

A graphic illustration of a sailboat with a blue and white sail and a red flag, sailing on a yellow sun over a body of water. The sun and sailboat are reflected in the water below. The background of the entire page is a photograph of a layered limestone cliff face overlooking a blue lake.

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LAKEWAY — LAND OF LIMESTONE

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Close-up photo of “Cordoba Shell” dimension stone showing the many voids left by the impressions of marine invertebrates. This photo was taken at the Target store nearest to Lakeway, 3702 Ranch Road 620 S., Bee Cave, Texas.

Limestone is ubiquitous in Lakeway and Central Texas. So much so, that many of us take it for granted. We see it daily. Our homes are built on it. Limestone is visible in Lakeway as natural outcrops in the mesas, valleys, and creeks that define the natural beauty of our community. We boat over limestone in Lake Travis while surrounded by beautiful outcrops of this rock. We also encounter limestone in numerous road cuts and as aesthetically pleasing construction materials.

Did you ever wonder what limestone is and how it is different from other rocks? Limestone is defined as a sedimentary rock that is composed of more than 50% calcium carbonate (CaCO₃) in the form of the minerals calcite and aragonite. These minerals are identical in chemical composition, but have different crystal structures. Calcite is more stable and is the usual form found in ancient limestone. Most limestone contains a much higher percentage of these carbonate minerals. Limestone that contains less than 80% CaCO₃ is considered “impure.” The majority of limestone, including our limestone, forms from sediment that is biologic in origin — secreted by marine organisms that lived in warm, shallow, clear water in tropical settings similar to the Bahamas today.

Geologists organize sedimentary rock layers into “formations” that are often subdivided into “members.”

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They name a formation after the geographic place name of a location at or near where the formation is first described.

The limestone in Lakeway is called the Glen Rose Limestone. This formation was named after the town of Glen Rose, Texas, located 52 miles southwest of Fort Worth. It was first described by geologist Robert T. Hill in 1891 based on exposures along the Paluxy River. There, the Glen Rose Limestone is best known for the dinosaur footprints and trackways that are exposed in Dinosaur Valley State Park. At the time these sediments were deposited, dinosaurs left their footprints in a shoreline environment with exposed mudflats that would eventually become limestone. In the Lakeway area, the Glen Rose Limestone was deposited in a shallow, low-energy marine setting.



Photo of a good exposure of the Upper Member of the Glen Rose Limestone in Lakeway, Texas. This photo was taken on Highland Boulevard. It shows a very thick road cut of this formation. Note the large dimension stones in the foreground (retaining wall attributed to Cordoba Cream).

No evidence of the presence of dinosaurs has been observed in our area, but marine fossils are common in some layers.

The Glen Rose Limestone is informally subdivided into a lower and upper member separated by a thin, regionally extensive, “marker bed” that contains an abundance of a very small species of clam. The lower member is not exposed in Lakeway. The upper member ranges in thickness from 200 to 400 feet where it is exposed in nearly flat, undeformed layers. The thickness in our community varies due to past erosion and the resulting topography of our landscape. The upper member consists of hard, resistant limestone layers that alternate with less resistant intervals of nodular limestone and soft “marly,” or clay-rich, limestone. This results in what geologists call “bench and slope” topography. What we see are a series of resistant ledges of limestone interspersed with less-resistant, slope-forming layers. Collectively, they form a steplike break in the continuity of the slope.



Photo of many Eoursivivas harveyi on a weathered surface of the Glen Rose Limestone (US Hwy. 290, 6 miles east of Johnson City). This thin zone of very small “corbulid” clams defines the boundary between the lower and upper members of the Glen Rose Limestone in central Texas. Discussion of this interval was deleted from an earlier draft of this article. This layer has not been observed in Lakeway.

The upper member of the Glen Rose Limestone was deposited during a span of more than 3 million years, about 108 to 104 million years ago during the Early Cretaceous Period of the Mesozoic Era. Lakeway was located at a latitude of about 25° N. (5 degrees farther south than today). During this time, the middle of what is now North America was flooded by a broad, shallow sea that geologists call the “Western Interior Seaway.”



Photo of typical “Cordoba Cream” dimension stones used as a facade to a home in Lakeway, Texas, as is very common in our community.

