engaged.

The cover story I wrote this month about Town Center was so important to me—to the entire *Community Impact Newspaper* staff—that we held this paper for an entire 24 hours in order to get it in this issue.

I started reporting in this area in September 2009, and I've been hearing about Town Center since then. The plans for the multi-use, high-density development reminded me of The Triangle in Austin and several other developments I saw go up on South Congress Avenue when I was at St.

Edward's University. I was, honestly pretty surprised Cedar Park was considering a development like that.

More than two years later, Cedar Park City Council held a public hearing on the zoning change Nov. 17, and I saw several Town Center residents plead with the council not to give up on their vision for the downtown district. That's when I knew we had to get this story in your December

It's controversial issues like these—in which the interests of developers, the city's tax base and city residents collide—that do a lot to shape a city's identity and future. It's stories like these that reconfirm my commitment to helping keep you, our readers, informed and involved in your community.

Macy Hurwitz mhurwitz@impactnews.com

Reader Poll C

What's more important: Protecting endangered salamanders or area growth and development?

Responsible development and salamanders can coexist with cooperation between developers and environmental officials.

40%

Salamanders are neat, but I don't think they should be a barrier to growth and development.

21.82%

I think protecting the salamanders should take precedence over development.

20%

I don't care about salamanders.

16.36%

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1.82%

Total votes: 55

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October employment trends

Central Texas unemployment—7.1%

Down from 7.4% in September

State unemployment—8.4%*, ***

Down from 8.5% in September

National unemployment—9.0%*

Down from 9.1% in September

In the Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos area, the government sector added 2,700 jobs; the trade, transportation and utilities sector added 900 jobs; and the leisure and hospitality sector lost 1,100 jobs.**

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Texas Workforce Commission
*Seasonally adjusted numbers **Preliminary data

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1 Sara Hinkson opened SaraStyle Fitness at 9231 W. Parmer Lane, Ste. 102, Cedar Park, on Nov. 28. The studio offers Pilates and yoga classes in a 960-square-foot studio. Local artists display art throughout the facility as well. For class times, visit the studio's website at

www.sarastylefitness.com. (866) 547-3710

2 Vito's Spicy Meatball opened at the beginning of November in Lakeline Center, 1540 Cypress Creek Road, Ste. 110, Cedar Park. The eatery's menu has pizzas, sandwiches, salads and soup with an emphasis on spicy meatballs.

Open Mon.-Thu. 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.-8 p.m. 250-0200

3 Jim's Used Furniture opened its doors in October. The retailer sells refurbished chests, dressers, headboards, nightstands, bookcases, desks, tables, chairs and decorative pieces. The store

is located at 600 S. Bell Blvd., Ste. 201 (behind Jardin Corona Restaurant), in Cedar Park. Open Mon.–Sat. 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m., closed Wed., Sun. noon–5 p.m. 331-4455, www.jimsusedfurniture.com

4 What Women Want, a resale boutique, opened Nov. 20 at 600 S. Bell Blvd., Ste. 18, Cedar Park. The shop specializes in designer and namebrand clothing, purses, shoes and other household items. Consigners are welcome as well. Open Mon.–Fri. 9:30 a.m.–7 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun. noon–5 p.m. 331-0767.

www.whatwomenwantboutique.com

Owner Patsy Parker reopened **Zora's Select Gifts** on Dec. 12 and will keep the store open beyond the holiday season after closing the shop four years ago.
The shop has a variety of decor, jewelry, candles and other gifts. The store is located at 301 S. US 183, Leander, which is next door to Parker's other business, Zora Enterprises, a plumbing contracting company. 801-1593

6 Children's indoor inflatable playground **Hoppin' House** opened Dec. 3 in the 1890 Ranch Shopping Center, 1335 E. Whitestone Blvd., Ste. T-160. The facility is available for children's parties, and has both hourly rates and monthly memberships. Open Mon.–Thu. 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Fri. 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Sat. 3–8 p.m., Sun. 3–6 p.m. 260-3535, www.hoppinhouse.com

7 Karen Smelcer, CPA opened her fullservice accounting firm, **AFairchild**, **PC**, at 800 Crystal Falls Parkway, Bldg. 1 in Leander October 5. Karen recently moved to Leander from the Dallas area and works with businesses and individuals. 972-978-3108, www.afairchildpc.com

Duane Waits started a new CrossFit location, **CrossFit Revealed**, out of his garage in Cedar Park on Nov. 7. CrossFit is a style of physical fitness training that utilizes varied, high-intensity workouts





Compiled by Macy Hurwitz

based on functional movements. For a schedule of sessions, visit www.crossfitrevealed.com. 203-6087

Coming Soon

8 LongHorn Steakhouse plans to open a restaurant in the 1890 Ranch Shopping Center at 1469 E. Whitestone Blvd., Cedar Park, in late January. The chain opened its first Austin-area location in Round Rock on Dec. 5, and an additional location is planned for the Southpark Meadows Shopping Center in Southwest Austin. www.longhornsteakhouse.com

9 There will be a second Walmart built in Cedar Park, located in the eastern part of the city near the intersection of RM 1431 and Parmer Lane. The new store will be a Supercenter, as will the three other new stores the Bentonville, Ark.—based company plans to open in Manor, Elgin and Kyle. There is not yet a projected opening date for the Cedar Park location. According to Wal-Mart representatives, there are no plans to close the existing store, which is located at 201 Walton Way, Cedar Park. www.walmart.com

Relocations

10 Z's Family Hair Salon moved to 808 Crystal Falls Parkway, Leander, from its previous location at 2800 S. Bagdad Road in Leander on Dec. 1. The salon, owned by Zee S. Ghaleb, offers services for all ages including color and waxing and specializes in ethnic designs and edgeups. 260-0450

Under new ownership

Cedar Park martial arts gym Austin Muay Thai and Jiu Jitsu acquired Full Force Fitness, which had been operating in Cedar Park for six years, in October. The fitness company will now operate out of Austin Muay Thai, 400 W. Whitestone Blvd., Ste. A, Cedar Park, offering boot camps, TRX suspension training and fitness kickboxing. 522-1740, www.fullforcefitness.net

Anniversaries

will celebrate its first anniversary Jan. 1. The martial arts gym, located at 400 W. Whitestone Blvd., Ste. A, Cedar Park, offers classes in muay thai, Brazilian jiu jitsu, wrestling, boxing and kickboxing. The gym's schedule features earlymorning boot camp classes and evening classes starting as late as 8 p.m. 522-1740, www.austinmuaythai.com

Expansions

Integrated Banking Technology—located at 1101 Arrow Point Drive, Ste. 305, Cedar Park—which specializes in core processing, imaging and software applications for financial institutions, has partnered with Geezeo, which provides an integrated suite of online financial management tools. IBT President Mike Bolebiowski said this partnership will help IBT be better able to assist its clients and better help financial institutions with financial software needs. 616-1100, www.ibanktech.com

Pete Aranda has recently expanded **Best DJ's Texas** to include subsidiary business **DJ's Unlimited Austin**, 16238 RR 620, Ste. F-135, Austin. Aranda has DJ-ed events for more than 20 years and serves Cedar Park, Leander and the rest of Central Texas. His company produces various events and has photo booths, video capabilities and specialized lighting available. 310-1207

Closed

14 The Sonic Drive-In at 100 S. Bell Blvd. shut it doors in early November. There are three other Sonic locations in Cedar Park: 2000 Bagdad Road, 1510 Cypress Creek Road and 3220 E. Whitestone Blvd. www.sonicdrivein.com



Families may rent out space at **Hoppin' House** for birthday parties and other occasions. The indoor, inflatable playground is located in the 1890 Ranch Shopping Center near the Cinemark movie theater.

Owners Renee and Rodney Threet closed their yogurt shop, **Twisted Treats**, in early November. It was located at 11880 W. Old FM 2243 in Leander in the same shopping center as **A Maidzing Cleaners & Laundry**, which also went out of business. Before it closed, A Maidzing Cleaners & Laundry offered full-service dry cleaning and laundry services.

In the news

Timberwolf Band Boosters is offering a sale price on registration for its Winter Classic golf tournament to be held at Twin Creeks Country Club—3201 Twin Creeks Club Drive, Cedar Park—Feb. 6. Sign up before Dec. 31 for the discounted price of \$100 per player. www.cphsband.org

17 Rabbi Marie Betcher of Congregation Shir Ami, 3315 El Salido Parkway, Cedar Park, has been ordained by the rabbinical seminary Mesifta Adas Wolkowisk in New York. Betcher is the first ordained female rabbi in Williamson County. (877) 715-1413, www.shir-ami.net



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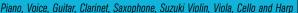


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15 The Science of Effective Leadership

Oxford physicist and internationally-published author Tom Cassidy presents practical tools to effectively achieve goals, aimed at anyone from job seekers to business executives.

6:30 p.m. • Free, RSVP required • Cedar Park Recreation Center, 1435 Main St., Cedar Park 695-4621 • http://wen-dec15.eventbrite.com

16 Teen Mario Night

Lovers of the Nintendo video game character Mario ages 12–19 are invited to watch the Mario movie, the Mario cartoon and play "Mario Kart" on Nintendo Wii. Snacks and drinks are provided. 5:15 p.m. • Free • Leander Public Library, 1011 S. Bagdad Road, Leander 259-5259 • www.leander.lib.tx.us

16-17 Christmas Bazaar

Browse through three houses filled with crafts, art and handmade gifts from more than 35 vendors, presented by Gehan and Wilshire Model Homes. • Saturday 9 a.m.–8 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.–4 p.m. • Free • Walsh Trail Subdivision, 1105 Walsh Hill Trail, Cedar Park 924-2327

17-18 'A Christmas Thang'

Believers Fellowship presents a holiday program for families filled with music, skits and the message of Christmas. Child care available for children 5 and younger. • 7 p.m. Free • Believers Fellowship, 1650 CR 270, Leander • 763-5403 • info@bfleander.com



18 Second Annual Bow Wow Express Holiday Festival

The Austin Dog Alliance presents train rides, cookie and dog biscuit decorating, Christmas carols, carnival games and a pet-handler costume contest. • 1–4 p.m. • \$20 per family Milburn Park, 1901 Sunchase Blvd., Cedar Park • 335-7100 • www.austindogalliance.org

19 'Home Alone'

Kids, parents and families are invited to gather for the Christmas classic "Home Alone." Popcorn and drinks are provided. • 2 p.m. Free • Leander Public Library, 1011 S. Bagdad Road, Leander • 259-5259 www.leander.lib.tx.us

19–23, 26–30 Twin Lakes YMCA holiday camp

The YMCA holiday camp serves children

kindergarten through ninth grade with crafts, adventure activities, games and more. 7 a.m.–6:30 p.m. • \$30 per day, per child (Y members), \$40 per day, per child (nonmembers), plus a \$25 registration fee. Weeklong discounts available. • Twin Lakes YMCA, 204 E. Little Elm Trail, Cedar Park • 250-9622 www.ymcagwc.org



20, 23 Sew Something's First Annual Elf Workshop

Children ages 5–11 learn the basics of sewing while creating a crafty gift during the Sew Something Elf Workshop. • 10 a.m.-noon • \$25 per child • Sew Something, 11880 Old W. 2243, Suite 200, Leander 694-5912 • www.sew-something.com

21 'A Muppet Christmas Carol'

info@sew-something.com

Watch Kermit, Miss Piggy and the Muppet gang tell the beloved holiday tale of Ebenezer Scrooge in the movie "A Muppet Christmas Carol." • 2:30 p.m. • Free • Cedar Park Public Library, 550 Discovery Blvd., Cedar Park 401-5600 • www.cedarparktx.us/library



22 Flying Theater Machine

The Flying Theater Machine troupe out of Austin performs improvisational comedy skits, games and and an interactive show for kindergarten through fifth-grade students. • 3:30 p.m. • Free Leander Public Library, 1011 S. Bagdad Road, Leander • 259-5259 www.flyingtheatermachine.com

26–Jan. 9 Leander Parks & Recreation Christmas tree recycling

The Leander Parks & Recreation Department accepts trees free from lights, stands and decorations for recycling. No artificial trees are accepted. • 6 a.m.-10 p.m. • Free • Robin Bledsoe Park, 601 S. Bagdad Road, Leander 528-9909 • www.leandertx.org

27 Volunteer income tax assistance open house

The Williamson County Financial Stability Coalition urges those interested in helping low- to moderate-income neighbors prepare taxes to attend an informational open house. 6:30 p.m. • Free • Leander Public Library, 1011 S. Bagdad Road, Leander • 259-5259 www.wilcofreetaxprep.org

Third Annual Home for the Holidays Event



The Humane Society of Williamson County asks families to foster dogs for four days during Christmas as part of the Third Annual Home for the Holidays event.

Dec. 23-26

By Emilie Boenig

The Humane Society of Williamson County invites families to give the gift of time and love this holiday season by fostering a homeless dog over the holidays. The HSWC wants every dog to experience a warm and loving environment, even if only for a few days during Christmas

Foster families who open their hearts and homes to these needy animals will receive a complimentary bag of dog food, collar and leash for their pet. The application to become a Home for the Holidays foster family is a simple form and consultation.

