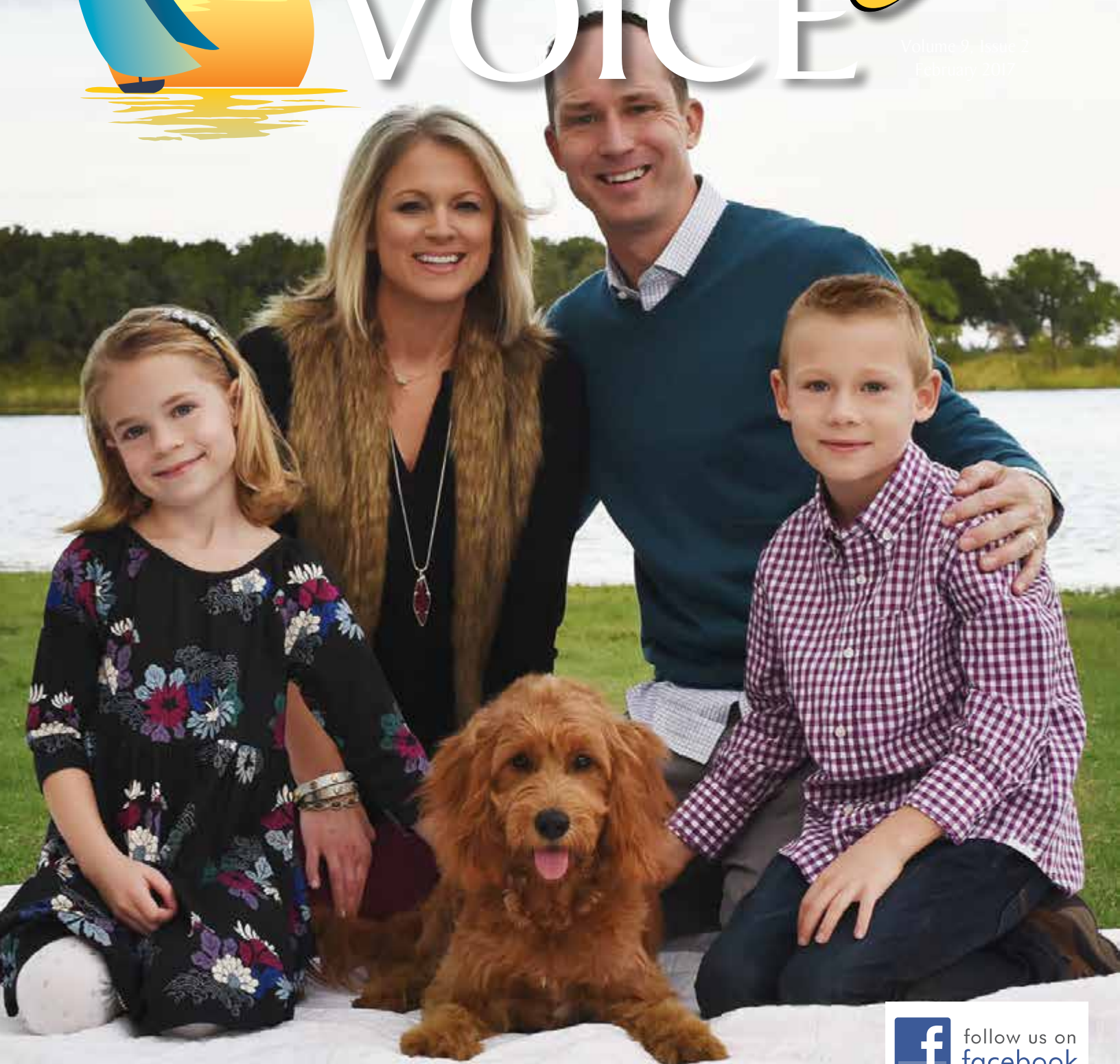




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Our deadline for submittals is always the 9th of the month prior to the issue. All photos should be submitted electronically by the deadline date in high resolution (300 dpi) to lakeway@peelinc.com. Portrait (vertical) photos work best.

This month's cover photo is of The Smith Family of Lakeway and was provided by April Paine Photography - www.aprilpainephotography.com.

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Around Lakeway

Cut a Rug with Your Cupid at Lakeway Big Band Bash

There's no better way to celebrate Valentine's Day than by dancing at the Lakeway Big Band Bash from 8-10 p.m. Feb. 13 at Lakeway Activity Center, 105 Cross Creek.