It extended from the early Gulf of Mexico to the Arctic and divided North America into two land masses, “Appalachia” to the east, and “Laramidia” to the west. During the Cretaceous, Lakeway was located near the western shore of Appalachia when sea level was many hundreds of feet higher than today.

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The environmental history of the upper Glen Rose Limestone is complex. During this interval of time, sea level gradually rose, but many cycles of rising and falling sea level were superimposed on this general trend.

Limestone is also present throughout Lakeway in the form of retaining walls and the facades of many homes and businesses. These rectangular blocks of stone were not hewed from the Glen Rose Limestone. Most come from the younger Walnut Formation that lies directly above the Glen Rose. These limestone immigrants are “dimension stones” that were quarried and cut to specified sizes.

They have not traveled very far. Lakeway’s dimension stones actually come from quarries in Williamson and Travis counties. This “soft,” cream-colored limestone is easy to quarry and fashion into standardized sizes. Most of the dimension stone in Lakeway is called “Cordoba Cream.” Less common is an attractive commercial stone called “Cordoba Shell.” It is highly fossiliferous and contains many voids left by the impressions of marine invertebrates whose shells have long since dissolved. Cordoba Shell can be viewed at our local Target store.

The geologic history of Lakeway does not begin or end with the deposition of the Glen Rose Limestone. However, limestone is ever present in our community as a prominent reminder of our distant geologic past. The next time you leave home, perhaps take a closer look at the limestone that many of us take for granted. As geologists say, “The rocks always have a story to tell.”



Close-up photo of “Cordoba Cream” limestone, Lakeway, Texas.

APPLIANCES THAT KEEP ON RUNNING (AND WHY THAT’S NOT A GOOD THING)

Often times, our job as a water provider is to be a detective. Our customers are alerted by a high water bill, they give us a call, and we’re on the case! What could have caused this spike in their water usage? Luckily, we’re experienced professionals and we’ve seen it all so we can usually help our customers seek out the culprit and put a stop to their wrongdoing. Here are a few of our insider secrets:

Culprit #1: The Water Meter

Water meters get a bad rap. They are usually the first to be blamed for a high water bill, but they’re almost always an innocent bystander. These little devices measure water in one direction: from the street, onto the homeowner’s property. A flow sensor inside the device turns, recording how much water is flowing through it, but not how or where it’s being used. Its failure rate is minuscule, especially within newer communities like Lakeway.

Culprit #2: The Meter Reader

The next to be blamed is a person who does the meter reading, but this culprit is MIA (missing in action). Long gone are the days (at least for most communities across the U.S.) where someone had to walk around to each meter, lifting each lid and manually writing down the tiny numbers on top of the meter. Yes, this process could lead to misreads, but Lakeway’s reads are transmitted electronically. Homeowners, however, can still use these numbers to track their water usage... which brings us to culprit #3.

Culprit #3: A Leak

The most elusive of all culprits of high water usage is a leak. Always on the run, often times hiding behind walls or underground, they can sometimes go undetected for long periods of time without a trace. Leaks like to work independently, so you have to visit several locations to track them down. Here are a few profiles of repeat offenders:

- The Leaky Toilet: Not a major offender, but definitely one worth paying attention to. They are often detected by the quiet sound of running water, detectable only when all else is silent.

- The Leaky Pipe: This sneaky offender can often be found under sinks or even behind walls, discoverable by a pooling of water or a moldy smell. It’s cousin, the dripping faucet, is new to the game so it’s often caught quickly.

