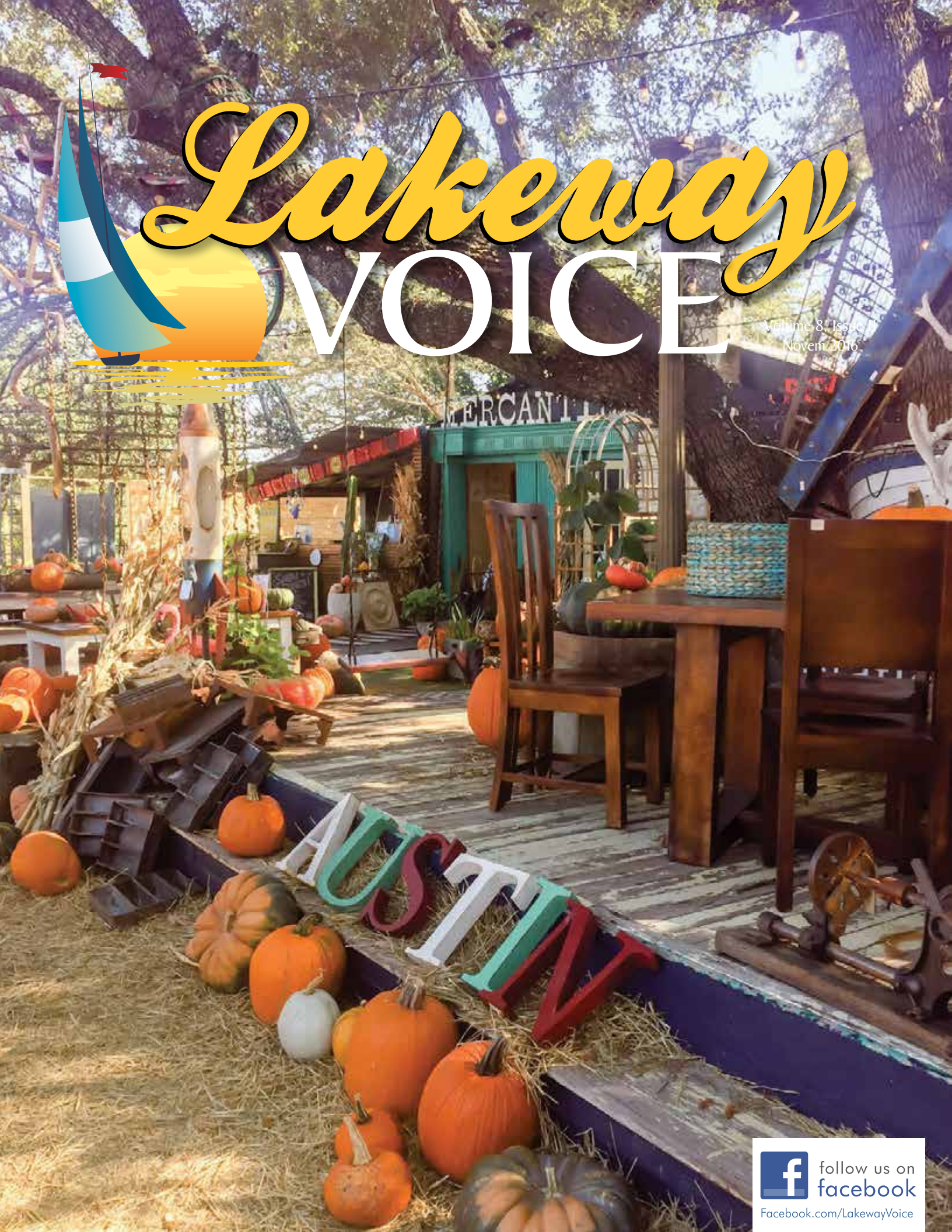




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Around Lakeway

Lake Travis Sister Wives (LTSW)

Submitted by Jan Perez

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month, Lake Travis Sister Wives, along with guest Bill Bastas, founder of A Smile Never Fades hosted a Comfort Cooking class on Friday October 14, 2016. Jenni Rahn a cater and member of LTSW prepared and presented seven recipes from the Comfort Cooking cook book. All of these recipes have been submitted by breast cancer patients or those who have been impacted by breast cancer. This class was about having fun, but also to help raise awareness about breast cancer and to bring in donations to the Smile Never Fades organization by purchasing their new Comfort Cooking APP.