Enjoy a large dance floor in an air conditioned ballroom and tables available for your own treats at a place where you may invite your friends without the hassle of reservations.

The Lakeway Arts Committee presents the Big Band Bash on the second Monday of each month. Admission is free, but donations to the band are encouraged.

Kent Dugan's 17-piece orchestra, The Republic of Texas Band, features Lakeway singers 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.

"What a great way to celebrate with your valentine," Lakeway Arts Committee chairman Fred Newton said. "Have dinner out and go dancing at the Bash at 8 p.m."

For more information, call the Lakeway Activity Center at 512-261-1010.



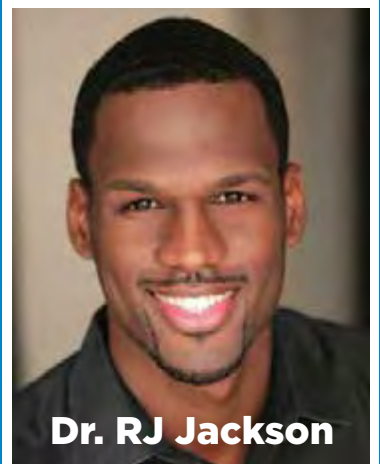
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Lakeway Police Seek Citizens Police Academy Applicants

Registration is now open for the next Lakeway Police Department Citizens Police Academy.

The program is a 30-hour block of instruction designed to give the public a working knowledge of law enforcement and the department's policies and operational practices.

Classes will begin Feb. 21, and graduation will be May 9.

The academy will meet Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. for 12 weeks at the Lakeway Activity Center, 105 Cross Creek, to cover a different area of police work each week. Police officers, their supervisors and civilian personnel with particular expertise in a specific organizational function will conduct each instructional block.

The primary objective of the Lakeway Citizens Police Academy is to build a better understanding between citizens and the police department through education.

The program was created to help citizens make informed decisions about police services, police activity and why the police can or cannot take action.

Lakeway Police Chief Todd Radford said that he hopes that the academy will increase public awareness, dispel suspicions and misconceptions and improve rapport between the police officers and citizens. The police department benefits by becoming more aware of

the community from the participants' interaction and input, which makes the academy a two-way learning experience.

"The Citizens Police Academy is an important component of community policing in Lakeway," Radford said. "I have found that this venue gives us a chance to dispel falsehoods and clarify our role with the public."

Participants must submit an application and consent to a background check. All applicants must be at least 21 years old and either reside or work within the city of Lakeway. Applicants who are on probation, or who have been convicted of felonies or crimes involving moral turpitude are ineligible.

Class size is limited to 30 people, all of whom must have passed the applicant background check. The academy is free of charge. Students must attend at least 80 percent of the classes in order to graduate.

Graduates are eligible to apply for membership to the Lakeway Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association.

"Many who have attended the academy have found it to be very rewarding and have gone on to continue to serve in our Alumni Association and Lakeway Police Foundation," Radford said. "We hope to fill it with many eager minds ready to learn about the Lakeway Police Department."

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Applications are available at Lakeway Police Department, 104 Cross Creek, or on the city's website at www.lakeway-tx.gov/police.

Complete and return applications to the Lakeway Police Department by Feb. 3 to be considered for the 2017 academy. For information, contact Executive Assistant Rebecca Pagan at 512-314-7587 or rebeccapagan@lakeway-tx.gov or Police Detective Ricky Gavit at rickygavit@lakeway-tx.gov.



Courtesy of the City of Lakeway

Lakeway police invite the public to enroll in their next Citizens Police Academy, which begins Feb. 21. In this photo from the 2016 class, Motors Officer Trevor Mathis shows a motorcycle unit to academy members.

'Beloved' K-9 retires from Lakeway Police Department

Lakeway Police Department honored the service and career of K-9 Orka at a retirement ceremony Feb. 3 at Lakeway City Hall, 1102 Lohmans Crossing.

"Orka is beloved among not only officers but also the community," Lakeway Police Chief Todd Radford said. "We invite the public to join us in recognizing her at the ceremony."

She is a female German Shepard born in Germany on May 28, 2007. Austin Police Department adopted and commissioned Orka in 2009 after she received extensive training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

Lakeway Police Department commissioned Orka on Sept. 30, 2013 after she served four successful years with APD. After seven years of honorable service to both law enforcement agencies, Orka retired from narcotics detection on Jan. 27, 2017.