Pickup 2–8 p.m., drop-off 5–8 p.m • Free • Humane Society of Williamson County, 10930 E. Crystal Falls Parkway, Leander • 260-3602 • volunteer@hswc.net

28 'Mr. Popper's Penguins'

Gather with the family to watch the classic children's book "Mr. Popper's Penguins" come to life in the movie starring Jim Carrey. 2:30 • Free • Cedar Park Public Library, 550 Discovery Blvd., Cedar Park • 401-5600 www.cedarparktx.us/library

January



7 Cedar Park Christmas Tree Recycling

The City of Cedar Park invites residents to drop off holiday trees to be recycled into tree mulch used for city landscaping. Remove all decorations, tree stands and ornaments.

9 a.m.-noon • Free • City Hall parking lot, 600 N. Bell Blvd., Cedar Park • 401-5500 www.cedarparktx.us

Worth the Trip



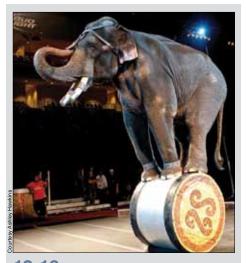
9 City of Lakeway's Big Band Bash

This event features a large dance floor with both theater and table seating. Singers David Cummings and Lisa Clark front the 17-piece Republic of Texas Band, conducted by Kent Dugan. Expect to hear popular tunes with fresh arrangements from the big band era. Attendees may bring their own refreshments. • Doors open at 7:30 p.m., 8–10 p.m. • Free, donations to band

8–10 p.m. • Free, donations to band encouraged • Lakeway Activity Center, 105 Cross Creek • 261-1010

13 Leander Public Arts Committee Illustrative Exhibition

The Leander Public Arts Committee launches its 90-day exhibition of concept illustrations and welcomes community contributions. Concept drawings of architecture, sculpture, fashion, engineering, landscapes or any other relevant illustrations are welcome. • 8 a.m. Free • City of Leander public municipal office buildings • 528-2700



13-16 Austin Ben Hur Shrine Circus The Austin Shrine Circus features lions, tigers, elephants, trapeze artists, a human cannon ball and more. Friday 7:30 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m., 6:30 p.m., Monday noon, 4:30 p.m. • \$9-\$35 plus parking • Cedar Park Center, 2100 Avenue of

the Stars, Cedar Park • 600-5001

www.cedarparkcenter.com

16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day dinner

Worth the Trip

Southwestern University hosts its annual dinner in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The keynote speaker is Dr. La Vonne Neal, Dean of the College of Education at Northern Illinois University. • 5 p.m. • \$5 • Southwestern University, Campus Center Ballrooms, 1001 E. University Ave., Georgetown 863-1342 • www.southwestern.edu

21 New Year's Resolution Run Family 5K

Walkers and strollers are welcome at the family 5K benefitting STARRY children's ministries. 8:30 a.m. • \$20 (adults), \$15 (children) • Brushy Creek Lake Park, 3300 Brushy Creek, Cedar Park • 745-7133 • www.trifasterevents.com

Cedar Park Center calendar

Dec. 18 Austin Toros vs. Texas Legends, 3 p.m.

- 27 Texas Stars vs. San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
- 29 Austin Toros vs. Springfield, 1 p.m.
- 30 Austin Toros vs. Springfield, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 5 Austin Toros vs. Maine, 7:30 p.m.
- 6 Austin Toros vs. Texas Legends, 7:30 p.m.
- 7 Texas Stars vs. Rockford Icehogs, 7 p.m.
- 8 Texas Stars vs. Rockford Icehogs, 5 p.m.
- 11 Texas Stars vs. Abbotsford Heat, 7:30 p.m.
- 13-16 Ben Hur Shrine Circus, times vary 18 Austin Toros vs. Canton, 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Texas Stars vs. Peoria Rivermen, 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Texas Stars vs. Houston Aeros, 7 p.m.
- 27-29 AMA Arenacross Series, 7 p.m., 10 a.m.

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www.cedarparkfarmersmarket.com

- Dec. 17 Dim Lit Daylight
 - 24 Laura Jean Thompson Hailey Tuck
 - 31 Patrick Mertens
- Jan. 7 Chris and Company

The Dig Pub

401 Cypress Creek Road, Ste. 600, Cedar Park • Thursdays and Fridays 7 p.m., Saturdays 8 p.m., some Sundays • 996-9900 www.thedigpub.com

- Dec. 16 Mark Crave
 - Blue Channel Jazz Christmas 17 Show
 - 30 Jim Nosler
 - New Year's Toga Party with Dan Sullivan of The Detentions
- **Chrome Wheels**
 - Roger Len Smith 13
 - 20 Voyces
 - Paul Logan

J.T.'s Sports Grille and Billiards

200 Buttercup Creek Blvd., Ste. 130 Fridays and Saturdays 10 p.m.-2 a.m. 331-2091

- Dec. 16 The Detentions CD Release Party
 - 17 D.I Dae Dae
 - James and Johnathon
 - 30 James and Johnathon
- Jan. 6 CD Release Party

Moonie's Burger House

200 S. Bell Blvd., Cedar Park • 249-5214

Jim Simms Trio performs classic country and rock 'n' roll every Thursday 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The Post Beer Bar

201 W. Whitestone Blvd., Cedar Park Saturdays 9 p.m.-1 a.m. • 258-2434 www.thepostbeerbar.com

- Dec. 31 Kay's Addiction
- Jan. 14 Thumbs Up

Shooters Billiards & Sports Bar

601 E. Whitestone Blvd., Ste. 532, Cedar Park • Saturdays 9 p.m.-1 a.m. 260-2060 • www.shootersbillards.net

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 - LC Rocks
 - 21 Matt Begley

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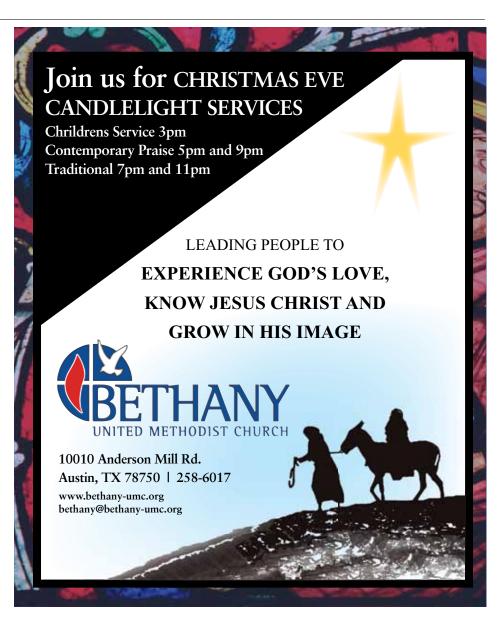


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Recent highlights



The Cedar Park Veterans Memorial is unveiled and dedicated Nov. 12 in a ceremony witnessed by more than 500 onlookers. The monument honors veterans from all branches of military service.



Cedar Park City Councilman Mitch Fuller speaks at the Veterans Memorial dedication Nov. 12. Fuller is a combat veteran, having served in Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Interim Williamson County Parks and Recreation Director Randy Bell and retired director Jim Rodgers stand outside the new office building in Southwest Williamson County Regional Park on Dec. 2.



Leander's new city manager, Kent Cagle, is welcomed by the community at a meet-andgreet Dec. 5.



(From left) Donna Sherrill, Jason Dishongh, Ann Carson and Laura Balla are seen at the Dec. 5 meet-and-greet held by the Greater Leander Chamber of Commerce at Crystal Falls Golf Course.



The Leander ISD school board honor LHS senior Jared Schneider (left) and LHS graduate Ryan Schneider on Nov. 17 for acts of heroism after they saved a family and home from a wildfire in Liberty Hill.



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Dec. 8 meeting, before the unanimous vote to approve, Ainbinder told the City Council that he has a major retailer lined up for the property, but he needs a zoning classification that will allow him to create a more traditional, lowerdensity development.

Original vision

Town Center was to be a dense retail and civic activity hub, containing Cedar Park's City Hall, rec center, residential and retail properties. The city had a model of the proposed development, and renderings are on display on the The Ainbinder Group's website.

The city's Town Center page on its website said the development is an important part of the city's future and that it was adopted as part of Cedar Park's Comprehensive Plan in 1998. The development was to be pedestrian-oriented and have shared parking, special parking requirements to increase density, and it would connect Cedar Park's hike and bike and greenway systems. Above all, it was to have "a healthy, long lasting mix of land uses."

Realtor Mary Mealy saw the retail and residential project—to

model when she went to pay her water bill at City Hall, and she loved the idea. Not only did she purchase a home in the DR Horton Town Center neighborhood, she sold several homes in the neighborhood as well.

"The concept that they had was amazing-it really was," Mealy said. "It was very innovative, very well-thought out. It was supposed to be built where the residents could walk to everything."

Economy's effect

Once the bottom fell out of the real estate market in 2008, however, Ainbinder said the Town Center concept in Cedar Park became extremely hard to sell. He said with competition for retailers suitable for the high-density, multiuse development at the Arboretum and The Domain, as well as 1890 Ranch Shopping Center just across Toll 183, the land would languish without a zoning change.

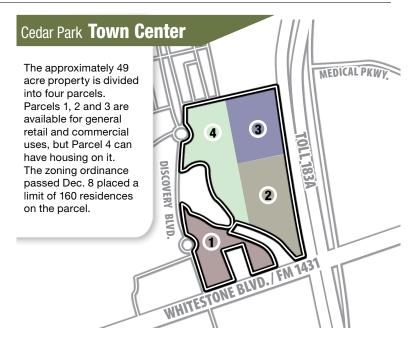
Ainbinder went to the city to request a zoning change that would allow him to build something more conventional, such as a strip mall. He requested that 2.83 acres be changed from downtown development-or DD, the zoning created to allow the mixed general retail, or GR, at New Hope Road and Toll 183, and for 49.114 acres located between Whitestone Boulevard and New Hope Road just west of Toll 183 be changed from DD to planned development, or PD. PD and GR require less density, and PD can have residential uses as well.

"We're not really changing the uses. We're just changing the puzzle and how they're arranged," he

The 49 acres is divided into four parcels. Parcels 1, 2 and 3 are proposed to have GR and commercial uses, but Parcel 4, which is the northwestern parcel, would allow townhomes and condos. Cedar Park had planned to build a new City Hall in Town Center, but the city seized an opportunity to purchase a property on Cypress Creek Road in February.

"The price tag for City Hall (in Town Center) was two-and-a-half times what we're paying for our current City Hall. It just didn't work out," Mayor Bob Lemon said.

He also pointed out that Cedar Park voters did not support a 2007 bond that would have funded City Hall in Town Center. Mealy said she thinks the economy will return to a place where the original concept will be viable again.



"When we bought into it, that same floor plan cost more in Cedar Park Town Center than it did in any of the other DR Horton neighborhoods, so we paid a premium to be downtown in the Town Center," Mealy said.

Mayor Pro Tem Lowell Moore said it is time to face the facts.

"Unfortunately, the financial reality is the people who would come and build those kinds of businesses didn't come and build. We waited for a number of years," Moore said.

Ainbinder said he has a retail tenant interested in being located on the property. With 1890 Ranch, Lakeline Mall, and the other retail in the area, there are not many retailers left, he said, and he urged the council to act. The council voted unanimously to approve his requests. Ainbinder declined to release the name of the retailer.

"We have an opportunity to build a really nice project that will be a benefit to the community," Ainbinder said.

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LISD

"There is a sincere negative impact when kids move to schools outside of their community," she said, adding that neighborhood schools help lower truancy and dropout rates. She was one of about 40 parents at the November board meeting opposed to the new boundaries, many with different solutions.

Superintendent Bret Champion said he sympathizes with parents.

"We've always worked hard to make sure we have schools close to where the neighborhoods are, and we try to zone accordingly," he said. "We don't want everybody driving past one school to go to another, but sometimes that happens. It's not something we like, but it's the nature of the way roads work and the nature of the way certain developments spring up."

When asked, no parent from Avery Ranch present at the meeting said they served on the attendance zone committee that drew the new boundaries.

Drawing an attendance zone

The district solicits help from an attendance zone committee to draw new boundaries. The committee prioritizes several factors such as proximity, commute time, feeder patterns and growth when recommending attendance zone changes to the board. Other priorities include keeping walkers walking, not passing by one school

to get to another, keeping neighborhoods together and students not having to cross major highways.

"Over the past five to 10 years, we've ran attendance zoning committees roughly every other year. In some cases, we've had committees in back-to-back years depending on what new schools were being opened," said Clint Pruett, LISD executive director of support services. "Generally, with as quickly as LISD has been growing, we've run committees based on new schools opening the following year, but in the future, I could see us having to rezone in order to balance enrollment sizes between existing campuses, even if we're not opening a new campus the next year."

Pruett said the district wants attendance zone committees to also meet the board's expected results - safety and efficiency, reasonable socioeconomic balance between campuses, and balanced enrollment sizes among campuses.

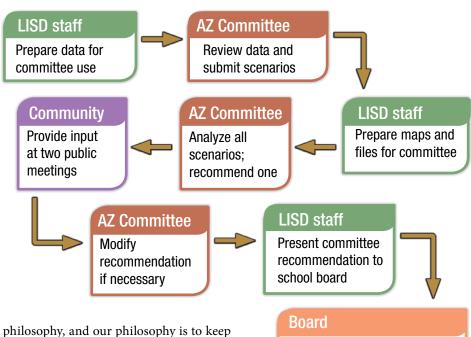
Changing philosophy

Historically, LISD has valued neighborhood schools, Waggoner said. But recent board discussions, spurred by parent concerns, indicate LISD may change the priorities committees used to draw new attendance zones.