Through the sale of the "living cook book", app, and social events 90% of the profits from Smile Never Fades are used to help clean houses, transportation, and purchasing groceries for women who are living with metastatic breast cancer in our community. Bill has been quoted in saying "We focus our energy, talent and resources toward the comfort of women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer. We do so in an effort to honor our mothers, wives, sisters, daughters and friends who have struggled with this disease. Their smiles are ever-present in our minds and serve as an important reminder that cancer cannot take away the beauty and strength of the human spirit."

Cheers!

Lake Travis Sister Wives



Citizen Advocates For Animals

An exciting Wine and Cheese Party brings the Citizen Advocates for Animals(CAFA) closer to their goal of giving the City of Lakeway a gift of humane and effective deer management announces Rita Cross, President.

As the sun set the room sparkled with glasses filled with wine. Over 60 guest enjoyed the glistening lake and watched sail boats gliding about the water.

Robin Barrow, the wine expert graciously served four delicious wines. Over 10 varieties of cheese, fruit, bread and crackers were offered to the guests.

Guests like Anne and Tom Hilbert expressed their feelings about the night:

"This past Saturday evening my husband Tom and I were delighted to attend an event at Vintage Villas given for the benefit of Citizen Advocates for Animals (CAFA). There was good wine, tasty cheese and a wonderful view. We are happy to support CAFA in their quest to offer more humane solutions to the perceived overpopulation of deer in our area. I've researched their ideas, seen that they are effective and would encourage anyone who cares for our abundant wildlife to look them up and get involved."



Anne Hilbert, Kelly Madden, Riki Dun, Cynthia Jobling, Rita and Dave Cross, standing Robin Barrow

"CAFA held a very classy wine and cheese fundraiser that was beyond my expectations. For those interested in learning about wine pairings, a professional wine connoisseur shared her knowledge of some excellent imported wines. We dined on a variety of delicious fruit and cheeses, and there was a wonderful variety of items to bid on at the silent auction. Held at the Villas on Lake Travis, we had a panoramic lake view of a gorgeous sunset. Can't wait for next year's event."

Laura Resnick Chavez

"I thought the evening was a great success, and I am proud to be a member of CAFA and to encourage humane treatment of our deer the Lakeway."

James and Anna Fullbright

CAFA's gift will provide a deer census so the city has an accurate count of the deer. After that if necessary, CAFA also wants to help the city with a deer sterilization program. Deer sterilizations are being

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performed all over the United States.

Sterilization is a humane process, and it is less invasive than neutering cats and dogs, takes roughly 20 minutes, and the deer receive pain management during surgery and post-surgery!

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department states that a population beginning with 20 male and female deer will grow to 769 deer in ten years, degrading and exhausting habitat resources. Sterilization is vital. If the census shows it needs to be performed, we need to quickly pursue this path. These sterilized does will basically stay within the Lakeway area discouraging other deer from moving into Lakeway.



On the right, John Redford, Executive Director of The Harbor at Lakeway

The first year we will use a wildlife biologist and his team, which includes vets. This biologist is a highly skilled and experienced sterilization expert. During the first sterilization program we plan to have local vets trained to do the following sterilizations in the next years until the deer population is stable.

CAFA is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. All donations are tax-deductible.

We have many dedicated volunteers and want to invite others to join us in this rewarding goal and activity. Please contact us at info@cafa-texas.com. We will be having a Volunteer Appreciation party very soon and would love for you to join us.

