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Around Lakeway

Have You Been Affected By Cancer?

Submitted by Cathleen McBurney

I know that I have. I know that my family has. I know that my friends have. It was almost 2 years ago that I was given the devastating diagnosis of Stage 4 Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma, an extremely rare cancer with approximately 1600 cases per year. The prognosis wasn't good, but I beat the odds by nothing other than a miracle. Cancer was certainly not what I had envisioned as a part of my life. But God's plans are different than mine, and now I have been led to lead the Relay For Life of Lake Travis, and to represent the American Cancer Society as a 2015 Hero of Hope.

I tell you this because I know that each of you in some way has also been affected. You may be a survivor. You may be a caregiver or a family member that watched someone you love battle cancer. You may have suffered the loss of a loved one to this terrible disease. It can affect adults, children, healthy or unhealthy. Cancer has no filter by which it chooses its victims.

But there is something tangible that we can do. We can Fight. Celebrate. Remember. The American Cancer Society is much more than research. They offer programs to patients and families, including Road to Recovery, Cancer Survivor Networks, wigs, lodging for patients traveling to treatment, Reach to Recovery for breast cancer patients and more. They rely on donations through events like the Relay For Life, which is the largest non-profit fundraiser in the world. That's where you come in.

Please join me in forming teams for this year's Relay For Life of Lake Travis, which will be held on April 17th (6pm – midnight) at Lake Travis High School. Teams participate by raising money beforehand through simple online donation links and joining together at the event by walking the family friendly track. No running required. No athletic ability needed. One person from each team just needs to be on the track at all times. The rest of the team can join in or just hang out and enjoy the activities and entertainment, until it's their turn to walk. The highlights of the night include the Survivor Lap, an emotional opener to the event which honors those who have fought and won, serving as a testament to the hope that is available to all. If you are a survivor, please join us by registering, even if it's only for that lap. But it is the Luminaria ceremony that honors those who lost their battle, those who won, and those whose fight continues. It is a beautiful tribute and one you will never forget. I hope you will join us!

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My family at last year's Relay For Life of Lake Travis

NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA RAISES OVER \$125,000

The 2014 New Year's Eve Gala benefiting nonprofit Help Our Wounded (HOW) was a huge success. The Vista Ballroom at the Lakeway Resort and Spa was transformed into An Evening in Paris, where over 210 people joined in the festivities and brought in 2015.

The HOW Advisory Board organizes the Gala, and is chaired by Dottie Stevenson. The first Gala in 2013 raised \$46,000, and Dottie set the goal of \$100,000 this year. At the Gala, the Advisory Board presented a check to Rosie Babin, HOW founder, for \$117,000, and Dottie challenged the guests during an auction to reach a goal of \$120,000. The final amount raised is \$125,025.

This money will go toward assisting wounded soldiers and their families guiding them to resources for support and provide financial assistance when needed. As Rosie has said, after the soldier leaves Walter Reed, after all the VIPs have paid their visits, these soldiers and families are faced with enormous challenges. HOW provides that help, and Rosie continues to be a valuable and necessary resource for those in need. For more information about HOW, go to HelpOurWounded.org.

LTlov January Meeting



From left: LTlov member Kim Kahle, Mary Whitaker, LTlov members Karen Michalik, Sarah Berg, Donnis Golden and Candace Nyugen.

LTlov was privileged to have Mary Whitaker, manager & original founder of the Lake Travis Crisis Ministries, present at the January meeting. Members were updated on Ministry operations, needs and goals for the upcoming year. The Lake Travis Crisis Ministry provides food, prayer, financial assistance and encouragement to those in crisis in the Lake Travis area. Members donated 20 bags of non perishable food and personal care items which were presented to Ms. Whitaker following her presentation. LTlov is a six time LTlov Annual Grant recipient. LTlov will participate in the 3rd annual Amplify Austin 24 hour on-line giving event on March 5th to raise funds for the Annual Grants program.

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6. You will not be able to invest or sell with me at a known value. You put your order in to invest or sell during the day, but your order will not be executed until the end of the day, and you get whatever the price is then.
7. And oh yeah, I will probably take a lot more risk with your

money than you imagine.

Do you want to put your money in this investment? Hopefully you are looking at this deal and trying to find the nearest fire escape. No one would want to jeopardize their life savings in such a vehicle. Yet, people do it every day.

I have just described a mutual fund. If you look at how a mutual fund works, you will discover that the deal laid out above is exactly what you get when you put money into a mutual fund. This is why we are seeing other alternatives growing at such a rapid rate. Exchange Traded Funds (ETF's) and Separately Managed Accounts (SMA's) are becoming the staple of top financial advisors throughout the country. In fact, a good test to see if your advisor is any good is to simply look at how they have invested your money.

