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Greener Grass with Less Water

Written by Stephanie Threinen, Public Information Liaison, LMUD. Earl Foster is the General Manager of LMUD.

Did you know that the average household, nationally, spends 50 percent of their water usage on outdoor irrigation? During the winter, most of us in Central Texas do not need to water our lawns on a routine basis, but to keep grass green through the rest of the year, careful planning can help residents use water wisely, cutting down on water waste and lowering water bills.

National studies have shown that homes with automatic sprinkler systems, on average, use 35 percent more water than homes without installed irrigation systems. “We’ve seen locally that customers who have an in-ground irrigation system spend up to 80 percent of their water use outdoors,” said Earl Foster, General Manager for Lakeway MUD (LMUD), a local water provider. The majority of this usage is just wasted water.

To help counteract excess watering, most water providers implement watering restrictions in their district. In Lakeway, customers of LMUD have been limited to a two-day-per-week watering schedule, year-round, since last summer. At the January 8, 2020 Board of Directors meeting for LMUD, the Board approved a new irrigation schedule that maintains the two-day-per-week restriction, but further separates the days by the last digit of the residential address, rather than just even or odd. “The purpose for this change,” said Foster, “is to help us minimize the spikes in water usage we have seen each week, which puts strain on our water processing plant.”

“Right now, our peak spikes in usage are on Wednesdays and

Saturdays,” said Raf Mendoza, Water Supervisor for LMUD. “These spikes put a strain on our normal operation capacity: our elevated storage tanks are brought down to low levels and the plants are running non-stop for 30 hours at a time.” Mendoza can attribute these spikes to outdoor use based on seasonal usage. “During the summer, our plant productions average 5 million gallons, whereas in winter, we go down to 1 to 2 million,” he said.

“If customers can follow this new schedule, we will be able to maintain higher levels of stored water in our water towers, which customers will appreciate with seeing better consistency in their water pressure,” Foster said. “But, beyond following the new schedule, we encourage customers to have their irrigation system checked each fall or winter to make sure it is running as efficiently as possible before the weather gets hot.”

An irrigation system evaluation should include checking for leaks, sprinkler heads for efficiency, and the control panel for proper scheduling. Residents who receive water from a list of Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) water customers, including from LMUD, have the option to apply for the WaterSmart Rebates Program through LCRA. This program can help offset the cost of services and equipment to save water and money. Additionally, Lakeway residents can utilize the Water My Yard program which uses local weather data to provide recommendations on how to run irrigation systems efficiently. For more information, visit www.LakewayMUD.org.



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Angela Frankhouser named Rough Hollow Elementary principal



(Lakeway, TX) – Angela Frankhouser, currently serving as principal of Lake Travis Elementary School, has been named principal of Rough Hollow Elementary School, Lake Travis ISD Superintendent Dr. Brad Lancaster announced January 6.

“Mrs. Frankhouser will officially begin her tenure as principal of Rough Hollow Elementary on Tuesday, January 21,” said Dr. Lancaster. “As she begins her transition and prepares for

the opening of Rough Hollow Elementary in August, Mrs. Frankhouser will be working temporarily from the LTISD Administration Building. In her absence, I have appointed Mary Patterson to serve as interim principal at Lake Travis Elementary School for the remainder of the school year. Ms. Patterson is an accomplished school administrator who most recently served as interim assistant principal at West Cypress Hills Elementary School last spring. Senior staff and I will work with our Human Resources Department to post the Lake Travis Elementary principal position in February. In the interim, please join me in congratulating Mrs. Frankhouser on her new position.”

Mrs. Frankhouser possesses nearly 25 years of wide-ranging experience and success in public education, having served in various classroom and administrative roles. She began her career as a science teacher at the Austin Independent School District. In 2006, the Lubbock native joined Lake Travis High School where she taught biology and chemistry and also served as a TAKS Specialist before being promoted to assistant principal. Mrs. Frankhouser then served two years as assistant principal at Lake Travis Elementary School before being promoted to principal, a position she has held since 2013. She earned a Bachelor’s degree in Science from the University of Texas and a Master’s degree in Educational Administration from Concordia University. Mrs. Frankhouser and her husband, Jason, have two children—Jake and Ace, both of whom attend Lake Travis High School.

Located in the Rough Hollow community, Rough Hollow Elementary School was designed by Pfluger Architects and is being built by Bartlett Cocke General Contractors. The \$33 million facility will encompass more than 102,000 square feet and will

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have the capacity to house 850 students. Special features include a high-efficient, Energy Star building envelope that makes use of geothermal wells that will conserve operating costs for heating and cooling; a Main Distribution Frame room with windows to the corridor to create student interest in the building's network system; a full-size basketball court inside the gym with cushioned vinyl flooring; outdoor learning and story areas at the library's exterior; outdoor dining areas adjacent to playscapes, play fields and basketball courts; and storm water drainage directed to bio-retention basins that support site landscaping. The project is part of the district's \$253 million bond program approved by voters in November 2017.