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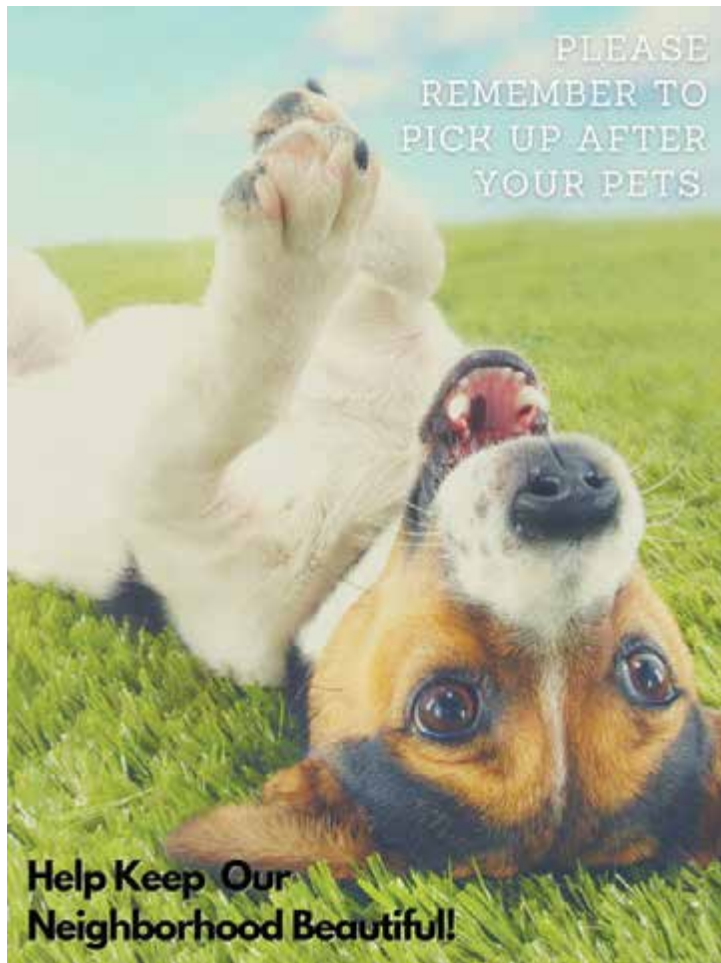
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- The Running Appliance: The list of appliances that rely on water to operate is long so when this leak is on the loose, each potential hideout must be checked, including the dishwasher, water softer, water heater, and pool filter. The Running Appliance has a distinct sound, like that of The Leaky Toilet, so it takes stealth to catch them.

- The Overactive Irrigation System: Perhaps the largest purveyor of leaks is an irrigation system gone haywire. When well-behaved, they prove to be a welcome addition to the household, but they require constant supervision to stay in line. Catch this culprit by regularly checking the control panel for scheduling accuracy, sprinkler heads for proper function, and the yard for soggy or excessively green areas.

A water meter can act as a detective's sidekick when investigating high water usage. Knowing how to read yours and when to read it can lead to the culprit's arrest. Although different variations exist, typically, your water meter display will include a small triangular shaped dial or a small silver wheel that rotates when water is flowing through the meter. If you turn off all water use in the house and that wheel is still spinning, you most likely have a leak. Try to discover the culprit on your own or call your water provider or a plumber for help!

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GET YOUR PET FIXED!

Lake Travis, Texas (August 5, 2020) – With dog and cat overpopulation posing a problem to the Lake Travis community, local nonprofit Lake Travis Spay & Neuter Advocacy Program (LT SNAP) wants to reduce animal shelter intake and euthanasia numbers in the Lake Travis area by providing transportation for LTISD pet owners to PetPALS, a low-cost, high-quality spay and neuter clinic in Marble Falls, TX.

Founded by Rochelle and Phil Storin, LT SNAP began once-a-month transportation services in July. “With the high number of unaltered pets in our community, one of the most effective ways to reduce the pet population in the Lake Travis area is by spaying or neutering our pets,” said Phil Storin, Executive Director of LT SNAP. “For \$95 or less plus a \$30 transportation fee, pet owners can help increase a pet’s lifespan, lower the risk of certain cancers, and reduce unwanted pet behavior such as roaming or urine marking.”

LT SNAP is partnering with Wags Hope & Healing, an animal rescue based in the Hudson Bend area of Austin, to provide transportation in a climate-controlled van. LT SNAP volunteers along with the executive director of Wags Hope & Healing meet pet owners that have registered with LT SNAP early in the morning at Lake Travis United Methodist Church. The animals are checked in, weighed and owners place them in crates. The crates are then placed in the Wags Hope & Healing van. The Wags Hope & Healing executive director and an LT SNAP volunteer drive together in the van to PetPALS and stay with the animals. Post surgery, the animals are driven back to the church. At afternoon pick-up, pet owner receive informational documents regarding surgery, vaccinations, and post-operative care instructions.