"With transportation costs increasing more and less funding coming to the school, more constituents are concerned about our debt and about our money. They're asking us to take a look at our

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the kids as close as we can to their homes and neighborhood schools," she said. "If we're going to become more efficient as a school district, which our community is asking us to do, then we have to fill the seats of these schools, and filling those seats doesn't necessarily mean you're going to be able to walk to that school anymore."

Champion said the board looks at the philosophy behind attendance zones as it relates to debt management and pacing future growth.

"We are a fast-growing school district, and so not surprisingly, we've had to build a lot of schools quickly, and so right now is a good time for that conversation to happen."

Board amendment/approval

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COUNTY

Williamson County trapper a keeper

By Gene Davis

With feral hogs destroying his fence and coyotes killing his goats, Williamson County rancher Charles Shell said a main source of his income was in danger of being devoured.

The wildlife-related damage prompted Shell to call Williamson County Trapper Jack Bonner, who went on to catch approximately 45 coyotes on Shell's and his cousin's land, and more than 150 hogs in the surrounding area. Shell said his goats and fence are now doing great thanks to Bonner's work.

"He is unbelievable at what he does," Shell said. "We've been running goats as far back as I remember, and I'm 50 years old, and I've never seen a trapper like this guy."

The Williamson County trapper responds to any county resident's wildlife-related concerns. In addition to calls about wild animals killing crops and livestock, the trapper responds to urban households having problems such as a raccoon in the attic or a skunk in the shed.

Bonner said on a given day, he often visits with more than eight different people having wildlife-related issues in towns throughout the county. He also spends his week checking on traps he has set and giving educational wildlife talks

to different groups.

Budget issues

Williamson County commissioners considered eliminating county funding for the trapper when balancing the 2011–12 budget.

The county pays approximately 40 percent of the trapper's salary, with state and federal money covering the rest. Eliminating funding for the trapper would have saved the county \$28,800, but would have resulted in the elimination of the position.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Ron Morrison said the county trapper position appeared to be low-hanging fruit that could be plucked as commissioners looked to balance the budget. However, a large show of public support for the county trapper caused commissioners to reconsider eliminating the position. Commissioners were presented a list with more than 700 signatures of Williamson County residents who wanted to keep the position funded.

Commissioners voted in September to reinstate funding for the county trapper. Commissioners at the time proposed funding part of the \$28,800 county contribution to the salary through fees paid by residents who use the trapper.

A group of landowners met and agreed



Williamson County Trapper Jack Bonner has helped county residents with wildlife-related needs.

on a structure that would have charged an annual fee for landowners who use the trapper's services based on how many acres of land they have, Shell said. Williamson County Judge Dan Gattis in turn told the landowners that they would have to form a predator committee to collect the fees, according to Shell.

Shell said the predator committee was a deal breaker because it would require the landowners to hire a lawyer to write up the committee's bylaws.

"That's just more money out of our pocket than what we were willing to spend," he said.

Meanwhile, Bonner said he is trying not to pay attention to the issues surrounding the county funding and just does his job.

"It's not one of these highfaluting, highpaying jobs," he said. "But if I was doing something making more money, I'd be spending that extra money figuring out how to go trap coyotes, so it's like a hobby that pays for itself."





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hospital can treat them, rather than having to separate the mother from her child by transferring the baby to a facility with NICU.

"We are in a very educated community, and we kept hearing from the women having babies they wanted the extra level of security associated with having a Level 2 NICU," CPRMC Communications Director Laura Balla said.

CPRMC began work on the NICU in late November, and it is expected to be complete in spring 2012.

Long-term plans call for interventional cardiology services. CPRMC already has the capability to do diagnostic work, but part of the hospital's joint venture with Seton Healthcare Family, CPRMC is part of the Community Health Systems but owned 20 percent by Seton, was that it would not offer interventional services—surgeries and other treatments—until the hospital had been open five years.

Adams said the hospital's plans call for additional primary care and neurology services, building out the facility's fourth floor to accommodate growing surgical

demands, and to continue building its outpatient and ancillary care services.

Recruiting the best

Stanciu said CPRMC has recruited excellent personnel because of its commitment to staying on the cutting edge of technology. He also said many younger physicians are attracted to the idea of starting at a brand-

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> —Dr. Tom Stanciu CPRMC Chief of Staff

new hospital.

Dr. Nicole Basa said she took a tour of the hospital with her husband and partner in their medical practice, Dr. Alan Abando, before CPRMC was completed, and was sold. She said the opportunity to help make decisions about things like surgical travs and other details was an exciting prospect.

"He told us the plan, about the

area and the growth, and he basically told us all the new high technology they would have in the hospital, like a lot of advanced laparoscopic equipment, HD screens, and a lot of different things we were interested in," Basa said. "So, we decided to start our practice

Stanciu said attracting the caliber of medical personnel like Basa and Abando is not easy at hospitals like CPRMC because they have to compete with facilities in larger, more urban areas. He said CPRMC makes up for that with a commitment to technological advancement and quality facili-

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Da Vinci surgical robot

CPRMC surgeons have a da Vinci surgical robot at their disposal, which works much like a video game. A surgeon controls the robot remotely, manipulating four robotic "arms" to perform a procedure. Not only does CPRMC have da Vinci technology, the hospital also has the Si model, which debuted in April 2009, the most technologically advanced model available.

Basa was the first surgeon in Central Texas to perform a fully robotic gastric bypass.

"The da Vinci allows you to be more precise and reach in different areas easier than with conventional laparoscopy," Basa said.

The da Vinci robot also helped put CPRMC on the map.

"That really was a big deal to have little old CPRMC have the latest and greatest robotic product," Stanciu said. "It's great. I think it says a lot about where the hospital is going. (CPRMC's parent company) doesn't want it to be a little mom and pop hospital."

Adams said he wants CPRMC to be the hospital of choice for residents in the Cedar Park and Leander area for more reasons than proximity.

"I want them to come here, not because it's the closest facility, but because it is the best facility," Adams said.

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CEO Tim Adams



Cedar Park Regional Medical Center CEO Tim Adams started working at hospitals when he was 16 years old, sweeping floors at Hillcrest Baptist Hospital in Waco. Since then, he's worked his way up the ladder to being the division vice president of the Community Health Systems network of hospitals in Texas, supervising 18 hospitals, before coming to Cedar Park to helm CPRMC.

He knew he wanted to be in health care ever since he was a teenager, though at first he thought he might want to be a physician before he realized how much he enjoyed the business side of the medical field. He said by the time he left high school, he knew he wanted to be a hospital director.

"I always thought that health care would be a rewarding field," Adams said. "It's a profession that has purpose."

He has spent more than 25 years gradually climbing up the ladder in hospitals around Texas, going from maintenance and janitorial work to financial services to supervisory work. After supervising 18 Texas hospitals, Adams said he is glad to be back inside one hospital.

"It is more rewarding," he said. "It's much more relationshipbased, and I enjoy the local relationships."

A closer look at the da Vinci surgical robot

The da Vinci surgical robot allows surgeons to perform precise procedures with computerized controls and a high-definition screen. One of the advantages of a da Vinci robot is that its four independently moving arms and pincers can move in ways a human arm cannot.

There are even videos on YouTube of the robot being used to perfectly peel a grape without damaging the fruit inside.

"Because of what the da Vinci allows you to do. you can move the instruments in a lot of different directions without torquing on the abdominal wall at all," CPRMC bariatric surgeon Dr. Nicole Basa said.

The ability to rotate the instruments almost 360 degrees is hugely helpful, she said.

Basa performs a variety of different surgeries with the machine, including hernia repairs, galbladder surgery, colon surgery for patients with colon cancer and weightloss surgery. She performed the first fully robotic gastric bypass procedure in Central Texas.











NEWS REPORT

Voters approve two new emergency services districts for Cedar Park ETJ

By Gene Davis and Emilie Boenig

Cedar Park's extraterritorial jurisdiction will get two new Williamson County emergency services districts after receiving overwhelming approval from voters in the Nov. 8 election.

The ESDs will provide fire services to 11 neighborhoods in Cedar Park's ETJ, or unincorporated land abutting the city. The neighborhoods would have had their services from the Cedar Park Fire Department cut off after Dec. 31, 2011, if the ESDs were not approved.

ESD No. 11 includes the Shenandoah neighborhood south of Cedar Park. Voters approved the creation of the ESD with a 178-25 vote.

ESD No. 12 includes Breakaway, Caballo Ranch, Whippoorwill, Lakewood Country Estates, The Place, Sam Bass and other neighborhoods east of US 183. Voters approved the creation of the ESD with a 179-35 vote.

Both ESDs can levy a tax of

up to 10 cents per \$100 valuation, which allows residents to create their own fire departments or contract with Cedar Park or another agency.

The neighborhoods have received emergency services from the Cedar Park Fire Department without a contract.

Cedar Park approached residents of about 1,000 ETJ homes in non-contracted areas in late 2010 and asked that they find a way to provide fire service on their own or design a funding mechanism with the ability to contract in order to keep service until the end of 2012.

Williamson County commissioners will now set up and appoint members to the two ESD boards. The board then sets a tax rate and decides how it will provide fire and emergency response services to residents.

ESDs evolved out of the outdated model of Rural Fire Protection Districts during the last 20 years. ESDs trumped RFPDs by increasing the maximum tax rate from 3 cents per \$100 of property value to 10 cents.

As suburbs have developed over the rural areas, fire departments have needed more equipment, higher-level training and better staffing to handle more emergency calls.

Other Wilco-related results from the November election

Voters in the Williamson County Water Sewer Irrigation and Drainage District No. 3, which includes the Star Ranch area in Hutto and portions of Round Rock near Forest Creek, voted on the issuance of \$9,805,000 in bonds for system facilities and the levy of taxes in payment of the bonds.

Voters in the Williamson County Water Control and Improvement District No. 3, which is located between Hutto and Taylor off of North CR 366, approved two propositions that would create the district and set an operation and mainte-



Kari Schroeder (left) and Jenifer Favreau, both Williamson County employees, stand behind voting machines during a training session.

Pflugerville voters approved a slate of propositions changing the city's charter to allow the city to post public notices—which are required under state law—electronically rather than in newspapers. Voters also approved propositions changing the language under the Open Meetings section to state that the city will conduct its meetings in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, requiring the use of the

three-month fund balance in the event of an extenuating emergency situation, and clarifying that counties maintain the lists of registered voters.

Voters in Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 1 approved a 1 percent sales and use tax that would raise an additional \$50,000 annually for the Jollyville Volunteer Fire Department.

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Residents pack City Council meeting, rally against zoning change

Dozens of residents gathered at the Cedar Park City Council's Nov. 17 and Dec. 8 meetings to voice their opinions on a zoning change request. Property owner Samir Desai had applied to rezone a 4-acre lot at the southeast corner of West Park Street and Lakeline Boulevard from single family-large lot to local retail with a conditional overlay.

The Planning and Zoning Commission voted 5-2 to approve the zoning with the conditional overlay at its Oct. 18 meeting. The residents enumerated a list of concerns about possible traffic, odors, drainage, noise and light



pollution. The neighborhood filed a protest petition with the city, meaning at least 40 percent of landowners within 200 feet of the proposed zoning change signed it.

The council voted to deny the request unanimously at the Dec. 8 meeting.

Councilman Fuller looks to change name of Bagdad Road

Councilman Mitch Fuller asked staff to look into the implications and steps necessary to change the name of Bagdad Road and how it would affect businesses with frontage on the road. Staff found 30 properties with Bagdad Road frontage, but only 12 are occupied.

The total cost to rename the road would be \$5,835, which would include the cost of surveys sent out to residents and business owners and signs. Fuller said he would check with Leander City Councilman Chris Fielder to see if Leander would be interested in changing the name of the road as well and said he would report back to council with Fielder's response.

Fuller said he did not think it would be worth it to change the name of the road if it changed back to Bagdad once the road crossed city limits into Leander.

Williamson County

WilCo Attorney Jana Duty reprimanded for rules violation

Williamson County Attorney Jana Duty was reprimanded by the State Bar of Texas for breaking confi-



Jana Duty

dentiality rules while acting as counsel to commissioners court.

Under the agreement announced last week, the State Bar of Texas dismissed 23 out of 24 complaints filed against Duty by the Williamson County Commissioners Court. The reprimand will not impact Duty's capacity as Williamson County attorney, Duty said.

The State Bar reprimanded Duty for using information she learned in a commissioners court executive session in the lawsuit she filed to remove County Judge Dan Gattis from office. The agreed judgment states that Duty violated Rule 1.05 of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct by making the confidential information public in the lawsuit.

Leander

City Council approves LFD fire department master plan

The Leander Fire Department could be adding more firefighters and staff under a master plan approved by Leander City Council on Nov. 17.

The Leander Fire

Department Master Plan and Guide states that funding for additional fire department positions will be requested through the 2014–15 budget year.

The additional staff is necessary to meet Leander's growing population and needs, according to the document. The more than 10 additional positions that will be requested through the 2014–15 budget year include lieutenants, firefighters, an emergency



management coordinator and an administrative clerk. The additional staff would give the eastern part of Leander a full-time fire and medical response unit.

The master plan also lays out a strategy for replacing existing fire department equipment and acquiring land that could house future fire stations.