If they have you in mutual funds, it is a screaming red flag that you are not dealing with an advisor that is keeping up with their education. Either that, or they work for a big Wall Street firm that is being paid to put that fund in your portfolio, whether or not it is the best choice for you. Either way, it might be time to find another advisor.

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NOTE: "gas tip" is usually based on 4-people/car so adjust up or down depending on number of riders.

Fri Feb 6th: Winter Social: 2015 Board and Chair members will be introduced at LAC. Doors open 5:00pm. Dinner 5:30. In honor of President's Day, Red, White and Blue and All Star Burgers too! Guest Speaker Kevin McDonald was a Naval Pilot and Chief of Star Flight pilots in Texas; will share some hair-raising experiences. Enjoy All Star Burgers with 100% Premium Angus grass-fed beef + ice cream bar. Yuummmm.

Mon Feb 9th. Games Mah Jong 2:00 – 5:00p @ LAC then EAT afterward TBD where. NO carpool. Call Mary Ann Griesman

Wed Feb 11th: LUNCH BUNCH Jack Allen's, renowned chef Jack Gilmore, 7720 Hwy 71 in Oakhill, 512.852.8558 Carpool LAC 11:30am. \$2 gas. Call Maxine Beeskow

Fri Feb 20th. eat first and then Games Bridge & Dominoes @ LAC 7pm. NO carpool. Eat at Pao's (near Chair King & Tuesday Mornings) 5:15pm, NOW, Call Marie Rush or Eat at Flores Mexican Restaurant, Lakeway, 5:00pm, Call Phyllis Ligon.

Wed Feb 25th. Dining Out, The Olive Garden 12827 RR 20 North, 512.918.9460. Carpool LAC 5:30p. Call Pam Murray

NOTE #1: Activities 2015 will probably be decided by a round-table group to hopefully come up with at least one activity each month outside of the usual monthly activities. 2015 Calling/Communications Chair, Jacquie Banks, will continue preparing each month's "yellow sheet" on her computer, sending it to the Lakeway Voice timely for publication and then emailing and mailing to our general membership by about the 18th of the preceding month. So all you have to do is come up with an activity and its related details and email them to Jacquie. The deadline to get details of the activity to Jacquie so it can be posted on the "yellow sheet" is prior to the Board of Director's meeting held the first Friday of each month so the Board can approve the draft version. Call Priscilla Bangs to volunteer 512.261.0038. We really need your participation and some new ideas about fun, exciting places to visit ... or re-visit.

SAVE-THE-DATES:

Brown Bag Lunch @ LAC every Thurs Jan/Feb.

Viewpoints Speaker Series 3rd Sun Jan, Feb, Mar. Don't forget it is BYOB

Sun March 22nd: "Anything Goes, Palace Theater, Georgetown" \$24 checks payable to and mailed to Anita Fisher, 303 Copperleaf by February 23rd. Carpool LAC 12:15pm. MUST BE ON TIME to get your ticket from Maxine at LAC parking lot! Matinee show; eat afterward.

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DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY WITH YOUR VALENTINE AT BIG BAND BASH

Valentine's Day is on Feb. 14, but celebrate the whole week beginning with Lakeway's Big Band Bash from 8-10 p.m. Feb. 9 at Lakeway Activity Center, 105 Cross Creek.

Imagine an evening with one of the best big bands in Central Texas, a large dance floor and tables available for you to bring in special treats such as champagne and caviar.

Kent Dugan's 17-piece orchestra, The Republic of Texas Band, features well known singers and Lakeway residents David Cummings and Lisa Clark. This band consistently appeals to dancers of many generations. Expect to hear a wide variety of favorite tunes, mostly from the Sinatra era, with fresh arrangements.

Share the love by inviting your friends without the hassle of reservations. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. to the free Lakeway Arts Committee event, but donations to the band are encouraged. There is a large dance floor and plenty of tables. Bring your own refreshments, if desired, as none are provided.

"We have a group of dancers who love the Big Band Bash and show up every month, but we welcome newcomers to enjoy the fun evening," Lakeway Arts Committee chairman Fred Newton said.

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Firewise Field Day to Clear Brush Build-Up at Sailfish Park

Join the Lakeway Firewise Committee and Lake Travis Fire Rescue for some spring cleaning at the first Firewise Field Day of 2015.

Volunteers are needed to help clear brush in Sailfish Park from 8:30 a.m.-noon March 7.