"Orka's service record is remarkable," Radford noted. "In the last three years, she and her handler, Officer Wendy Kanzenbach, have been instrumental in numerous seizures and arrests made by the

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Lakeway Police Department and surrounding agencies, which our narcotic detection dogs also support.”

Kanzenbach and Orka also enjoyed participating in countless scholastic and community events throughout the City of Lakeway.

“Orka performed her detection duties admirably, but she also had one of the sweetest temperaments with children,” Radford said. “She was the perfect dog to help launch our department’s K-9 program, and we are thankful for her service.”



Lake Travis High School PTO February Speaker

Lake Travis High School PTO is honored to announce our February 13th, 2017 PTO General Meeting Speaker as Dr. Jan Ford Mustin from Peak Performance Institute. Dr. Mustin is a well known local author, speaker, and psychologist. Dr. Mustin will share insightful strategies to help you and your child identify any roadblocks and help you get your student back on track and stay there.

Mark your calendar for Monday, February 13th at 9:15 a.m. Join us in the Black Box Theatre at the Performing Art Center for an eventful morning. Dr. Jan Mustin will speak on the topic of “Removing the Roadblocks to Academic Success.” You can even purchase her book or CD titled “Removing the Roadblocks.”

Starbucks coffee and water will be served.

A vibrant, colorful advertisement for Kidventure Summer Camp 2017. The background is a mix of red, orange, and blue abstract patterns. On the right side, there is a portrait of a smiling young girl with dark hair, wearing a red t-shirt with a yellow "KIDVENTURE" logo. The text "This Summer, Dream Big!" is written in large, white, stylized letters at the top. Below it, "KIDVENTURE" is written in smaller white letters. The main title "SUMMER BLOCKBUSTER" is in large, bold, white letters with a black outline. Below that, "★ SUMMER CAMP 2017 ★" is written in smaller white letters. At the bottom, "REGISTRATION BEGINS FEB 8" is written in white, followed by the website "Kidventure.com/austin-summer-camp" in white. The overall design is energetic and appealing to children.

Around Lakeway

Architect Lawrence Speck to Speak to Women's Club



To gain insight into the influences of architecture on contemporary life, come enjoy architect Lawrence Speck's presentation of "Architecture That Makes Lives Better" on the Feb. 27, 2017 general meeting of the Women's Club of Greater Lakeway at the Lakeway Resort and Spa.

In his professional life, Speck has always maintained two distinguished careers - first as a University of Texas professor and then dean of the School of

Architecture and second as a private, professional architect. He won a large number of prestigious awards in both endeavors.

Larry Speck attended M.I.T. as an undergraduate receiving two degrees, one in Art and Design from the School of Architecture and one in Management from the Sloan School. He went on to earn his Master of Architecture from M.I.T.

Speck came to the faculty of the School of Architecture at UT in

1975 after teaching at M.I.T for three years. He served as Founding Director of the Center of American Architecture and Design 1982 - 1990, was Associate Dean 1990 - 1992 and was Dean of the School 1992 - 2001. Speck won eighteen University-wide teaching and service awards including the Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award, the Friar Centennial Teaching Fellowship, the Chancellor's Council Teaching Award, the Blunk Centennial Professorship and the Amoco Teaching Award. He is a member of the UT Academy of Distinguished Teachers. In 2005 he received the Rominec Award given by Texas Society of Architects for most outstanding architectural educator in the state and in 2011 he was the recipient of the ACSA/AIA Topaz Medallion given to one individual in North America in recognition of their contribution to architectural education. Speck comments "My teaching and writing are aimed at educating people on the importance of great architecture in contemporary American culture."

Speck is the author of over 70 publications - including three books and 11 chapters in books by others - focusing primarily on twentieth century American architecture and urbanism. He also wrote and hosted the PBS documentary, "Building the American City: San Antonio".

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Concurrently, he has maintained an active architectural practice since 1975, initially as Lawrence W. Speck Associates and, since 1999, as a principal in the firm PageSoutherlandPage. His design work has been recognized by more than 100 national, state and local design awards over the last twenty-five years and has been published in 120+ articles in the US, England, Brazil, Italy, Japan, Turkey, China and Germany.

