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Toll 183A development back on track

Projects begin moving north

By Joe Lanane

Nearly one year since Toll 183A expanded 5 miles north into Leander, development and infrastructure is starting to follow.

The tollway, operated with user funds by the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority, officially opened its second phase north of FM 1431 on April 6, 2012. The tollway in recent weeks has added exits at Hero Way and San Gabriel Parkway.

The expansion helps bring the area out of the Austin metropolitan fringe and into relevance among developers, Leander Urban Designer Pix Howell said. Interest is particularly high, he said, around Leander's transit-oriented development (TOD) district located between Toll 183A and the Capital Metro Park & Ride station.

"Whether suburban or TOD, the



Scottsdale Crossing, a mixed-use development on Toll 183A, is one of the latest construction projects along the tollway. Land brokers said they anticipate development to continue north along the road as tollway demand increases.

infrastructure had to be put in place before it really had the viability of [a traditional urban] project," Howell said. "You also need the rooftops to attract the commercial development."

With more than 12,000 homes—many near Toll 183A—in various stages of development in Leander alone, it is increasingly easier to incentivize motorists to travel that far north, Mobility Authority Director Mike Heiligenstein said.

"A lot of people seemed hesitant at first to

bring up the tollway as an asset," Heiligenstein said. "Now developers and subdivisions both mention how close and convenient they are to [Toll] 183A."

Delayed development

After waiting seven years, land broker Dennis McDaniel is now realizing his vision for Scottsdale Crossing, a mixed-use project immediately east of the Block House Creek

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Cedar Park considers new transportation master plan

City to evaluate top transportation needs in 2013

By Emilie Boenig

Cedar Park city leaders are working to update the city's transportation master plan, a blueprint for planning roadways and other means of travel. On March 28, City Council will consider hiring an engineer for the plan, which identifies the most-needed road projects.

"This transportation plan has not had a comprehensive update since 2002, and many or most of the projects that are in that plan are completed," said Sam Roberts, assistant city manager. "We have a pretty good idea of most of the projects that are going to be on the list, but I don't doubt there will be some additional projects that come out of the update process."

The city has already identified 17 projects it intends to pursue in the

coming years. Those projects will be combined with any that arise from the engineering firm's research as well as input from City Council and the community. City staff and consultants will then evaluate and prioritize each transportation project based on several criteria including mobility, economic development and emergency access.

"Typically, we choose the experts from each department in the city to deal with that specific matter. We provide them with maps and educate them about the projects we already have, and then they sit down with their staff and they rank them," Roberts said. "For environmental [concerns], we will use an outside consultant that does environmental consulting work for us who will

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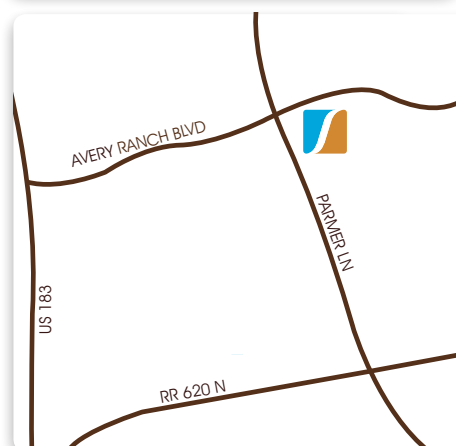
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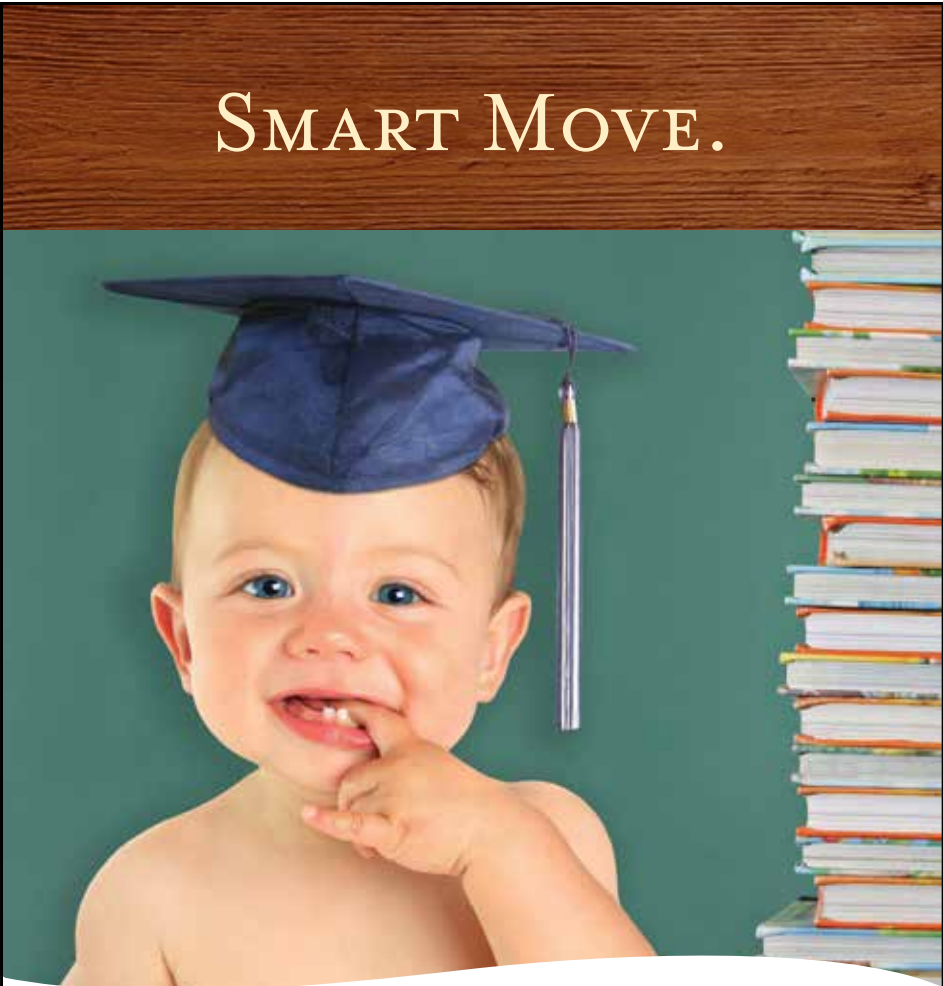
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FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER



Spring is in the air, and the Easter holiday weekend is fast approaching.

And as I plan my Easter weekend agenda, I realize how many options I have to get to my desired destinations. Whether I am considering a trip to my favorite grocery store to buy a dozen eggs, chocolate bunnies or egg dye, or to

my favorite restaurant or relative's house, I have more options than ever before.

In recent weeks, *Community Impact Newspaper* has reported on roadway expansions that affect the way Cedar Park and Leander residents get around. Most recently, for example, San Gabriel Parkway and Hero Way opened to traffic from Toll 183A. This edition's front-page story also goes into more depth about Scottsdale Crossing, another one of the new developments

along the tollway. That project has been in the works for the past seven years, a sign that development may be starting to pick back up.

Scottsdale Crossing is among several developments starting to show more signs of life along Toll 183A. We can only hope the new homes and businesses begin to pop up along the tollway like colored eggs sprinkled across the lawn on Easter Sunday.

Enjoy your holiday weekend, whatever it may entail, and be sure to travel safely along the many new thoroughfares in the area. By reading this issue, you can even start planning future routes as Cedar Park unveils some of the top transportation projects on the city's priority list. We will continue to update our readers on the transportation needs of this community, and we hope you're excited to learn more about this necessary roadwork.

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COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

TAKE THE POLL

This month's issue highlights many local transportation projects and the effect they have on other aspects of life in Cedar Park and Leander. Toll 183A, in particular, has changed the landscape for these two communities, but how often do you actually use the tollway? We want to know how much our readers incorporate this new thoroughfare into their everyday lives. We look forward to the results.

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LAST MONTH'S POLL RESULTS

The most recent poll results follow February's front-page story about the Leander Professional Firefighters Association seeking to gain civil service status. The topic has drawn much attention from readers in Leander and beyond.

Would you support the Leander firefighters in their quest for civil service status?

Absolutely, place the initiative on the ballot

46.37%

Keep civil service out of my community

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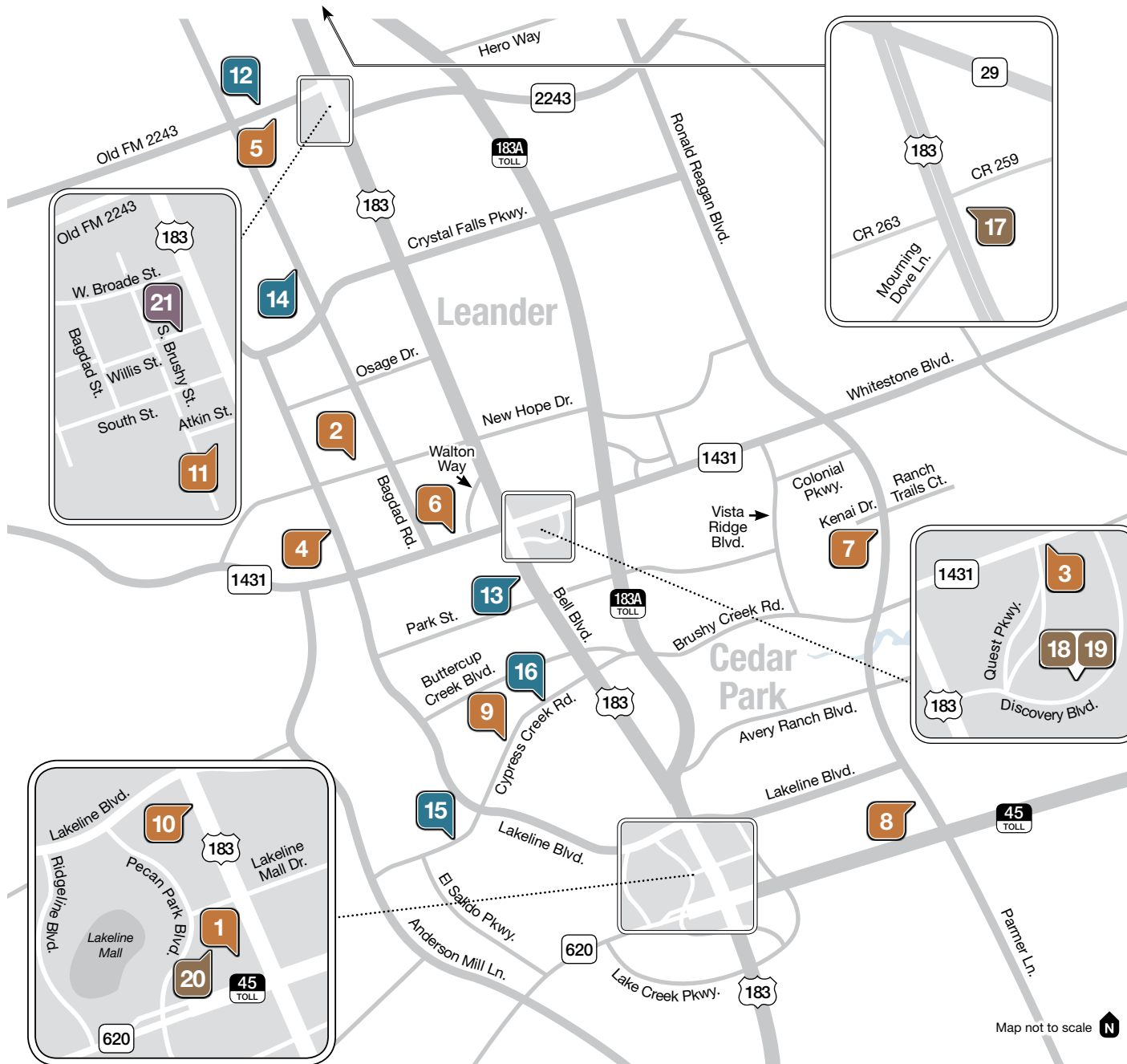


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IMPACTS



Now Open

1 Soto, 11066 Pecan Park Blvd., Ste. 402, Cedar Park, opened March 4 in the Lakeline Plaza. The traditional, upscale Japanese restaurant has some French influences and includes fresh, seasonal items from Texas. The restaurant also have a sushi bar. 512-257-0788. www.sotoaustin.com

2 Austin Dog Alliance plans to officially move into its new site at 1321 W. New Hope Drive, Cedar Park, on March 4. The 7.4-acre tract of land allows the alliance more room to easily perform dog training, rescue work and therapy assistance. At least six full-time volunteers will work at the new headquarters. 512-335-7100. www.austindogalliance.org

3 Blue Corn Harvest, 700 E. Whitestone Blvd., Ste. 206, Cedar Park, opened March 7. The new Southwest fusion restaurant is run by two former Z'Tejas executive chefs and features produce from the Cedar Park Farmers Market. They also offer many American-themed dishes and Texas beer and alcohol. 512-528-0889. www.bluecornharvest.com

9 Grove & Davis Insurance Agency, 1001 Cypress Creek Road, Ste. 106, Cedar Park, opened Jan. 2. The agency offers insurance from personal, home, auto and health to high-casualty, business and other forms of insurance. Jason Grove works out of the company's second location, which was previously based solely in Corpus Christi. 512-966-9592. www.grovedavisins.com

4 Fall's Cleaners, 1201 Lakeline Blvd., Ste. 750, Cedar Park, opened in mid-December. The family-owned, cleaners specializes in all types of clothing, with an additional drop-off site on New Hope Drive. 512-528-9742

5 Dr. Sam Morehead opened **Leander Veterinary Clinic**, 11699 W. Old FM 2243, Ste. 110, Leander, on Feb. 6. The full-service, 2,500-square-foot clinic includes comprehensive veterinary services and pet boarding. 512-260-0400.

6 Nebraska-based cookie chain **Eileen's Colossal Cookies**, 401 W. Whitestone Blvd., Ste. C800, Cedar Park, opened March 14. Owner Sunnie Fox brought the concept with her from Lincoln, Neb., where she previously lived. The shop offers cookies by the dozen as well as specialty cookies and cookie cakes by request. 512-456-7110. www.eileenscookies.com

7 Owner Nathan Bunker planned to open a 5,000-square-foot **Anytime Fitness**, 12101 W. Parmer Lane, Cedar Park, on March 18. The 24-hour gym includes all major exercise and weight-lifting equipment as well as anytime virtual group training classes. 512-436-9645. www.anytimefitness.com

8 Cuppa Austin, 9225 W. Parmer Lane, Ste. B101, Austin, opened Feb. 7 at the former Scooters location. The shop offers gourmet coffees and teas, specially brewed teas, smoothies and Italian sodas as well as pastries and breakfast tacos all day. The 1,300-square-foot site can seat 30. www.cuppaatx.com

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10 Waterloo Tan opened March 9 at the new Lakeline Market plaza next to the new H-E-B Plus, 14028 N. US 183, Ste. 110, Austin. The upscale tanning salon also maintains its original location at the University Oaks Shopping Center in Round Rock. 512-249-8267. www.waterlootan.com

11 Owner Mike Irene started **Hit Maker Music School**, 208 S. Brushy St., Leander. The performance-gear school opened Feb. 10, but Irene has been working with students since 2005. The new location allows him to teach contemporary music as well as some classical, Irene said. Students also get opportunities to perform together as ensembles, he said. 512-549-2454. www.hitmakermusicschool.com

Melissa Norris began assisting vacation-seekers in January as part of **Cruise Planners**, a full-service, global travel agency. She can assist with Disney trips and special needs accessibility and can meet remotely. 512-494-5470. www.truebluecruise.com

Coming Soon

12 Upland Outfitters, a 2,000-square-foot specialty outdoor and gun shop, is scheduled to open April 1 at 11880 Old FM 2243, Ste. 204, Leander. Leander Mayor Chris Fielder owns the shop, which offers various guns, archery equipment and other outdoor gear such as cases, duck calls, ammunition, binoculars, scopes, blinds, scents and cleaning supplies. There will also be concealed handgun license courses taught a couple times per month on-site, he said, as well as a gunsmith who can perform repairs. 512-259-1133. uplandoutfitters@att.net

13 Pho What!, 251 N. Bell Blvd., Ste. 105, Cedar Park, is expected to open the first or second week of April in a 1,250-square-foot spot that has been vacant at least six years. The authentic Vietnamese menu will be simple, owner John Nguyen said. The cooking process takes 12–16 hours, he said.