Council OKs \$36.27M bond to purchase Sandy Creek Water Treatment Plant

The Leander City Council voted unanimously to issue \$36,270,000 in general obligation refunding bonds to purchase Sandy Creek Water Treatment Plant at the Dec. 1 meeting.

The final purchase agreement with the Lower Colorado River Authority was effective Oct. 14 after a year of negotiations and even a threatened lawsuit

According to city documents, staff found through preliminary pricing that the bond certificates would sell at a premium. That, in combination with "the favorable bond market," should mean Leander will save \$12,765,000 over the life of the certificates when compared to the current debt service payments the city makes to LCRA.



Meetings

- Cedar Park City Council 550 Discovery Blvd., Cedar Park 401-5000, www.cedarparktx.us Dec. 22, Jan. 12, 6:30 p.m. Watch replays Saturday and Sunday at noon on CPTV-10 or online.
- ▶ Leander City Council 201 N. Brushy St., Leander 528-2743, www.leandertx.org Dec. 29, Jan. 5 and 19, 7 p.m.
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City of Cedar Park website to undergo overhaul

By Macy Hurwitz

Cedar Park is looking to enhance the first impression some people get of the city by revamping its website, and the city is seeking input from residents on the final product. The city has created a survey for those who are interested in giving input to fill out at www.surveymonkey.com/s/community_website. The survey will be up until Dec. 30.

"It's an opportunity for us to put our best foot forward," said Larry Holt, Cedar Park's economic development specialist.

Holt—along with several other staffers, citizens and City Councilman Don Tracy—serves on a committee tasked with overseeing the website redesign.

Committee member Elijah May said his focus was increasing the website's usability.

"When somebody goes to the website and they're looking for information, it should be clear what they need to do in order to get what they're looking for," he said.

One reason information can be difficult to find on the city's website is because the city has greatly increased its web presence since the website was built five years ago. When staff needed to add information, there wasn't a designated spot to put the new addition.

"It got kind of tacked on as opposed to being part of the original organization. It's kind of like your garage. At some point, no matter how much you thought about it when you organized everything, you're going to have to go in there and do an overhaul," Holt said.

Cedar Park communications director Jennie Huerta said the contractor the committee chose, Vision Internet, has designed more than 70 websites in 17 states.

May said the redesigned website will allow citizens and the city to communicate more effectively and fluidly.

"That's one of the reasons we chose the company that we did is that they have spent so much time in understanding how cities work and how they communicate," May said.

The new design will also improve upon social media integration, include a mobile-

compatible site, optimize browser compatibility and utilize a new content management system. Huerta said she hopes the new site will better represent the community.

"I would like it to be more attractive, more aesthetically pleasing and something that represents the modern, thriving community that we are," Huerta said.

Huerta said there will be opportunities for interested stakeholders to test drive the website and give feedback before it goes live as well.

The city's web address will remain the same, www.cedarparktx.us.



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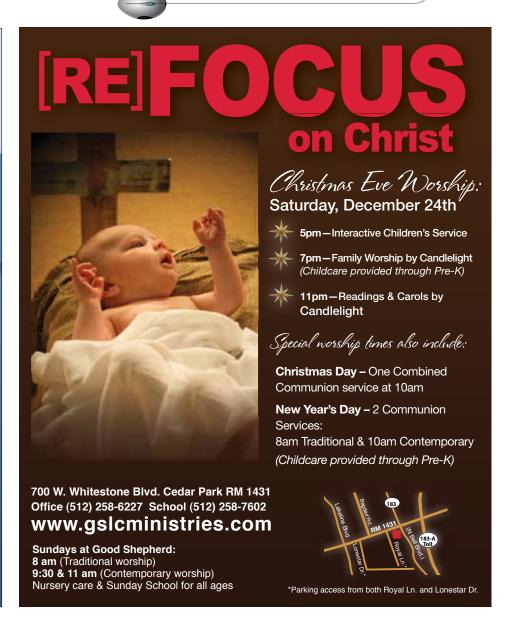
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Cedar Park H-E-B to get \$12.5 expansion

The H-E-B at West Parmer Lane and RM 1431 in Cedar Park is preparing for a \$12.5 million makeover, said Leticia Mendoza, public affairs specialist for H-E-B.

The redesign, slated to begin in February or March and last through October, will expand the store by about 20,000 square feet on the east side of the building, which is nearest to the current drivethru pharmacy.

"The drive-thru for our pharmacy will actually be touching Rogue Running," Store Manager Walter Dobravolsk said. "There's a tree over there we're going to move in probably early January. It's a 100-year-old oak, so we'll move it up to the top of the parking lot so we can save it."

The expanded H-E-B will offer shoppers wider aisles, more groceries on the shelves and a slight increase in variety of goods, Dobravolsky said.

"We're adding that footage so we can expand out what we have right now," he said. "So we're not really getting any new departments and we won't have a (H-E-B) Plus store type arrangement. We're just putting more space in the aisles and better holding power for what we carry on the shelf."

Holding power is the amount of time

a product is available on the shelf. Many items will double their presence on the floor, cutting down on time spent on midday restocks.

"I can carry more product to last throughout the day so that when my shoppers come in at 8 o'clock or 6 o'clock at night, they should be able to find that product on the shelf because the holding power of that product is greater," he said.

Though not expanding to a Plus store, Dobravolsky said the H-E-B will offer a larger variety of produce and groceries.

"It's really going to put a fresh look to this side of the store," he said, pointing to the current produce section on the west end of the building. "It's a bigger produce department, a bigger deli and a bigger meat market. In that respect, it isn't just more groceries and more Rice Krispies, so to speak, it's the ability to carry a bigger selection of produce items."

During the redesign, items may change locations a few times, even within the course of a few days or weeks, but Dobravolsky said H-E-B staff will be available to help all shoppers find what they seek.

"Our customers can expect the same great service we have always provided, but we ask that they bear with us while we go through the remodel, as it will definitely be a challenge for both them



Store manager Walter Dobravolsky (left) stands with management team members (from left) Linda Spears, Melva Crump and Danny Gregory in an aisle that will be expanded during the redesign.

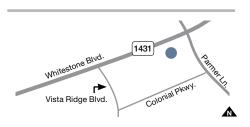
and us," Mendoza said. "We'll do our best to make it a speedy and safe process for everyone."

Dobravolsky said most major inconveniences will not begin until later in the

"The add-on to the store itself will be an easy process in the sense that it won't disrupt anything inside the store," he said. "Once we open that, it will give us an opportunity to move product there to hold it while we move things inside the

store."

Dobravolsky said corporate headquarters selected the Cedar Park H-E-B for redesign based on store volume.





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The Christi Center

Group lends peer support to help cope with loss

By Andrea Leptinsky

fter seeking community support when their 20-year-old daughter, Christi, was killed by a drunk driver in 1985, Susan and Don Cox decided to fill the void they found in local resources available to help individuals cope with the loss of a loved one.

"[The Coxes'] experience was that everyone they knew expected them to grieve for a respectable amount of time, but then get over it and move on," said Cara Fox, executive director of The Christi Center, the nonprofit support organization the couple founded in 1987. "The most comfort they found was in gathering with other people who had lost loved ones and knew what it felt like."

The Christi Center offers peer support for individuals who have lost a spouse, child, parent, friend or neighbor, all free of charge. The center also provides very limited individualized services.

"The model that Susan and Don found comforting when they first started was in other people who experienced similar losses providing that support," Fox said.

"Susan and Don know 24 years' worth of people and their stories, and Susan never forgets anything, ever. They are just the heart and soul of this organization."

The Christi Center has received huge support from the community, Fox said, which has helped the organization grow the services it provides as well as the space in which it resides.

"What's amazing about this organization is everybody knows somebody," she said. "We have this amazing group of people who come through the program, and they're just so grateful that they want to give back in any way that they can."

As part of the center's expansion that was completed this summer, the

organization received \$25,000 in in-kind donations from members and the community to fund the task. Additionally, more than 100 volunteers donated their time to the center in 2010, resulting in 10,000 hours of service The Christi Center received. That equaled out to several full-time positions the center did not have to pay for, Fox said.

To bring those in the community suffering from grief and loss together, the center hosts a variety of weekly classes based on both age and circumstance.

While The Christi Center provides classes for adults on Monday nights and children on Wednesday nights, it also offers Tuesday night support groups for those who lost a loved one in a violent crime, as well as a session for survivors of suicide.

"Our hours of operation are technically 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., but we have groups almost every night of the week. Someone is here almost all the time," Fox said, adding that new members can walk in at any time during the day to sign up for the center's services. A full schedule of groups can be found on the organization's website.

While ongoing recovery and support is a primary theme at The Christi Center, so is remembrance. The center features a heart wall, which was constructed in the center's addition that was completed in June.

"We had a number of people who wanted to memorialize their loved ones, so some people chose to put a loved one's name up on the heart wall," Fox said. "We had an artist donate the mural, and we still have names going up on an ongoing basis."

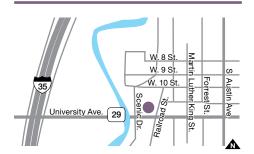
The Christi Center, headquartered off Burnet Road in Central Austin, is open



The Christi Center Executive Director Cara Fox stands in front of the center's heart wall, a space designed to honor members' loved ones who have died.

to all Central Texas residents, including those from Williamson, Hays and Bastrop counties. The organization also keeps a satellite office at the Georgetown Community Resource Center, 805 W. University Ave., to help adult residents cope with their loss.

For group schedules, locations and more information, call 467-2600 or visit www.fortheloveofchristi.org.



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Although The Christi Center began serving the community in 1987, it moved into its 2307 Hancock Drive residence in 1996 to accommodate its growing presence.



Susan and Don Cox, founders of The Christi Center, placed a stone for their late daughter, Christi, in the building's front healing garden.





For some families, decking the halls for the holidays includes countless strings of tiny, twinkling lights wrapped around tree trunks and fastened to rooftops, illuminating every square foot of the front yard. Neighbors visit and gather in awe of the masterful holiday light displays, some synched to cheerful carols over a radio broadcast.

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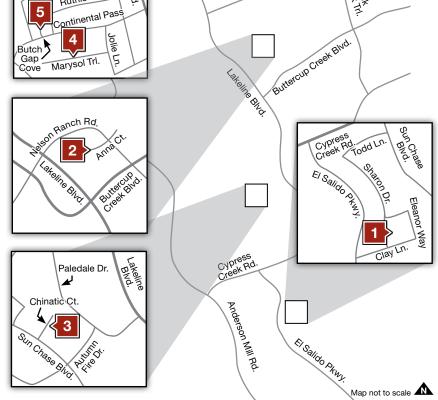
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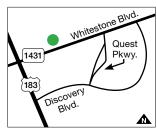




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Penny's Gift Emporium

Cedar Park couple opens spot for selves, friends to shop

By Macy Hurwitz

t was Maury and Susie Dugas' dream to open up a gift shop to serve the Cedar Park and Leander area, and after a lot of hard work and several treks across the state to build up an inventory, the Dugases opened Penny's Gift Emporium in Cedar Park.

"I had a lot of friends and neighbors, myself included, who got tired of going to the mall every time we needed a quick gift," Susie said.

The shop's name came from Susie's childhood nickname given to her by her father. He used to take her out with him on the weekends, and she always asked him for a penny for the gumball machine, so he nicknamed her Penny.

Susie and Maury opened the shop, located at 700 E. Whitestone Blvd., in March 2011, and Susie said it has been going well.

"We have a lot of customers where we know them and they know us," Susie said. "We work very hard to build those relationships."

Beverly Hriczko, front desk manager of the Cedar Park Best Western Hotel, is a regular customer at Penny's. She first heard about the shop when Maury stopped by one day to drop off brochures and coupons. Not only does Hriczko shop there herself—she has purchased several wall hangings and other decorative items for her house, as well as jewelry—she recommends the shop to guests at the hotel.

"I probably pop in there every other week to say hello or buy something," Hriczko said.

One of the most popular lines at Penny's is Switch Flops, a line of flipflops with interchangeable straps. The store also carries a wide variety of cards, candles, Texas-centric gifts, cookie cutters, bags, scarves and gourmet foods.

Susie said Austin Jam Co. is a popular item in the food section. The store carries pineapple pepper, mango pepper, berry hot pepper, pomegranate pepper and bacon pepper jams. Susie said her customers have told her the bacon pepper jam is good on scrambled eggs, and she has collected recipe suggestions for the various flavors of jam, as well as for the other items she keeps in stock.

There is a suggestion box at the store



Susie Dugas says she enjoys the task of changing up the displays in her shop for each season.

for customers to request items and lines of products. Maury and Susie go to a market in Dallas several times per year to choose items to stock in the store, and Susie changes up her displays and inventory for each season.

"We're listening to our customers to see what they'd like us to carry," Susie said. "When I'm at market I try to think about what our customers would want."



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Melissa Van Baast, owner of Gorgeous Nail Lounge and Demi Spa, manicures a client's nails at her shop.

BUSINESS

Gorgeous Nail Lounge & Demi-Spa

Leander salon a place to relax and feel beautiful

By Emilie Boenig

orgeous Nail Lounge & Demi-Spa owner Melissa Van Baast believes her clients deserve better than hasty manicures in a stuffy shop.

The demi-spa, or half-spa without water therapy features, offers manicures, pedicures, haircuts, colors and treatments, fullbody waxing, teeth whitening and more.