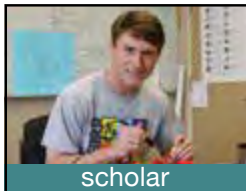
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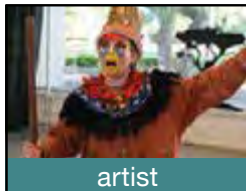
The Cigar Room is pleased to donate a portion of proceeds to the American Legion Post 154 raised at their Third Annual Biker Rally BBQ and Benefit. The BBQ, held on October 16th at the Cigar Room, was a great success and attracted riders from all around the central Texas area. Raffle winner Hadley Thompson received a donated box of Torres cigars and cigar humidor.

"We want to thank everyone who came out to support the rally and veterans! A big thanks to Karl and Vickie Hartman for helping coordinate the event. We look forward to seeing you again at next year's rally." Jena Cranfill, The Cigar Room manager said."

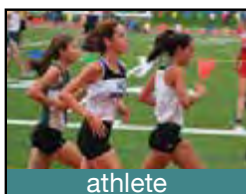
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Around Lakeway

General-fighter pilot to lead Lakeway's Veterans Day ceremony

USAF Ret. Lt. Gen. Herman O. "Tommy" Thomson, a fighter pilot and former Lakeway resident, will be the guest speaker at the city's Veterans Day ceremony at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 11.

Veterans, their families and the public are invited to join students for the ceremony at the Lake Travis High School Performing Arts Center, 3324 RM 620 S., in Austin.

The Lake Travis Standing Military Committee will host the event in cooperation with the City of Lakeway, Lakeway Police Department, Lake Travis ISD, members of the Lohmann's Ford Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Lakeway Heritage Commission.

The Lohmann's Ford DAR will present a memorial wreath, and USAF Ret. Maj. Gen. Rod Kelly will emcee the event.

"We should honor our veterans every day of the year, but it is important that we gather on Veterans Day to remember their sacrifices that paid for our freedom," Lakeway Mayor Joe Bain said.

At the ceremony, the City of Lakeway will pay tribute to 10 veterans whose names have been engraved on the Spirit of Freedom Monument, the Lakeway Police Department Color Guard and Piper Corps will present the colors and the Lake Travis High School Band and Choir will perform patriotic music and military anthems.



"It is an honor and privilege to partner with the City of Lakeway and the Lake Travis Standing Military Committee," LTISD Superintendent of Schools Dr. Brad Lancaster said. "We welcome and value the opportunity to once again host this very special event—not only for our local veterans, but also for our students. The impact of this event on our students has been a very positive one, and we look forward to providing similar learning opportunities for many years to come."

Thomson was born April 6, 1929 in Belton, Texas. His hometown is Breckenridge, Texas. A sixth generation Texan, his great-great-grandfather, Alexander S. Thomson, was a principal in leading the second colony of U.S. citizens to Texas after Stephen F. Austin.

After graduating Breckenridge High School, Tommy Thomson earned degrees from John Tarleton Agricultural College, Texas A&M



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He entered the U.S. Air Force as a second lieutenant in June 1951. A rated pilot, he flew combat tours in the F-84G and F-100 fighter aircraft.

During 34 years of active duty, he flew many other fighter and transport aircraft, including the F-15 and F-16, which are still operational in the Air Force. He served as fighter pilot, tactical nuclear weapons instructor, AFROTC instructor, Florida State University operations officer and squadron commander, to include two combat tours during the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. Thomson flew more than 100 combat missions and logged more than 4,000 hours of jet fighter flight.

After graduating the Air War College in 1971, Thomson was assigned as plans officer on the Air Staff at the Pentagon. He participated in development of Air Force positions for the Strategic Arms Limitation negotiations with the Soviet Union, and later became the assistant for joint and national security matters. After promotion to brigadier general in 1976, he served as assistant director for plans and policy.

