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You and Yours are invited to join in an Iftar

(meal at end of fasting day)

Monday, April 10, 2023

Jester Annex Community Room – 7:15PM, Sundown is 7:47PM – line up for dinner

Join the Raindrop Foundation and the Dialogue Institute and me

General things to know about an Iftar dinner:

During the month of Ramadan, the 9th month of the Muslim calendar, Muslims around the world refrain from imbibing in food or water from dusk until dawn (yes, you read that right, not even any water!). The day starts with a meal before sunrise, known as Suhoor, and ends with Iftar—a celebratory ritual when families and friends from the community share a meal at sunset. This holy month is a time for self-restraint with focus on the spiritual, as well as being charitable and empathizing with those who may not have access to food or shelter.

As per Islamic tradition, the fast is broken with a date and water, but the real feasting starts when everyone gathers around the table with their family, friends, and community (regardless of religious background) to share food.

Remember that no iftar meal is the same; every iftar meal is diverse, a reflection of one's culture and heritage. So, the menu can vary from family to family. But there are a few things you should know before attending your first iftar:

Be punctual – remember the event is scheduled around sundown that day – in our case on April 10, that is 7:47PM. If you are going to an Iftar at someone's home, remember your hosts have been fasting since sun-up.

You may bring a gift like flowers in a vase if you feel so moved but don't feel obligated. Our hosts want to get to know us and for us to get to know them; conversation is your huge gift.

It doesn't matter that you may have not been fasting.

Do your homework prior to coming - rather than bombarding your host with questions about Ramadan and Iftar customs, do your homework beforehand. Talk to other Muslims about their rituals and do as much research as you can. Though customs can vary, Iftar usually starts with a date and water, after which those who were fasting go off to a quiet area in the home, for 10-15 minutes, to say their prayers. Upon their return, the feasting begins. That can vary from culture to culture. Remember that there is another prayer post-Iftar, known as Tarawih, which many Muslims partake in, and may leave the room. Don't feel like you must also participate.

Wear your good socks in case you are expected to remove your shoes. Women don't need to wear a head scarf and aren't expected to unless they normally do.

Don't pry. Don't ask someone why they are not fasting, or why someone may not say their prayers. Respect their choices, and don't pry. Remember that there is no singular narrative for the way a Muslim looks, behaves, dresses, talks, or eats. As long as you don't come with any presumptions, you will have the best evening. Ramadan is a time of sharing dishes, bringing people together, and breaking bread together.

Lastly: don't forget to enjoy the meal and help to clear the table when you and your table mates are finished!

Please RSVP by clicking the invitation on right and let us know how many people will be in your party. The meal will be Mediterranean – not spicy and very delicious.

You and your family, friends invited
to Ramadan Iftar dinner on

MONDAY | APRIL 10th | 7:15 PM

Hosting by

Terry Cook
Wilco Commissioner, Pct 1



Jester Annex's Community Room
1801 E. Old Settlers Blvd Round Rock, TX 78664

Please click for RSVP

Mediterranean dinner will be served at
sunset, which is at 7:56 pm.