At a Firewise Field Day two years ago, volunteers cleared out tons of dead wood and logs at the end of Wee Scot Cove. This time, with help of volunteers, the Firewise Committee and Lake Travis Fire Rescue may finish clearing brush from the rest of the park.

"Firewise Field Days are excellent opportunities for new residents to meet their neighbors and families to get some exercise and fresh air," Lakeway City Forester Carrie Burns said. "We are looking forward to a great turnout to finish off the brush clearing at this park."

The work area in Sailfish Park is forested with moderate slopes. Many volunteers are needed to load tarps full of brush and drag them to central collection sites for chipping. Brush will be on the ground and ready for pickup.

Volunteers should bring work gloves and wear long sleeved shirts, long pants and sturdy close-toed shoes suitable for hiking.

Sunscreen, insect repellent, hats and safety glasses are recommended. Bring sturdy rakes if available.

Beverages will be provided. A pizza lunch for all volunteers will follow the event.

Plan to meet at the main park entrance on Sailfish Street at 8:30 a.m. Latecomers are welcome to join the workday in progress. If the event is rained out, the workday will take place March 14.

Registration is not required, but it will help the Firewise Committee plan ahead for ordering pizza and providing parking.

For information or to register, contact Burns at forester@lakeway-tx.gov or 512-608-9722. Registrants should provide their email address, number of participants and the number of cars they will bring to receive an email reminder one week before the event.

In addition to registering, Lake Travis High School students interested in CAVs service hours should contact Pearl Jones at 512-786-7355 or pearljones@kw.com. All volunteers under the age of 18 should bring the Firewise Youth Waiver Release form signed by a parent. The form is available at www.lakeway-tx.gov/firewiseevents.



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Pray for Rain but Prepare for Drought

Women's Club of Greater Lakeway Hosts Central Texas Water Coalition President and Founder Jo Karr Tedder on Feb. 23

Jo Karr Tedder, president and founder of the Central Texas Water Coalition (CTWC)—a group dedicated to preserving area lake levels in times of drought—will address the Women's Club of Greater Lakeway on Monday, Feb. 23, at the Lake Travis Resort.

According to the CTWC Web site, the group's primary mission is "to advocate for and preserve the Highland Lakes' role as an irreplaceable natural resource that drives an important regional economic engine for Texas, and to bring together concerned citizens as a constituency of the Highland Lakes."

"That's a huge job, but Ms. Tedder already has helped convince the Lower Colorado River Authority to consider the economic impact of the Highland Lakes when setting water policies. And in December, her organization was named 'Outstanding Nonprofit of the Year' by the Highland Lakes Legacy Fund," said Sharon Gilmore, Women's Club Vice President of Programs.

A native Texan, Tedder has resided on Lake Buchanan since 2001. She is a former educator, administrator and political consultant who lived and worked on the East Coast before returning to Texas.

"I've always been active in my community, but after serving on LCRA's water management plan stakeholder advisory committee in 2010, I decided to focus on protecting the Highland Lakes' drinking water, and addressing the economic impact of the drought and water policies on our area's businesses and residents," Tedder said.

The Feb. 23 Women's Club event begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by a brief business meeting at 10 a.m., and then Tedder's presentation, "Pray for Rain but Prepare for Drought." The meeting is free to members, guests and potential new members. A luncheon by paid reservation follows at 11:30 a.m. To reserve lunch, call Jan Rouse at 512-261-3056 by Monday, Feb. 16, or by e-mail to jrouse2@austin.rr.com. For membership information contact Susan Bryce at 512-261-1095, by e-mail to s_bryce@sbcglobal.net; or see lakewaywomensclub.com.

Community Health Fair

Everyone is invited to Emmaus' 2nd Annual FREE Community Health Fair & Blood Drive, taking place on Saturday, February 14, 2015 in the Emmaus Parish Life Center in Lakeway. The community event will offer health screens, visits with local medical professionals, children's activities, and an American Red Cross blood drive. For details, visit <http://www.emmausparish.org/events/healthfair>.



ARTIST'S LANDSCAPES BRIGHTEN LAKEWAY CITY HALL ART GALLERY

Splashes of color come to life in artist Nona Maxwell's oil paintings that are on display through Feb. 19 at Lakeway City Hall Art Gallery. The exhibit of wildflowers, horses and other Texas landscapes may be viewed during regular City Hall office hours from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The Art Gallery is off the main lobby of Lakeway City Hall, 1102 Lohmans Crossing.