Van Baast has been in the Leander area for 13 years and co-owns the shop with her husband, Greg. A patron of nail salons for years, she said she wanted more from a spa experience. After learning about the business in cosmetology school, she was inspired to open her own place.

Her salon is the antithesis of a quick-stop nail shop, with spacious pedicure chairs, individual nail stations and personal waxing rooms. Van Baast opened the spa as an alternative to what she calls impersonal and sometimes unsafe industry standards.

"Everything available for nails was a quick, in-and-out place," she said. "We wanted an old-school place, to offer somewhere you can go, sit down and have a glass of wine and chitchat."

Van Baast said the salon operates like a family, and they treat clients like family, too. Gorgeous nail employees take pride in answering the phone with, "Hello, Gorgeous," part of the salon's determination to make every client feel beautiful.

"We believe all women are beautiful the way they are, and our goal is to bring out that beauty that's already a part of them," she said.

Van Baast also has a passion for educating clients about healthy practices.

"I have never seen another industry where people accept the level of abuse

that they accept in this business. It's not supposed to hurt when you get your nails done," she said, adding all of her licensed cosmetologists explain what products they use and how they are applied. "All of our licenses are hanging on the wall. We are proud of them, and we worked hard for them."

Van Baast said the spa steers away from less-healthy practices, like drilling on natural fingernails. Nail technicians are specially trained in pedicures on diabetic clients and use softer, less abrasive tools and foot soaks on children.

"We don't think a healthy service should cost a ton of money, and we have something for every budget," she said.

The spa serves walk-ins, but appointments are strongly preferred to ensure a relaxing experience for every client. Gorgeous serves complimentary drinks, including coffee, tea and wine cocktails.



Gorgeous uses massage chairs during pedicures.

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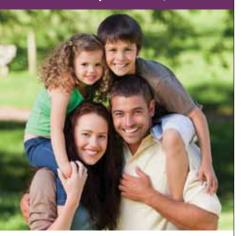


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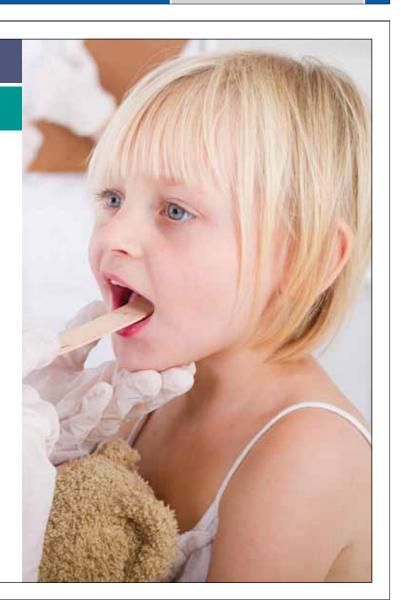
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Bob & Mike's Chicken

Father, son serve 'good quality and healthy' food

By Christine Bolaños

ob O'Farrell and his son Mike don't mind being called chicken; in fact, that's the slogan for their fast-food restaurant in Cedar Park: It's OK, you can call us chicken.

The duo opened Bob & Mike's Chicken in April to fill what they believed to be a void in the local restaurant industry.

"Our attitude was to do something different in fast food. Coming from fine dining, we wanted something that would be good quality and healthy," Bob O'Farrell said.

So Bob and Mike revamped a fast-food staple—chicken tenders—by giving it a healthy yet tasty twist.

"We only have a few items that are fried. Our onion rings, french fries and 100 percent chicken corn dogs are all hand-battered," Bob said. "Everything else is baked, sauteed, or cooked in another way."

All the food Bob & Mike's serves is fresh and never frozen. And if Bob and Mike don't think a dish is delicious, they don't serve it.

"It's a fun, energetic place. We make fresh food, which is always a plus. I enjoy cooking because it's all fresh and never frozen. Come share mouth-watering chicken tenders with Bob and Mike," said Manager Carl Nothnagel.

Nothnagel said the original combo is the most popular menu item. It comes with chicken tenders, a side of Texas toast and a drink. He said the most popular side item is the hand cut onion rings.

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"They've got a potato coating on them that keeps them extra crisp on the outside, so they have a real crunch outside and are really soft inside," Bob said. "People come from all over town and up from Austin to get our onion rings," he said.

Bob said he envisions a chain with its headquarters in Cedar Park growing out to other areas, but for right now, he is happy to call Cedar Park home.

"This has been a good place for us. We have a prominent location by [FM 1431] and ACC has been a great friend, too," he said. "We've had a lot of great response from all the schools. We do catering for the football and band teams. They've really embraced us, which we're really grateful for."

Bob said the reason the duo opened the business is because they wanted to start something their entire family could be a part of.

Prior to opening Bob & Mike's Chicken, Bob owned a fine-dining restaurant in Waco that specialized in everything from steak to seafood. After four years, he sold the restaurant and tried his hand in the fast-food industry.

Having a restaurant near Austin worked out for Bob and his children because they each have an important role at Bob & Mike's Chicken.

Bob's daughter, Kate, runs the office and Robert is one of the restaurant's main investors and planners, he said. Bob and Mike work at the restaurant full-time.





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Bob & Mike's Chicken co-owner Mike O'Farrell serves up hand-cut and -battered onion rings at the Cedar Park restaurant. The restaurant relocated to Cedar Park in April 2011 from Arbor Walk in Austin.

Signature items

Owner Bob O'Farrell's homemade green tea, which uses fresh lime juice and cane sugar is the most popular drink on the menu (\$1.99 for 20 ounces 32 ounces 2.79).

Other signature sides include sweet corn cake, green beans, cole saw, and mashed potatoes and gravy.

Family and party packs are also available. Combos range from \$5.99 to \$7.99 and sides range from \$0.99 to \$2.77.



The tender basket is a popular item on the menu. Customers get three chicken tenders, french fries and/or onion rings (for an additional \$0.99), Texas toast and 20-ounce drink for \$5.99.

New menu items

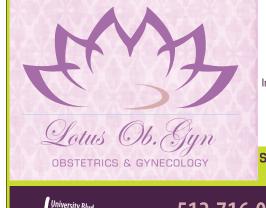
Bob & Mike's Chicken has added several new items to the menu recently, including the Southwest Black Bean and Corn Bowl, which comes with between one and three chicken tenders. Bob & Mike's also began serving breakfast in July, only three months after opening. Co-owner Bob O'Farrell said he's heard rave reviews.

"We have three standards—egg, potato and cheese—and we do it with either bacon, sausage or chicken. We can do variations too." he said.

Breakfast is served Mon.-Sat. 6:30-10:30 a.m. and Sundays 8:30-10:30 a.m.



Bob & Mike's Chicken recently added the Southwest Black Bean and Corn Bowl. The item includes one to three chicken tenders for \$2.99, \$3.99 and \$4.99, respectively.



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Top stories

Construction moves forward in Longhorn Junction development

Georgetown Three years after opening the first portion of the 280-acre Longhorn Junction commercial center with the construction of Citigroup's data center, new movement can be seen on the west side of the development at I-35 and S.E. Inner Loop in Georgetown.

J Jacobs Construction, a Georgetown-based general contracting firm, is expected to begin construction on a renovation project to transform the former Candle Factory building into its headquarters before the end of the year.

Demolition of the building has been completed. Once construction begins, it could be finished in four to five months, and the company could be in its new offices in June, J Jacobs Construction President Stacy Rudd said.

The nearly \$1.8 million building will be 10,000 square feet in size and feature design aspects inspired by the former Candle Factory, including translucent, back-lit panels.



"We are going to keep the concept of lighting up the building like the Candle Factory used to do, except it will be professional offices now, and it will be much more attractive," Rudd said.

The commercial contractor is expected to occupy 5,000 square feet of the building, while the rest of the space will be available for lease for other professional offices.

"The building that's there

now is run-down, it's kind of an eyesore, where it used to be kind of a cool place to go, and we are going to turn it into a cool place to go again," Rudd said.

The new building will include other pieces of the site's history, including a nod to the former candle factory with the Candle Café break room that will feature photos and other Candle Factory items.

Full story by Beth Wade

Smartphone application enlisted to help control local handicap parking violators

Northwest Austin Austin City Council has passed a resolution that may soon make smartphone technology available to city residents who want to voluntarily report violations of handicap parking spaces as they see it occur.

Mayor Lee Leffingwell hosted a news conference Oct. 18, along with City Council members Chris Riley and Mike Martinez plus Precinct 5 Constable Bruce Elfant, to outline the need for the smartphone application.

"This is the next step in improving enforceability by having more eyes on the street," Leffingwell said. "I hope it will be successful, and I feel confident the council will approve it."

Elfant said that since 1995, the county has written on average about 1,200 parking violation citations per year for people who do not have a disability but take up a handicap parking space.

In the downtown area alone, a study conducted by Travis County found that 65 percent of handicap placards were being used by people that were not assigned them. Elfant said this amounted to \$500,000 in fine revenue being lost every year

"I can't help but think that there is some solution that does involve the use of smartphone technology, putting those powers in the hands of citizens and enabling them to help the city extend its reach to do a better job of enforcing handicap parking restrictions," Councilman Chris Riley said.

The Americans with Disabilities Act was passed in 1991, and in 1995, cities and counties were authorized to begin citizen volunteer programs that trained citizens how to report handicap parking violations.

Full story by Bobby Longoria



Business

Custom Frames by Daniel



Georgetown aniel Vasquez first learned to make custom frames while framing his wife's artwork.

"I started because my wife used to paint," Vasquez said. "I thought maybe I would start framing her things."

What started out as a hobby for his family soon turned into a business as friends and family began requesting his help with their own pieces. Vasquez opened Custom Frames by Daniel just off the Square in Georgetown in 1979 and has remained in the same location for the past 32 years.

The business offers custom framing with wood or metal frames with custom matting in a variety of shapes for items ranging from canvases, needlepoint, shadow boxes, art and photography. The shop also stretches canvases.

"The people, like in any business, are

what makes it," Vasquez said. "If they get to trust you, you get return customers. It's very important that you have that—and, of course, customer satisfaction—but trust is very important in business."

Vasquez said he also repairs broken frames and replaces broken glass without replacing the entire frame.

"Usually, when you go to a frame place, they say you need the whole brand new thing," Vasquez's son, Danny, said. "We try to offer that ... because sometimes they can't afford a whole new frame, they just need a little patch-up work."

Vasquez said the customers are his priority, and he tries to offer his services to fit any need or budget.

Full story by Beth Wade

Custom Frames by Daniel 810 Main St., Georgetown 863-7307 **Video/Audio Duplication** & Transfers mgdv2022@yahoo.com



Dining

620 Café and Bakery

Round Rock Along one of the busiest stretches of RM 620 just west of I-35 and across the street from Round Rock High School sits a restaurant that has been serving diners classic dishes for almost 20 years.

Owner Brandy Jones grew up in the restaurant business and worked as a waiter and manager for 620 Café and Bakery while in high school when it was still under her parents' ownership. After graduating from college and returning to the restaurant business, Jones decided to purchase the restaurant from her parents, Scotty and Jeri Stroup, in 2007.

"My parents had restaurants since before I was born, so I was raised in restaurants," Jones said. "We went and did school; we went and did our extracurricular; and we went to the restaurant. I just like it. I'm at home here."

Her parents also own other local favorite establishments Main Street Grill in Round Rock and 1431 Café in

For a brief period, the Stroups leased the building to Serranos, which later moved to La Frontera shopping center. The Stroups then decided to reopen 620 Café and Bakery in 2003.

Full story by Beth Wade





620 Café and Bakery 910 Round Rock Ave. 244-1009 www.620cafeandbakerv.com Full stories at impactnews.com

Impacts

Now Open

Round Rock Rodney Jones opened Jazzercise Wells **Branch Fitness Center** at 3407 Wells Branch Parkway, Ste. 800. Jazzercise is a 60-minute workout with dance-based cardio, strength training and stretching. Jones said he is the only male Jazzercise instructor in Austin. 660–8886, www.jazzercise.com

Rollingwood Co-owners Hilary Simon and Wendy Brennan started Whirled Peas Baby Food, which makes and delivers foods for babies and toddlers using organic, locally sourced ingredients. The business has a booth at the Barton Creek Farmers Market at the Barton Creek Square Mall, 2901 S. Capital of Texas Hwy., on Saturdays. 222-7327, www.whirledpeasbabyfood. com, www.facebook.com/ whirledpeasbabyfood

New Ownership

Southwest Austin John Moyer, bassist for rock band Disturbed, has taken over ownership and management of Natural Ear Music School from founder Michele Murphy. The school, located at 1306 W. Oltorf St., teaches youths to play rock music by ear. It will reopen in January. 363-2100,

www.naturalearmusic.com

Coming Soon

Georgetown Barbara and Dennis Falcone opened Through the Looking Glass in early December at 122 E. Eighth St. The gallery will feature work from local artisans in the Central Texas area as well as some from across the United States. 864-1371, www.throughthelookinglass.

Round Rock Fortune Garden Restaurant is scheduled to open Jan. 2, 2012, at 201 University Oaks Blvd. The fullservice restaurant will feature Chinese and Vietnamese food. Owner and Austin resident Andy Tang said he chose the site because it provides a good location.





AIDS Services of Austin responds to the HIV needs of the Austin area by providing services that enhance the health and well-being of individuals and the community in the face of an evolving epidemic.