Thomson was assigned to Headquarters Pacific Air Forces in 1977. For the next six years he served as director of plans, director of operations and intelligence with promotion to major general and vice commander in chief, respectively. He was promoted to lieutenant general in 1983 and assigned to the Joint Staff at the Pentagon as

director for plans and policy, organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

He retired in 1985 with numerous military decorations and awards including the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with palm.

Upon retirement, Thomson and his wife, Iris, moved to Lakeway where he worked as a consultant to the aerospace industry and operated his own foreign business development firm. The couple traveled extensively, played golf and was active in their church and community. They have three daughters and three granddaughters.

Among other things, he is a former national commander of the Order of Daedalians (National Fraternity of Military Pilots), member of the Red River Rats (Vietnam Fighter Pilots Association), board member of the American Studies Institute at Harding University and member of the Air Force Association. He also serves as a board member at First Commercial Bank in Seguin, Texas and Air Force Villages Inc. in San Antonio.

Organizers encourage the public to arrive at 10 a.m. to park and enter the auditorium. Handicapped access will be at the parking lot immediately south of the Performing Arts Center.

For information on Lakeway's Veterans Day ceremony, contact archivist Mike Boston at 512-608-9533 or history@lakeway-tx.gov.



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GOV. RICK PERRY TO SPEAK AT WOMEN'S CLUB

Gov. Rick Perry to Speak at Women's Club

What other Texas governor could lead yell practice, play drums with ZZ Top and dance on "Dancing With The Stars"? Former Texas Governor Rick Perry is the only possible answer, and he will be the keynote speaker at the Women's Club of Greater Lakeway Nov. 28 meeting at the Lakeway Resort & Spa.

The state's 47th and longest-serving governor, Perry will discuss his experiences in government and describe a typical day in his life as governor.

He grew up the son of tenant farmers in the tiny West Texas town of Paint Creek. The younger of Ray and Amelia Perry's two children, he was active in Boy Scouts and earned distinction as an Eagle Scout. He was one of the first in his family to go to college, earning a degree in animal science from Texas A&M University, where he was a member of the Corps of Cadets and a Yell Leader.

Between 1972 and 1977, Perry served in the U.S. Air Force, flying C-130 tactical airlift aircraft in Europe and the Middle East. He is a lifetime member of both the NRA and American Legion Post 75. Prior to being elected Lieutenant Governor in 1998, he served two terms as Texas Commissioner of Agriculture and three terms in the Texas House of Representatives.

In 1982, Perry married his childhood sweetheart, Anita. They have two children and two granddaughters.

The Nov. 28 general meeting is free for members and their guests, beginning at 9:30 a.m. with a coffee social followed by a brief business meeting and the speaker. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$23.00 for members; \$28 for non-members. Lunch reservations are required by Nov. 23. Please make checks to "W.C.G.L. – Women's Club of Greater Lakeway"

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The Sing Alongs comprise a group of 80 music lovers from the Lakeway area who have been performing together for local audiences since 1999. This year's program, "The Light of Christmas," created by directors Harry Kilman and Susan Oaks, combines old favorites, new music, and several fun Christmas songs guaranteed to entertain. Yes, there will be ample opportunity for audience participation – maybe even a chance Santa and Ms. Claus may drop in!

Back-to-back performances will be held at 2 and 4:30 PM at the Lakeway Activity Center, 105 Cross Creek, on Sunday, December 4th. Reservations are not necessary, but come early to get a good seat...and don't forget your Green Santa gift! If you are unable to attend the show, you may drop off your gift in the donation box



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A Chat with Lakeway MUD Field Operations Supervisor: Tommy Farrell

Last month you heard from Roger Fry who is the Supervisor of the Wastewater and Reuse departments at Lakeway MUD. This month, we are visiting with Tommy Farrell, who is the Supervisor of Field Operations.

Question: Thank you for taking time to visit with us, Tommy. Tell us something about your background; how did you become the Field Operations Supervisor at Lakeway MUD?