Maxwell is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. She majored in art at West Texas State University, now West Texas A&M University, and the University of Arizona although she received a bachelor of science degree in education with a minor in art from UT. She enjoyed a career as an elementary school teacher, but retirement from the classroom has allowed a renewed focus on art. The Lakeway Painters member has exhibited her oil paintings in shows in Tucson, Ariz., and recently in galleries in Boerne, Texas, and Fredericksburg, Texas.

"I am thrilled to be a member of the Lakeway Painters and look forward to new friendships and new challenges in the Austin area," Maxwell said.



FEAST ON LIVE MUSIC AT LAKEWAY'S BROWN BAG CONCERT SERIES

Mark your calendar to shake off the chills at the Winter 2015 Brown Bag Lunch Concert Series.

The City of Lakeway's Arts Committee hosts the annual series of free lunchtime concerts in January and February to help residents escape their winter doldrums from noon-1 p.m. Thursdays at Lakeway Activity Center, 105 Cross Creek.

The remaining 2015 schedule is:

Feb. 5 - Judith Miller Band, a popular Austin club band;

Feb. 12 - Albert and Gage, Texas music spiced with French lyrics;

Feb. 19 - The Second Line Jazz Band, a Mardi Gras celebration;

Feb. 26 - Red Young Quartet featuring vocalist Silvie Rider, a first-class cabaret act.

"Pack a lunch and enjoy some excellent entertainment," said Fred Newton, Lakeway Arts Committee chairman. For information, call the Activity Center at 512-261-1010.

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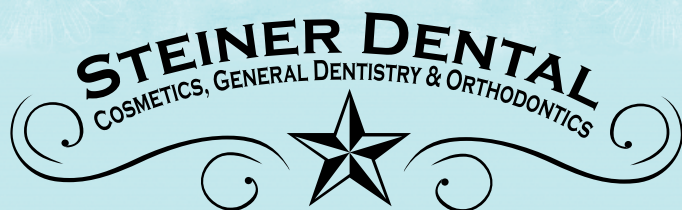


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Save the date and enjoy a morning at the park while exploring the beautiful trails of Lakeway! For the past 17 years, Friends of the Parks (FOP) has hosted this recreational event at Hamilton Greenbelt I. The Wilderness Run is a collaborative effort of the city, volunteers and sponsoring local businesses.

The Friends of the Parks is a nonprofit entity made up of citizen of Lakeway who volunteer to maintain and enhance the city parks and recreational areas. FOP volunteers donate hundreds of work hours to the city each year. We are looking for both volunteers and local business sponsors to assist us in our only fund raising event of the year. Funds raised help FOP continue our ongoing conservation efforts in Lakeway, its parks and trail systems.

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laketravislibrary.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>In conjunction with Love Your Library Month, we are holding a Food for Fines forgiveness campaign in February. Bring a nonperishable food item to the library this month and we will remove up to \$20 in fines or fees from your account. Food donations will benefit Lake Travis Crisis Ministries.</i></p>						
1	2 Talking Book Preschool Story Time 10:30am Chess Club 4:30-5:30pm	3 Friends Book Club 10am Toddler Story Time 10:30am Memoir Writing Group 3pm	4 Baby Story Time 10:30am <i>Downton Abbey</i> Tea Time 2pm	5 Amazing Mandarin Story Time 10:30am OverDrive Digital Library Training 1pm	6 Genealogy 9am Story Time 10am @ Briarcliff Tony Morris Classical Guitar Concert 4pm	7 Hola-Hola! Story Time 10:30am
8 Lucille Edgarian Art Reception 1:30-3:30pm	9 Preschool Story Time 10:30am Gettin' Crafty With It 1pm Chess Club 4:30-5:30pm	10 Toddler Story Time 10:30am Taste Buds 4:30-6pm	11 Baby Story Time 10:30am <i>Downton Abbey</i> Tea Time 2pm	12 Little Yoga 10:30am Japanese Stories 4pm	13 Genealogy 9am Story Time 10am @ Briarcliff Library's 2nd Anniversary Celebration 4pm	14 Come & Go Crafts 1:30-3pm 
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Lake Travis Community Library Fine Forgiveness Campaign

In conjunction with Love Your Library month, the Lake Travis Community Library is holding a Fine Forgiveness campaign in February. With the donation of a nonperishable food item, the library will forgive up to \$20 in fines.

"We know that fines can add up and we want to make sure everyone has access to the library and to our materials," said Library Director Morgan McMillian. "Reducing fines is one way to bring customers back into the library and back to borrowing

the materials they need."

Anyone with overdue fines or fines as the result of lost or damaged materials may bring in a charitable donation of a nonperishable food item to clear the fines up to \$20. Donations collected at the library will be given to Lake Travis Crisis Ministries.