P.O. Box 4874, Austin 78765 406-6163 www.asaustin.org

American Cancer Society hopes to reduce the cancer mortality rate and cancer incidents through early detection, prevention and advocacy. Volunteer opportunities include the Road to Recovery and Reach to Recovery programs, assisting at health fairs, fundraising, office duties and Relay for Life. 2433 Ridgepoint Drive, Ste. B, Austin 78754

www.cancer.org

American Red Cross of Central Texas ensures disaster planning, preparedness, community disaster education, mitigation and response, as well as assisting military members and their families in times of crisis. Red Cross volunteers perform a variety of services including assisting in disaster relief, casework processing and staffing shelters.

2218 Pershing Drive, Austin 78723 928-4271

www.centex.redcross.org

Annie's Way is an annual Thanksgiving program at St. William's Church in Round Rock for homeless and needy families. Volunteers are needed to bring prepared food or cooked turkeys and help with serving and delivering meals to the homebound and homeless.

620 Round Rock West Drive, Round Rock

www.austincatholicmedicalmission.org

Austin Groups for the Elderly - Elderhaven Williamson

County provides care for seniors with special needs. Volunteers help with entertainment, yard work, clerical duties and

475 Round Rock West Dr., Ste. 120, Round Rock 255-4865

www.ageofaustin.org

Autism Society of Greater Austin is an all-volunteer chapter of the Autism Society of America with the mission of improving the lives of all affected by autism. Volunteers are used in many different ways and help with the Autism Awareness Bike Ride. P.O. Box 160841, Austin 78716

479-4199

www.austinautismsociety.org

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas pairs volunteers with young people in need of mentoring and positive role

1400 Tillery St., Austin 78721

www.bigmentoring.org

The Blood and Tissue Center of Central Texas is the exclusive provider and guardian of the community blood supply for more than 37 medical facilities in a 10-county service area of Central Texas. Volunteers assist on blood drives, serve refreshments in donor centers, provide office support and transport blood in vehicles

4300 N. Lamar Blvd, Austin 78756 206-1189

www.inyourhands.org

Capital Area Food Bank works end to hunger in the Austin area. Volunteers ensure food is suitable for distribution. 8201 S. Congress Ave., Austin 78745 282-2111

www.austinfoodbank.org

Capital IDEA is a partnership between Austin Interfaith and the Central Texas business community. The group's goal is to connect dedicated, hard-working job-seekers with employment that will provide good salaries and benefits.

401 W. Anderson Ave., Round Rock

238-6992 www.capitalidea.org Cedar Park Public Library Foundation volunteers help repair and process books, prepare materials for the children's program, help with special events and assist with other library needs. Volunteers must be 14 or older, and adults must pass a

background check. 550 Discovery Blvd., Cedar Park

www.cedarparktx.us/library

Celebration of Love works with area school districts and volunteers to give food and gifts to those in need. It also includes the Foreman-Phillips Reaching Out Center, which hosts a food pantry that is open every Friday from 2-5 p.m. Fresh Food for Families is held the second Monday of every month from 2-4 p.m., and the Healthy Options Program for the Elderly occurs monthly on the third Thursday from 2-4 p.m.

15630 Vision Drive, Pflugerville

www.celebrationoflove.org

Central Texas SPCA is a no-kill shelter that provides care for homeless animals. Volunteers assist with direct animal care, fundraisers and adoption.

909 S. Bagdad Road, Leander 260-7722

www.centraltexasspca.org

Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas is one of the only dedicated pediatric hospital in Central Texas. Volunteers provide assistance to patients, families and staff, and take part in fundraising and community outreach.

4900 Mueller Blvd., Austin 78723

www.dellchildrens.net

Down Syndrome Association of Central Texas provides education, support and resources to individuals with Down syndrome, their families, professionals and the community while building public awareness and acceptance of the abilities of individuals with Down syndrome.

3710 Cedar St., Box 3, Austin 78705 323-0808 www.dsact.com

Easter Seals Central Texas, originally chartered as the Texas Society for Crippled Children, has been providing services to children and adults with disabilities and their caregivers since 1937. Volunteers help with special events, clerical duties, camp

and the gala committee. 1611 Headway Circle, Bldg. 2, Austin 78754 615-6818

www.centraltx.easterseals.com

Fairy Godmother Foundation helps underprivileged high school girls attend their prom, homecoming or any special evening by giving them dresses, surrounding them with positive role models and encouraging future success. Open year-round by appointment only.

208 W. Bagdad Ave., Ste. 7, Round Rock

www.austinfairygodmother.org

Family Eldercare provides support services to older adults, adults with disabilities and their caregivers in Austin and the surrounding area. Volunteers support those lacking the support of friends and family by assisting with bill paying and visiting regularly. Other volunteers facilitate telephone activities for the Lifetime Connections Without Walls program. Volunteers are always needed and are instrumental in enabling the programs to impact the lives of older adults in the community. 1700 Rutherford Lane, Austin 78754 605 E. University Ave., Georgetown 483-3582

www.familyeldercare.org

Friends of the Cedar Park Public Library is a nonprofit group of volunteers established in September 1980 to promote the library within the community. Its purpose is to support and strengthen the library's resources and services to the public. 550 Discovery Blvd., Cedar Park 401-5600

www.cedarparktx.us/cp/li_friends.aspx

Goodwill Industries of Central Texas employs people with disabilities. Volunteers work in retail locations performing stocking and customer service duties. 150 W. Palm Valley Blvd., Round Rock

www.austingoodwill.org

Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County teams build quality houses for impoverished families. Volunteers assist in construction and clerical tasks.

2108 N. Austin Ave., Georgetown 863-4344

www.williamsonhabitat.org

Hill Country Community Ministries is a nonprofit corporation that provides food, clothing and financial assistance for people in crisis or poverty in southwest Williamson and northwest Travis counties.

1005 Lacy Drive, Leander 259-0360, ext. 205 www.hccm.org

Humane Society of Williamson County is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1979. Its missions are to provide innovative programs and services to eliminate pet overpopulation and to improve the lives of pets and people in Williamson County. The minimum volunteer age is 8 years old. 10930 E. Crystal Falls Parkway, Leander

260-3602 www.hswc.net

Just Because Christmas Project is a nonprofit program established in 1992 in association with St. William's Parish of Round Rock. The project is to serves underprivileged families that live outside the city limits of Round Rock or that do not get help from other agencies. Volunteers are needed before Christmas to help sort goods, wrap presents and distribute items to families in need at the annual Just Because Christmas Project at Hernandez Middle School.

620 Round Rock West Drive, Round Rock

www.austincatholicmedicalmission.org

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center was founded by Lady Bird Johnson and Helen Hayes in 1982 to protect and preserve North America's native plants and natural landscapes. The Wildflower Center offers volunteer opportunities in the garden, festivals, educational programs and the gift store.

4801 La Crosse Ave., Austin 78739 232-0102

www.wildflower.org/volunteer

LifeSteps works to eliminate substance abuse in Williamson County through prevention, intervention, counseling, education and family services. Volunteers help with clerical duties. 2109 N. Mays St., Round Rock

www.lifestepscouncil.org

Lighthouse Hospice volunteers can provide end-of-life companionship for patients and their families or perform administrative tasks.

2913 Williams Drive, Ste. 320, Georgetown 868-0505 www.lighthouse-hospice.com

Literacy Council of Williamson County improves adult literacy in the county. Volunteers tutor adults and help them earn their GED certificate.

2411 Williams Drive, Ste. 1, Georgetown

www.literacycouncil-wc.org

Lone Star Circle of Care provides primary health care for uninsured patients in Central Texas. Volunteers help with administrative tasks and act as patient advocates. 1500 W. University Ave., Ste. 103, Georgetown 686-0207, ext. 10116 www.lscctx.org

Make a Wish Foundation of Central and South Texas grants

the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions. Volunteers assist in wish-granting, fundraising and event planning. The nonprofit also seeks Spanish-speaking volunteers. 2224 Walsh Tarlton Lane, Ste. 200, Austin 78746 329-9474

www.cstx.wish.org

Meals on Wheels - Leander, Cedar Park & Liberty Hill

makes and delivers nutritious meals to housebound members of the community. Volunteers deliver meals by car. Bagdad Activity Center, 351 N. Bagdad Road, Leander 259-0288

www.wbco.net/services_meals.html

Mobile Loaves & Fishes St. Thomas More is a social outreach ministry for the homeless and indigent working poor. Its mission is to provide food, clothing and dignity to those in need. It accomplishes this mission by delivering food every night of the week. Volunteers help prepare and deliver meals. 10205 N. RR 620, Austin 78726 258-1161

www.mlfnow.ora

Neighborhood Conference Committee of Williamson

County works to keep truant children in Williamson County out of the juvenile justive system by meeting with the students and working to come up with a plan to get back them on track. NCC needs volunteers to complete initial interviews with students and families. Volunteers must pass a background check and complete training.

1821 S.E. Inner Loop, Georgetown 943-3216

www.nccwilco.org

Open My World Therapeutic Riding Center serves children and youth with disabilities using horses for their therapy. Volunteers age 15 and older are needed to work directly with the students and horses or in other capacities.

1020 CR 270, Leander 259-6665

www.openmyworld.org

Project Linus - Williamson and Travis County Chapter

provides handmade blankets for children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need.

110 Ridgewood Drive, Georgetown 930-4792

www.projectlinus.org

R.O.C.K. (Ride On Center for Kids) is a nonprofit provider of therapeutic horseback riding and hippotherapy for children and adults with cognitive and physical challenges. There are opportunities to volunteer directly with the students, the horses, in the office and on committees.

2050 CR 110, Georgetown

930-7625

www.rockride.org

Ronald McDonald House of Austin provides housing and support for families of critically ill children. Volunteers prepare meals and perform administrative duties. Volunteers are also needed to staff the Ronald McDonald Family Rooms at two local hospitals, St. David's Women's Center of Texas and the Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas. 1315 Barbara Jordan Blvd., Austin 78723

472-9844

www.rmhc-austin.org

The Salvation Army volunteers work in a wide variety of programs that assist the needy, including social services, character-building activities and collecting donations. 501 E. Eighth St., Austin 78767 476-1111

www.salvationarmyaustin.org

Samaritan Health Ministries provides low-cost health care services to the uninsured. Volunteers support medical professionals by performing administrative duties or serving as translators. Medical professionals may also donate their time. Pharmacy technicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, physicians, dental hygienists and more are needed. 700 W. Whitestone Blvd., Cedar Park 331-5828

www.theshm.org

the Scottish Rite Masons.

Scottish Rite Learning Center of Austin Inc. provides dyslexic individuals with a proven research-based, multisensory approach for learning the basic language skills of reading, writing and spelling through the ongoing charitable commitment of 12871 N. US 183, Ste. 105, Austin 78750 472-1231

www.scottishritelearningcenter.org

Sierra Club strives to explore, enjoy and protect the wild places of the earth; to practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources; to educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment; and to use all lawful means to carry out these objectives

P.O. Box 4581, Austin 78765 cbyrd4@austin.rr.com

www.texas.sierraclub.org/austin

Stonehaven Senior Center volunteers provide companionship and entertainment to residents.

1704 Hart St., Georgetown

Susan G. Komen for the Cure - Austin Affiliate provides support, outreach and research in the fight against breast caner. Volunteers are needed to help with Race for the Cure, special events, public policy, public relations, community outreach and more.

3508 S. Lamar Blvd., Ste. 300, Austin 78704 473-0900

www.komenaustin.org

Ten Thousand Villages of Austin provides vital, fair income to people living in Third World countries by marketing their handicrafts and telling their stories in North America. The organization works with artisans who would otherwise be unemployed or underemployed. This income helps pay for food, education, health care and housing. The store is almost entirely run by volunteers. Other ways volunteers can help Ten Thousand Villages is through customer service.

1317 S. Congress Ave., Austin 440-0440

www.austin.tenthousandvillages.com

Texas Advocacy Project provides free legal services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault throughout Texas. Volunteers help with hotline screening, administrative assistance tasks and more.

P.O. Box 833, Austin 78767 476-5377

www.texasadvocacyproject.org

Texas Youth Commission has volunteer opportunities working with adjudicated youth in Austin. Volunteers are needed for a variety of roles, including members of the Austin Community Advisory Council, mentors, substance abuse support group leaders, skills trainers, crafts and gardening projects, and internships.

P.O. Box 4260, Austin 78751 424-6090 tammy.holland@tyc.state.tx.us

www.tvc.state.tx.us

Therapy Pet Pals of Texas Inc. provides pet therapy to patients and residents in about 70 health care facilities in the Austin area. Volunteers and their dogs visit assigned health care facilities twice a month and bond with the elderly and ill people they serve. Volunteer qualifying and training classes are held in Austin four times a year. Call to register and to get more information about the application process. 3930 Bee Caves Road, Ste. C, Austin 78746

www.therapypetpals.org

Thirst No More is a Christian aid organization whose mission is to transform communities through the power of compassion. Its projects are typically in regions where people have been ravaged by war, tyranny or natural disaster. Thirst No More recruits volunteers of all ages for church projects, disaster relief and humanitarian projects.