Answer: I started in construction when I was 17 years old. I worked for the Lakeway Company on their underground division. I was part of the dry utility division which installed underground electric, telephone, and television for Lakeway and The Hills. I came to work for Lakeway MUD in 1988; I was hired as a backhoe operator, but was moved to the trash department. After about a month, the backhoe got stuck so they pulled me off of trash and I became the back hoe operator. This was during the time that Lakeway MUD was responsible for trash before that function went to the City. I then moved to the Wastewater Plants and for a period of time I worked both the field and the plants. Around 1993, I moved into the Water Plants for some time and then was offered the Supervision of the Field which I accepted.

Question: Tell us about your areas of responsibility.

Answer: I supervise a crew of 9 people that average well over 10

years' experience. We are responsible for over 4000 customers, 365 fire hydrants, 780 manholes, over 900 water valves, and approximately 60 miles of water and sewer lines. We have a fleet of around 25 pieces of mobile equipment including Pickup Trucks, Dump Trucks, Back Hoes, Trailers, Hydro Excavators (a vacuum suction system on a trailer with high water pressure to excavate water and wastewater lines as well as other utilities). We have facilities on Palos Verdes where we keep and maintain our equipment. We do a majority of our own maintenance and repairs which saves the District and the taxpayer's considerable expense each year.

Question: Water and Wastewater usage is a 24/7 need in the community; how do you handle this around the clock?

Answer: All of our after-hours calls go through the City of Lakeway Police Dispatchers who forward those calls to our On-Call Service person. Each member of the crew takes different time slots to cover the night and weekend emergencies. Some examples of these calls are water leaks, wastewater stoppage, leaks on customer property, high or low water pressure, no water, etc. Our crews are trained to identify causes of problems, and in most cases can correct the situation on the spot. They are also trained to know what vendors are available if the repair is beyond their expertise.

Question: We understand that Lakeway MUD has all electronic meters

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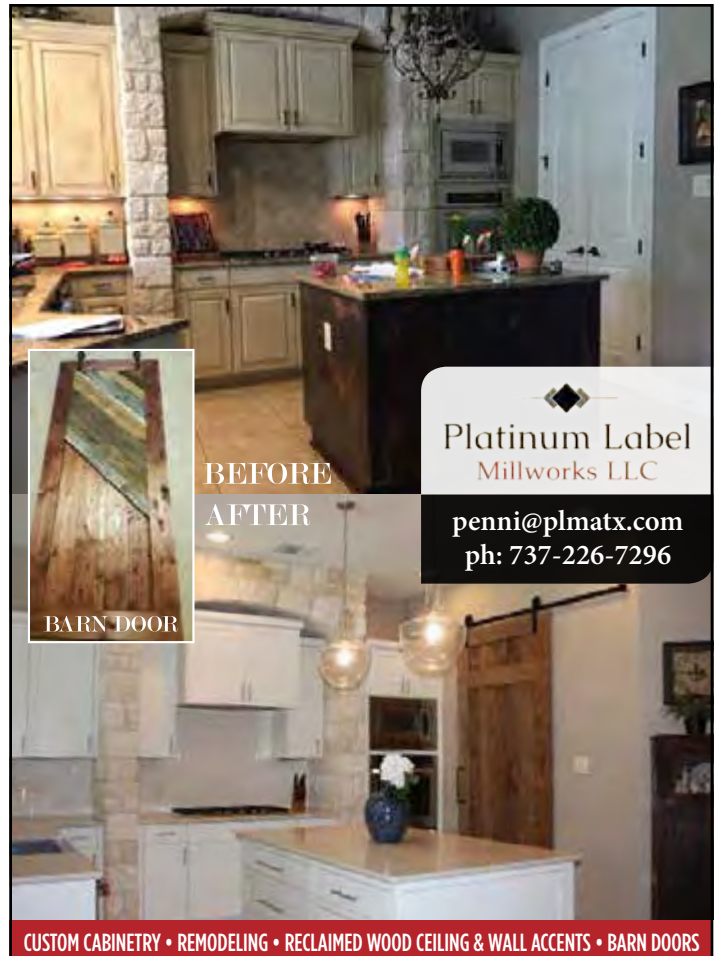
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now; how was this accomplished, and what benefits does this bring to our customers?