For more information on the Lake Travis Community Library and the Fine Forgiveness campaign, visit www.laketravislibrary.org or call (512) 263-2885.

School News

Lake Travis Lions Club, Central Texas Lions KidSight partner with LTISD and LTlov

The Lake Travis Lions Club and Central Texas Lions KidSight have collaborated with school nurses from the Lake Travis Independent School District and local non-profit LTlov to provide automated vision screenings for students.

In addition to the traditional Snellen Eye Chart, the automated screenings are performed using a state-of-the-art device called the Spot. LTlov—whose volunteers work to identify local needs, inspire community involvement, and distribute contributions through projects that assist and empower families in the Lake Travis area—provided a \$4,000 grant that covered a large part of the cost of the new device. The remainder of the funding was provided through efforts by the Lake Travis Lions Club and Central Texas Lions KidSight.

Lake Travis ISD school nurse Sharmae Erickson said, “I am so excited about this new technology. The device allows us to screen for visual acuity deficits that we are unable to detect using the traditional Snellen Eye Chart. Additionally, we are now able to screen children we previously had been unable to screen due to language barriers or disability.”

According to Erickson, the traditional Snellen Eye Chart is a basic screening tool that only measures for visual acuity at a distance like myopia or ‘nearsightedness.’

“It is a subjective screening as students must identify letters correctly,” added Erickson. “Unfortunately, there are several issues that can lead to visual acuity concerns in children that are not detected using the traditional Snellen Eye Chart. Thankfully, the automated screening device is able to screen for most other visual concerns.”

Similar to the simplicity and speed of a digital camera, the Spot device can detect the following vision issues:

- Near-sightedness (myopia)
- Far-sightedness (hyperopia)
- Unequal refractive power (anisometropia)
- Blurred vision (astigmatism)
- Pupil size deviations (anisocoria)
- Eye misalignment (strabismus)

In just seconds, Spot provides objective and easy-to-understand results to help parents and caregivers determine proper follow-up



vision care.

“We have a large pre-K population at my campus,” Lake Travis ISD school nurse Laura Gault said. “It has been difficult to screen these children in the past due to decreased attention span, inability to follow directions, or language barriers. The Spot device has a sensitivity that is superior to any exam we currently perform. The technology is simply second to none.”

“Local Lions Club member Jan Johnson had the ‘vision’ to bring this device to our community,” Erickson added. “Jan began a non-profit organization called Central Texas Lions KidSight. The organization successfully promoted a rule change in the state of Texas which took effect in August 2014 that allows for children up to six years of age to be screened with the Spot device instead of eye charts. The rule also allows use of the device as an adjunct to traditional screenings in older children.”

In addition to Johnson and Erickson, Lake Travis Lions Club and Central Texas Lions KidSight members include Seth Brower, Emilia Hayes, John Mann, Larry Swim, optometrist Tristan Wild and other trained volunteers who will assist with Spot vision screenings at LTISD. “We want all daycares, preschools, and private schools to know that Lions offer this state-of-the-art vision screening with Spot absolutely free” said Johnson.

To learn more about Central Texas Lions KidSight Program, please visit www.centraltexaslionskidsight.org or email jan@centraltexaslionskidsight.org

WISH LIST ITEMS

This January, a small group of Lake Travis High School teachers will have their classroom wishes granted. Each year, many teachers look to the LTHS Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) to help fund items the current budget can't cover; they call it their Wish List. This year, the LTHS PTO decided to grant those wishes early, rather than waiting until the end of the school year. This allows the teachers and students almost four months to benefit from items like: a Chrome Book, Paper Shredder, Go Pro Camera set-up, transportation to Model UN at Harvard, water bottle filling stations, ear phones, and additional biology textbooks. The gratitude for these items can't be measured, according to some of the LTHS teachers.

"Since many of the Lake Travis High School parents donated to the PTO early on, the funds were available, so why wait?" stated Elizabeth Macklin, 2014-15 PTO Board President. Unfortunately, there weren't enough funds to cover every request, like those for more earphones, and a washer and dryer. The good news is that it is only February and it's not unusual for PTO donations to be received all the way through Spring Break. If you are parent of a Lake Travis High School student, and you have not yet donated to the LTHS PTO, or you would like to donate more than once, there is still time to help out more teachers and students. Go to lthspato.org, click on Fundraising, and in a few short clicks, you can help some very lucky Lake Travis High School students and teachers. Go on, grant a wish.