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LAKE TRAVIS FILM FESTIVAL



The **Lake Travis Film Festival** is preparing for showtime, February 27-March 1, 2020. The schedule for this exciting, juried, event has been released to the public and badges are now on sale on the LTFF website, www.laketravisfilmfestival.com. Here is just a hint of all the fun there is in store:

Thursday, February 27, 2020 – Red Carpet Premier at the Lakeway Resort and Spa

- An exciting Red Carpet event will open the Lake Travis Film Festival.
- The **Austin Premier** of Short Film: *Class Act: Dance Hall Divas*, by Michael Moss Q&A
- The **World Premier** of Feature Film: *Writers Block* by Ray Spivey Q&A
- The **U.S. Premier** of Feature Film: *Family in the Bubble* by Minge Ma
- Feature Film by a Local Director: *Cowboys* by Bud Force and Jeffrey Brown, Q&A
- A Late Night Karaoke Party will follow.

Friday, February 28, 2020 – Showtime! Screenings, Workshops and Panels-Lakeway Resort and Spa

- Eight Feature Length Films
- Two Short film Showcases
- A Live Actor Table Read of the Finalist Short Script for a Film
- A Producer Workshop with Nick Nicholson
- Music Video Showcase in the Evening

Saturday, February 29, 2020 – Screenings at Lakeway Activity Center, and the Contra Commons in the Galleria

- The **U.S. Premier** of Feature Film: *Galore* by Dylan Tonk
- The **Texas Premier** of Feature Film: *Act of Reading* by Mark Blumbergm Q&A
- VIP Special Event: **Leslie and Kevin Alejandro** video showcase their films
- Six Feature Films
- Short Film Showcase with Q & A

- Student Short Films Showcase with Q & A

Lake Travis Film Festival Schedule

Saturday, February 29, 2020 – Bee Cave Arts Foundation at the Galleria

- Photography Retrospective for Van Redin, 38 years of professional photos from famous films

Saturday, February 29, 2020 – “Where the Stars Come to Shine” Awards Ceremony

- Sonesta Hotel, Bee Cave (Requires Separate Entrance Ticket)
- Afterparty at the Sonesta Bar

Sunday, March 1, 2020 – Bloody Mary Brunch for Filmmakers and VIP Badge Holders

- At Verdes and Iron Wolf Ranch and Distillery

Sunday, March 1, 2020 – Texas Film Industry Day at Star Hill Ranch, Austin, TX

- A Variety of Professional Film Making Skills including: a Prop Museum, Stunt Professionals, Art Department/Production Design, SFX and Effects Demos

- An Actor's Workshop
- The **World Premier** of the Feature Film: *The Bob Zula* by Brandon Reich

- Four Feature Films
- Two Short Film Showcases
- Autographs with Filmmakers and Celebrities
- Best **Texas Project Award**: City Mayors of Lakeway and Bee Cave
- Van tours to film locations in the area for visiting producers

All screenings are subject to change; check the website below for updates. Mark your calendars now for this exciting event right at your doorstep. VIP Badges, Film Badges, and VIP Single Day Badges are on sale now at www.laketravisfilmfestival.com. Don't miss this extraordinary event!





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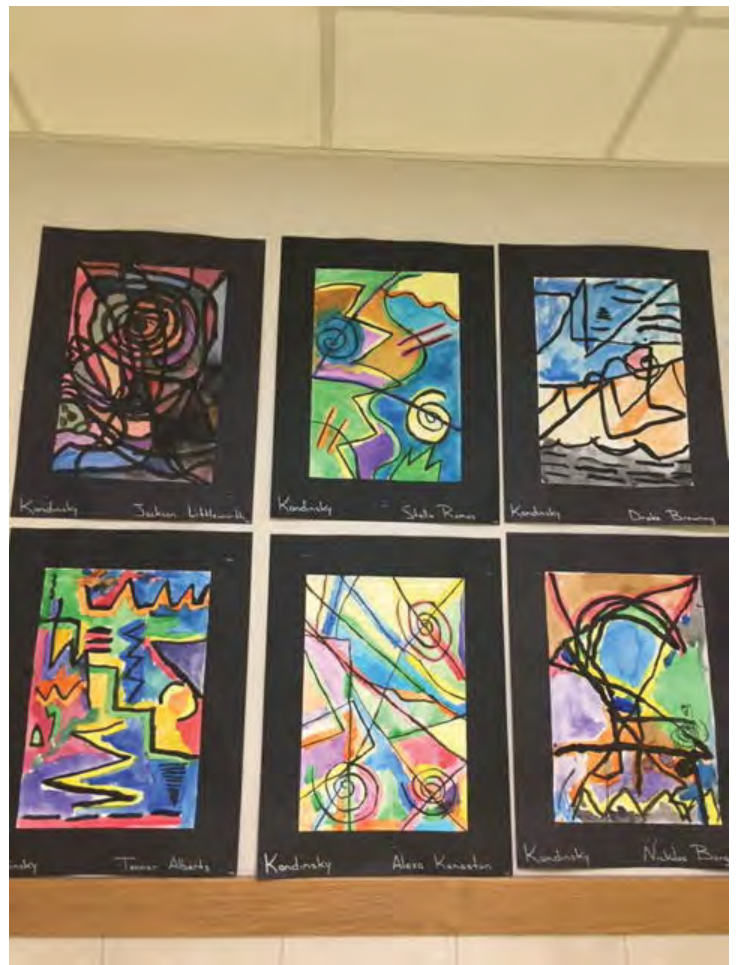
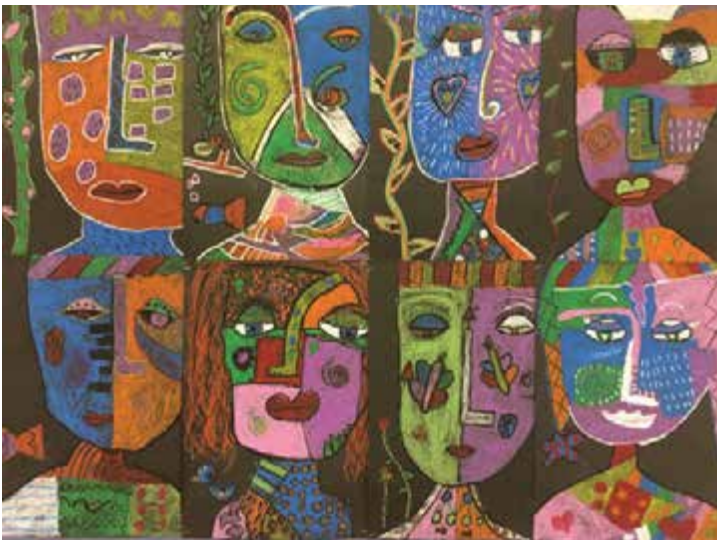
Around Lakeway