14 Live Oak Church is scheduled to move from the 1890 Ranch shopping center in Cedar Park to a new building north of the Leander Public Library on Bagdad Road in Leander. The 2-year-old church hopes to build on the site in the next eight to nine months, with build-out completed 18 months following that. The first 6,000-square-foot building will primarily serve as a children's center and sanctuary until further expansion occurs. The land was donated to the Presbyterian church by the Mason family. 512-775-5714. www.liveoak-church.com

15 NTFN Mortgage leased a 2,350-square-foot branch office in Sun Chase Plaza at 1907 Cypress Creek Road, Cedar Park. The home lender intends to move into the site by May 1. www.ntfn.com

16 9Round Fitness, a 30-minute kickboxing fitness center, plans to open at 401 Cypress Creek Road, Ste. 400, Cedar Park, by late April to early May. The gym has no class times and instead cycles people in 3-minute intervals through nine different stations. Every membership also comes with a trainer on the gym floor at all times. 823-233-1253. www.9round.com

Relocations

17 Smokey Mo's Bar-B-Q is scheduled to relocate its Liberty Hill/north Leander restaurant nearby to a new 3,000-square-foot site at 719 US 183. The new location will include more dining space, as it is twice the size of the barbecue restaurant's existing location. The move is expected to begin March 31 and conclude by April 3. 512-515-0668. www.smokeymosbbq.com

18 Art school **The Studio** officially relocated to a new, larger site March 9 at 715 Discovery Blvd., Ste. 403, Cedar Park. The expansion helped increase the facility from three to five classrooms, allowing for more opportunities to teach various art, painting and drawing courses. There is also more room to allow music lessons

and art therapy classes. 512-773-3283. www.cedarparkartlessons.com

19 Blush This Salon & Boutique is scheduled to relocate two doors down to a larger, 1,600-square-foot site at 715 Discovery Blvd., Ste. 204, Cedar Park. The move allows the salon to increase services, add a boutique section and continue offering haircuts, spray tans, massages, lash extensions and more. Construction began on the new site in early March, with completion anticipated by early April. The shop first opened in August 2011 and outgrew its original 700-square-foot location. 512-259-9899. www.blushthissalon.com

20 Children's barbershop **Sharkey's Cuts for Kids** is expected to relocate to a new site within the Lakeline Plaza at 11066 Pecan Park Blvd., Ste. C415, Cedar Park. The move will likely take place during Easter weekend when the shop will already be closed. 512-257-1957. www.sharkeyscutsforkids.com

Under New Management

21 Shea's Place, 105 W. Willis St., Leander, shifted its menu to primarily include Mexican food as well as previous customer favorites. New manager Gabriel Rodriguez will oversee the restaurant, using his past experience from the Houston-based Ninfa's chain. 512-986-8719

In the News

The **Texas Department of Transportation** announced March 13 that it will reduce tolls starting April 1 through the end of March 2014 for semitrailers on SH 130 and SH 45 SE in an effort to reduce traffic on I-35 in Austin. For semitrailers with four or more axles, rates are reduced by more than 67 percent, according to the news release. The pilot program still needs to be approved by the Texas Transportation Commission, the governing board for TxDOT, at its March 28 meeting.



Japanese restaurant **Soto** features a sushi bar and separate lunch and dinner menus.



Fall's Cleaners store manager Jeff Dungan operates the dry-cleaning service on Lakeline Boulevard.



A gun store called **Upland Outfitters** is expected to open next to Little Caesar's in Leander.



Shea's Place altered its menu in March to include primarily Mexican food and customer favorites.

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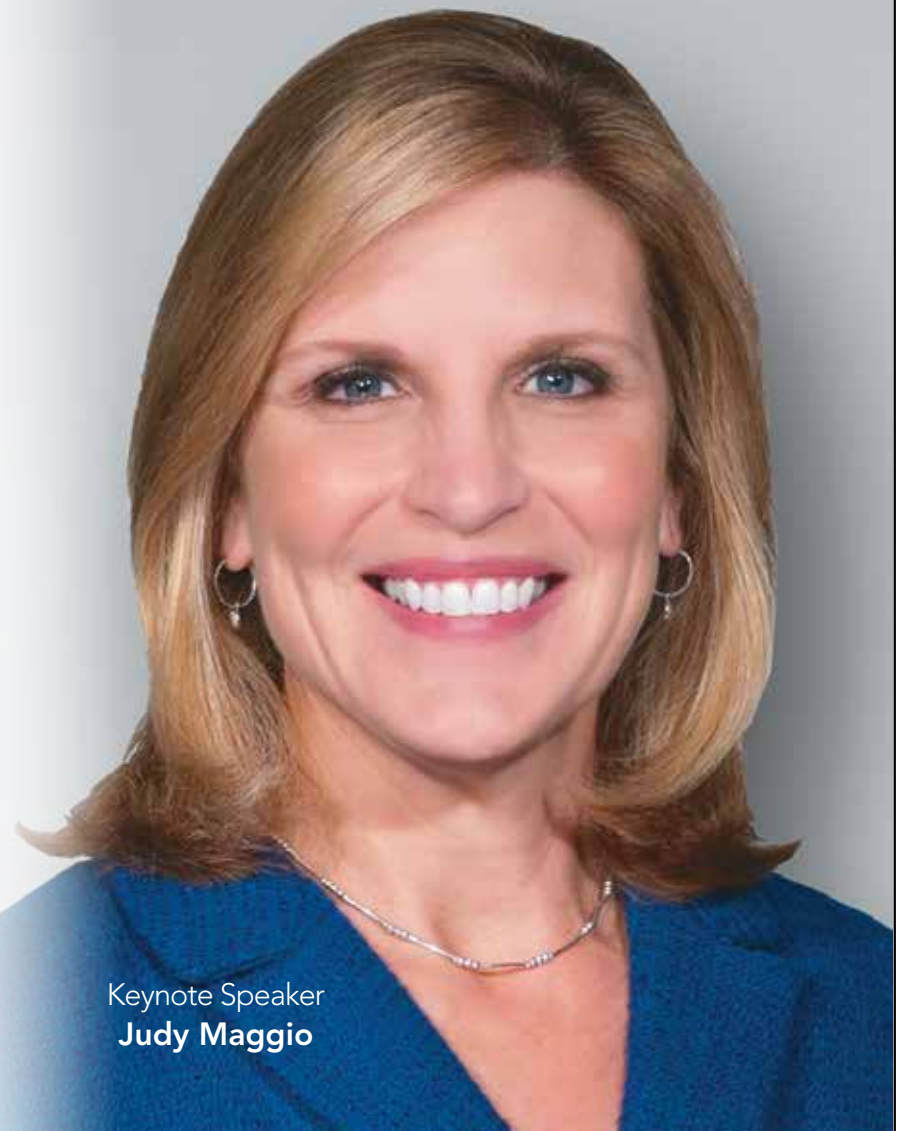
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Leander seeks to add baseball diamonds soon

CPYL growth helping to fuel need for expansion

By Joe Lanane

Before Cedar Park or Leander ever officially incorporated, Cedar Park Youth League baseball was already hard at work.

Formed in 1972, the independent youth baseball organization strives to serve all Leander ISD-area students.

“Our goal as a board is to never turn down a kid,” CPYL President Scott Foster said. “Without them, we wouldn’t exist, so they’re essential to our success.”

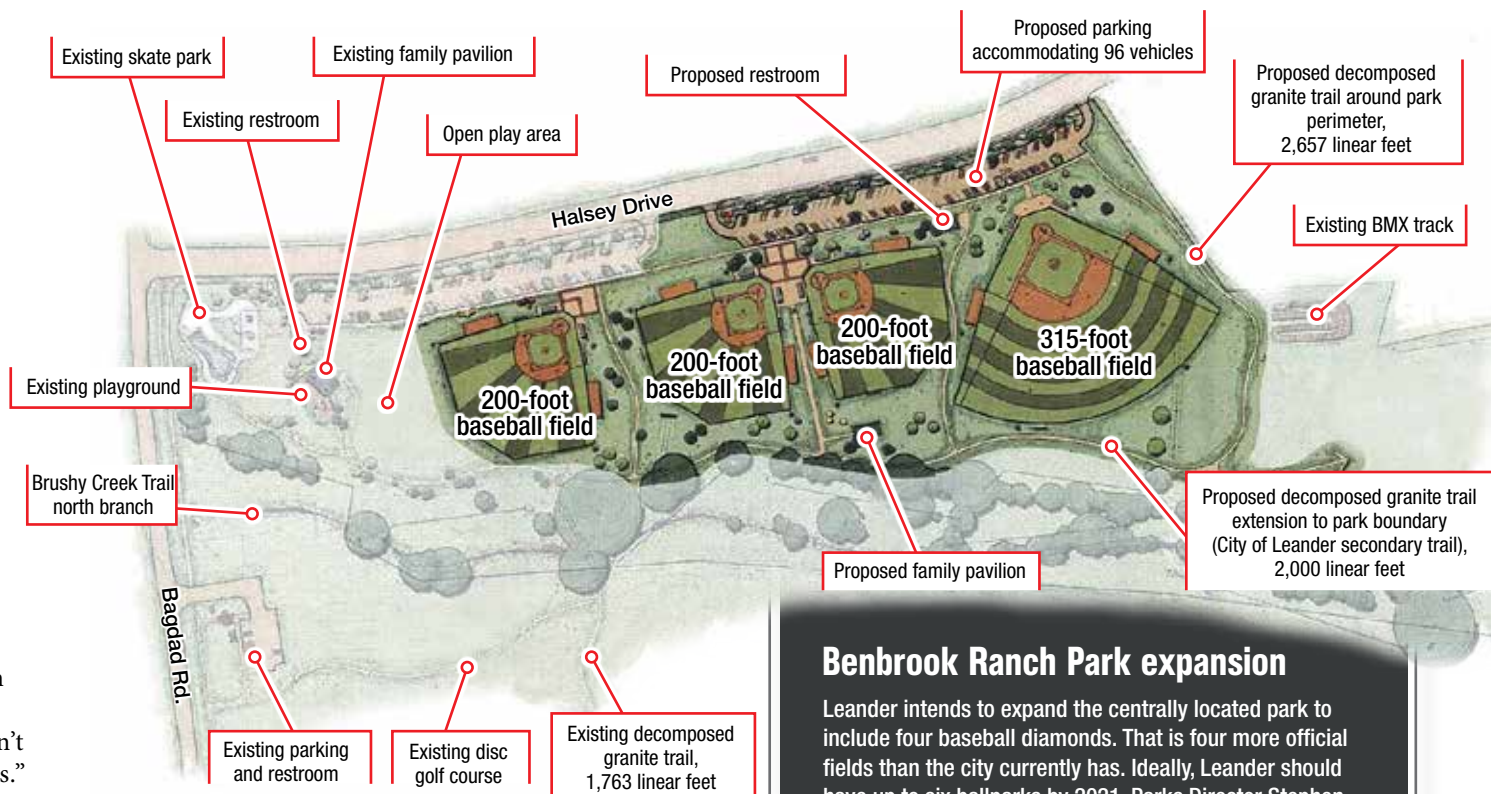
Despite a modest decline in enrollment this season, the 1,400-member league is growing beyond the nine-field park set aside for the group on Cypress Creek Road in Cedar Park.

Approximately two-thirds of all players hail from Cedar Park, while another 20 percent travel south from Leander. League members also travel from Lago Vista and Burnet, among other areas, to compete. In total, Foster estimates approximately 10,000 people each week visit the CPYL park for a baseball-related activity.

But as the league continues to grow near capacity, Leander city officials said they realize it may be up to them to ensure their city’s youth continue to have a place to play America’s pastime.

The problem: Leander has zero official ball diamonds right now, at least four fewer than a city its size ought to have, Parks Director Stephen Bosak said. In a survey issued by the city, Leander residents expressed the desire for more youth sports complexes in city limits, further increasing the need for baseball fields, he said.

The solution, Bosak said, is to build



Benbrook Ranch Park expansion

Leander intends to expand the centrally located park to include four baseball diamonds. That is four more official fields than the city currently has. Ideally, Leander should have up to six ballparks by 2021, Parks Director Stephen Bosak said. It is undetermined if the Cedar Park Youth League baseball organization would host games at the new fields.

Source: City of Leander

four new fields at Benbrook Ranch Park. The problem is coming up with money to finance the project.

“We’re open to anything we can find,” Bosak said. “But grant money is drying up, and federal money is tight.”

The sense of urgency to complete the project is increased because of a 2008 deal between CPYL and the City of Cedar Park that provided the baseball organization with \$1.8 million for field improvements and a two-diamond expansion. The money also covered new lighting for all nine fields, a new irrigation system and a new concession and equipment storage building.

In exchange, the group changed its named from Leander-Cedar Park Youth League to CPYL, agreed to dedicate its playing area as Cedar Park parkland and volunteers agreed Cedar Park residents must be fielded first.

“What people heard in Leander is that we’re going to kick out Leander kids,” Foster said. “Our goal is to not do that.”

The board has advocated to keep CPYL

baseball associated with Leander, he said, even though the league is unable to help fund the Benbrook Ranch Park expansion. Nonetheless, Foster said he wants CPYL to work with Bosak and the City of Leander to help ensure the two communities continue to compete as one.

“We want to be part of [that project]—what that means, we don’t know,” Foster said. “We just know we want to be a stakeholder in that process.”

Right now, Leander’s priority is solely on building the baseball diamonds, Bosak said, before the city shifts its concentration to the fields’ best use.

“This is truly an ‘if you build it, they will come’ scenario,” he said.

The project took a step forward late last year when the Leander City Council set aside \$100,000 for construction and design plans for the Benbrook Ranch Park expansion. Bosak said having such an amenity in Leander would make life

much easier on local families.

“Kids can stay home, parents don’t have to travel to other communities,” he said. “It also increases property values when there’s good parks around the community.”

If enough dedicated parkland money emerges for the full-scale project—estimated at approximately \$2 million—construction could start late this year, Bosak said. Having the fields ready for play by 2016 is “doable,” he said, if not sooner.

In the meantime, there is no magic enrollment figure that puts CPYL over capacity, Foster said. The risk, he said, is losing quality in exchange for increased capacity. Ways to remedy that problem include increasing the length of the season or reducing the number of games.

“There are lots of ideas to increase capacity and still maintain quality,” Foster said.

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NEWS REPORT

LCRA cuts off rice farmers for second consecutive year

Cedar Park, Leander join area water coalition

By Joe Lanane

The Lower Colorado River Authority's March 1 deadline to cut off downstream rice farmers from Highland Lakes water passed undramatically this year.

Lakes Travis and Buchanan combined to hold less than 823,000 acre-feet of water—or 41 percent of capacity—by the deadline, well less than the 850,000 acre-feet minimum threshold, prompting LCRA to enact its second emergency order in as many years.

"Last time [2012 emergency order deadline] was very, very close—less than a 1,000 acre-feet difference, so it was tight," said Jo Karr Tedder, president of the Central Texas Water Coalition, which represents lake-area businesses and residents.

Southeastern Texas rice farmers will be cut off from the drought-depleted Highland Lakes, resulting in 55,000 acres of lost rice farming production, said

Ronald Gertson, a rice farmer and chairman of the Colorado Water Issues Committee, which represents rice farmers.

If no emergency order had been enacted, rice farmers would have received water under the pending 2012 water management plan, which is under technical review by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

"Not a lot of folks realize that," Gertson said, as he and other organized groups shift focus to the pending plan.

TCEQ has approximately 12 months to make a ruling after the plan is submitted, meaning a decision should come soon.

"The plan should be the plan—we shouldn't be departing from it, especially right after it is put into place," Gertson said. "When you have the potential for having emergency orders year after year, then something is not right."

Many LCRA firm water customers, which are mandated water



The Highland Lakes were more than 25,000 acre-feet short of the 850,000 acre-feet minimum capacity needed by March 1 in order for downstream rice farmers to receive any water.

before downstream rice farmers, have expressed interest in keeping the 2012-approved plan intact and have consequently formed their own coalition.