Speck says "Although it may sound clichéd, I live, eat and breathe architecture. I am a complete architecture junkie. I never tire of traveling to interesting places and looking at cool new buildings. I deeply love the process of design and have had opportunities to lead significant projects including Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, the Austin Convention Center and the architecture of Discovery Green Park in Houston"

The Feb. 27 general meeting is free for members and their guests, beginning at 9:30 a.m. with a coffee social in the Vista Ballroom followed by a brief business meeting and the speaker. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$23 for members; \$28 for non-members. Lunch reservations are required by Feb. 20. Please make checks to "W.C.G.L. – Women's Club of Greater Lakeway" and mail to: Joyce Christian, 1408 Lakeway Drive, Lakeway, Texas 78734.

For membership information, please see lakewaywomensclub.com.

ANNUAL LAKEWAY TEA

The Annual Lakeway Tea is scheduled for Saturday, March 11, 2017, 1:00 pm at the Hills Country Club. This beautiful event features traditional High Tea and gorgeous table decorations. Individuals, local organizations and businesses design and decorate the tables, and tables showcase exquisite table-settings designed around a theme. In order to attend, mail a \$40.00 check made payable to Help Our Wounded to Ann Neighbors, 1201 Lakeway Drive, Lakeway, TX 78734. For more information contact Ann Neighbors 512-632-1238 or Dottie Stevenson 512-266-6460. All funds raised will benefit Help Our Wounded, a non-profit dedicated to helping wounded soldiers and their families.



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Lakeway Municipal Utility District: Welcoming the New Year with New Systems

The Staff and Board at Lakeway MUD has been investigating the possibility of upgrading our Billing System for several years. We have been on the same system for over 20 years, and there are limitations that are frustrating for us and our Tax Payers and Customers.

After an extensive and difficult search for a billing solution that aligns with our goal of providing exceptional public service, Lakeway Municipal Utility District is pleased to announce the selection of Continental Utility Solutions, Inc. (CUSI).

CUSI is a leading provider of utility billing software to the public sector, and Lakeway MUD has contracted to purchase and implement UMS.net – the most advanced Utility Billing and Customer Information System (CIS) on the market today.

UMS.net was developed using Microsoft's .Net toolset and will provide Lakeway MUD with state-of-the-art technology to improve customer service, operational efficiency and better manage data across departments in providing water and sewer service to approximately 4,300 customers in Lakeway. The utility billing software implementation will incorporate several modules available within the entire UMS.net CIS solution including CUSI's Customer Payment Web Portal, AMR Interface Module, Accounting Interface Module, and the Electronic Payment Module. All of these new and improved features will provide information much faster and with greater reliability.

We are excited about our selection of UMS.net and are pleased with the progress of the implementation thus far. Leveraging the technology of our new CIS/Billing system will result in efficiency gains that ensure we can continue delivering quality water and sewer service at the lowest cost to our customers. We are equally pleased with our selection of CUSI as our implementation partner. Their experience in delivering professional training, data conversion, and project management services to utility districts like ours will be a key component of a successful implementation.

The conversion has been in process over the last 4 months, and our new CUSI system paralleled our old system for the February 1, 2017 billing. Once we are satisfied that all data is 100% accurate, we will make the switch and 'Go Live' in February; by the time you read this we will likely already be 'Live'. Our first bills utilizing the new system will be generated and sent to our customers on April 1, 2017.

Our new billing statements will be much more user friendly than the forms our customers are used to. The statements will be much easier to read and display comparative graphs so that customers can review their usage trends each billing cycle. The ease of use of the Payment Web Portal will be a welcome change. Customers who use their Bank's Bill Pay Service will enjoy faster posting of those payments, since they will be converted electronically by the system and post to the customer account more quickly.

One minor inconvenience for our customers that use Credit Card or Bank Account Automatic Drafting; each customer will have to go into the new website and re-enter their Credit Card or Bank Account information. Due to the confidential nature of these numbers, they

are encrypted and cannot be moved from the old system to the new system electronically. This will be an easy task, and we will provide plenty of information ahead of time to accomplish this in time for the April 1 Billing.

Michael Guerriero, President of CUSI, says, "UMS.net is the most advanced CIS/Utility Billing application in the market today. We developed this application based upon the latest development standards and disciplines in the software industry." He adds, "The results are impressive in terms of product quality, scalability and ease of use and we are excited that Lakeway Municipal Utility District has selected us as their software provider and implementation partner."

