

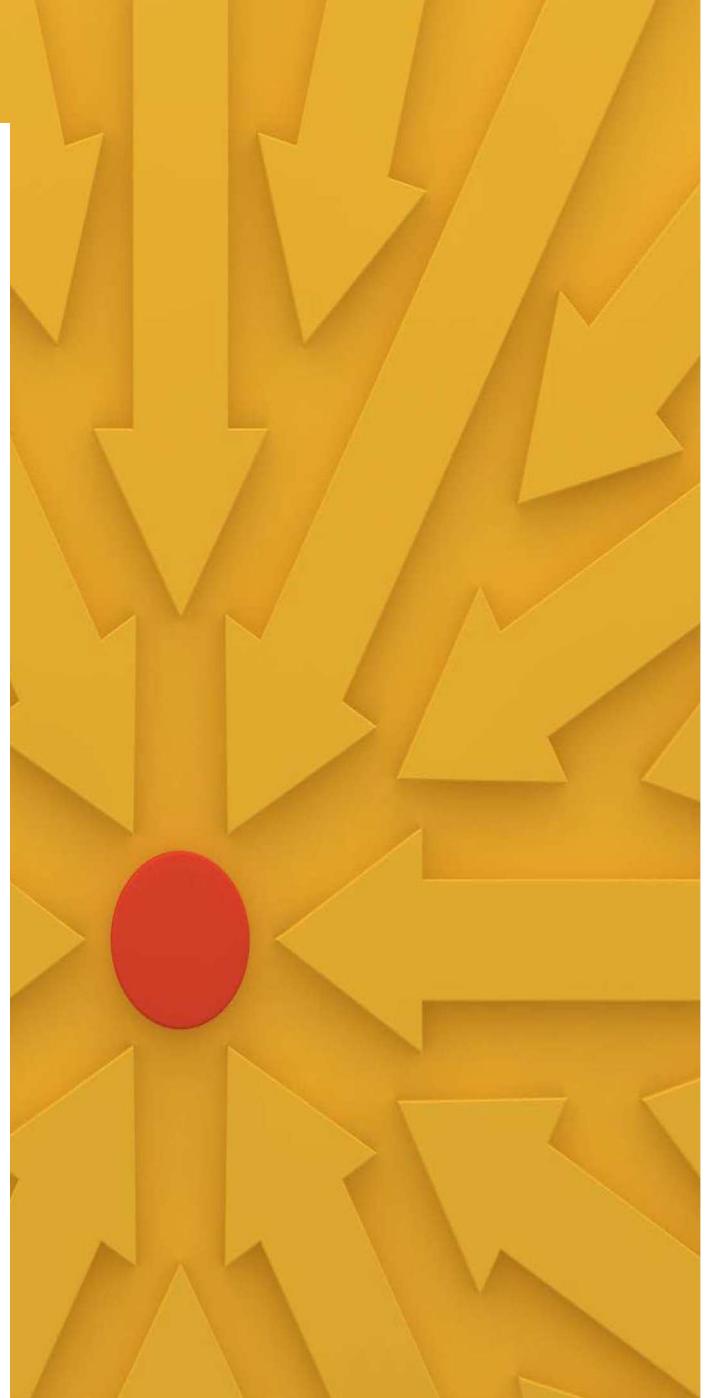


Weekly Report

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City of Lago Vista

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City Manager's Office

The City Manager conducted interviews for the open City Planner and Finance Director positions to evaluate potential candidates for these key roles. Strategic planning meetings were held, providing an opportunity to discuss a wide range of important topics and generate new ideas for the City's future initiatives.

A meeting was attended with representatives from TextMyGov to explore their service, which offers geo-fencing capabilities to target specific areas and notify only affected residents about issues such as water outages and street repairs. The service also allows residents to communicate with the City via text, using keywords to report concerns and receive automated follow-up messages for additional information.

Additionally, a meeting was held with Councilor Saum and the consultant responsible for submitting the City's Project Information Packets to the Texas Water Development Board. The discussion focused on securing potential infrastructure funding to support critical municipal projects.

Golf Course

Fortunately, our greens made it through last weeks Polar Blast without any significant damage. The course was re-opened for play on Sunday, which turned out to be our busiest Sunday this year with 155 Golfer's hitting the links! Mother Nature brought us a preview of spring weather this week bringing us more Golfer's than usual on Tuesday and Wednesday. Our PGA Head Golf Professional attended the GCAC meeting this week.

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Economic Development

The Economic Development Director met with the cleaning service provider for City Hall and the Library to address concerns. After requesting a new cleaner, they observed significant improvement. They also submitted information for Lago Vista's inclusion in Opportunity Austin's annual report, attended Strategic Planning, and arranged an initial meeting with an individual interested in opening a business in the city.

The Communications & Marketing Coordinator managed multiple posts on social media, the digital sign, and the city website. They attended the Strategic Planning meeting and participated in a Lago Fest meeting to discuss merchandise designs. Additionally, they coordinated with Vistago on Lago Fest merchandise, attended a Zoom call with TextMyGov to explore further options, and added the new CIP project feature to the website under Public Works. They also began preparing award submissions for the TAMI Awards.

The Event Coordinator continued researching and planning a 5K/10K Firecracker Run for the 4th of July. They met with Parks and Recreation staff regarding the VIP Lounge for Lago Fest and conducted a recap meeting with the Lago Fest committee on sponsorships, bands, activities, and vendors. They attended both virtual and in-person Strategic Planning meetings, received approval to install Oak Wilt signs for City displays, and ensured the signs were put in place. Additionally, they updated budgets for both Lago Fest and the 4th of July to include the Firecracker Run.