Cedar Park and Leander each agreed to join the Highland Lakes Firm Water Customers Cooperative, joining municipal partners Burnet and Pflugerville as well as the Lakeway Municipal Utility District, Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 17, and the West Travis County Public Utility Agency. Austin city officials will also be involved but will participate in an advisory role.

Each city paid \$4,000 into the

cooperative for legal support.

Additional expenses will require individual city council approval.

"I think it presents a united, well-coordinated opinion on behalf of all the cities and utility districts that are participating," said Leander Utilities Director Pat Womack, who was selected to represent the city on the coalition. "It also pools our resources."

Katherine Woerner, Cedar Park director of community affairs, was also picked to serve on the cooperative's executive committee. She called the coalition the firm water customer equivalent of CWIC and CTWC.

"We want to be proactive

because there may be some contention to the plan or people who reject elements of it," Woerner told Cedar Park City Council. "[The cooperative] also gives the group legal standing should there be any contested hearings at TCEQ."

Karr Tedder said a TCEQ decision could come by the end of March. While the plan is not ideal given the looming drought conditions, she said, anything less would be a step back.

"You can only live in denial for so long," she said. "I don't care who you are or what part of the basin you're on—or if you're running the basin."



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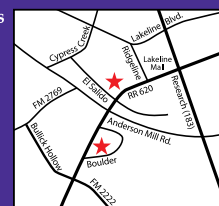
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NEWS UPDATE

Cedar Park comprehensive plan committee convenes

Residents and community leaders collaborate to offer input on the city's future

By Emilie Boenig

Cedar Park took one small step Feb. 21 toward building its future when the newly appointed Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee met for its first work session. The 14-member group of resident volunteers, community leaders and City Council members conferred with city staff and engineering consultant group Freese and Nichols about the purpose of the ad hoc committee.

"If we didn't have a plan or a guide for the city, Cedar Park would still go on. It's just easier for appointed officials to make decisions about development if there's a plan," said Dan Sefko, group manager at Freese and Nichols. "No city that does these comprehensive plans can afford to do everything in them, so we set priorities instead of doing it all at once."

During the next year, the committee will meet monthly to discuss and create different

sections of the master plan. The process begins with building a community snapshot and city vision.

"If you look at a map of Cedar Park, you're starting to fill out," Sefko said. "There's some vacant land left but not a lot, so I think at some point you'll have to think about redevelopment in the next 20 years."

The committee discussed the issues facing Cedar Park, as well as how members prefer to see the city expand. The most common themes discussed were the need for continued economic development strategies, transportation and other quality-of-life benefits.

"The city needs to identify areas that are attractive to commercial developers that will build 35,000-square-foot buildings. That keeps people in Cedar Park and creates jobs," committee member Bob Ingraham said. "The second major issue I see is keeping our

recreational money in Cedar Park. ... We need a business corridor and an entertainment corridor and then do what we have to do to attract people to it."

In conjunction with suggestions for an art museum, amphitheater and an increased number of parks, several committee members said Cedar Park should continue the pursuit of its goal to be a destination city, especially for families and businesses.

"We can create an identity for the city and generate some breakthrough ideas to transform it from a somewhat bedroom community to destination city," said Tony Moline, Cedar Park Chamber of Commerce president. "This is a city that can break through among other cities to become a destination for business. We can create an environment where they think they should be in this city rather than any other city."

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During the next year, 16 appointed Cedar Park citizens will provide input for the city's comprehensive master plan. Facilitated by consultant engineering group Freese and Nichols, the committee will work through a process of envisioning the city, providing recommendations and outlining the plan's implementation.

members will be able to provide online feedback about how they would like to see the city develop and redevelop during the next 10 to 20 years. In addition, Freese and Nichols plans to host at least one town hall meetings, tentatively scheduled in October. The plan must also pass through a public hearing process prior to its final review and approval by City Council, scheduled for February 2014.

Source: Freese and Nichols

Vision

The committee will build a community snapshot by reviewing existing maps and demographics and identifying the city's issues, goals and objectives.

Recommendations

The committee will offer suggestions with strategies for future land use, transportation, infrastructure, public facilities and livability.

Implementation

The committee will define how the plan should be implemented including priorities, roles and responsibilities, and regulatory controls.

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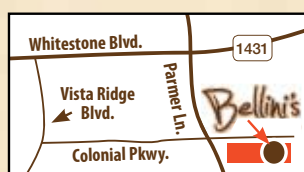
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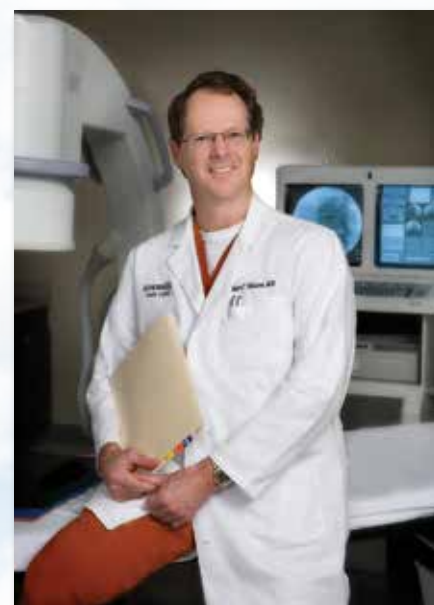
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CITY & COUNTY

News from Cedar Park, Leander and Williamson County

Compiled by Joe Lanane and Emilie Boenig

Civil service for Leander firefighters to appear on May ballot, police department excluded

LEANDER Residents will decide whether to adopt civil service status for the city's firefighters after City Council on Feb. 28 approved the initiative for the May ballot.

Civil service rules establish standards within fire and police departments for sick and vacation leave and for the hiring, firing and promotion of employees. To get on the measure on the ballot, the Leander Professional Firefighters Association submitted a petition to the city Feb. 15 with 138 signatures in favor of civil service to get the measure on the ballot.

When voters take to the polls, the item will read: "Adoption of the fire fighters' and police officers' civil service law for the Leander Fire Department." City Manager Kent Cagle said despite the slightly confusing but legally required wording, only firefighters would receive civil service status if the measure passes.

Members of the Leander Law

Enforcement Association have considered pursuing civil service guidelines for the police department, but no action has been taken, LLEA President Helen Garrett said.

"We are currently getting more information concerning civil service and educating ourselves," she said. "We initially looked at it about two or three years ago, so we are revisiting the issue, but we are not currently ready to make a decision."

Cagle estimates civil service for firefighters would cost the city more than \$1 million, although LPFA claims the cost is closer to \$170,000. If the LLEA pursues civil service in the future and voters approve it, he said it would cost an additional \$200,000-\$300,000 annually.

Groups in favor of and opposed to the firefighters' civil service initiative have both formed political action committees and plan to campaign through election day on May 11.

Commercial zoning gets partial OK at former proposed H-E-B site

LEANDER A controversial zoning request resulted March 8 in what Leander City Council called a compromise.

The southwest intersection of FM 2243 and Ronald Reagan Boulevard, once targeted by Texas-based grocer H-E-B, was rezoned under a less-dense general commercial designation than requested by landowners.

The 23-acre site, originally zoned for single-family rural homes, was modified by a unanimous council vote into a combination of GCS-2 and GCS-3 designations—the higher the number, the more dense the general commercial—in a move to temper development at the location until a more definitive use emerges, Leander Mayor Chris Fielder said.

"If they come to us with some change, we at least have a starting point where a big-box [retail store] can't come in without bringing something to us again," Fielder said, explaining the council's decision allows limited commercial development opportunities until a more specific site plan is presented.

The first 400 feet of the intersection's corner was approved for more dense commercial use, while the property's center was changed to GCS-2, which is not dense enough to allow a large retailer to build on the site. The property's back 100 feet were designated as single-family suburban zoning to serve as a natural buffer to the neighboring Ridgmar Landing subdivision.



Cedar Park Mayor Matt Powell (left) is congratulated by former Councilman and state Rep. Tony Dale, R-Cedar Park, on the city's 40th birthday.

Anniversary recognized

CEDAR PARK Council members past and present celebrated the city's 40-year anniversary at the Feb. 28 City Council meeting. The event included a presentation of a state proclamation issued in honor of Cedar Park.

Three councilmen appointed to new sunset commission

CEDAR PARK Councilmen Lyle Grimes, Lowell Moore and Stephen Thomas were appointed to serve on the Sunset Advisory Commission, the city's newest committee, designed to audit certain boards and commissions. The commission will review the Parks and Recreation Board, the Historical and Cultural Preservation Committee and the Civil Service Commission this year, council learned at its March 14 meeting. The two councilmen will be joined by one yet-to-be appointed citizen and representatives from the city attorney's office and city manager's office.

Annual household cleanup event announced

CEDAR PARK The annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is scheduled to take place from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. April 20 at Leander ISD's John John Guppton Stadium in Cedar Park.

The City of Cedar Park, Williamson County and Waste Management are hosting the event, which often draws one- to two-hour wait times. The event is not limited to Cedar Park residents.

Acceptable items to drop off include:

acids, batteries, paint, automotive tires, cleaning products such as polish, oven cleaner, drain opener and stain remover, lawn and garden chemicals, herbicides and pesticides, used motor oil and filters, transmission and brake fluid, household products, lighter fluid, solvents and varnish, pool chemicals, electronic waste and gently used clothing, toys and household items for Goodwill.

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AT THE CAPITOL

News from the 83rd Legislative Session

By Karen Brooks Harper
Capitol Correspondent

Freshman lawmakers learning of life at Capitol

Ask a freshman legislator in the Texas Capitol how the first several weeks of the session are going, and their answer is usually a variation of this:

"I just feel like I'm drinking from a fire hydrant," said newly elected Sen. Donna Campbell, R-New Braunfels, whose district includes parts of southern Travis County. "I've got my work cut out for me."

By that, she said she means learning the issues, navigating the marble halls of the "Pink Dome," meeting hundreds of new people every day and doing it all under the watchful eye of the media inside a frenetic 140-day legislative session that can make or break even the most seasoned lawmaker.

These are the trials of the newly elected, and it is not lost on the new crop of new state legislators that voters replaced more incumbents during the past election cycle in Texas than at any other time in memory.

"If there was a mandate from the voters, it is that the status quo is no longer acceptable," Rep. Giovanni Capriglione, R-Southlake, said.

New faces

There are 40 freshmen in the 150-member House of Representatives, and one in the Senate, not including a few House members who won Senate seats last year for the first time.

Together, they are a diverse bunch—urban minority Democrats, rural moderates, suburban conservative Republicans—whose first round of legislation reflects not only local priorities, but also a willingness to weigh in on more controversial or complex issues that affect the entire state.

Expected to listen, learn and not file more than about a dozen bills during their first session, freshman lawmakers tend to have a legislative agenda that reflects their campaign priorities and goes for big projects—but rarely will they pass

any major legislation their first time out of the gate.

Instead, their constituents can expect them to be able to pass some local bills that are uncontested and affect only their districts, a good way for freshmen to make their mark within the more than 7,000 pieces of legislation that have already been filed by lawmakers this session.

Filed bills

Republican Rep. Cecil Bell Jr. of Waller County filed a bill allowing volunteers to help firefighters statewide—a direct response to devastating wildfires in his district in 2011. Bell also has a school finance idea that he says would offer more paths to higher education.

Rep. Tony Dale, R-Cedar Park, filed legislation that would force Austin to reopen Springwood Pool, a constituent issue that could bring some pushback from the city, which has argued that it cannot afford the annual \$300,000 maintenance costs. A lawsuit on the issue is pending.

And Campbell is teaming up with two other medical professionals in the Senate—Republicans Bob Deuell and Charles Schwertner, the latter a former House member from Georgetown serving his first term in the Senate—to require that all abortions be performed at an ambulatory surgery center, of which there are only a handful in the state.

That measure has already drawn the ire of abortion-rights advocates who say it is an unnecessary regulation that will limit access to the legal procedure.

In North Texas, Capriglione said he is prepared to take on immigrant-rights advocates who could object to legislation he has filed, a bill proposing a voluntary Made in Texas certification for businesses that use the E-Verify system to ensure their workers are in the U.S. legally.

Meanwhile, neighboring Rep. Bennett Ratliff, R-Coppell, has filed a bill giving

Local freshman legislators



Rep. Marsha Farney, R-Georgetown, shares her knowledge as an educator through her appointment to the House Public Education Committee, which deals with school funding and standardized testing as well as other issues.

"We want to support the rigor, and I believe in accountability, but also trying to make sure there's some equity and fairness in the system to where we get a true picture of what the students are doing and how well they're doing in school," said Farney, a former classroom teacher, middle school counselor, high school counselor and adjunct professor at Texas A&M University–Commerce.

"I am loving every ... moment. ... Every day is great because there is so much to learn."

Rep. Marsha Farney, R-Georgetown

Rep. Tony Dale, R-Cedar Park, has teamed with Rep. Paul Workman, R-Austin, to create an emergency services district in Central Texas aimed at streamlining funds for 911 calls and avoiding diverting funds into the state's budget.

Dale's bill would not change the 50 cent fee phone users pay each month to fund the 911 call system. Instead, it would mandate the fees go directly into a Central Texas system instead of being funneled through the state.

"It's the same fee, but instead of sending it to the state, it goes directly to the entity that does the 911-related training and building of systems," he said.



"I get accused of smiling a lot because I'm having a good time in the sense that I'm learning a lot. I find the policy aspect interesting."

Rep. Tony Dale, R-Cedar Park

counties and cities more power in regulating the signage for sexually oriented businesses, as well as legislation requiring state contractors to use E-Verify.

Gun rights focus

Much of the freshman delegation campaigned during a season in which gun rights were a big part of the discussion. The rhetoric has continued in the wake of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings in Newtown, Conn., on Dec. 14.

Several legislators have jumped into the discussion with legislation that seeks to protect or expand residents' rights to carry firearms.

Many are involved in bills or constitutional amendments that offer a

pre-emptive strike against any plans the White House might have to limit access to guns.

"I believe this [presidential] administration has now realized they have woken up a giant," said Rep. Steve Toth, R-The Woodlands, who filed the Firearm Protection Act that would, among other things, withhold funding from local governments in Texas if they enforce any federal gun bans. "All over the United States, Americans are crying out for something to be done to protect their Second Amendment rights. The American people understand this is not just about gun rights, but about all constitutional rights. They understand once you compromise one Constitutional right, all others can be in jeopardy."