CUSI has over 1,000 clients utilizing their Utility Billing application and they implement around 75 new clients per year. CUSI has been developing and implementing total technology solutions for the management of utilities and local governments. We are able to move to this new "State of the Art" system at a lower cost than we have been paying, so it is a definite win/win for our staff, our customers, and our tax payers.

Power For Parkinson's Hosts Free Weekly Classes To Delay Disease Progression



For longtime Austinites, Nina Mosier and Susan Stahl, a double (and sometimes triple) dose of daily exercise has become the norm. To keep their bodies in shape, Nina runs and Susan exercises at Orange Theory. Once their daily workout is

complete, they head to group classes for their nonprofit, Power For Parkinson's. Participants and their caregivers arrive in pairs. Everyone chats before the instructor starts the music. Nina and Susan check people in, participate during class, and work with their volunteers to ensure the process goes smoothly.

The importance of physical activity for Parkinson's patients cannot be underestimated. For those who suffer from Parkinson's, a degenerative disease that currently has no cure, daily movement is the key to slowing down the disease's progression.

Mosier, a Medical Doctor by profession, and Stahl, a Child and

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Family Psychotherapist by profession, co-founded this nonprofit in 2013 as a labor of love. Mosier's father is currently living with Parkinson's. Stahl lost her father to Parkinson's and works to honor his memory.

The Lakeway "Fitness for Parkinson's" class began in 2015 and meets every Wednesday at the Lake Travis Community Library. It's a fun class that aims to improve participant's strength, balance, endurance, vocal projection and sense of well-being. In the spirit of community, the participants have started their own informal singing group for people with Parkinson's, their care partners and music lovers.

The classes have become more than just a workout for participants. It's a community of friends who feel like family and love to see each other. Each class offers physical and mental hope for patients, relief for caregivers, and a focus for the day in the form of a social outing. Polly, the group's fitness instructor, drives all the way from Spicewood to lead this group, whom she loves!

Power For Parkinson's received international attention last fall at the World Parkinson's Congress, bringing attention to all the good they're doing in Austin. They were also awarded The Rose Professional Spirit Award from AGE of Central Texas, recognizing their impact on the lives older adults. "We knew we had started a

unique program," say Stahl and Mosier. "The accolades validated the impact the program has had on the community."

There is always room for new participants at 1-2pm at the Wednesday Power For Parkinson's classes at the Lake Travis Community Library. For class specifics, please visit www.powerforparkinsons.org/class-schedule.

No reservation is necessary and classes are always free. Just be prepared to have a good time and feel better.

Lakeway "Fitness for Parkinson's"

When: Every Wednesday, 1pm – 2pm

Where: Lake Travis Community Library, 1938 Lohmans Crossing Road, Austin, TX 78734, United States

Description: A fun class to improve strength, balance, endurance, vocal projection and sense of well-being. All levels welcome. Instructor: Polly Caprio

Lakeway Monthly Singing Group

When: First Wednesday of the Month, 2:00pm – 2:30pm

Where: Lake Travis Community Library, 1938 Lohmans Crossing Rd, Austin, TX 78734, United States

Description: Informal Singing group for people with parkinson's, their care partners and music lovers. Bring along an instrument or just your voice. Great opportunity to work on vocal projection!

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Citizen Advocates for Animals

Dear Editor,

As you may have seen or heard, the City of Lakeway has been baiting deer with corn for several weeks in various locations! Now, the nets are in place and will drop on the unsuspecting and innocent deer that have been trained to find food under those nets.

This mistreatment of Lakeway deer has been going on for some 15 years. Even though only 48 deer were sent to slaughter in early 2016, the City continues its annual "Bait, Trap and Kill" program.


One of the bait stations is behind Lakeway Church on its campus. Earlier in 2016, an announcement was made by a church member that 2016 would be the last time the church would allow corn feeders and nets on church property.

In October, 2016, the list of bait stations was approved by the Lakeway Deer Management Committee, including Lakeway Church as a site for "Bait, Trap and Kill".

The Church has been approached by several, asking why the Church feels the need to get involved with City business and allow the cruelty to the animals on church land. The decision to support the abuse of the deer is not known by the general congregation. No discussion or vote was undertaken by the people who attend Lakeway Church.

Certainly, the Lakeway Church does a lot for the community, but the question remains. Is this support of cruelty the moral direction to take?

The Lakeway Church officials are being asked to make the humane choice and disallow all trapping on its property. Many people in our city and surrounding areas are hoping that the Lakeway Church will make the morally right decision for the deer.



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