P.O. Box 2290, Cedar Park 382-4318

www.thirstnomore.org

Treasure of the Hills Senior Center provides a place for seniors to gather for games, fellowship and romance. 408 Ridgewood Drive, Cedar Park 331-6000

www.toth-seniors.com

Twin Lakes Family YMCA volunteers assist in many programs that build stronger families and communities. Most volunteer opportunities are for youth coaches and special events. 204 E. Little Elm Trail, Cedar Park

250-9622

www.ymcagwc.org/tl.php

United Way of Williamson County is a locally run chapter of the United Way of America umbrella organization that works together to advance the common good by focusing on education, income and health. Volunteers are needed for the annual MLK Day of Service and Day of Caring projects.

1111 N. I-35, Ste. 220, Round Rock

255-6799

www.unitedway-wc.org

Virtue provides day activities for adults with developmental disabilities. The organization needs volunteers to assist with arts and crafts, music and to interact with clients. 2423 S. Bell Blvd., Cedar Park

771-8241

www.virtuetexas.com

The Volunteer Center is the central clearinghouse for volunteerism in Williamson County. The center coordinates with local nonprofit organizations to place volunteers where they are best suited.

1099 E. Main St., Round Rock 733-7625 www.volrock.org

Williamson-Burnet County Opportunities volunteers work in a wide range of services, including child development programs and Meals on Wheels, benefiting low-income members of the community.

604 High Tech Drive, Georgetown 763-1400

www.wbco.net

Williamson County Brown Santa provides assistance to families in Williamson County living outside the geographical city limits of any town or city within the county not providing a similar program. Brown Santa purchases toys, books and other items needed to make Christmas brighter for children. Volunteers help with special events and box up gifts.

Wolf Ranch Town Center, 1019 W. University Ave., Ste. 700, Georgetown

www.wilcobrownsanta.com

Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center is a nonprofit organization that provides assistance to abused children. non-offender family members and the professionals dedicated to the intervention, investigation, prosecution and treatment options related to child abuse cases. Volunteers are needed to greet families.

1811 S.E. Inner Loop, Georgetown 943-3701

www.wilcocac.org

Williamson County Crisis Center Hope Alliance provides services and counseling to victims of family and sexual violence. Volunteers answer crisis calls and assist in a variety of programs.

1011 Gattis School Road, Ste. 106, Round Rock 1-800-460-SAFE www.hopealliancetx.org

Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter provides care for homeless animals. Volunteers assist the staff and walk

1855 S.E. Inner Loop, Georgetown 943-3322

www.wilcopets.org

Williamson County Symphony Orchestra travels throughout the county performing free concerts. Volunteers are needed to assist at performances, and musicians can visit the website to look for open positions

1007 Green Meadow Drive, Round Rock 789-5073

www.williamsoncountysymphonyorchestra.org

This guide is not a comprehensive list of all area organizations that need volunteers. If your organization is not included, please email us at listings@ impactnews.com, and we will add it to our online list.

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Samuel T. Biscoe

Travis County Judge, CAMPO Chairman

By Macy Hurwitz

Editor's note: Coffee with Impact is a monthly forum at our headquarters featuring leaders in various sectors who are making a difference in Central Texas and beyond.

Samuel T. Biscoe was born and raised in Tyler, Texas, and he arrived in Austin when he went to the University of Texas School of Law. He was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1973. Biscoe worked in private law firms until 1983, when he was chosen to serve as general counsel to the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Biscoe was elected to the Travis County Commissioners Court in 1988 for the first time as the Precinct 1 Commissioner and held that position until Dec. 1, 1998 when he took office as the County Judge. Biscoe has had many awards and honors given to him in recognition of his public service, including the Austin Area Urban League Whitney M. Young Jr. Award and the NAACP Dewitty/Overton Award.

He currently serves on the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Board, which makes decisions regarding the region's future transportation projects. On Nov. 29, Biscoe announced he will not run for reelection to the Travis County Judge seat in 2014, saying he is ready for retirement.



Travis County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe has served on the Travis County Commissioners Court since 1988. He announced he will not seek reelection after this term, which ends in 2014.

You serve as chairman of the CAMPO **Transportation Policy Board. In your mind,** what do you look at when reviewing what projects should receive funding?

Small cities believe that whatever money they are entitled to should be spent in a manner that they deem to be necessary. I believe that CAMPO is supposed to be the regional transportation system sponsor, so I'm looking at state roads that impact more than one county.

At the same time, though, I take comfort in the fact that the City of Austin and Travis County can generate resources to take care of the local roads ... In my mind, the county ought to take care of county roads, the city ought to take care of city roads, and we ought to use federal dollars that come through CAMPO to take care of major arterials that impact more than one county.

... The other thing is we decided that we would fund road projects connected to centers, and centers are basically residential and commercial activity hubs. What

we decided was we were funding regional projects off the top, and the money that was left we would allocate by population. Well, most of the money went to City of Austin and Travis County anyway, if you're doing it by population. If we want to do regional projects, we ought to. My position is that Austin and Travis County should take the lead.

... To be honest, historically, Williamson County has done a much better job building roads than Travis County has. Our environmentalists, I think, have kept us from building roads at the pace that we should have and so we are way behind today.

Do you think there's any validity to **Commissioner Long's argument that some** of the projects that scored high for CAMPO funding were not necessarily the projects the counties or the cities would have picked?

I think you're right in that if we had each partner choose its projects, they

would have different recommendations. But that's true for Travis County also. The policy board is supposed to, in my view, serve the region.

We've got five counties. Caldwell and Bastrop alone, based on population, would never have the money to do significant projects ... So, off the top we put \$5 million aside for Caldwell County to do their transportation plan. You can't implement the plan unless you have one, but Caldwell would not have been able to

In my view, the right thing to do was to take the money off the top to make sure Caldwell County has a plan because future funding decisions for Caldwell County will be made from the plan.

On the population distribution ... if I were an elected official in a smaller county with limited resources, I might feel more strongly about each county having a say in its projects. But when I put my CAMPO hat on, I am convinced that we ought to serve as a policy board trying to

help the region.

How would it impact the average citizen if there was another Metropolitan Planning **Organization for Williamson County?**

Well, the first thing you have to understand is that most of the money from the state and the federal government has some kind of connection to population. So, Williamson County, Hays, though they discuss it all the time, will fare better financially by being part of a regional group. I assumed that they had reached the same conclusion, otherwise they would have acted on it, but I get word that they're talking about it all the time.

I think the average resident ought to understand that we draw down more money for the region than any small county can draw down acting alone. If there is an entity disadvantaged by the regional approach, I am convinced that the City of Austin and Travis County are, and that the facts will show that.



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Cypress School

Historic school long gone but not forgotten

By Emilie Boenig

ylie Hudson Jr. doesn't remember much about his first day of school, and at 80 years old, few would expect him to. He recalls the long walk from his childhood home to the dingy white, wooden schoolhouse atop the hill and can point out exactly where it stood despite more than 70 years of development surrounding it.

Cypress School was built in the 1860s on what is now privately owned land along Anderson Mill Road. The community erected a new school there in 1877 to serve the increasing student population, and in that building Hudson passed first and second grade during the depths of the Depression before Leander Independent School District annexed the area in 1937.

The school served students from first through sixth grade, all learning lessons in the same room from one teacher.

"Mrs. (Florence Walker) would give a certain length of time to each grade," Hudson said. "There weren't very many children in there all the time, maybe about 25 or so. Grades one through three would sit on one side and four to six on the other side of the room."

In a 1987 interview with retired Williamson County Archive Division Director Karen Thompson, Walker recalled the six years she taught at Cypress School.

"Even though 50-odd years had passed, she still remembered those kids just like they were standing right in front of her," Thompson said.

Comparing her time teaching to modern education, Walker told Thompson, "I think our one-room schools were as good as the present day when the teacher only sees the student for one class. I knew each student well and spent all day with him or her. Bigger is not better."

Walker died years ago, but she and Hudson shared similar details about the final Cypress School years. A few kids each morning fetched water from a nearby spring. They hauled the 5-gallon metal bucket brimming with water to the front of the classroom where it served as the communal drinking bowl.

"We had only one dipper to serve all the kids, including the teacher," Hudson said, laughing. "Nowadays, you'd never see that happen. But back then, nobody really worried about it."

The old schoolhouse fell years ago, the property shifting ownership numerous times, including to Hudson's father, who served as a trustee for Cypress School.

When LISD annexed the area in 1937, Hudson and the other children were bused to a new campus, no longer needing to trek valleys, hills, creeks and gravel paths each weekday morning and afternoon.

The closest landmark to where the oneroom schoolhouse once stood, aside from a large oak tree Hudson still remembers playing under, is a private drive along Anderson Mill Road and a business, Advanced Geosciences Inc.

"I would say this area has changed 100 percent," Hudson said.

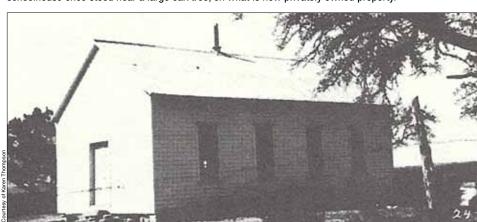
About a mile southwest from the original school site, a historical marker at namesake Cypress Elementary School stands as a reminder of the old Cypress School that served children for 70 years.



Historical marker at Cypress Elementary 2900 El Salido Parkway Cedar Park



Wylie Hudson Jr., a student at Cypress School for two years before it closed, identifies where the old schoolhouse once stood near a large oak tree, on what is now privately owned property.



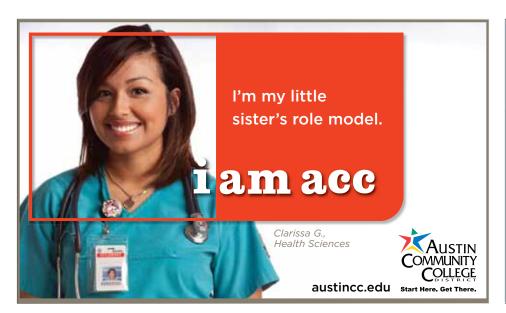
A photo of Cypress School is included in the book "The Defender," a 1936 publication documenting the rural schools in Travis County.



Cypress Elementary School in Leander ISD is home to the Cypress School namesake and historical marker



Local historian Karen Thompson (second from left) stands at the historical marker dedication with Leander ISD school board members and administrators on May 1989.





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Forest Oaks

Cedar Park 78613

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On the market (As of Dec. 1, 2001)

Featured homes

No. of homes

Home sales (Dec. 1, 2010-Dec. 1, 2011)

No. of homes sold in the last year	Square footage Low/High	Selling price Low/High		
65	1,357/4,163	\$133,000/\$360,000		

Overview



Build-out year: 2010

Builders: Bill Palmer Homes, Buffington Homes, Continental Homes, DR Horton, Gehan Homes, Hammonds Homes, Kimball Hill Homes, Lennar Homes, Meritage Homes, Morrison Homes, Newmark Homes, Palmer Homes, Ryland Homes, Weekley Homes

Number of homes: 1,009

Low/high square footage: 1,344–4,708 HOA dues (estimated): \$360 annually

Amenities: Common grounds, park, playground, community pool, tennis courts, clubhouse, jogging/biking path

Nearby Attractions: Toll 183A, Parmer Lane, H-E-B, Brushy Creek Lake and Sports Parks



Property taxes:

0.493501 City of Cedar Park: Williamson County: 0.457687 Austin Community College: 0.094800 Williamson County FM/RD: . 0.030000 Leander ISD: 1.499760 Upper Brushy Creek: 0.020000 Total (per \$100 value) 2.595748

Leander ISD schools

- Charlotte Cox Elementary School
- Henry Middle School
- Vista Ridge High School

1008 Bretton Woods Drive \$379,900 5 Bedroom / 4 Bath 4,708 sq. ft. Agent: Robert Guest, Keller Williams Realty



403 Darkwoods Drive \$265,000 5 Bedroom / 3 Bath 3,939 sq. ft. Agent: Mark Minchew, Re/Max Austin Associates 328-8333



1001 Linden Loop \$298,750 3,323 sq. ft. 4 Bedroom / 3.5 Bath Agent: Mary Ann Ramsel, Keller Williams Realty



1015 Cashew Lane \$259,900 5 Bedroom / 2.5 Bath 3,175 sq. ft. Agent: John Fields, Research Brokers 413-5141

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Recently, Grand Haven Homes announced its exclusive unveiling in Cap Rock ---a small, gated enclave of homes within the master planned community of Crystal Falls.

"We are genuinely excited to bring two home collections and our Lifezones™ solutions to the magnificent setting of Cap Rock at Crystal Falls", said Bob Kennedy of Grand Haven Homes. As a local homebuilder, Grand Haven is honored to have been selected as the exclusive homebuilder for this very special community.

Cap Rock at Crystal Falls features not only spectacular Hill Country views, an extensive greenbelt, and some of the area's best golf, but also a gated community built for a myriad of ages and lifestyles. Perfect for family entertaining or an active "Boomer" on- the-go, Grand Haven's floor plans meet the needs of a variety of generations. From acreage estates, master bath spas, mud room showers designed to wash muddy paws, there's something to inspire buyers of all ages with the Grand Haven Cap Rock collections.

Two portfolios are part of the offering, including the East Rim's Portocasa Collection, featuring tile roofs, stucco exteriors, and outdoor living areas including courtyards, verandas, and covered balconies. On the West Wing, Grand Haven features their award-winning line up of Hill Country Contemporary designs. Collectively, square footage ranges from 2,000 square feet to over 4,000 square feet priced from the \$290's- 400's. Each home can be personalized



The 6021 Residence at Cap Rock offers 4-5 bedrooms, 3.5-4 baths, game room, media room, sunroom, and rear balcony to optimize the views from Cap Rock's spectacular home sites.