Public Works

Engineering/Administration Department

A pre-bid meeting was held at City Hall for the second phase of the street rehabilitation program. Staff also met with a property owner in the City's ETJ near Alfalfa who expressed

interest in connecting to the City's sewer system. The formal process for connection was outlined and explained.

Discussions were held with the City Attorney's office regarding easement documents and language for various infrastructure within the Tessera Development, which is set to be dedicated to the City in the future. Additionally, a meeting is scheduled with TxDOT and the design team for the new Sunset Park entrance to obtain approval and move forward with the competitive bidding process.

Utilities Department

Work on the Veranda Walk Force Main Project remains ongoing, along with routine vehicle and equipment maintenance. Several water leaks were repaired this week, including those at Marshalls Point Cove, Lago Vista Way, Tallahassee Avenue, Cimmaron Trail, and Oak Hill Lane. Repairs on a leak at Talon Circle were completed yesterday. Sewer system maintenance also continued, with the issue on Avenida Ann successfully resolved, while work on Continental Drive remains underway.

Streets Department

A knocked-down speed limit sign in Tessera was reinstalled. Trees in the center of Hopkins Cove were trimmed to improve visibility and safety for motorists. Crews chipped brush at the Green Center and cleaned up loose gravel and debris on Highland Lakes in preparation for the upcoming bike race. Additionally, a section of the road on Folklore was repaired with asphalt to maintain roadway conditions.

Plants Department

At Water Treatment Plant #1, daily laboratory testing for water quality and all corresponding water tanks was completed, along with weekly sample submissions and chlorine residual testing. General maintenance and upkeep were performed throughout the facility. Repairs are in progress on the "A side" clarifier, while new turbidimeter controls were installed on the "B side" clarifier.

At Water Treatment Plant #3, routine daily water laboratory testing and tank testing were completed, along with weekly sample submissions and chlorine residual testing. Repairs are underway on an 18-inch pipe, and a major leak was detected and successfully repaired.

At the WWTP, daily lab testing and weekly sample submissions were completed. General maintenance and upkeep continued, and Clarifier 1 was drained in preparation for repairs. Additionally, four containers of sludge were pressed.

Routine maintenance and upkeep were completed for all lift stations. All generators are currently operational except for the OBR station, which is still awaiting parts, and the Inn station, where repairs are in progress.

The golf course continues watering on schedule, while sprinklers at Cedar Breaks remain active. Effluent water is still being sent to Cedar Breaks, and the active sprinkler zone was switched. Repairs for Cedar Breaks Pump 1 are currently underway.

Information Technology

The IT department attended and facilitated both in-person and virtual meetings as needed throughout the week. A total of 13 support tickets were opened by staff for various technical issues, all of which were addressed accordingly.

The process of distributing new city phones has begun, with emails sent to employees to schedule their appointments for receiving the devices. City server upgrades to the new operating system continue as planned, ensuring a smooth transition with minimal disruption.

IT staff participated in the Strategic Planning Meetings with City Council and completed Open Records Requests (ORRs) as required by the City Secretary. Additionally, a work

session was held with staff to review the status of current IT projects and discuss plans for future initiatives.

Library

The Director joined other Department Heads in attending both sessions of this week's City Council Workplan Meeting. Hearing the Councilors discuss items on the City's current workplan, as well as revisions that might be needed, provided some insight into the some of goals and objectives they would like to see prioritized in various departments throughout the City.

With next Tuesday (March 4) being Mardi Gras, attendees at this week's story time celebrated by having a parade throughout the Library and around the Greenspace outside. Led by Library Assistant, Anna Marie Novoa, children and their parents marched to the tune of "When the Saints Go Marching In." The public is invited to join Library staff and volunteers next Tuesday in celebrating Mardi Gras by having a piece of King Cake.

The new fiberglass caterpillar, located in the greenspace next to the library, developed a problem this week when some of the nails and metal pieces used to hold it in place became loose and caused the sculpture to be unsafe to use. Thanks to quick action by the City's Street Supervisor, James LeBlanc, the sculpture was bolted more securely into the concrete pad and made safe for children to enjoy again. On behalf of all the children who love climbing on the colorful caterpillar, we thank James for coming to the rescue!

Municipal Court

Court clerks received and processed new citations throughout the week. An Animal Seizure hearing was held on Tuesday, February 25. The jury trial scheduled for the same day was canceled following the State's dismissal of the case. Clerks promptly contacted potential jurors to inform them that their appearance was no longer required.

Weekly reports were completed and submitted to the State and the court's collection agency. Staff assisted customers with their cases at the court window, over the phone, and via email. Additionally, Pre-Trial and Show Cause notices were mailed to individuals scheduled for the March 11 docket.

Parks & Rec

Baseball and softball practices began this week at Sunset Park. The solar panels at the park are now operational, but restroom facilities remain closed due to septic plumbing issues. A temporary porta-potty has been placed on-site for public use. Staff met with Amanda from TXDOT to discuss the KLVB/1431 Project and also attended a meeting regarding the Comprehensive Plan.

The Sloan valve in the women's restroom at the pool was replaced to address maintenance needs.

AWOS lights at the airport were replaced, improving visibility and functionality. The QT Pod experienced computer issues, but the system was successfully reset and is now operating properly. Additionally, discussions were held with Scouting America about a potential partnership with the Young Eagles program at Rusty Allen Airport.

Police Department

End of Week Report for 2/16/2025 – 2/22/2025

Calls for Service			312
Traffic Stops			110
Citations			22
Warnings			85
Arrests			1
Average Response Time (ART)			7 min 38 sec

Code Enf. Calls for Service			10
Animal Control Calls for Service			17