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The Cedar Park Movies in the Park season commences with an outdoor screening of the animated movie "Hotel Transylvania." Families can bring their own blankets, lawn chairs and snacks, however glass containers are not permitted. This springtime event repeats with different films on April 5 and 19. 8 p.m. Free. Elizabeth Milburn Park, 1901 Sun Chase Blvd., Cedar Park. 512-401-5500. www.cedarparktexas.gov

23 Texas: The State of Water

Community members are invited to watch Texas Parks and Wildlife's documentary "Finding a Balance," a one-hour documentary that explores how the demand for water will increase in the future and weighs the effect that growth will have on the state. 2 p.m. Free. Cedar Park Public Library, 550 Discovery Blvd., Cedar Park. 512-401-5314. www.cedarparktexas.gov

23 Vista Ridge High School Spring Bazaar

More than 60 local crafters, artisans and vendors sell handcrafted gifts, jewelry, baby and graduation items, baked goods and more. A silent auction, concessions and a bake sale are also featured. Proceeds benefit Vista Ridge High School Project Graduation, a drug- and alcohol-free night of celebration for the class of 2013. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Vista Ridge High School cafeteria, 200 S. Vista Ridge Blvd., Cedar Park. 512-497-5146. www.vrhighschoolprojectgraduation.com

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Courtesy Connie Watson

23 Archeology Day

Celebrate Texas archeology with demonstrations, activities and crafts organized by the Williamson Museum and the Williamson County Parks and Recreation Department. A free hot dog lunch is served at noon and is available while quantities last. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Berry Springs Park and Preserve, 1801 CR 152, Georgetown. 512-943-1670. <http://museum.wilco.org>

23 Pearl Amster Youth Concerto Festival

The Austin Civic Orchestra presents a festival during which young musicians perform music selections including Beethoven's "Turkish March," John Williams' theme from the film

Featured **Event**

Courtesy Irma Gonzalez

"Raiders of the Lost Ark," and an original piece by ACO contest winner Joshua Hummel titled "Haiku Symphony No. 2." 7:30 p.m. \$12 (adults), \$10 (seniors and military), Free (students 18 and younger). Church at Canyon Creek, 9001 N. RR 620, Austin. 512-200-2261. www.austincivicorchestra.org

23 Teddy bear picnic

Children age 10 and younger are invited to bring their favorite teddy bear or other stuffed animal for shared playtime activities. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Leander Public Library, 1011 S. Bagdad Road, Leander. 512-529-5259. www.leandertx.gov



Courtesy Tara McAllister

24 Cedar Park Spring Egg-stravaganza

Hosted by the Cedar Park Parks and Recreation Department, children age 12 and younger can hunt for pieces of candy and other prizes and enjoy bounce houses, pictures with the bunny, train rides and face painting. 2 p.m. Free. Elizabeth Milburn Park, 1901 Sun Chase Blvd., Cedar Park. 512-401-5500. www.cedarparktexas.gov

24 Leander Spring Egg-stravaganza

The Leander Parks and Recreation Department invites children through age 12 to hunt for plastic eggs filled with treats and toys. Children are grouped by age for the event; the youngest participants hunt first. Noon. Free. Robin

MAR 24 Cancer prevention study enrollment

The American Cancer Society's Epidemiology Research Program hosts the first of several sessions to enroll volunteers in its long-term cancer prevention study for anyone age 30-65 who has never been diagnosed with cancer except for basal and squamous cell skin cancers. Participants can enroll in advance and complete a survey online before the appointment, which takes approximately 30 minutes and includes giving a blood sample. Volunteers complete follow-up surveys every two to three years for the next 20 to 30 years. The research is aimed to further the American Cancer Society's understanding of the lifestyle, environmental and genetic factors that cause or prevent cancer with the ultimate goal of finding a cure. 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Free. Third floor of Hill Country Bible Church, 12124 N. RR 620, Austin. 888-604-5888. www.cancerstudyTX.org

Bledsoe Park, 601 S. Bagdad Road, Leander. 512-528-9909. www.leandertx.gov

30 Concert in the park

Cajun-zydeco band Bustamoovalators performs New Orleans-inspired music courtesy of the Anderson Mill Limited District. Attendees can bring their own picnics. 6:30 p.m. Free. Harper Park pavilion, 11008 Lake Creek Parkway, Austin. 512-258-4104. www.amld.org

30 Spring Fest

Children ages 2-10 and their families are invited to celebrate the season with music, games, bounce houses, a petting zoo, egg hunts and more. 3-5:30 p.m. Free. The Family Life Center at New Hope First Baptist Church, 200 W. New Hope Drive, Cedar Park. 512-259-1590. www.discovernewhope.com

April

05 Leander Movies in the Park

The Leander Parks and Recreation department begins its spring Movies in the Park series with the film "Brave." The spring event repeats with different movies April 19, May 3 and May 17. Attendees are welcome to bring their own lawn chairs, picnic and blankets. Dusk. Free. Robin Bledsoe Park, 601 S. Bagdad Road, Leander. 512-528-9909. www.leandertx.gov

05 10th Annual Leander Chamber of Commerce golf tournament

The annual golf tournament benefits the Greater Leander Chamber of Commerce and its ongoing activities. The entry fee includes greens fees, use of a golf cart, range balls, a ticket for dinner and a swag bag. Sponsorships are available. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. \$100 (individual), \$400 (team of four). Crystal Falls Golf Course, 3400 Crystal Falls Parkway, Leander. 512-259-1907. www.leandercc.org

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06 Third annual Learn to Fish Day

Williamson County hosts Learn to Fish Day for children of all ages. Hopeful anglers are guided through learning stations that emphasize the use of basic tackle, appropriate bait selection, knot tying, boat casting, conservation ethics and general outdoor water safety. 8 a.m.–noon. Free. Southwest Williamson County Regional Park, 3005 CR 175, Leander. 512-943-1920. www.wilco.org

06 through 8 Cedar Park Public Library book and bake sale

Friends of the Cedar Park Public Library will host the annual three-day book and bake sale fundraiser. Sale prices are \$2 for hardcover books, DVDs, CDs and audiobooks, \$1 for paperback books; and 50 cents for small paperbacks and VHS tapes. Sat. 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Sun. 1–4 p.m., Monday 9 a.m.–noon. Free. Cedar Park Public Library, 550 Discovery Blvd., Cedar Park. 512-401-5600. www.cedarparktexas.gov



Courtesy C. Hamilton

06 Nameless School barbecue benefit

Join the Friends of Nameless School for a barbecue benefiting the continued maintenance and restoration of the historic Nameless School in Leander, built in 1909. Activities include children's games such as a bean bag throw, face painting, a treasure hunt and a three-legged race as well as shopping and a quilt raffle. 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m. \$12 (adults), \$6 (children). Nameless School, 1.4 miles north of FM 1431 on Nameless Road, Leander. 512-267-1659. namelessschool@gmail.com

07 Twin Creeks Toros Splash-N-Dash

The event features a timed swimming and running competition for children ages 5–16. Participants are grouped by age, and each group covers different distances. Proceeds benefit the Twin Creeks Aquatic Club. 8:30 a.m. \$30. Twin Creeks Country Club, 3201 Twin Creeks Blvd., Cedar Park. 512-331-5900. www.torostri.com, info@torostri.com

10 Sigur Rós

Internationally acclaimed Icelandic post-rock band Sigur Rós performs during a worldwide tour promoting its latest album, "Valtari," which took six years to complete. 7:30 p.m. \$34.50–\$44.50 plus fees and parking. Cedar Park Center, 2100 Avenue of the Stars, Cedar Park. 512-600-5000. www.cedarparkcenter.com



Courtesy Tina McAllister

13 Cedar Park Heritage Festival

The City of Cedar Park celebrates its heritage and 40th anniversary with live country music and a dance, a hamburger cookoff, washer tournament, pony rides, carnival games, petting zoo, food concessions and more. 5–9 p.m. Free. Elizabeth Milburn Park, 1901 Sun Chase Blvd., Cedar Park. 512-401-5500. www.cedarparktx.us

13 Cave Day

Explore the caverns of the surrounding area on one of the two days the caves are open during the year. 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Free. Various cave sites are open near Cedar Park and within Williamson County, including the Avery Ranch Cave, with parking available at the Avery Ranch Tennis Courts, 9400 Morgan Drive, Austin. 512-401-5500. www.texascaves.org

13 through 14 Austin Gun Show

The public is invited to buy, sell or trade firearms, knives, ammunition and accessories. Sat. 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.–4 p.m. \$8 (one-day pass), \$12 (weekend), free (children younger than 12 and uniformed peace officers) plus \$5 parking. Cedar Park Center, 2100 Avenue of the Stars, Cedar Park. 817-732-1194. www.premiergunshows.com/shows/austin-gun-show

20 Devine Lake Kite Festival

The Leander Parks and Recreation Department invites families to help fill the sky with kites and enjoy outdoor demonstrations. Noon–4 p.m. Free. Devine Lake Park, 1000 Maple Creek, Leander. 512-528-9909. www.leandertx.gov

Cedar Park Center SPORTS**Cedar Park Center**

2100 Avenue of the Stars, Cedar Park. 512-600-5000. www.cedarparkcenter.com

March

- 22** Texas Stars vs. Rochester Americans, 7:30 p.m.
- 23** Texas Stars vs. Charlotte Checkers, 7 p.m.
- 24** Austin Toros vs. Iowa Energy, 3 p.m.
- 27** Austin Toros vs. Sioux Falls Skyforce, 7:30 p.m.
- 29** Austin Toros vs. Tulsa 66ers, 7:30 p.m.
- 30** Texas Stars vs. Grand Rapids Griffins, 7 p.m.
- April**
- 3** Austin Toros vs. Springfield Armor, 7:30 p.m.
- 5** Texas Stars vs. Oklahoma City Barons, 7:30 p.m.
- 6** Texas Stars vs. Hamilton Bulldogs, 7 p.m.
- 19** Texas Stars vs. Houston Aeros, 7:30 p.m.
- 20** Texas Stars vs. Rockford IceHogs, 7 p.m.

Online calendar

Find more or submit Cedar Park and Leander events at www.impactnews.com/lcp-calendar.

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Nano Whitman at Waterloo Icehouse

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March

- 21** Suzanne Monroe, 8 p.m.
- 22** The Detentions, 6 p.m.
Dave Massey, 9:30 p.m.
- 23** Trio Del Rio, 8 p.m.
- 28** Ryan Morris, 8 p.m.
- 29** Dave Massey, 9 p.m.
- 30** Darrell Goldman, 8 p.m.

April

- 4** Darrell Goldman, 8 p.m.
- 5** The Detentions, 6 p.m.
Dave Massey, 9:30 p.m.
- 12** The Detentions, 6 p.m.
Dave Massey, 9:30 p.m.
- 13** David Vella, 8 p.m.

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March

- 22** Patrick Brooks, 7 p.m.
- 23** Tom Harvey, 7 p.m.
- 29** Dinsmore–Callard, 7 p.m.
- 30** Shaun Davenport, 7 p.m.

April

- 5** Randy Stern, 7 p.m.
- 6** Doug Pegg, 7 p.m.
- 12** Brian Wolff, 7 p.m.

Waterloo Ice House–Avery Ranch

14900 Avery Ranch Blvd., Austin. 512-255-4873. www.waterlooicehouse.com

March

- 21** Treachery of Others, 7:30 p.m.
- 22** Nano Whitman, 7 p.m.
- 23** George Devore, 7 p.m.
- 24** Brian Bryne & Borrowed Time, 11 a.m.
Organic Mechanics, 6 p.m.
- 27** King Biscuit Blues Revue, 7 p.m.
- 28** Paul Logan, 7 p.m.
- 29** Mayeux & Broussard, 7 p.m.

April

- 3** Victoria Pennock, 7 p.m.
- 4** Austin Gilliam, 7 p.m.
- 5** Jimmie Dreams, 7 p.m.
- 7** The Love Leighs, 11 a.m.
Brian Bryne & Borrowed Time, 6 p.m.
- 10** Tanner Louis & The Aviators, 7 p.m.
- 11** The Detentions, 7 p.m.
- 12** Jean-Pierre & The Zydeco Angels, 7:30 p.m.
- 14** The Love Leighs, 11 a.m.
Brian Bryne & Borrowed Time, 6 p.m.
- 17** Paul Logan, 7 p.m.



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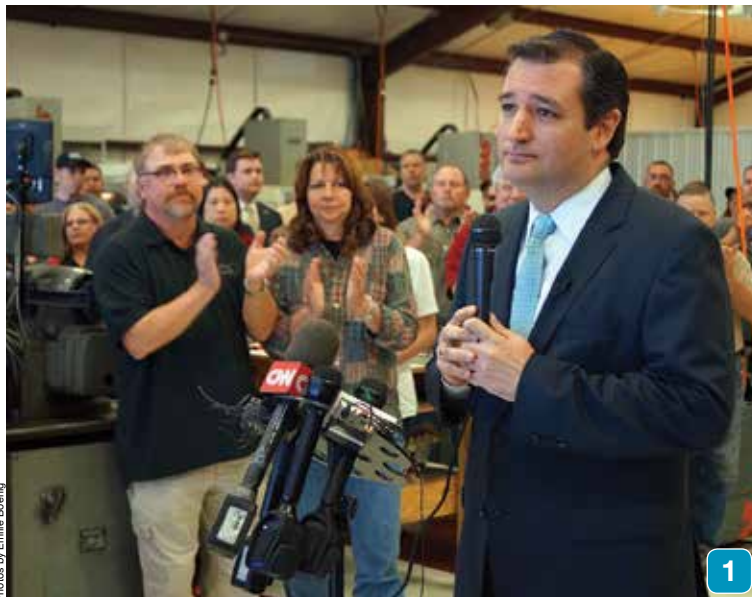
RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

Compiled by Emilie Boenig

U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz visits Leander

U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, visited Leander on Feb. 19 to discuss gun control at LaRue Tactical, a Leander-based rifle and firearm accessory manufacturer. The freshman senator was met by supporters, local and national press, two members of City Council, several Leander city staffers and LaRue Tactical employees.

- 1** Cruz (right) is applauded by Mark and Ellen LaRue, the owners of LaRue Tactical.
- 2** Leander Mayor Chris Fielder (left) shakes hands with Cruz.
- 3** LaRue Tactical Marketing Director Mark Finger (left) shows Cruz one of the firearms parts manufactured at the facility.



Photos by Emilie Boenig



The Reserve at Brushy Creek

Milestone Community Builders celebrated an open house for its newest Cedar Park community, The Reserve at Brushy Creek, on Feb. 20. Located near the Parmer Lane and Brushy Creek Road intersection, the 30-acre residential development offers 130 single-family lots starting in the low \$300,000 range.

Interior Designer Mary DeWalt (left) and Milestone CEO Garrett Martin showcase a model home during the event.



Emilie Boenig

Cedar Park Emergency Hospital

Scott & White Healthcare opened Cedar Park Emergency Hospital on Feb. 27 at 900 E. Whitestone Blvd. The 24-hour facility has a freestanding emergency department, diagnostic imaging and a laboratory.

The facility has seven emergency beds and eight beds for inpatient care.



Emilie Boenig

San Gabriel Parkway

The 3-mile, \$5 million western extension of San Gabriel Parkway officially opened Feb. 14. The east-west corridor runs from Bagdad Road to CR 170 in Leander.

Officials from the City of Leander, Williamson County, the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority, Texas Department of Transportation, Capital Metro and area private landowners participate in a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new roadway.



Joe Lamane

Hero Way

On March 1, city, county and regional officials celebrated the opening of Hero Way, a \$6.59 million, 1.13-mile stretch of road between US 183 and Toll 183A in Leander. The roadway now connects Old FM 2243 from Nameless Road east to Ronald Reagan Boulevard.

Williamson County Commissioner Cynthia Long speaks at the Hero Way ribbon-cutting ceremony. Long helped secure funding for the roadway project.



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BUSINESS

Sense and Color School of Music

Cedar Park couple passionate about teaching

By Emilie Boenig

Michael and Amy Boyd started teaching music lessons out of their home in 2008, slowly gathering students until moving into a formal practice area last June. Sense and Color School of Music has since added six instructors and more than 100 students.

"I've been teaching guitar pretty much since the day I graduated from high school," Michael said. "My parents were both music teachers, so I kind of felt I had some shoes to fill. Over time I really grew to love working with kids. Sometimes I think I communicate with kids better than I do with adults."

About half of the students are children, while teens and adults make up the other half. Amy said she considers Sense and Color unique because of the close relationships the instructors build with each student.

"We started teaching in our own home, and it was a very personal relationship. So even though now we have our own space and aren't in a house, we still retain that closeness, and we know every student's name," she said. "Sometimes I've found myself almost in the role of a counselor a

few times. ... And you have to take yourself out of the lesson and assess, 'What does this kid need right now?'"

Younger students typically take half-hour lessons each week, although hour-long sessions are available. Michael said his students typically start playing songs they know before moving onto music scales and chords.

"Based on what they're able to do, we will be playing their favorite songs within two weeks. It might be the easy version, but they're going to learn how to play it and learn how to count [rhythm]," he said. "One of the most important things is they've got to want to be there. You've got to be connecting with the student on a level even beyond music, making sure they want to come back."

Students Grayson Gower and Luke Boatman call Michael an encyclopedia—a reference to their teacher's extensive music knowledge. When learning new songs, Grayson said he feels encouraged by his instructor.

"He plays slowly so I can see the notes," Grayson said. "He understands if a song is too hard, and we can joke around with him."



Photos by Emilie Boenig

Michael and Amy Boyd opened Sense and Color School of Music on Brushy Creek Road in June.

Among the eight instructors, Sense and Color offers lessons Monday through Saturday. Michael said eventually he would like to create a place for young people to experience live music.

"It boggles my mind sometimes that these kids don't know what's going on 20 miles up the road in Austin, the 'Live Music Capital of the World,'" Michael said. "One of my dreams is to expand into a non-alcoholic, under-21 venue where we can put on our own shows and expand the teaching there as well during the day. If we keep growing, eventually we'd like to be running a club for kids."



