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TEXARTS ACADEMY REOPENS FOLLOWING THE THREE MONTH COVID-19 SHUTDOWN

Lakeway, TX – TexARTS, a performing and visual arts nonprofit organization, is reopening its Lakeway facility on June 15 with a revised summer schedule.

Limited enrollment is available for half-day and full day camps in musical theatre, acting, and dance. The popular “Best Of” camps focus on such themes as DR. SEUSS, WICKED, THE GREATEST SHOWMAN, MATILDA, and many more. These weeklong camps, for students ages 5 – 17, are under the guidance of experienced teaching artists and will focus on basic vocal technique, acting skills, dance and musical theatre.

TexARTS will also offer a variety of youth intensive training for children and teens of all levels. This year’s lineup includes Conquering Your Audition (July 20 - 24), Acting the Song (July 27 – 31), a Ballet Technique intensive (August 3 – 7) and a Dance Technique intensive (August 10 – 14). Visual Arts camps, a Music Technology workshop, preschool mini-camps and technique classes are available via an online platform.

The health and safety of campers and staff is TexARTS top priority, therefore necessary modifications have been made and the implementation of new policies and procedures will include: a limit of eight students in each camp, screenings for staff and students prior to the beginning of each camp day, increased cleaning of the facility, face coverings required for staff and for patrons upon entering the facility and staggered start and stop times for each camp.

TexARTS summer session begins June 15 and run through August 14. Camps will be held at TexARTS in the Erin Doherty Studios (2300 Lohmans Spur, Suite #160, Lakeway, TX). For more information or to register for TexARTS upcoming performing and visual arts summer camps, please visit www.tex-arts.org or call 512-852-9079 x104.

Celebrating 15 years of service to the Lake Travis Region, TexARTS is a nonprofit performing and visual arts organization that offers year-round classes in acting, voice, visual arts and dance as well as completely staged youth and professional productions. For more information about TexARTS, visit our website tex-arts.org.

LAKE TRAVIS GRADUATE RETURNS FROM PEACE CORPS SERVICE IN TOGO, WEST AFRICA



Gianna Courtois, a 2013 Lake Travis graduate, recently returned home after two (2) years of volunteer service with the Peace Corps. She was the first Peace Corps volunteer to be placed in a small village named Gbende, in Togo, West Africa; and the first to be placed so far into the “bush” as Gbende is a very remote village of 1500 people. While there, she lived in a hut, carried her own water (eventually mastering the art of balancing the container on her head), and cooked and ate as the villagers did. While speaking English and French, she quickly picked up the Togolese native language of Akebou.

Ms. Courtois decided she wanted to become a Peace Corps volunteer in the 9th grade, thus she attended Arizona State University, receiving a degree in Global Studies with an emphasis in

Religion and Cultures.

In Togo her official position was as an English and Gender Education teacher. In the classroom, she used a method of interactive vocabulary...she acted out the English words, then had the students act them out. On tests she could see the students moving their arms or figures as they sought the answers. The Peace Corps asked her to train incoming volunteers in this method of

teaching vocabulary. She started an afterschool English Club and to encourage participation she designed the Club around

American sports, one of which was baseball. Vocabulary words were given in English, some instructions in French – the game was the connector... it ended up being an “all-school” event.

Other than teaching, Ms. Courtois encountered and dealt with food security and overall health issues in Togo. She began a rabbit husbandry program in her village to bring an ongoing protein supplement to the villager’s diet and to serve as an additional source of revenue. She intended to spend a 3rd (third) year in Togo working with a Togolese Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) focused on female empowerment and capacity building; however, the Covid-19 pandemic brought the evacuation of all Peace Corps volunteers. She had only two days’ notice, and states, “Having to leave so quickly broke my heart – there was no time for goodbyes.”

Ms. Courtois’ future plans include pursuing a Master degree in International Development at the University of Denver. One of the primary issues she hopes to address in her career is food security. She states, “While in Togo, I witnessed families struggling with food insecurity firsthand...there are many great ideas of how to address this issue, and graduate school will give me the project management skills I need to help these ideas come to fruition.”

The University of Denver re-opened its Fall 2020 admissions to evacuated Peace Corps volunteers. As a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (RPCV), she applied and was accepted into the Korbel School at the University of Denver. Ms. Courtois was awarded the Paul Coverdell Peace Corps Fellowship, as well as a Special Merit Scholarship from the University. Also, she has applied for a Continuing Education Scholarship from PEO Chapter IC, a local and international organization that supports women in education.

Ms. Courtois hopes to return to West Africa and to Togo. She wants people to know that Togo exists; and, though small, its people are kind, generous and willing to help anyone who needs it.

