



Weekly Report

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City of Lago Vista
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City Manager's Office

The City Manager, Chief Financial Officer, and Finance Director participated in a pricing meeting alongside the City's Financial Advisor and Underwriter ahead of Thursday morning's sale of certificates of obligation. The purpose was to discuss market conditions and the underwriter's expectations. Encouragingly, they expressed confidence in the sale, citing the city's favorable location and the dynamic market. Anticipating interest from banks or insurance companies, they believed the sale would yield positive outcomes.

The results indeed reflected this optimism, with State Farm securing the certificates of obligation at a True Interest Cost of 4.01%. This outcome underscores the success of the sale and the city's attractiveness in the financial market.

Additionally, the City Manager participated in a meeting with the Development Service Staff and Austin City Public Health (APH). Recognizing the need for enhanced health services, the City of Lago Vista has been actively seeking a solution. With the city's increasing number of restaurants, there is a heightened importance in ensuring improved health inspections. In support of this initiative, Austin Public Health has expressed willingness to collaborate.

Notably, APH already has several Interlocal Agreements (ILAs) with other municipalities in Travis County. The staff is optimistic about the potential collaboration and aims to present an agreement to the City Council in the upcoming months. This partnership holds the promise of advancing health services in the community, particularly in the context of the growing restaurant sector.

Public Works

Public Works recently concluded the acceptance of sealed bids on Thursday for the resurfacing of twenty-two streets scheduled in the coming months. To facilitate community engagement and provide detailed information about the upcoming street projects, the City has scheduled a Town Hall meeting on Monday, January 22nd, at 6:30 pm. The meeting will take place in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, situated at 5803 Thunderbird Street. This forum offers residents an opportunity to gather insights and discuss the forthcoming street initiatives directly with city officials.

Golf Course

The impactful arrival of the "Roar of the Polar Bear" was evident starting last Sunday, ushering in an Artic Blast that persisted until Wednesday evening. Recognizing the imminent weather change, golf enthusiasts seized the opportunity to play a round on Saturday before the onset of the cold. However, the cold did not deter them for long, as Thursday brought a pleasant shift with 70-degree temperatures and sunshine, prompting another round of golf before the cold returned on Friday.

Acknowledging the potential impact of the freezing weather on the Golf Course Greens, the Golf Course Maintenance team, assisted by dedicated volunteers, worked diligently last Saturday afternoon. They covered the Greens and practice green with tarps, a necessary precaution when temperatures hover in the mid-twenties or lower for an extended period. The tarps were removed on Wednesday, and the Greens were declared ready for eager golfers. A Big Thank You for all the Hard Work!

Parks and Recreation

The Parks and Recreation Staff successfully restored the water supply to all restrooms at Sunset Park and Upper Bar K ballfields, which had been temporarily shut off as a precautionary measure against the recent freezing weather. To enhance park services, the Interim Parks & Recreation Director has hired a Park Ambassador, set to start on January 19th. This strategic hiring aims to contribute positively to the park experience and further support the community's recreational needs.

Communications and Marketing Manager

Throughout the week, the Communications and Marketing Manager engaged in the dissemination of information through various channels, including social media, the city website, and the digital sign. She actively participated in the Lago Fest meeting on Tuesday afternoon, contributing insights and updates. Additionally, considerable effort was directed towards the development and execution of the Employee Appreciation Program, involving the distribution of invites and notifications to the designated recipients. A significant portion of the week was dedicated to crafting comprehensive marketing materials for Lago Fest Sponsorship Packages. Concurrently, she is working on the design aspects of new T-shirts intended for Lago Fest.

Information Technology

The IT staff convened with the City Manager to deliver a comprehensive presentation encompassing both current and prospective projects. They furnished updates on the progress of the Active Directory Migration and reported on various other ongoing initiatives. Looking forward, the IT staff articulated plans to initiate research on telephone solutions for all city facilities. Additionally, there is a strategic focus on formulating a replacement program for IT devices in the upcoming budget year, reflecting the commitment to ensuring the technological infrastructure of the city remains robust and up to date.

Police Department

End of Week Report for 01/07/2024 – 01/13/2024

Calls for Service		343
Traffic Stops		100
Citations		14
Warnings		78
Arrests		1
Average Response Time (ART)		1 minute

Library

The Director held a special-called meeting with the Library Advisory Board last Thursday. During the session, two new members and the City Council's new Liaison to the Board, Paul Prince, were introduced to existing members. The Director provided a concise report, updating members on ongoing programs and key developments related to the Library.

The primary focus of the discussion revolved around the current library survey and the necessary steps to position the Library and City Hall for inclusion in a future bond election. The meeting provided an opportunity for meaningful conversation and strategic planning regarding the Library's future initiatives and potential community support through a bond election.

Municipal Court

Clerks diligently processed new citations received from the Police Department. The Court Administrator dedicated Wednesday morning supporting Jonestown by assisting with their municipal court dockets, as per the interlocal agreement between the two cities. Several reports were systematically processed for submission to the State.