Luke Boatman (left) and Grayson Gower practice guitar and bass guitar during a lesson with Michael Boyd.

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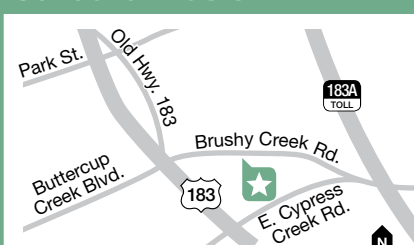
Lessons and other offerings

Sense and Color offers lessons in guitar, bass guitar, voice, drums, ukelele, mandolin, piano, violin and viola.

All eight instructors are professional, performing musicians, many with their own bands.

Sense and Color also offers other performance-related services such as event lighting, concert photography and ceremony music performed by Michael and Amy Boyd.

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BUSINESS

Cherry's Asian Store & Gift Shop

Specialty market brings culture to Leander

By Joe Lanane

Cherry Viernes has seemingly elevated her small-business owner status to become a cultural ambassador for the northern Leander and Liberty Hill area.

Her first store, Cherry's Asian Store & Gift Shop, opened in February 2012 on US 183 just south of Hwy. 29. Viernes picked the location because of its growth potential, particularly among residents of Asian heritage.

And while many of her customers bring a vast cultural knowledge each time they visit her 2,000-square-foot shop, Viernes has also exposed many newcomers to the benefits of Asian cuisine. The challenge is one she fully embraces, she said.

"I have to get people to like my product because it's new to them," Viernes said. "But after they learn about the store, they always come back."

An Austin-area resident since 2001, Viernes said she was inspired to open the shop by her mother, who ran a grocery store in the Philippines. The selection at Cherry's Asian Store includes locally grown fruits and vegetables, bean sprouts, various types of noodles and Asian sauces, seasonal seaweed and Thai chili peppers and more.

Finding authentic Asian goods is otherwise difficult, she said, estimating the nearest specialty store is 40 miles away. Inventory can also be hard for Viernes to come by, forcing her at times to travel throughout the nation to obtain premium items.

"I still don't have a lot of things I wish to carry," she said.

But as her customer base has grown, she has expanded her inventory and found more locally based suppliers.

"If you visited me in February [2012],

I had nothing," Viernes said. "I built up my inventory by asking people what they wanted."

That strategy has helped Cherry's Asian Store attract repeat business, Viernes said, and she is optimistic about growing her selection throughout this year. Expanding the selection, she said, should in turn attract more customers.

"I think I'm almost to the point where people know about us through word of mouth," Viernes said.

She also gets to know her regular customers, ensuring she keeps their favorite items in stock and, when necessary, even collecting their items beforehand for faster pickup.

"It's a matter of knowing your customer on a personal basis," she said. "So it's knowing if they like gluten-free or vegetarian and knowing what new things they might like."

For many regulars, they come in strictly for Viernes' vast collection of noodles.

"I pretty much have something for everybody," she said. "Except for people who don't like Asian food."

Cherry's Asian Store & Gift Shop



719 US 183, Ste. B118, Leander
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Cherry Viernes, owner of Cherry's Asian Store & Gift Shop, said she decided to open the store in February 2012 on the northern side of Leander near Liberty Hill because of the area's anticipated growth.

Asian food tutorial

Many new customers at Cherry's Asian Store & Gift Shop are new to Asian culture and its wide-ranging cuisine options. In an attempt to help educate those customers, owner Cherry Viernes hosts a free cooking demonstration each month.

Attendance has grown each month, she said, with more than 250 people invited each time. The demonstrations are followed by free tastings of the dish made that month.

Viernes is seeking new recipes to spread to her customer base. The only catch: the dish must be made using ingredients from Cherry's Asian Store & Gift Shop.

"That's exciting because my customers will be showing other customers how to use the food they find here," she said.

Free cooking demonstrations

- First Saturday of each month
- Noon-3 p.m.
- Past dishes prepared
 - Fried and spring egg rolls (Fried lumpia)
 - Sautéed rice stick noodles (Pancit bihon)
 - Sautéed Wheat Noodles (Pancit canton)
 - Chopsuey
 - Sticky Sweet Rice Balls in Coconut Milk (Ginataang bilo-bilo)
 - Sweet rice porridge (Arroz caldo/lugaw/congee)



Sautéed rice stick noodles, or pancit bihon, is one of several dishes cooked during demonstrations.



Customers have also been able to sample free chopsuey as part of the monthly demonstrations.

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Greater Leander Chamber of Commerce incoming president

By Emilie Boenig

Bridget Brandt's experience with small businesses began at a young age. She opened her own dance studio in La Grange when she was 13, and, after studying at University of Texas while selling real estate, she worked as director of membership development at the Kerrville Chamber of Commerce until March 2001.

During the past dozen years, Brandt has worked in finance, marketing and technology, including a stint in the nonprofit sector. She also earned a master's of business administration from Texas State University. A resident of Cedar Park, in 2010 Brandt co-founded Support Behind the Badge, a nonprofit designed to unite the families of Cedar Park police officers and enhance the department's image in the community. Brandt is married to a Cedar Park police officer and has two young children in Leander ISD schools.

In April, she returns to her first passion, small business, as president and CEO of the Greater Leander Chamber of Commerce, where she plans to connect and grow the organization's membership base. Brandt replaces Mary Bradshaw, who left the position in December.



Courtesy Bridget Brandt

What aspects of your previous work experience can you apply to this new job?

I've had a lot of great experience that works closely and resonates with the community's goals. I worked at a chamber of commerce for three years, and when I left the chamber, I went into banking and finance. So I did marketing and was on the executive committee for a credit union for six years. Then I went into technology. I've worked at this nonprofit technology company for about six years, and so with that role I have been able to do a ton of nonprofit consulting, membership consulting and membership development programs all over Central Texas. As a result of that, I wanted to get into a true nonprofit and membership management, and, rather than telling people how to do it, I wanted to actually do the work myself.

What are your goals for this job?

My first and primary goal is to bring the membership together. I feel like the community is insanely strong and has a great closeness to it, so I definitely want to start leveraging that bond that all of the businesses have. The very first thing we are doing right now is going out to the membership with surveys. I am a firm believer in if you are in a membership program, you are there to serve the members. While I have a whole slew of ideas, the survey is still out, so I don't really want to share all of my ideas until I hear back from what the membership wants. But I will say that in talking with them, they want to grow their businesses, and they want to have the chamber be the heart of the community. It should be the place where

businesses go to meet and network.

How do you plan to work with the city?

Very closely, actually. I've already met with [Economic Development Manager] Eric [Zeno] from the city and [City Manager] Kent Cagle. We are already in talks of bringing back some of the old traditions for economic development that [the city] had that involved the chamber. I foresee a very close partnership moving forward. Economic development is so critical for the community, and it's a catalyst for so many things that are happening, and everybody wants to be a part of it. I see the chamber wanting to facilitate that type of meeting so you can plan to see lots of other things along those lines for starters but also a lot of fun things, too. I think the best way to get people involved is to bring them together to do things that center around family and center around networking and facilitating those relationships.

Can you give us any specifics about bringing back old traditions?

One of the things that we've talked about early on is do we want to bring the bus tour back? From what I understand, they were really popular and brought a lot of people into town. I don't know if that's something we'll do or not, but that is the type of thing we are thinking about. So we are trying to decide if we want to do something like that or do something new and different. We have a ton of land, a ton of things that could be developed, but the question is, what's the best way to get people into our community to see them? We've only had

some very preliminary, very initial five- or 10-minute conversations here and there about it. I imagine there will be more, but I have to say the city has been a very warm, open and welcoming place to be, which has been fantastic, and for sure I can see a strong partnership.

What do you want the chamber to accomplish in 2013?

I'm still kind of working through what that should look like, but I'll say, for me and for the chamber, I think my biggest goal is to create a partnership with all of the businesses. I feel like the chamber has done some great things to start, and they are just right on the brink of greatness. And I think my goal is to leverage all of those individual pieces that have been built to build something amazing. I'm not exactly sure what that looks like yet, but there are going to be changes coming, and I hope they are going to be exciting and wonderful for the membership.

Do you plan to grow the chamber's membership?

I will say we do want to increase membership but not at the cost of the current membership. I think that there needs to be programming that really helps our existing members move their businesses forward, while at the same time through a strong program we are able to attract new members. We can't really grow without new members. And the same thing as with the city. It has some very aggressive economic development plans, so with that growth, the chamber should grow right along with it.

DINING

J&J BBQ and Burgers

Established restaurant continues to evolve by adding new lunch buffet

By Joe Lanane

Once restaurants establish their coveted crowd of regulars, it is then just a matter of keeping those same customers happy.

At J&J BBQ and Burgers in Cedar Park, regulars make up about 80 percent of the customer base, six-year owner John Estlinbaum said. The other 20 percent, he said, come because of word of mouth—mostly from those same regulars.

“You have to give people what they want,” Estlinbaum said. “We’re here to stay, so we want to make sure we keep folks happy.”

So when menu changes occur, it is important those changes gain a good reception from the consistent crowd at J&J’s. Fortunately, the restaurant’s new lunch buffet has gone over well with regulars and newcomers alike so far, Estlinbaum said.

The buffet, which debuted in mid-February, includes fried chicken that has been pressure cooked for juicier results, green beans, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes and gravy, deep-fried corn on the cob, homemade peach cobbler and a medium drink. The buffet on Friday afternoons and evenings

also serves catfish before reverting to fried chicken on Saturday evenings.

The buffet is among multiple additions Estlinbaum has made.

About a year ago, J&J debuted its Cheddar Pour Burger, a monstrous take on the traditional cheeseburger.

“If you like cheese, it’s great,” he said.

The half-pound of Black Angus beef is topped with all the sides as well as two types of cheese, one of which is melted to fall like a skirt around the burger. The result is a cheese circle roughly a foot in diameter that must be conquered before getting to the burger itself.

Such presentation is consistent with the J&J offerings throughout the day, most notably the breakfast tacos. Estlinbaum said the tacos help put the restaurant above the competition when it comes to breakfast.

“The breakfast tacos are almost too

big,” he said. “People order three, and they can’t eat all three.”

And for traditional Texas barbecue fans, there are plenty of smoked meats on the menu. Most popular, though, is the brisket and sausage special with made-from-scratch sides, Estlinbaum said.

“And we’ll keep adding things,” he said.



J&J BBQ and Burger owners John Estlinbaum shows off the homemade peach cobbler made fresh daily at his restaurant, which has been open in Cedar Park since 2002.

Specialty items



Quarter-Pound Cheddar Pour Burger (\$6.48)



Fried chicken lunch buffet (\$8.99)

Monster Migas Plate Challenge

Another new addition to the menu in the past year has been the J&J “Breakfast of Champions.” More specifically, this Monster Migas Plate Challenge offers 7 pounds of breakfast that must be eaten within 60 minutes—sides included.

J&J General Manager Jonathon Taubert said many brave breakfast enthusiasts have tried and failed the challenge, which has garnered interest from The Food Network’s “Man vs. Food” competitive eating television show.

Migas: Eggs, cheese, pico de gallo, fried corn chips

Sides: Refried beans, home fries, tortillas

Challenge: Eat 7-pound plate of food, sides included, in 60 minutes

Reward: The cost of the \$19.99 meal is waived plus a participation shirt that



Migas feature a mixture of eggs, cheese, pico de gallo and fried corn chips.

declares the contestant a winner or good sport

Success rate: More than 20 have tried, none have successfully reached the “Champion Wall,” Taubert said.

J&J BBQ and Burgers



300 W. Whitestone Blvd., Cedar Park
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1:05 OMA	7:05 IOWA	7:05 IOWA	7:05 IOWA	7:05 IOWA	7:00 NEW	6:00 NEW
2:00	11:30 NEW	7:05 OKC	7:05 OKC	7:05 OKC	7:05 OKC	7:05 NEW
1:05 NEW	7:05 NEW	7:05 NEW		7:05 ALB	7:05 ALB	7:05 ALB
1:05 ALB	6:35 IOWA	12:05 IOWA				

MAY						
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		6:35 IOWA	12:05 IOWA	7:05 NASH	7:05 NASH	
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12	9:05 TUC	9:05 TUC		7:05 COL	7:05 COL	6:05 COL
19	7:05 RENO	7:05 RENO	7:05 RENO	7:05 RENO	7:05 MEM	6:05 MEM
26	1:05 MEM	7:00 NEW	7:00 NEW	7:00 NEW	7:00 NEW	

JUNE						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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7:05 NASH	7:05 NASH	7:05 NASH		7:05 IOWA	7:05 IOWA	6:05 NASH
9	7:05 IOWA	7:05 ALB	7:05 ALB	7:05 ALB	7:05 OKC	7:05 OKC
16	6:05 OKC	7:05 OKC	7:05 MEM	7:05 MEM	7:05 MEM	8:05 ALB
23	7:05 ALB	8:05 ALB	1:05 ALB	7:05 NEW	7:05 NEW	7:05 NEW

JULY						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	7:05 NASH	7:05 NASH	7:05 NASH	7:05 OMA	7:05 OMA	7:05 OMA
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21	7:05 IOWA	7:05 MEM	7:05 MEM	7:05 MEM	7:05 MEM	7:05 MEM

AUGUST						
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SEPTEMBER						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7:05 OMA	2:05 OMA		CONFERENCE PLAYOFFS			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21

 Spike's "Junior Sluggers" Events

 Fireworks

 Postgame Concerts

Home Games

Away Games

2013 PROMOTIONAL SCHEDULE

Apr 5	Schedule Magnets (1st 5000 fans)	Bud Light	June 10	Principal Financial Dreams Tour	Principal Financial
Apr 6	Express Caps (1st 3000 fans)	Nyle Maxwell Family of Dealerships	June 19	Tyson Foods Night	Tyson Foods
Apr 20	Express Team Photos (1st 2500 fans)	AT&T	June 20	Express Baseball Card Sets (1st 2500 fans)	
Apr 22	Tyson Foods Night	Tyson Foods	June 29	Used Car Night	Nyle Maxwell Family of Dealerships
Apr 25	Bark in the Park (advance registration required)	Premier Animal Hospital	July 4	Independence Day Fireworks	Cort Furniture
Apr 27	Reusable Grocery Bags (1st 2500 fans)	H-E-B	July 20	Mysterious Ways Postgame Concert	Dell/St. David's RPMC
Apr 28	Ballpayer Necklaces (all kids 12 & under)	Sanders Morris Harris	July 27	Pink in the Park/Diamond Dig	Austin Diamond District
May 4	Nolan Ryan Bobblehead (1st 2500 fans)	Whataburger	July 28	Lunch Bags (all kids 12 & under)	Tyson Foods
May 5	T-Shirts (all kids 12 & under)	RockSports	Aug 10	Spazmatics Postgame Concert	Dell/St. David's RPMC
May 18	Bob Schneider Postgame Concert	Dell/St. David's RPMC	Aug 11	Backpacks (all kids 12 & under)	A+ Federal Credit Union
May 20	Tyson Foods Night	Tyson Foods	Aug 12	Tyson Foods Night	Tyson Foods
June 1	Caboose Postgame Concert	Dell/St. David's RPMC	Aug 24	Shirt Off the Back Night	Carino's
June 3	Military Appreciation Night	Navy Federal Credit Union	Aug 25	Fan Appreciation Night	*All promotional details subject to change.

AMERICAN CONFERENCE					
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NASH	Nashville Sounds	Brewers	OKC	Oklahoma City RedHawks	Astros
OMA	Omaha Storm Chasers	Royals	RR	Round Rock Express	Rangers
PACIFIC CONFERENCE					
NORTHERN DIVISION			SOUTHERN DIVISION		
COL	Colorado Springs Sky Sox	Rockies	FRE	Fresno Grizzlies	Giants
SL	Salt Lake Bees	Angels	LAS	Las Vegas 51s	Mets
RENO	Reno Aces	Diamondbacks	SAC	Sacramento River Cats	Athletics
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Ages: 5–10
Weekdays June 10–Aug. 22,
6:45 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
Cost: \$410 per two-week session
512-331-9009
www.bluebonnetschool.com
3420 El Salido Parkway, Cedar Park

Camp Primrose – Cedar Park West
Field trips, games and activities are offered to build imagination and learning skills. Weekly themes include the outdoors, food, medieval times and travel.