Answer: Over a period of about 2 years, my crew changed out every meter in our customer base (about 4200 meters). There are companies that wanted to do this for us at a charge of between \$15 and \$20 per meter, but in the interest of saving taxpayer money we decided to handle the project ourselves. The electronic meters allow us to perform profiles on any customer that needs to see their usage patterns. We can run analysis's on any meter showing usage by hour for the last 30, 60, or 90 days (or longer if needed). That helps the customer understand where they may have a leak or an equipment malfunction (water softener, sprinkler, pool, etc.). The meter readings are taken by driving past each location; our laptops retrieve the information electronically. At some point in the future, we may be able to read the meters electronically from the District Office, but currently those systems are cost prohibitive.

Question: What are some of the most unusual calls you have received?

Answer: On one occasion, we had a sewer stoppage. Our man went down in the manhole, and came out with a basketball! Another sewer stoppage caused us to dig deeply into the ground where we found a sewer line tied into clay pipe that was just lying under the ground; it was only about 3 feet long! We responded once to a water main break; when we arrived, the water was shooting over the roof and falling straight down into the chimney of the house! Cleaning manholes, we have found

many coins, keys, some false teeth, and other things I would rather not mention. Also, it is not unusual for us to find small rodents in the sewer lines. It seems some people will flush almost anything down a toilet.

Thank for this overview, Tommy. We appreciate the information about how Field Operations works, and we appreciate the work you and your team does in keeping our city clean and safe from contamination.

We would also like to remind everyone to conserve water where ever possible.

Lakeway Community Blood Drive

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Years ago, one of my wealthy, good ol' boy clients taught me his two rules of income tax planning.

Rule 1: Having to pay tax is a good problem to have!

Rule 2: Don't pay any tax today you don't have to.

Obviously, most of us would agree the first rule is a good problem to have. If we are paying taxes, then it means we are making money somewhere. This could be through regular income, business proceeds, investments, etc...

The second rule, though, is a bit trickier. While easy to say, it is often much more difficult to implement. And on top of that, what if paying taxes today makes sense.

I know it doesn't seem like it, but we are currently in a period of historically low income tax rates. If you don't believe me, Google historical income tax rate charts and you will see what I mean.

If you could pay the tax today, and never have to pay it again in the future, this might be a good idea in light of our nation's current economics. Not many people would argue against the fact that taxes will most likely be going up in the future.

Many people utilize Roth IRA and Roth 401k accounts to accomplish this purpose by contributing after tax dollars today that will never be taxed again in the future. Sounds great doesn't it?

But what about people who aren't eligible to contribute to these programs or have already maxed them out and still want to save for the future in a tax efficient manner?

I think we would all agree that paying taxes on money you are not currently using is frustrating at the least. This is where the

argument for tax deferral comes in.

For years, accountants have told us to save money pre-tax because when we take it out in retirement we will be in a lower income tax bracket. I have met with many clients over the years who employed this tax-deferral strategy in their retirement accounts only to find their taxation in retirement was not as low as anticipated. Much of this is due to much lower deductions and requirements to make taxable withdrawals from retirement accounts. So what do you do?

Sometimes kicking the can down the road, when it comes to paying taxes, can be a good planning strategy. Allowing the gains on your accounts to grow with compound interest without the drawdown of annual taxes can lead to serious accumulation of wealth.

If you have ever received a tax form showing interest, dividend, or capital gain income on money you are reinvesting or currently not using, then you can probably relate. This is what I call being taxed on accident.

When you put together a tax-deferral investment plan it allows you to control when you pay your taxes, which is what I call being taxed on purpose.

It time to take control of your tax picture and start making the most of your hard earned dollars.

I would be happy to visit with you further about your specific situation. Feel free to give me a call or email:

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