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Grand Haven homes are built for living, and their success is resounding, creating a solid reputation for being the only local "first to market builder" providing new trends in home designs that truly enhance buyer lifestyle. Grand Haven is pleased to announce four new communities for 2012, Pearson Place at Avery Ranch, Sarita Valley, Northwoods at Avery Ranch, and the Estates at Crystal Falls.

Experience the thoughtfully designed and built homes of Grand Haven - To learn more, visit www.GrandHavenHomes. net, or call Bob Kennedy at 512-610-6800.



Market Data Cedar Park and Leander

On the market (Nov. 1-30)

Monthly home sales

Market Data provided by Nason Hengst Keller Williams 775-7900 | nason@nasoncompany.com

	Number of h	omes for sale	Average days on the market			Number of h	omes for sale	Number of homes for sale	
Price Range	CLN*	CLS*	CLN	CLS	Month	CLN	CLS	CLN	CL
Less than \$100,000	16	5	68	102	November 2011	52	62	\$175,224	\$214
\$100,000-\$149,900	153	32	68	116	November 2010	66	52	\$166,716	\$227
\$150,000-\$199,900	124	85	78	71	October 2011	52	62	\$186,952	\$214
\$200,000-\$299,900	72	144	91	82	September 2011	86	57	\$169,882	\$245
\$300,000-\$399,900	42	27	118	99	August 2011	77	78	\$168,099	\$221
\$400,000-\$499,900	26	15	115	88	July 2011	62	71	\$162,780	\$233
\$500,000-\$749,900	24	4	147	147	June 2011	83	79	\$170,300	\$225
\$750,000-\$999,900	1	4	137	81	May 2011	65	58	\$158,062	\$225
\$1 million +	2	2	653	60	April 2011	81	66	\$171,588	\$252

^{*}Beginning in 2007, the Cedar Park/Leander area was changed from Multiple Listing Service area CL, which included all of Leander and Cedar Park, to MLS areas CLN and CLS, divided by FM 1431. CLN includes most of Leander,

Property Listings

ZIP code	City	Subdivision	Address	Bed/Bath	Price	Sq. ft.	Agent	Phone	Agency
78613	Cedar Park	Anderson Mill West	2016 Dayflower Terrace	3br/2ba	\$159,000	1,725	Monica DiSchiano	923-5242	Austin City Living
78613	Cedar Park	Breakaway Park	2814 Kenai Drive	4br/2ba	\$800,000	3,068	Terri Romere	431-5435	Keller Williams Realty-RR
78613	Cedar Park	Buttercup Creek	807 Cedar Cove	3br/2ba	\$101,900	1,350	Allen Norwood	289-9546	Keller Williams Realty
78613	Cedar Park	Buttercup Creek	1216 Thistle Trail	5br/2ba	\$219,000	2,672	Patricia Fitzpatrick	925-0161	Amelia Bullock, Realtors
78613	Cedar Park	Buttercup Creek	813 Maurice Drive	3br/3ba	\$359,900	3,349	Carla Ramm	250-0550	Keller Williams Realty
78613	Cedar Park	Buttercup Creek	1872 Nelson Ranch Loop	4br/2ba	\$267,500	2,551	Ernesto Hernandez	968-4663	Keller Williams Realty
78613	Cedar Park	Carriage Hills	1721 Fairweather Way	4br/2ba	\$147,900	1,606	Karen Salley	669-3115	Keller Williams Realty
78613	Cedar Park	Cedar Park Towncenter	1711 Big Bend Drive	3br/2ba	\$161,900	2,221	Patricia Smith	637-8277	Keller Williams Realty
78613	Cedar Park	Cedar Park Towncenter	1411 Davis Mountain Loop	3br/2ba	\$164,900	1,880	Kathy Stafford	626-9559	Keller Williams Realty

ZIP code guide

78613 Cedar Park **78641** Leander **78717** Austin



1721 Fairweather Way, Cedar Park \$147,900



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Property Listings

ZIP code	City	Subdivision	Address	Bed/Bath	Price	Sq. ft.	Agent	Phone	Agency
78613	Cedar Park	Cypress Canyon	605 Basie Bend	4br/2ba	\$279,500	2,750	Karen McCarty	345-1030	Keller Williams Realty
78613	Cedar Park	Enclave Shady Trails	1306 Colby Lane	4br/3ba	\$309,900	2,759	Terronald Logan	532-5601	Keller Williams Realty
78613	Cedar Park	Forest Oaks	1120 Willowbrook Drive	4br/3ba	\$245,900	3,196	Otis Fields	923-9743	Keller Williams Realty-RR
78613	Cedar Park	Forest Oaks	1008 Sedalia St.	5br/3ba	\$297,000	3,694	Patricia Smith	637-8277	Keller Williams Realty
78613	Cedar Park	Forest Oaks	1008 Bretton Woods Drive	5br/4ba	\$379,900	4,708	Robert Guest	616-4100	Keller Williams Realty
78613	Cedar Park	Gann Ranch	2110 Ariella Drive	4br/3ba	\$190,000	2,592	John Little	637-8400	Keller Williams Realty
78613	Cedar Park	Gann Ranch	2114 Ariella Drive	4br/3ba	\$219,900	2,565	Bobbie Ruiz	529-9742	Keller Williams Realty-RR
78613	Cedar Park	Gann Ranch	2303 Mayfield Way	4br/3ba	\$239,900	3,217	John Little	637-8400	Keller Williams Realty
78613	Cedar Park	Park Place	305 Mesa Verde St.	3br/2ba	\$189,000	1,977	Sharon Davis	413-1280	Coldwell Banker United Realtor
78613	Cedar Park	Ranch at Brushy Creek	3705 Juniper Hills St.	3br/2ba	\$194,500	1,920	Jann Benton	930-5266	Coldwell Banker United Realtor
78613	Cedar Park	Ranch at Brushy Creek	209 Brangus Road	5br/4ba	\$496,900	3,705	Liz Ott	338-4771	Keller Williams Realty
78613	Cedar Park	Ranch at Deer Creek	1110 Challa Drive	4br/3ba	\$263,900	2,378	Mary Battaglia	767-6787	Coldwell Banker United Realtor
78613	Cedar Park	Ranch at Deer Creek	1405 Grand Falls Drive	5br/4ba	\$430,000	3,770	Ken Bartlett	418-1435	Keller Williams Realty
78613	Cedar Park	Silver Oak	1517 Canvasback Trail	5br/3ba	\$277,500	4,105	Douglas Young	762-7761	Coldwell Banker United Realtor
78613	Cedar Park	Sunset Ridge	2930 Grand Oaks Loop	2br/2ba	\$235,000	1,576	Tate Chiles	305-3720	e-Executive Realty
78613	Cedar Park	Twin Creeks Country Club	2520 Durlston Court	4br/2ba	\$289,500	2,951	Janice Hurst	507-6988	Amelia Bullock, Realtors
78613	Cedar Park	Walsh Trails	513 Walsh Hill Trail	4br/2ba	\$277,323	2,806	April Maki	470-7979	Sisu Realty & Associates
78613	Cedar Park	Walsh Trails	519 Walsh Hill Trail	4br/3ba	\$281,487	2,802	April Maki	470-7979	Sisu Realty & Associates
78641	Leander	Benbrook Ranch	909 Remington Drive	4br/2ba	\$149,500	1,803	Valencia Key	296-3603	Keller Williams Realty
78641	Leander	Block House Creek	2702 Tumlinson Fort Drive	3br/2ba	\$79,900	1,269	Marilyn Williams	413-5078	Keller Williams Realty
78641	Leander	Block House Creek	1410 Molson Lake Drive	3br/2ba	\$134,995	1,341	Judith Copple	864-2500	Keller Williams Realty-RR
78641	Leander	Block House Creek	17515 Bottle Springs Lane	3br/2ba	\$149,999	1,744	Danielle Babin	619-1456	Keller Williams - Lake Travis
78641	Leander	Block House Creek	2509 Hutton Lane	3br/2ba		1,511	Gail Huebel	848-3477	Keller Williams Realty
78641	Leander	County Glen	2200 Newcastle Lane	3br/2ba	\$150,000	1,384	Kevin Karos	744-4167	RE/MAX Capital City II
78641	Leander	GC & SFRR Co.	12400 Wire Road	4br/2ba	\$979,000	3,619	Denny Holt	694-1103	Denny Holt Realtors
78641	Leander	Grand Mesa at Crystal Falls	1602 Coronado	3br/3ba	\$499,999	4,105	Karen Salley	669-3115	Keller Williams Realty
78641	Leander	Highlands at Crystal Falls	2528 Quick Fort Drive	4br/4ba	\$386,900	3,664	Liz Ott	338-4771	Keller Williams Realty
78641	Leander	Highlands at Crystal Falls	1617 Buffalo Thunder	4br/3ba	\$399,900	3,749	Liz Ott	338-4771	Keller Williams Realty
78641	Leander	Horizon Park	307 Ashbury Drive	3br/2ba	\$129,900	1,675	Helen Chiang	422-5902	Pacesetter Properties
78641	Leander	Horizon Park	505 Glen Valley Lane	4br/2ba	\$182,500	3,244	Fred Norton	658-9411	Prudential Texas Realty
78641	Leander	Lakeline Ranch	20 Verde Ranch Loop	3br/2ba	\$119,900	1,892	Carla Ramm	250-0550	Keller Williams Realty
78641	Leander	Lakeline Ranch	2605 White Stallion Way	3br/2ba	\$184,900	2,106	Marek Wojtyla	785-3251	e-Executive Realty
78641	Leander	Leander Heights	517 Powell Drive	3br/2ba	\$220,000	2,895	Ernesto Hernandez	968-4663	Keller Williams Realty
78641	Leander	Mason Creek	1707 Parkwood Drive	4br/2ba	\$147,250	1,550	Sherri Teepen	636-7444	
78641		North Creek	702 Eaglecreek Drive	4br/2ba	\$147,250	2,364	John Little	637-8400	Keller Williams Realty-RR Keller Williams Realty
78641	Leander Leander	Ridgetop Acres	22707 Divide Drive	3br/2ba	\$79,900	1,484	Paula Paulette	966-8321	RE/MAX Centx Assoc.
					\$347,000				
78641	Leander	Stonehurst	6311 Acacia Drive	3br/2ba		3,060	Noel Green	925-3165	Keller Williams Realty
78641	Leander	Summerlyn	408 Kingfisher Lane	3br/2ba	\$142,685	1,739	Matthew Menard	947-8787	Keller Williams Realty
78641	Leander	Summerlyn	316 Kingfisher Lane	3br/2ba	\$143,020	1,695	Matthew Menard	947-8787	Keller Williams Realty
78641	Leander	Summerlyn	165 Housefinch Loop	3br/2ba	\$148,725	1,605	Pamela Buske	704-4672	RE/MAX Capital City II
78641	Leander	Summerlyn	161 Housefinch Loop	4br/2ba	\$185,565	2,513	Pamela Buske	704-4672	RE/MAX Capital City II
78641	Leander	Summerlyn	300 Kingfisher Lane	3br/2ba	\$135,960	1,425	Matthew Menard	947-8787	Keller Williams Realty
78641	Leander	Summerlyn	320 King Elder Lane	4br/2ba			Russell Phillips	698-7877	Keller Williams Realty
78641	Leander	Vista Ridge	500 Red Hawk Drive	5br/3ba	\$250,000		Mary Battaglia	767-6787	Coldwell Banker United Realtor
78641	Leander	Westwood	214 Ran Road	3br/2ba	\$129,900	2,256	Howard Nemetsky	415-3050	Hill Country Realty
78717	Austin	Avery Ranch	15812 Double Eagle Drive	4br/3ba	\$420,000	3,840	Betsy Gallagher	431-8265	Coldwell Banker United Realtor
78717	Austin	Avery Ranch	9308 Muskberry Cove	4br/2ba	\$224,500	1,933	Walter Matthys	695-7119	J.B. Goodwin, RealtorS
78717	Austin	Avery Ranch Far West	11305 Dodge Cattle Drive	3br/2ba	\$212,500		Lisa Marie Contaldi	784-5111	Intero Real Estate Services
78717	Austin	Brushy Creek Village	16900 Village Oak Loop	3br/2ba	\$134,500	1,317	Peggy Duke-Sargent	657-2177	Keller Williams Realty
78717	Austin	Highland Horizon	124 Azimuth Drive	4br/3ba	\$387,695	3,393	Jimmy Rado	821-8872	David Weekley Homes
78717	Austin	Highland Horizon	225 Southern Cross Drive	3br/3ba	\$425,000	3,542	Elicia Gower	657-7510	Keller Williams Realty
78717	Austin	Meadows Brushy Creek	15800 Rustic Lane	4br/3ba	\$257,900	2,921	Marty Kaye	799-7355	RE/MAX Capital City II
78717	Austin	Plaza Townhomes at Avery Ranch Condo	14812 Avery Ranch Blvd.	3br/2ba	\$175,000	1,646	Phoenix Pike	762-7313	Keller Williams Realty



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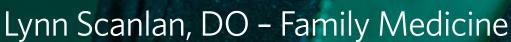
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