Ages: 6–10
June 10–Aug. 22, 6:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
Cost: \$190 per week plus registration and camp fees
512-250-2400
www.myprimroseschool.com
2021 Little Elm Trail, Cedar Park



Courtesy Primrose School Vista Ridge

Camp Primrose – Vista Ridge

Field trips, games and activities are offered to build imagination and learning skills. Weekly themes include the outdoors, music and dance, medieval times and robotics.

Ages: 5–10
June 10–Aug. 23, 6:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
Cost: \$205 per week plus \$100 supply fee and \$75 registration fee
512-260-0708
www.primrosevistaridge.com
910 N. Vista Ridge Blvd., Cedar Park

Camp Timberwolf

The City of Cedar Park Parks and Recreation Department hosts its annual summer camp, which includes indoor and outdoor games, environmental outings, field trips, arts and crafts and swimming.

Ages: 5–12
June 10–Aug. 23
Mon.–Fri., 7:15 a.m.–6 p.m.
Camp will not meet July 4
Cost: \$120 per week (Cedar Park residents), \$150 per week (nonresidents) plus \$30 deposit
512-401-5500
www.cedarparktx.us
Faubion Elementary School,
1209 Cypress Creek Road, Cedar Park
(June 10–Aug. 9); Cedar Park
Recreational Center, 1435 Main St.,
Cedar Park (Aug. 12–23)

Children's Courtyard, Cedar Park

Camps include two field trips each week plus special presentations and craft projects. Each week of camp has a different theme including music, sports and science.

Ages: 5–12
June 10–Aug. 24
6:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
Cost: \$145 per week plus \$50 registration

and activity fees
512-249-8700
www.childrenscourtyard.com
2001 S. Lakeline Blvd., Cedar Park



Courtesy Crystal Challenges

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Children participate in daily math and reading exercises for prizes and take three field trips per week in addition to art, science experiments, face painting, cooking, scavenger hunts and more.

Ages: 5–12
Weekdays June 10–Aug. 23
8 a.m.–6 p.m.
Cost: \$175
512-249-0002
www.crystalchallenges.com
1509 Rhapsody Ridge, Cedar Park

Goddard School, Cedar Park

The program focuses on exploratory learning and creative play. Weekly camps include songs, stories, exploration, physical activities, movies and field trips.

Ages: 5–11
June 10–Aug. 23, 7 a.m.–6 p.m.
Cost: \$199 per week plus \$20 field trip fee per week
512-258-5292
www.goddardschool.com
1905 El Salido Parkway, Cedar Park

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Ages: 5–9
June 10–Aug. 16, 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
Cost: \$250 (two-week session), \$375 (three-week session)
Registration deadline: June 1
512-259-3922
www.goodearthfarmschool.com
10820 E. Crystal Falls Parkway, Leander

Kids 'R' Kids Clubhouse

The school's camp is open to the community and offers themes including culture, science, technology, community service and performance each in two-week sessions. The camp also includes two opportunities for field trips to NASA and Sea World.

Ages: 6–12
Weekdays June 10–Aug. 22
6:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
Cost: \$195 per week plus \$95 registration fee
512-218-9669
www.krkaustin.com
15111 Avery Ranch Blvd., Austin

Leander ISD

Academic and sports camps are offered throughout the summer. Academic camps include culinary, writing, technology, sign language and engineering. Athletic camps include baseball, basketball, dance, football, soccer, softball, track and volleyball. Registration opens April 1. Dates and times vary by camp.
Ages: 5–18
Cost: \$50–\$150
512-570-0236 (academic camps),
512-570-0169 (sports camps)
www.leanderisd.org
Locations vary by camp

Little Acorn Academy

Children can learn about different parts of the world during travel-themed weekly activities.
Ages: 5–11
Weekdays June 10–Aug. 23,
6:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
Cost: \$180 per week plus \$100 registration fee
512-331-5400
www.littleacornacademy.com
3200 Hatch Road, Cedar Park



Courtesy Stepping Stone School

Stepping Stone School

Activities include field trips, a sports camp with a former St. Louis Cardinals pitcher, swimming and Young Entrepreneurs philanthropy projects.
Ages: 5–13
June 10–Aug. 23
6:30 a.m.–6:15 p.m.
Cost: \$600 per month
Registration deadline: Open enrollment
512-459-0258
www.stepsingstoneschool.com
225 Block House Drive, Leander

Summit Christian Academy

Weekly specialty and themed summer camps include Let It Snow, Buggin' Out, Medieval Times and more. Half-day pricing and family discounts are available.
Ages: 5–12
Weekdays May 28–Aug. 9, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Cost: \$185 per week (Summit students) \$195 (non-Summit students)
512-250-1369
www.summiteagles.org
2121 Cypress Creek Road, Cedar Park

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Ages: 5–14
Weekdays June 3–Aug. 23, 7 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
Cost: \$160 per week (Y members), \$190 per week (nonmembers)
Registration deadline: Open enrollment
• Specialty camps

These camps focus on specific areas of interest while emphasizing fun and helping participants learn new skills.

Camps include basketball, cheer, dance, volleyball, baseball/T-ball, gymnastics, flag football and soccer.

Ages: 5–14
Weekdays June 3–Aug. 23
8 a.m.–1 p.m.
Cost: \$90 (members), \$140 (nonmembers)
512-250-9622
www.ymcagwc.org
204 E. Little Elm Trail, Cedar Park

The Village at Rainbow Station

The recreation-based camp offers a variety of activities for children including field trips, swimming, arts and crafts, cooking, performance, and science as well as time in the computer lab, game room and gymnasium.

Ages: 6–12
June 3–Aug. 21, 7 a.m.–6 p.m.
Cost: \$215 per week (1–3 weeks), \$195 per week (4–7 weeks), \$180 per week (8–12 weeks) plus \$75 registration fee and \$25 activity fee
512-260-9700
www.rainbowstationaustin.org
11651 W. Parmer Lane, Cedar Park

Xplor

Each week of camp features a different theme. Activities include three field trips weekly, guest visitors, demonstrations and crafts.
Ages: 5–12
June 10–Aug. 23, 6:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
Cost: \$155 per week plus \$50 activity

fee and \$100 registration fee
512-528-1826
www.xplortoday.com
906 Crystal Falls Parkway, Leander



ACADEMIC



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Lego Engineering

Lego Engineering

Campers learn engineering basics while building with Lego blocks during separate sessions designed for specific age groups.

Ages: 5–12
June 10–14, July 22–26, Aug. 12–16,
9 a.m.–noon or 1–4 p.m.
\$150 per week
Registration deadline: Friday before camp begins
512-528-9909
www.leandertx.gov
Leander Recreation Center, 406 Municipal Drive and Leander Public Library,
1101 Bagdad Road, Leander

Wow Bugs

Children learn about different insects during various group craft and physical activities aligned with national science standards.

Ages: 5–12
Aug. 5–9, 9 a.m.–noon
Cost: \$145
Registration deadline: Aug. 2
512-528-9909
www.leandertx.gov
Leander Public Library, 1101 Bagdad Road, Leander

Wow Words

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Leander Public Library, 1101 Bagdad Road, Leander

ART



Abrakadoodle

The mobile arts and crafts program offers children different themed camps including pirates, bugs, edible art, the circus and the Wild West.

Ages: 3–12
Weekdays June 3–Aug. 4, classes are offered at various times in morning or afternoon sessions
Cost: \$104–\$169 per weekly session
512-380-7555
www.abrakadoodle.com/tx03
Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Church, 3315 El Salido Parkway, Cedar Park;
Twin Creeks Country Club, 3201 Twin Creeks Club Drive, Cedar Park, \$15 added for nonmembers;
Rainbow Station, 11651 W. Parmer Lane, Cedar Park;
City of Leander Parks and Recreation Center, 406 Municipal Drive, Leander

Puppetry art camp

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Ages: 6–10
June 24–28, July 15–19, 9 a.m.–noon
Cost: \$175
Registration deadline: June 17 (first session), July 8 (second session)

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Ages: 3–6
June 24–28, July 15–19, July 22–26, Aug. 5–9, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
Cost: \$150 per week plus \$50 deposit
Registration deadline: Open enrollment

- Radio Disney

Activities include manicures, makeup, hair styling, a photo shoot and runway show as well as ballet, jazz, tumbling, stories and art.

Ages: 7–10
July 8–12, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
Cost: \$150 per week
• Hip Hop Camp

Dancers learn various styles of hip-hop, make a music video and participate in arts and crafts.

Ages: 5–10
Aug. 5–9, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
Cost: \$150

512-257-9722
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Center Stage offers a variety of camps for new and experienced dancers of all ages.

- Princess dance camp

Children participate in a royal-themed weeklong gathering full of dancing, creative movement, games, dress-up, crafts and more.

Ages: 4–8
July 15–19, 9 a.m.–noon
\$150

- Rock star dance camp

Children participate in a week of jazz, musical theater and hip-hop dancing. The class will also write and record its own song.

Ages: 9–17

July 22–26, 12:30–3:30 p.m.
\$150

- Summer dance intensives

Each Friday evening, Center Stage Dance Studio offers two-hour dance intensives in a variety of dance styles including ballet, jazz, lyrical/contemporary, leaps and turns, and musical theater.

Ages: 5–17
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512-259-0445

www.centerstageleander.com
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Dinosaur Dilemma theater camp

The Cedar Park High School theater department presents a dinosaur-themed camp, which includes theater art activities and a performance at 7 p.m. June 13.

Ages: 5–12
June 10–13, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.
Cost: \$120 (through May 17), \$130 (late registration)

Registration deadline: May 27
512-570-1261
www.cphstheatre.org
Cedar Park High School, 2150 Cypress Creek Road, Cedar Park

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Camps specialize in different aspects and styles of dance.

- Advanced technical training

Ages: 12–18
June 24–26, 12:30–3:30 p.m.
Cost: \$85

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Ages: 6–10
June 10–July 12, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Cost: \$125

- Drill preparation intensive

Ages: 13–18
July 15–18, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Cost: \$165

- Hip-hop camp

Ages: 6–18
June 24–26, 9 a.m.–noon
Cost: \$85

- Intermediate technical training

Ages: 8–12
July 8–10, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Cost: \$125

- MovEvolve dance intensive

Ages: 12–18
July 26–27, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Cost: \$150

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Ages: 5–10
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Austin Dog Alliance,

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Ages: 3–13

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Ages: 3–18

June 11–13, July 23–25

9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Cost: \$95 per week

Registration deadline: one week before
camp start date

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Ages: 3–18

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Abridged stories from our other editions

Full stories online at impactnews.com**TOP STORIES****North Austin considers alliance for 10-1 City Council plan**

NORTHWEST AUSTIN In preparation for Austin City Council's redistricting, North Austin neighborhoods are discussing an alliance that could serve as a central voice for addressing issues such as crime and traffic in the area.

Many neighborhood associations, including the North Austin Coalition of Neighborhoods, are concerned that because North Austin has not been represented on council, there is a disconnect between the area and downtown, especially considering that 78753 and 78758 are the second- and fourth-most-populated Austin ZIP codes respectively, NACN President Mary Rudig said.

"It seems constantly whenever we go [to City Council] and ask for stuff, [they say], 'Oh, well, that wasn't put in the budget,'" said Rudig, whose association represents neighborhoods in the 78753 and 78758 ZIP codes.

On Nov. 6, voters approved creating 10 single-member districts for City Council elections and representation. Under the 10-1 plan, the mayor is still elected at-large. The Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission that is drawing the map will need to have it ready before the next election in November 2014.

Rudig said that based on recent census data, roughly 220,000 people live north of RM 2222, and the area might be split into three council districts.

"If it's done right, we'll be able to give North Austinites a voice," she said.

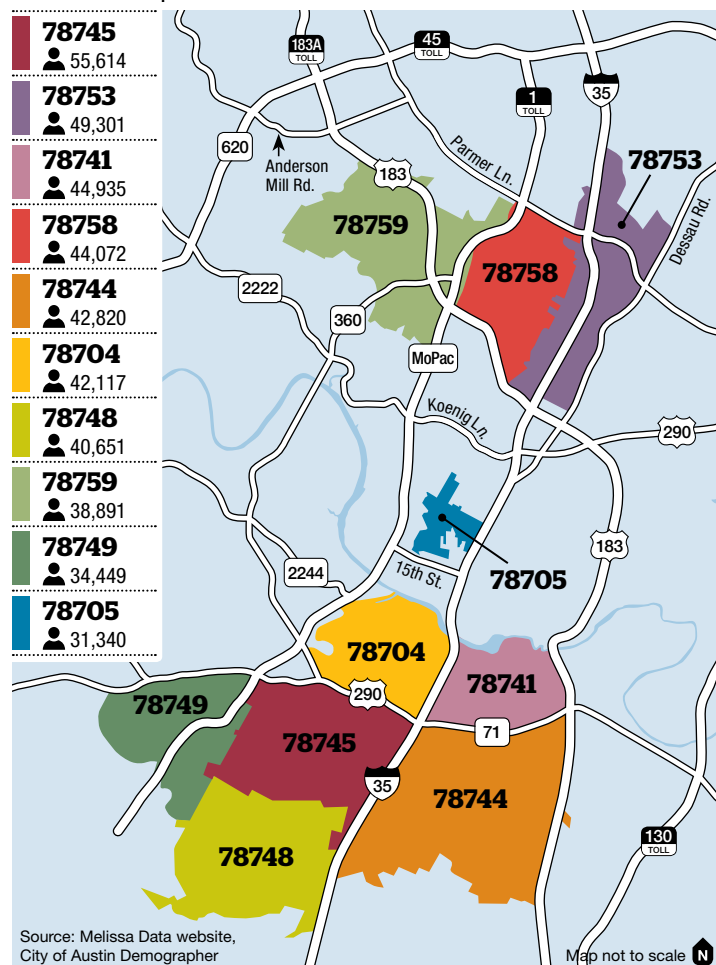
Full story by Amy Denney

Achieving geographic representation**ZIP codes**

Person icon = Population

78745	55,614
78753	49,301
78741	44,935
78758	44,072
78744	42,820
78704	42,117
78748	40,651
78759	38,891
78749	34,449
78705	31,340

Three of the city's 10 most populated ZIP codes are in North Austin, but only one council member, Kathie Tovo, lives in one of the top 10 (78705).

**Turnaround planned for downtown**

ROUND ROCK As summer approaches, Round Rock city officials are conducting final preparations for a project they believe will usher in a new era for the look and feel of the downtown area.

The most visible alteration to downtown Round Rock's street layout—which has remained relatively consistent since the area was established in the 1870s—will be the construction of a traffic roundabout at the intersection of Round Rock Avenue and Blair Street. The roundabout is intended to divert traffic coming east from I-35 before it reaches Mays Street, a strategic design the city hopes will transform the area from a traffic thoroughfare into a pedestrian-friendly shopping, dining and entertainment destination.

The roundabout project is the latest step in realizing Round Rock's Downtown Master Plan, a 2010 City Council-approved initiative to improve and revitalize the downtown business and residential districts.

As part of the project, the city is also planning to extend Blair Street between the roundabout and Liberty Avenue, and to connect the east and west sections of Main Street across Mays Street.

Full story by JP Eichmiller

BUSINESS**Adrenaline Lacrosse**

WESTLAKE After Matt Hicks played his first lacrosse game in 1998 as a freshman at Austin High School, there was no turning back.

"It was just something different," he said. "It's very fast, and it's very unique."

Fifteen years later, after playing in and coaching leagues throughout Austin, Hicks is now the manager of Adrenaline Lacrosse, a specialty store in Westlake offering an array of lacrosse equipment, such as sticks, string for nets, gloves and padding for purchase or rental as well as sports apparel.

Formerly South Swell Sports, Hicks said the company decided to rebrand its eight locations in Texas and California to Adrenaline Lacrosse. The California-based sister companies launched in 2001 to fill the gap in the lacrosse market in the western part of the U.S.