During the last 2 years, she was the recipient of these qualities many times over. She comes away with the realization that people in Togo are not much different than they are here in America. Her take-away...”I learned not to take simple things for granted or panic over them...if you need to use a stick and mango, instead of a bat and ball – well, it’s still baseball!”

Exercising Our Freedoms, Maintaining Community Values



On July 4, 1776, the United States of America declared their independence from Great Britain, thereby giving birth to a new nation. Our Declaration of Independence was written as a statement resisting the tyranny of British monarchical rule of the time, promising Americans the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. To this day, it has never been amended. Our freedoms are what we

celebrate with family,

friends, and neighbors each year on Independence Day! As we exercise our freedoms, we each prioritize a different set of values. Communities develop through the shared values of the governing body, individuals, local businesses, social groups, and even utility providers who reside there. Lakeway, for example, was founded in the early 1960s as a remote, resort-style community with vacation homes for residents seeking to escape city life. To this day, the golf ball water tower at the entrance to Lakeway serves as a reminder of the community's roots in leisurely activities. Now, 50-plus years later, Lakeway continues to be recognized for their golf courses, but with over 15,000 residents and flourishing business opportunities, it is also one of the Austin area's premier communities.

Unfortunately, some values get taken for granted. While communities provide a place for people to live, work, play, worship, dine, shop, and congregate, our modern lifestyle requires access to clean water, sanitation services, reliable electricity, and internet connectivity. Each of these utility services requires a vast amount of infrastructure to be put in place and maintained. Although used by nearly all residents every day, the amount of work invested in these necessities goes by unnoticed...unless it fails.

It's become increasingly evident that how we exercise our freedoms impacts others. For example, taking too much of something can leave a supply shortage for someone else who may desperately need it. On the other hand, giving generously can provide for someone who may have had no other option. This concept extends into more choices than you can imagine. At Lakeway Municipal Utility District (LMUD), a local water provider, we'd like you to consider that even your choices with water use matter towards the continued health and safety of your community.

Buried beneath the streets, buildings, and homes of Lakeway, we

maintain an intricate system of pipes carrying water and wastewater to and from our treatment plants. We use the same lake, Lake Travis, that drew the attention of the original developers of Lakeway as our only source for raw water, which we then treat to drinking water standards. Each of our customers is connected to our water system and relies on it to provide the adequate pressure, quality, and quantity of clean water they need in their home or place of business. They also rely on our pipes to carry away all wastes that go down drains so it can be safely treated. When someone pollutes the lake, over irrigates their lawn, flushes wipes down a toilet or grease down a drain, the whole community suffers because it puts unnecessary strain on our system.



Thankfully, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond, our community has had adequate water supply, electricity, and internet connectivity. The men and women at these utilities value their ability to provide reliability in services that add a bit of normalcy to the daily lives of the residents they serve. As a part of the Lakeway community, we appreciate that, as we do our part, you do your part by conserving water and properly maintaining your plumbing system...because we're all in this together.

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Lakeway July Blood Drive: Our Blood Supply Needs You More than Ever

Registration is now open for the Lakeway blood drive in July. With the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, life-saving blood is needed more than ever. The next Lakeway Community Blood Drive is scheduled for 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 18 at the Lakeway Activity Center located at 105 Cross Creek. We encourage the public to sign up as soon as they are able to in order to secure a spot.

Your safety is of utmost importance. Precautions will be taken during the blood drive to ensure the appropriate social/physical distancing guidelines will be adhered to. Given the uncertainties in our daily life due to the pandemic, please keep an eye out for updates from the City of Lakeway, We Are Blood and blood drive organizers as the event approaches.

As at the Lakeway Community Blood Drive in March and May, and other drives run by We Are Blood since the pandemic, multiple health and safety protocols have been implemented to ensure proper disinfecting, physical distancing is maintained and other health guidelines are followed. Details can be found at weareblood.org.

In order to ensure proper social/physical distancing guidelines are adhered to, donors must make an appointment in advance. Blood donations from walk-ins will NOT be taken. You can schedule an appointment and get more information by contacting the coordinators at lakewaycommunityblooddrive@gmail.com or by visiting www.wrbdonor.org and searching for Group Code A197. If appointments are filled, you may contact the coordinators via email to be added to a waitlist.

As always, if prospective donors are feeling ill in any way in the days before the drive they should not attend and are urged to cancel their appointments to free up slots for other eligible donors.

Donors need to be in generally good health, at least 17 years old and weigh 115 pounds or more for whole blood donations. Photo identification is required. Organizers recommend that donors eat a good meal and drink plenty of liquids before donating.

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Baby Pet House Yard

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Grill, Jacob	17	•	•	•		512-944-6793
Karabinos, Audra*	17	•	•	•		512-739-1878
Leybaert, Tina*+	15	•	•	•		512-994-9247
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