DISTRICT RECEIVES TEXAS COMPTROLLER'S HIGHEST AWARD

The Lake Travis Independent School District (LTISD) has earned a Platinum Leadership Circle Award from the Texas State Comptroller's Office in recognition of the district's financial transparency. According to the Texas Comptroller, the Leadership Circle program was launched in 2009 to recognize local government entities across Texas that strive to meet a high standard for financial transparency online. The award, which is based on 17 criteria, recognizes local governments that are 1.) opening their books to the public; 2.) providing clear, consistent pictures of spending; and 3.) sharing information in a user-friendly format that lets taxpayers easily drill down for more information. Leadership Circle awards can be earned in one of four levels: Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum. 'Bronze' inspires those who are just beginning their transparency efforts, 'Silver' encourages those who are making progress, 'Gold' highlights those entities that are setting the bar with their transparency efforts, and 'Platinum' spotlights entities that go above and beyond providing financial transparency. LTISD received a Gold Leadership Circle Award in 2013.

"In an age of strict public accountability, we are pleased to know that our ongoing efforts for financial transparency are validated by the Office of the Texas Comptroller," Dr. Brad Lancaster, LTISD Superintendent of Schools, said. "This public portal provides 24-7 access into our district's finances. We encourage our taxpayers to review our financial documents regularly."

LTISD's financial transparency page can be accessed via its website, or on the Comptroller's 'Texas Transparency'. For more information, contact the Lake Travis ISD Office of Communications at (512) 533-6046.



SPORTS MEDICINE PARTNERSHIP

Lake Travis ISD and Lakeway Aquatic Therapy and Wellness Center (LAT) announce a sports medicine partnership. The program will include LAT's doctors of physical therapy working with the Athletic Training staff. The focus of the program is to work together as a team to help prevent injuries and to rehab the injured students with aquatic therapy faster with less pain. "We are very excited to have the confidence of the Athletic trainers to work with the students this year," said Melody Medley- Keith DPT, PTA, MS, BS owner at Lakeway Aquatic Therapy. Picture above is the LTISD Athletic Trainers in red and the therapy staff at LAT

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Sports News

Lake Travis Youth Association

Registration is Open for LTYA Spring Sports! LTYA soccer, baseball, softball, spring volleyball clinic & spring basketball clinic! Go to www.ltya.org for more information and to register!



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Congratulations, Jane Froeschle - Ace of the Year

DECEMBER 10

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Ace of the Month, Karla Castriotta - 72

1st Flight:

1st Net: Linda Meyer, 76

2nd Net: Patti Lasswell, 78

2nd Flight:

1st Net: Karina Williams, 74

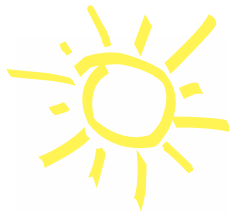
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LAKEWAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

WATERWISE

We have had some extremely cold cloudy weather so far this winter. With the chill in the air and the damp conditions, it is easy to forget about the fact that we are still in a very serious drought area wide. The boost in rain we were hoping to realize as a result of El Nino has failed to materialize at least so far this year. We are still hoping for some increased rainfall over the next few months, but there is no real reason for us to expect that to happen.

Lake levels continue to decrease gradually and inflows continue to remain well below average. The Drought Worse than Drought of Record could be declared by the LCRA as early as April, because of low inflows and lack of rain in the right areas. We will remain in Stage 3 of our Drought Contingency Plan which limits outdoor irrigating to one day per week as long as the combined storage stays above 600,000 acre feet and below 1,100,000 acre feet. During the months of November through March there should be no outdoor watering. The drought is a serious matter and we ask that you please comply with this schedule to conserve our precious resource...WATER! We thank all of our customer base for the great cooperation we have had to date in adhering to the schedule; and, we also thank those citizens who have reported violations to us so that we could react and stop off schedule irrigation. For additional information on water saving tips and more please visit our website at www.lakewaymud.org.

Thanks to a cooperative effort between the LCRA and Lakeway MUD, we have water saving kitchen and bathroom aerators and shower heads available to any of our customers free of charge. Just come to our office and ask for them. I ask everyone to continue to do their part and conserve where ever possible. It is easy to lapse into a comfort zone now that cooler weather is here and we have had some rainfall during the last few months. We all need to remember, however, that we are still at only 34% of capacity in our combined storage! Last year at this time we were at 38% of capacity.