Full story by Elizabeth Robinson



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DINING**Burger University**

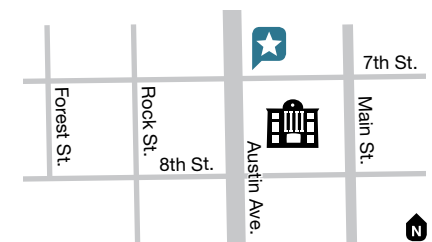
GEORGETOWN After almost a year of doing business on the Square, Burger University co-owner Alan Grimsley estimates he has served more than 60,000 burgers.

Prior to opening the restaurant, Grimsley ran Star Burger in Liberty Hill. The restaurant burned down in November 2011.

Grimsley hoped to rebuild, even posting an ad on Craigslist to find an investor. He ended up meeting Rob and Carmen May, who own the Lockett Building at 119 W. Seventh St.

The couple had been looking for someone to help open a burger restaurant in the historic building. The trio decided to name the restaurant Burger University because of the city's ties to Southwestern University and created the restaurant's menu, which they call a curriculum, featuring college-themed items, he said.

Full story by Beth Wade



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TOLL VISION TAKES SHAPE

Toll

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subdivision along Toll 183A.

The 160-acre development broke ground Jan. 22 and will eventually include retail, restaurants and homes in addition to seven large office spaces. The first 27,500-square-foot office building is expected to be constructed by May, creating space for a new company to relocate to Cedar Park, much to the delight of Phil Brewer, the city's economic development director.

Because of the lack of existing vacant large office space in the Austin area, Brewer insisted that McDaniel not wait to secure a business before developing the site.

"[Brewer] said he could have filled up 10 buildings," McDaniel said. "And we really believe in Phil. That's why we broke ground without a tenant."

The project allows Brewer to then market the building to multiple prospective businesses as well as companies seeking a large, short-term space while they build out a larger office building. The project is among more \$300

million in commercial development to emerge since the tollway first opened in 2007, Brewer said.

Next in line

Scottsdale Crossing is among several long-anticipated projects being revived after years of stalling. Many attribute the delays to the Great Recession from 2007–09, but development along Toll 183A is starting to regain interest.

Crystal Falls Parkway, in particular, is the next northern tollway crossroad likely to attract significant development, said Rick Castleberry, land broker for Austin-based McAllister and Associates, who compared the area's growth potential to Plano's in the DFW Metroplex.

"Development money is back, so the game is on again," he said.

Castleberry oversees the southeast corner along Toll 183A, a future mixed-use development called Leander Village. He considered the intersection so vital that he paid the Mobility Authority \$600,000 to relocate the Crystal Falls exit ramp 2,300 feet south so northbound traffic could safely merge to his corner of the intersection. The space is expected to include smaller mixed-use developments and a senior living village during the next three years.

The northeast corner of Crystal Falls Parkway and Toll 183A, on the other hand, is expected to feature a 15- to 20-acre big-box retail development, land broker Joe Duncan said. More residents are using rather than avoiding the tollway, he said, much in the same way Houston and Dallas area residents have come around to paying tolls.

"Those toll roads can be double-edged swords, but I am a very strong believer," Duncan said. "They've produced so much development."

TOD=TBD

Now that traffic has opened to Hero Way and San Gabriel Parkway—the two primary east-west thoroughfares within Leander's TOD—development is expected to soon follow, Howell said.

"Keep in mind, the TOD was basically void of internal infrastructure," Howell said, adding that north-south connector Mel Mathis Avenue will open this summer.

Lance Hughes of Hughes Capital Management said more details are expected to be unveiled in the coming weeks about Leander Transit Village, a mixed-use development surrounding the train and bus station. Hughes helped by donating right of way that allowed Hero Way to be built.

Castleberry also oversees land surrounding the Austin Community

College-owned property. He said the space would be ideal for a Leander-based primary employer.

The type of employer would likely depend on the area of expertise at the Leander ACC campus. ACC board trustee Victor Villarreal said he ideally envisions a biomedical or energy emphasis at the proposed campus, although that may change once the campus opens.

Villarreal, a former Leander councilman and the only non-Travis County ACC board trustee, was instrumental in helping to attract ACC to Leander in the mid-2000s, eventually leading the school to buy a 100-acre property in the heart of the city's TOD. The \$12.4 million purchase was the college's most expensive land purchase to date, he said.

ACC timeline

Because Leander ISD has been part of ACC's taxing district since 1985—following 83 percent voter approval at the time—the proposed campus does not qualify for state financial support, Villarreal said.

"We're the fourth-largest city in the taxing district, but the strongest argument for a campus is the fact we have been in the district so long," he said. "We have paid our dues."

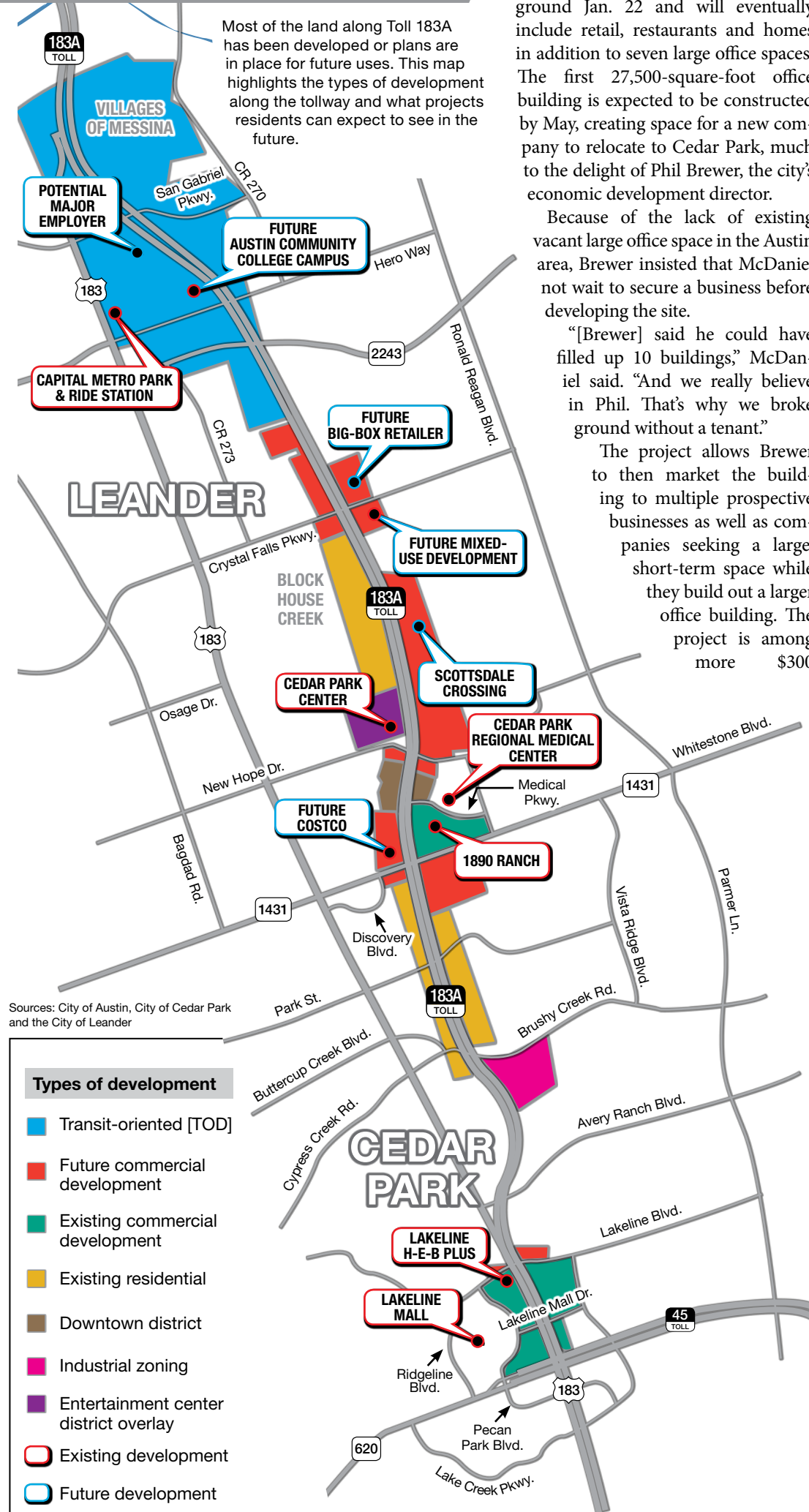
Steps are in motion that could potentially allow ACC to place a bond initiative on November's ballot. If approved, an undetermined amount of money would be allocated toward a Leander campus, which could break ground next summer and open for class by spring 2016.

Until then, the Leander ACC property has continued to accumulate value since being purchased in 2011. The property's assessed value increased nearly 19 percent last year, according to Williamson County Appraisal District data, a testament to ACC's vision statement to promote economic development, Villarreal said.

"That's one of the reasons why we develop—knowing we provide these communities another economic incentive," he said. "It's a manifestation of part of our mission."

Howell said ACC is among many components that help make the Leander land along Toll 183A particularly attractive.

"The biggest benefit of the TOD is that it's an alternative to everything else that's out there," he said. "We have people migrating here from other parts of the country that prefer a more urban lifestyle in a less expensive environment."



Sources: City of Austin, City of Cedar Park and the City of Leander

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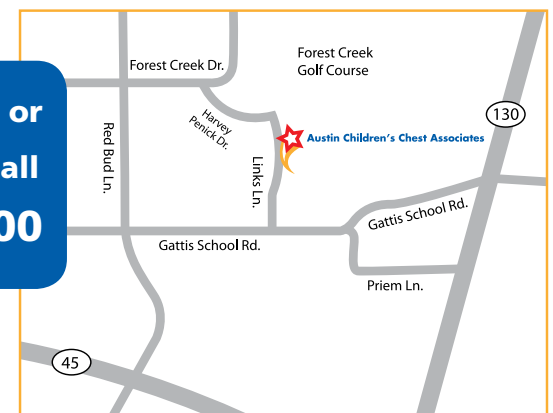


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give us advice on the environmental constraints. We also have some right of way appraisers that we get input from on the acquisition difficulties. So it's a combination of in-house expertise and outside consultants."

Within six months, Roberts said he intends to have a firm, prioritized list of roadway projects.

"Just because you have a matrix that ranks these projects based on all of these criteria doesn't mean you necessarily build them in that order," Roberts said. "It provides a starting point or the guideline to do an in-depth financial analysis over the feasibility or funding of a project. It really boils down to two things: How badly is it needed, and can we afford it?"

Finding the funds

Traditionally, the city has funded road construction independently in collaboration with Williamson County or through grants, said Josh Selleck, Cedar Park's other assistant city manager. The city also has about \$24 million left from the 2007 bond election intended for upcoming transportation projects.

"All of those funding methodologies are still available," Selleck said. "Obviously, any of those partnerships would have to be decided in the future."

Joint city-county funding for roadways has been common in recent years. Both entities approved a \$5 million interlocal agreement in November for road improvement projects, including work at the Lakeline Boulevard and Cypress Creek Road intersection.

Since February, Commissioners Court has discussed the possibility of a bond election in November, which could help fund some of Cedar Park's master-planned roads. Voters approved the last county bond election in 2006 for \$250 million.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Cynthia Long said the county will appoint a citizens task force to determine a number of factors, including the need for a bond election, the amount, what projects to include and whether those projects should be funded by the county or in conjunction with municipalities.

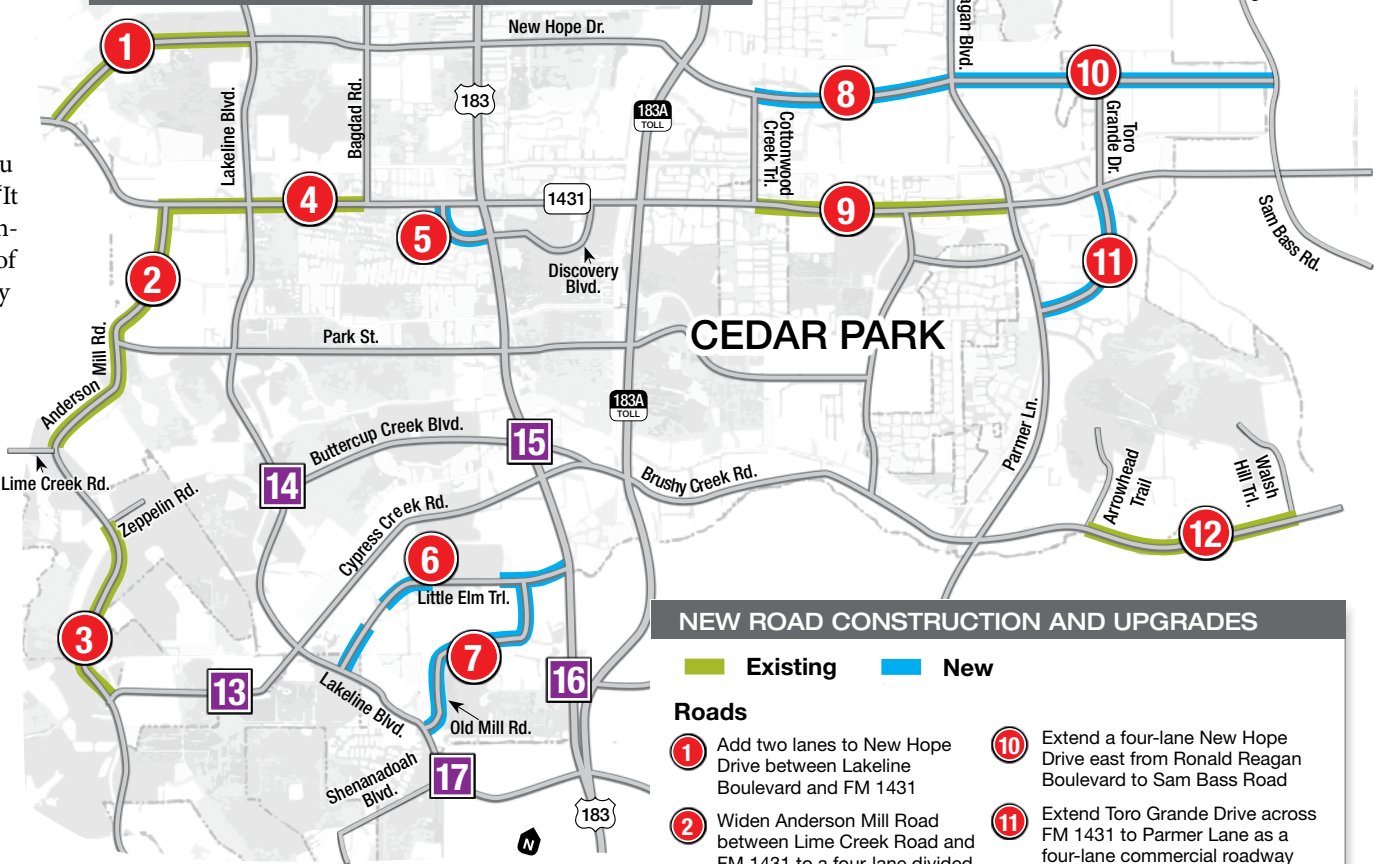
"In addition to seeking input from the citizens task force, we are also seeking input from the cities, as was done in 2006, regarding their priorities," she said.

Importance of mobility

Some road projects could also be funded by the appreciation of taxable properties in Cedar Park, Selleck said, and the addition of new taxable value.

"Projects that come up will be supported by growth of the tax base, build-out of the commercial corridor or other funding mechanisms," he said.

FUTURE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS



City staff have compiled a preliminary list of needed Cedar Park road projects. The included items have not been added to the transportation master plan or approved by City Council.

However, growth is why Cedar Park needs new and refreshed road options, Roberts said.

"Based on traffic counts we have on [US] 183, approximately two-thirds of the traffic on old [US] 183 is traffic not originating in Cedar Park, i.e. Leander, Liberty Hill and points [farther] north. That's significant. It's a very big number," he said.

Alleviating traffic congestion on US 183 is important to improving mobility, he said.

"With that kind of cut-through traffic, it makes it challenging to implement a redevelopment plan on old [US] 183," he said. "I think if we could somehow find a way to calm traffic on [US] 183, this would help with our efforts to redeveloping that corridor."

Residents can contribute to the transportation master plan by contacting city staff or a member of City Council, Roberts said.

NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND UPGRADES

Existing New

Roads

- 1 Add two lanes to New Hope Drive between Lakeline Boulevard and FM 1431
- 2 Widen Anderson Mill Road between Lime Creek Road and FM 1431 to a four-lane divided road with wide outer lanes, a raised median and sidewalk
- 3 Add two outer lanes to Anderson Mill Road between Cypress Creek Road and Zeppelin Road
- 4 Widen FM 1431 to a six-lane divided road between Bagdad Road and Anderson Mill Road
- 5 Extend Discovery Boulevard to create a four-lane commercial roadway with sidewalks
- 6 Fill in the gaps of Little Elm Trail in three places so the roadway extends from Lakeline Boulevard to US 183
- 7 Construct Old Mill Road as a neighborhood roadway from Lakeline Boulevard to Little Elm Trail
- 8 Extend New Hope Drive from Cottonwood Creek Trail to Ronald Reagan Boulevard as a four-lane, divided road
- 9 Widen FM 1431 to a six-lane divided road from Cottonwood Creek Trail to Parmer Lane
- 10 Extend a four-lane New Hope Drive east from Ronald Reagan Boulevard to Sam Bass Road
- 11 Extend Toro Grande Drive across FM 1431 to Parmer Lane as a four-lane commercial roadway
- 12 Widen Brushy Creek Road to four lanes with a raised median between Arrowhead Trail Road and Walsh Hill Trail

Intersections

- 13 Install right-turn lane on westbound Cypress Creek Road for access to Sun Chase Boulevard
- 14 Remove eastbound median island and revise striping at Lakeline Boulevard and Buttercup Creek Boulevard
- 15 Redesign intersection at US 183 and Brushy Creek Road/ Buttercup Creek Road to improve operations
- 16 Construct southbound and northbound flyover ramps on US 183 and Toll 183A to bypass Avery Ranch Boulevard and Lakeline Boulevard
- 17 Widen Shenandoah Drive at Lakeline Boulevard to create a dedicated right-turn lane

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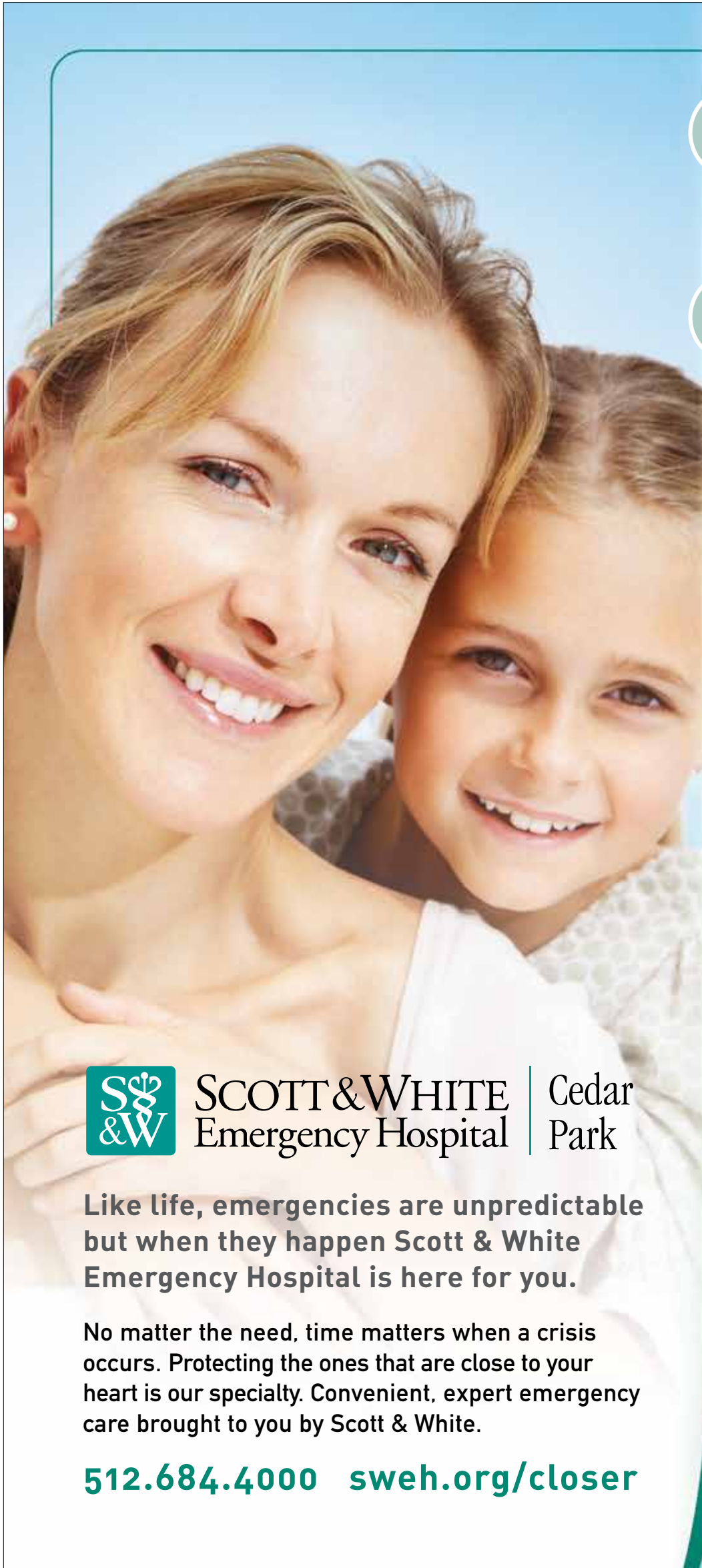
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The Fairways at Crystal Falls, Leander

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Overview

Build-out year: Not built out
Builders: David Weekley, Dimension Builders, Grand Haven, Highland, Klaer Custom Homes, Mercedes, Partners In Building, Robillard Custom Homes, Sonora
Square footage: 1,835–4,307
Home values: \$291,215–\$465,729
HOA dues (estimated): \$60 per month
Amenities: Jogging and biking path, park, playground, community pool, sport courts, underground utilities
Nearby attractions: H-E-B Plus, Leander Public Library
Property taxes:
Travis County 0.500100
Travis County Healthcare District 0.078946
Austin Community College 0.095100
Leander ISD 1.511870
City of Leander 0.670420
Total (per \$100 value) **\$2.856436**

Homes on the market (As of March 12, 2013)

No. of homes for sale	4
No. of homes under contract	0
Average days on the market	294

Annual home sales (March 12, 2012–March 12, 2013)

No. of homes sold	7
Square footage (low/high)	2,445 / 3,787
Selling price (low/high)	\$299,990 / \$414,900

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Agent: Sean Mulcahy 512-518-5364

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Agent: Elicia Gower 512-657-7510

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By MileStone Community Builders

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Prior to the grand opening which hosted over 200 guests, this upscale community started with 41 home-sites and to date over 30 discerning Austin and Cedar Park luxury home buyers have decided to call The Reserve Brushy Creek their home and it’s easy to see why. Every home features the upscale Pinnacle Collection with rich, luxury features, including gourmet kitchens perfect for entertaining, semi-customizable plans to

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Price Range	Number of homes for sale		Average days on the market	
	CLN	CLS	CLN	CLS
Less than \$100,000	6	1	42	51
\$100,000–\$149,999	95	17	35	27
\$150,000–\$199,999	109	40	43	30
\$200,000–\$299,999	78	153	81	43
\$300,000–\$399,999	56	50	135	45
\$400,000–\$499,999	31	12	138	68
\$500,000–\$749,999	36	8	94	95
\$750,000–\$999,999	1	0	650	–
\$1 million +	1	1	240	155

*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, while CLS includes most of Cedar Park.

Recent Property Listings

ZIP code	Subdivision	Address	Bed/Bath	Price	Sq.ft.	Agent	Agency	Phone
78613	Breakaway	501 Breakaway Road	4br/2ba	\$449,000	2,061	Michele Eilers	Farelli & Associates	512-797-4870
78613	Buttercup Creek	1502 Pagedale Drive	4br/2ba	\$267,900	2,847	Jeffrey Walker	Prudential Texas Realty	512-947-8836
78613	Buttercup Creek	401 Marigold Lane	4br/3ba	\$280,000	3,504	Kari Christ	Keller Williams Realty	512-784-8181
78613	Buttercup Creek	1201 Deer Grove Drive	3br/2ba	\$189,000	2,084	Mary Rodriguez	Keller Williams–Lake Travis	512-300-6019
78613	Cedar Park Ranchettes	1105 Bluebonnet Drive	3br/1ba	\$91,500	1,509	Jim Farrington	EXIT-Options Realty	512-413-7941
78613	Crossing at Carriage Hills	1402 Royce Lane	3br/2ba	\$165,000	1,771	Debbie Maret	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	512-573-6532
78613	Cypress Canyon	611 Basie Bend	3br/2ba	\$253,900	2,094	Kimberly Johnson	Keller Williams Realty–RR	512-293-6653
78613	Forest Oaks	1105 Willowbrook Drive	4br/3ba	\$300,000	2,945	Mary Boatright	RE/MAX 1	512-426-1881
78613	Forest Oaks	211 Water Oak Drive	4br/3ba	\$285,000	3,183	Timothy Heyl	Keller Williams Realty	512-330-1047
78613	Park Place	210 Mount Rushmore Drive	3br/2ba	\$159,900	1,612	Mary Tongay	BMW Realty	512-653-5553
78613	Quarry Oaks	605 Prize Oaks Drive	3br/2ba	\$156,000	1,247	Dave Kleinman	Keller Williams Realty	512-468-4300
78613	Quarry Oaks	808 Grapevine Drive	3br/2ba	\$299,900	2,633	Jennifer Spuler	Keller Williams Realty	512-293-6676
78613	Red Oaks	417 Misty Morn Lane	4br/3ba	\$365,000	3,589	Bruce Berman	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	512-750-6611
78613	Twin Creeks Country Club	2524 Durlston Court	5br/3ba	\$350,000	3,552	Robert Kauffman	Keller Williams Realty	512-853-0110
78613	Twin Creeks Country Club	2404 Falmer Court	4br/2ba	\$334,990	2,931	Elizabeth Stewart	Cantera Real Estate	512-809-6809
78641	Benbrook Ranch	1009 Flanagan Drive	3br/2ba	\$173,000	1,771	Patrice Duff	Moreland Properties	512-413-5478
78641	Benbrook Ranch	1003 Gentry Drive	3br/2ba	\$145,697	1,389	Trent Koenings	J.B. Goodwin, Realtors	512-264-5430
78641	Benbrook Ranch	1008 Clayton Drive	4br/2ba	\$129,900	2,416	Robert Guest	Keller Williams Realty	512-616-4100
78641	Benbrook Ranch	1021 Aiken Drive	4br/2ba	\$174,000	2,225	Norma M. Mantz	J.B. Goodwin, Realtors	512-431-6226
78641	Boulders at Crystal Falls	1903 Phantom Horse	3br/2ba	\$219,900	2,115	Jasper Augustine	RE/MAX Capital City II	512-744-4172
78641	Boulders at Crystal Falls	2011 Ocotillo	4br/2ba	\$225,000	2,267	Michelle Higgins	Goldwasser Real Estate	512-576-7804
78641	Crystal Falls	2209 Traditions Court	5br/5ba	\$539,296	4,222	Samantha Hale	StoneHaven Realty	512-771-4681
78641	Fairways at Crystal Falls	2302 First View	5br/4ba	\$475,000	3,710	Elicia Gower	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	512-657-7510
78641	Fairways at Crystal Falls	2107 Bighorn	4br/4ba	\$334,900	3,031	Sean Mulcahy	Keller Williams Realty	512-971-3995
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78641	Highlands At Crystal Falls	1913 Tribal Way	4br/3ba	\$314,990	2,573	Natasha Baker	Keller Williams Realty	512-786-1799
78641	Lakeline Ranch	85 Verde Ranch Loop	2br/2ba	\$124,900	1,652	Jim Pitkethley	Keller Williams Realty–RR	512-694-8717
78641	North Creek Ranch	805 Estancia Way	3br/2ba	\$120,000	1,448	Tim Kress	RE/MAX 1	512-719-5555
78641	Timberline West	1101 Oak Hollow Drive	4br/2ba	\$227,500	2,119	Colleen Sellars	RE/MAX 1	512-971-0665
78641	Woods at Mason Creek	704 Honeysuckle Drive	3br/2ba	\$139,900	1,534	Jacqueline Conner	Pacesetter Properties	512-560-9556
78717	Avery Ranch East	16621 Ennis Trail	3br/2ba	\$245,000	1,933	Deborah Harber	Keller Williams Realty	512-971-1182
78717	Avery Ranch Far West	11225 Persimmon Gap	3br/2ba	\$227,950	1,791	Mary Battaglia	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	512-767-6787
78717	Avery Ranch West	14100 Avery Ranch Blvd.	3br/3ba	\$199,990	1,942	Laurie McGary	Keller Williams Realty	512-695-7461
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Monthly home sales

Month	Number of homes sold		Average price	
	CLN	CLS	CLN	CLS
February 2013	89	73	\$194,027	\$239,613
February 2012	66	59	\$173,959	\$222,181
January 2013	62	51	\$197,558	\$240,244
December 2012	93	72	\$198,252	\$243,512
November 2012	77	68	\$192,219	\$224,443
October 2012	89	74	\$178,484	\$232,275
September 2012	72	62	\$178,285	\$246,069
August 2012	104	94	\$194,845	\$252,845
July 2012	95	96	\$181,890	\$239,483

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2825 Granite Hill Cove	Wisteria	4 / 3.5 / 2 / 2.5	2,607	\$284,983	Now	
22209 Traditions Ct.	Barcelona	5 / 5.5 / 2 / 3	4,222	\$539,296	March	
2821 Amber Valley Ln.	Pinehurst	3 / 2 / 1 / 2	1,884	\$235,157	April	
2309 Lookout Knoll Dr.	Preston	3 / 3 / 1 / 3	2,509	\$312,823	May	
2217 Lookout Knoll Dr.	Meridien	4 / 3.5 / 2 / 3	3,322	\$364,958	May	
2524 Champions Corner Dr.	Buckingham	4 / 3 / 1 / 3	3,202	\$373,525	May	
1900 Long Bow	Florence	4 / 3.5 / 2 / 3	4,263	\$470,015*	May	
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12224 Fairway Cove	Calabria	3 / 2 / 1 / 2	1,859	\$357,911	Now	
12321 Fairway Cove	Florian	3 / 2 / 1 / 2	1,955	\$425,838	Now	
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4113 Gandara Bend	Hampton	4 / 3.5 / 2 / 3	3,357	\$504,586	Now	
4117 Gandara Bend	Easton	5 / 3.5 / 2 / 3	3,251	\$519,386	Now	
44409 Tambre Bend	Milano	3 / 2 / 1 / 2	1,834	\$319,901*	April	
4417 Tambre Bend	Messina	3 / 2 / 1 / 2	1,950	\$345,516*	April	
4209 Tambre Bend	Florian	3 / 2 / 1 / 2	1,955	\$338,831*	May	

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194 Emma Loop	Ellington	3 / 2.5 / 1 / 3	2,899	\$467,599	May	
143 Emma Loop	Meridien	4 / 3.5 / 2 / 3	3,421	\$480,508	May	
127 Margaret Circle	Cordoba	4 / 3.5 / 1 / 3	3,535	\$544,103	May	
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12109 Labrador Bay Ct.	Montclair	5 / 4.5 / 2 / 2	3,357	\$496,917	Now	
12204 Labrador Bay Ct.	Barrington	4 / 3.5 / 2 / 3	3,607	\$602,120	April	
12221 Labrador Bay Ct.	Easton	5 / 3.5 / 2 / 2.5	3,360	\$527,601	April	
SHOREVIEW OVERLOOK - in Steiner Ranch • (512) 266-6503						
11508 Shoreview Overlook	Cordoba	5 / 4 / 1 / 3	3,435	\$699,000	April	
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18104 Lipan Apache Cove	Buckingham	4 / 3 / 1.5 / 3	3,719	\$484,778	Now	
5605 Lipan Apache Bend	Montclair	4 / 3.5 / 2 / 3	3,552	\$557,085	May	
5601 Lipan Apache Bend	Nottingham	4 / 3.5 / 2 / 3	3,569	\$589,905	May	

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