Do what’s best for your pet. For more information and to register, visit www.LakeTravisSNAP.com.

About Lake Travis Spay & Neuter Advocacy Program

The mission of Lake Travis Spay & Neuter Advocacy Program, Inc. (LT SNAP) is to reduce animal shelter intake and euthanasia numbers in the Lake Travis area. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and rely on the generosity of our community. All donations are tax deductible. Also, check out wish list.

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2020 LAKE TRAVIS CAVALIER VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
9/25	RR CEDAR RIDGE	CAVALIER STADIUM	5/6/7:30PM
10/1	RR WESTWOOD	TBA	7:00PM
10/9	SAN MARCOS	CAVALIER STADIUM	7:30PM
10/18	HAYS	SHELTON STADIUM	7:30PM
10/23	AUSTIN HIGH *HOMECOMING*	CAVALIER STADIUM	7:30PM
10/30	DEL VALLE	VETERANS MEMORIAL STADIUM	7:30PM
11/6	BOWIE	CAVALIER STADIUM	7:30PM
11/13	OPEN		
11/20	AKINS	BURGER STADIUM	7:30PM
11/27	WESTLAKE	CAVALIER STADIUM	2:00PM
12/4	OPEN		

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PRESEASON

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Varsity	JV	Flex	2th
Monday-Friday	Sept 7th- Sept 12th	2 hr Skills Training Begins	Lake Travis	AM	AM	PM	PM
Monday-Tuesday	September 14th-15th	Tryouts Begin	Lake Travis	AM	AM	PM	PM
Thursday	September 17th	**LT Scrimmage (LT, Westwood, Round Rock, & Bowie)	Round Rock/Westwood	PM	PM	PM	PM
Saturday	September 19th	Vandegrift	Lake Travis	3:00	2:00	2:00	3:00
Tuesday	September 22nd	Dual- Cedar Park & Westwood	V/JV-WW Flex/9th CP	6:30	5:00	5:00	6:00
Tuesday	September 22nd	Dual- Cedar Park & Westwood	V/JV-WW Flex/9th CP	8:00	6:00	6:00	7:00
Friday	September 25th	Rouse	Rouse	6:30	5:30	5:30	6:30

DISTRICT SEASON

Tuesday	September 29th	Akins	Atkins	6:30	5:30	5:30	6:30
Friday	October 2nd	Austin High	Austin High	6:30	5:30	5:30	6:30
Tuesday	October 6th	**Westlake (Staff Appreciation)	Lake Travis	6:30	5:30	5:30	6:30
Friday	October 9th	**Del Valle	Lake Travis	6:30	5:30	5:30	6:30
Tuesday	October 13th	**San Marcos (LYA & Little Sisters Night)	Lake Travis	6:30	5:30	5:30	6:30
Friday	October 16th	Bowie	Bowie	6:30	5:30	5:30	6:30
Tuesday	October 20th	Hays	Hays	6:30	5:30	6:30	5:30
Friday	October 23rd	**Akins (Homecoming)	Lake Travis	5:30	7:00	6:30	5:30
Tuesday	October 27th	**Austin High (Dig Pink & Middle School Night)	Lake Travis	6:30	5:30	5:30	6:30
Friday	October 30th	Westlake	Westlake	6:30	5:30	5:30	6:30
Tuesday	November 3rd	Del Valle	Del Valle	6:30	5:30	5:30	6:30
Friday	November 6th	San Marcos	San Marcos	6:30	5:30	5:30	6:30
Tuesday	November 10th	**Bowie	Lake Travis	6:30	5:30	5:30	6:30
Friday	November 13th	**Hays (Senior & Kardivas Night)	Lake Travis	6:30	5:30	5:30	6:30

POST SEASON PLAYOFFS

Thursday - Friday	November 19-21	UIL Bi-District Playoffs	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Monday-Tuesday	November 23-24	UIL Area Playoffs	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Thursday- Saturday	November 26-28	UIL Quarterfinals	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Wednesday- Saturday	November 30-Dec 1	UIL Regional Semi-Finals	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Thursday- Saturday	December 3-5	Regional Finals	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
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