I have mentioned in past articles about our permit amendment

before the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The West plant permit was a simple renewal. The East plant or Palos Verdes plant is a major amendment. We are in the process of trying to relieve the Cedar Tract on Lohmans Crossing. For those of you that might not know, we have the ability to release excess reuse water by irrigating the Cedar Tract via sprinkler systems. We have proposed to the TCEQ that we be able to release the Cedar Tract from our requirements to release reuse by including in our permit our

210 customers who also use reuse water so that we get credit in our water balance. This is a way to reuse the wastewater effluent in a beneficial manner and saves approximately 29% or approximately

176 million gallons, of our potable water from irrigation per year. We have been practicing beneficial

reuse for approximately forty-five years, thereby conserving valuable fresh water resources with the cooperation of our customers. We are hopeful the TCEQ will agree with our findings, and release the Cedar Tract acreage for uses much more positive to the Lakeway community. This will be a win-win for all parties if we are able to accomplish it.

Construction is just about complete on our new clear-well. The next phase is adding high service pumps and laying some pipe to the distribution system. This will allow us to pump from the W-3 plant directly to our elevated storage by the World of Tennis, which is currently being filled from our Eagle storage site. The addition of the clear-well will help us adequately balance our different pressure planes.

We have also been installing new meters at every customer's residence. These meters have a memory chip and will keep the usage for up to 6 months. When a customer has a high usage we are able to profile the meter and check the usage each hour for the last six months. Over the last year we have been able to help customers with pools that are stuck in a backwash or identify irrigation leaks and in some cases find something in the house that uses water continuously like a toilet flapper. Over this entire project has been very successful.





WCID 17 NEWS

World Water Month is March

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is asking everyone to “Nip Drips” during the annual “Fix a Leak Week” that will fall from March 16 to 22, 2015, during World Water Month, March. Leaking faucets, showerheads, toilets, and irrigation equipment can raise a family’s water bill by 10 percent. If citizens, Nationwide, will check for leaks, twist your way to leak-free fixtures, and replace when necessary, household repairs could save more than 1 trillion gallons of water annually.

Check for Leaks. One way to detect leaks is to evaluate your water use during the winter (when irrigation is not being used.) A household of four generally doesn’t consume more than 12,000 gallons of water per month during winter months. If your family is using more than that, leaks might be the culprit. Stop by the WCID 17 Administration office for free leak detection tablets to check toilet tanks. Another method is to check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when water isn’t being used to verify whether the reading changes. If it does, a leak is likely.

Twist your way to leak-free fixtures. Once you’ve identified any leaks, tighten hose and pipe connections and faucet valves, or wrap showerheads with pipe tape if needed to form a good seal. Dripping faucets are easily remedied by replacing worn-out gaskets and washers. To save even more water, twist a WaterSense labeled aerator onto your bathroom sink faucets. Finally, check your garden hose for leaks at its connection to the spigot. If it leaks while you run your hose, replace the nylon or rubber hose washer and ensure a tight connection to the spigot using pipe tape and a wrench.

Replace when necessary. Most toilet leaks are the result of worn-out flappers, which are cheap and easy to switch out with new ones. And if you still can’t nip that drip in the bud, it might be time to replace the fixture. Look for the WaterSense label when considering a new toilet, faucet, or showerhead to ensure water savings with the performance you’ve come to expect.

Household leaks are a drain on resources and your wallet, but fixing them is relatively easy and saves water, energy, and money. CELEBRATE WORLD WATER DAY, Sunday March 22, 2015.

Serene Hills in Lakeway to Host 60th Parade of Homes™

Central Texas’ hottest housing market will feature five luxury homes worth over \$15 million

The Home Builders Association (HBA) of Greater Austin is proud to announce its 60th annual Parade of Homes™, to be held in the premiere luxury Lakeway community, Serene Hills. The new “Gateway to Lakeway,” Serene Hills is one of the most desirable neighborhoods in Lakeway – an area currently seeing accelerated growth and development.

Western Travis County is expected to see a 14 percent growth in the next five years[1] and more than 13,000 students will be enrolled in the Lake Travis school district[2] within the next 10 years, more than any other community in central Texas. All of the current and estimated growth makes Serene Hills one of the most sought-after areas in Travis County and a perfect place to host this year’s Parade.

“Over its 60 year history, the Parade of Homes has been held at in demand communities throughout the greater Austin area and we are proud to showcase this year’s homes in one of the fastest growing regions in central Texas,” Walter Elias, President of HBA of Greater Austin. “We hope people walk away from this year’s Parade inspired to build their own dream house after touring the five distinctive homes featuring the latest in building design and interior decor.”

The homes currently under construction for the 2015 Parade of Homes™ range in price from \$1.8 to \$2.8 million. The Parade will feature some of Austin’s most prestigious builders, including Eppright Custom Homes, Texas Custom Construction, Seven Custom Homes, Masters Touch Custom Homes and Matt Sitra Custom Homes.