Art Exhibition Showcases Work From Lake Travis Elementary Students

The greater Austin community is invited to the 2020 Youth Art Month Exhibition at the Lake Travis Community Library on display from March 2 through March 29, 2020. The exhibition is hosted by the City of Lakeway's Art Committee in partnership with the Lake Travis Community Library. It will feature artwork from Lake Travis ISD elementary students.

Youth Art Month is celebrated across the United States and the Lakeway Arts Committee is proud to showcase select works from the Lake Travis ISD Elementary Visual Arts program. It will coincide with the national celebration of art programs in schools. A closing reception will be held on March 29, 2020 from 1:30-3pm.

The Lake Travis Community Library is located at 1938 Lohman's Crossing Rd, Austin, TX 78734 and open from Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Lake Travis Reads

The Secrets We Kept by Lara Prescott

Popular cultural education program features bestselling author



Now entering its thirteenth year, LAKE TRAVIS READS 2020 will feature the new book by acclaimed Austin author Lara Prescott, *The Secrets We Kept*, which became an instant New York Times Bestseller and was selected by Reese Witherspoon for her Hello Sunshine book club.

At the height of the Cold War, two secretaries are pulled out of the typing pool at the CIA and given the assignment of a lifetime. Their mission: to smuggle Doctor Zhivago out of the USSR, where no one dared publish it, and help Pasternak's magnum opus make its way into print around the world. Glamorous and sophisticated Sally Forrester is a seasoned spy who has honed her gift for deceit all over the world--using her magnetism and charm to pry secrets out of powerful men. Irina is a complete novice, and under Sally's tutelage quickly learns how to blend in, make drops, and invisibly ferry classified documents.

The Secrets We Kept combines a legendary literary love story--the decades-long affair between Pasternak and his mistress and muse, Olga Ivinskaya, who was sent to the Gulag and inspired Zhivago's heroine, Lara--with a narrative about two women empowered to lead lives of extraordinary intrigue and risk. From Pasternak's country estate outside Moscow to the brutalities of the Gulag, from Washington, D.C. to Paris and Milan, *The Secrets We Kept* captures a watershed moment in the history of literature--told with soaring emotional intensity and captivating historical detail. And at the center of this unforgettable debut is the powerful belief that a piece of art can change the world.

Lara Prescott received her MFA from the Michener Center for Writers at the University of Texas, Austin. She was previously an animal protection advocate and a political campaign operative. Her stories have appeared in *The Southern Review*, *The Hudson Review*, *Crazyhorse*, *Day One*, and *Tin House Flash Fridays*. She won the 2016 *Crazyhorse Fiction Prize* for the first chapter of *The Secrets We Kept*. She lives in Austin.

The community is invited to hear Prescott speak at the 2020 LAKE TRAVIS READS "Evening with the Author" on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bee Cave Public Library, located at 4000 Galleria Parkway inside Bee Cave City Hall in the Hill Country Galleria. The event is free and open to the public. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

LAKE TRAVIS READS is a "One Book, One Community" program co-sponsored by Bee Cave Public Library, Lake Travis Community Library, and Spicewood Community Library that encourages the community to read the featured title and then meet the author at a special evening event. Copies of the featured book are available at the libraries for checkout in a variety of formats including print, audio, and digital.

For more information, visit www.laketravisreads.org or any of the participating libraries.

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