With Serene Hills just a short drive from Austin, the 456-acre development offers miles of breathtaking Hill Country views and is nestled among some of Austin’s best hospitals, schools and shopping centers. Since breaking ground in 2012, Serene Hills has attracted families and professionals from central Texas and beyond, all searching for distinctive luxury real estate outside the hustle and bustle of the city.

“We expect a lot of serious prospects out at this year’s Parade, given the recent rise of luxury home sales in Austin and the surrounding areas,” said Douglas Hunter, Serene Hills operating partner. “We look forward to showcasing all of what Serene Hills has to offer and are excited to partner with the HBA to showcase these remarkable homes.”

The 2015 HBA Parade of Homes™ begins Friday, May 22nd and will run through Sunday, June 7th. Tickets are now available for \$12.50 per person and can be purchased online at ParadeofHomesAustin.com. The event will be open Thursdays through Sundays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Serene Hills, located at 17500 Hwy 71 W, Lakeway, TX 78735.

For more information about the 2015 HBA Parade of Homes™ visit: <http://paradeofhomesaustin.com/>

LAKE TRAVIS REPUBLICAN CLUB

Roger Williams, US Representative for Texas's 25th Congressional District, will be the featured speaker at the monthly meeting of the Lake Travis Republican Club, to be held Tuesday, February 17, 2015, at the Hills Country Club, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. His district stretches from Tarrant County in the north to Hays County in the south, and includes much of Austin and the Texas Hill Country.



and operated the business for 40 years.

In the House of Representatives, Williams has been the voice of business owners across America and has championed legislation to roll back bureaucratic red tape and onerous regulations, streamline Medicare payment processing, and eliminate unfair taxation. He has recently been appointed to the House Committee for Financial Services for the 114th Congress. The committee oversees issues regarding the economy, banking

system, housing, insurance, and securities and exchange.

Prior to his election in November 2012, Congressman Williams served his country in a number of ways and brings a unique background to Congress. He was raised in the Fort Worth area where he graduated from high school and later played baseball for Texas Christian University. After a brief stint in pro baseball, he began working in the family car business and has owned

Tickets for the meeting are available for \$15.00 for members, and \$20.00 for guests. Reservations can be obtained by calling 512-261-0722, or by email at wwarmuth@austin.rr.con. A lunch Buffet will be served.

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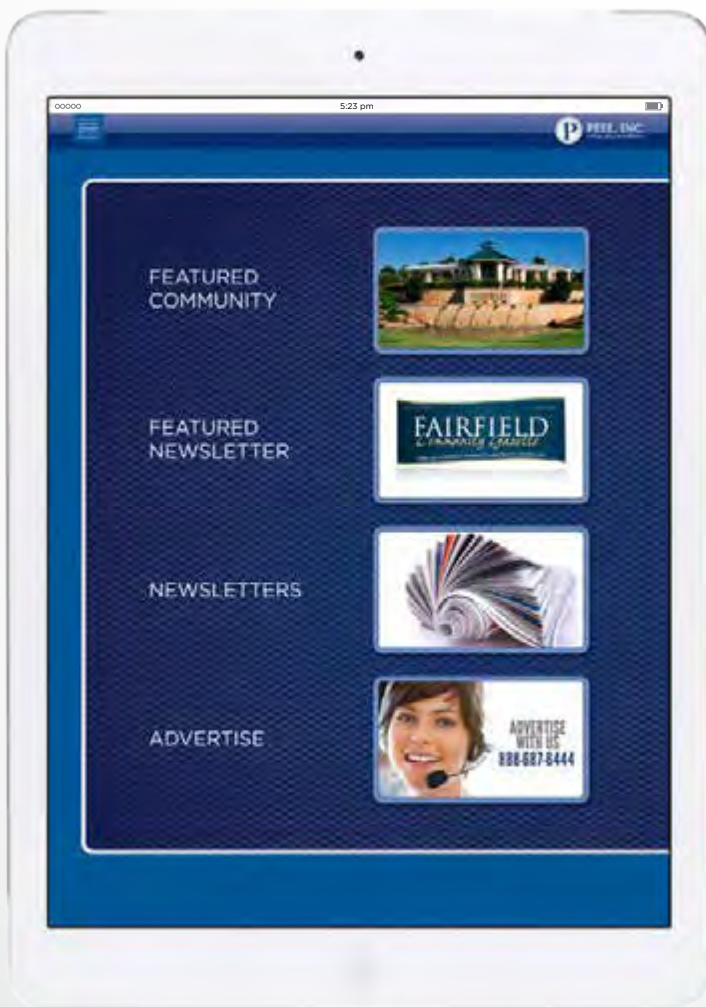
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