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www.dialogueatx.org

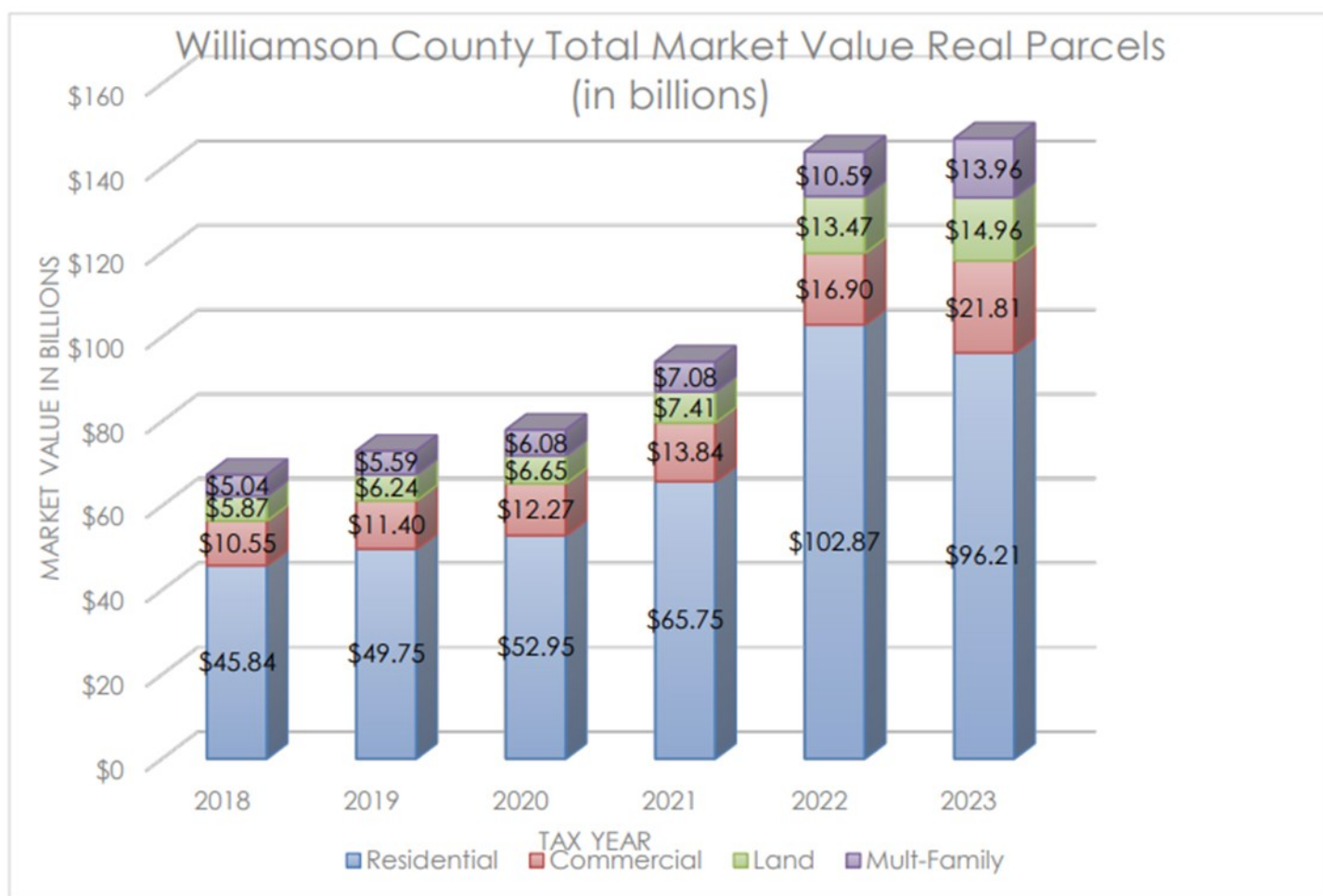




The Message



It's that time of year – estimate of appraised values hit the post offices April 1, and it is no joke. This year's home values will see the largest drop in Alvin Langford's 23 years on the job (our County's Chief Appraiser) of about 12%. Remember that appraisals are the value on January 1 of each year. Prices dropped in 2022 home sales. However, over 10,000 new homes were built in 2022-2023. Remember last year – gulp, largest increase in home appraisals in Alvin's experience. You will see increased information as to where and how your property's appraised value was determined. History is showing that Williamson County's appraised values seem right on target. Their drone work and specialized software is catching improvements, especially in the rural areas where 5-yr rollbacks on agricultural value occur when value moves to market value (increased tax revenue is seen) when a parcel of land is turned into something else like a home, barn, or commercial property.



You see home valuations are down from the highs of 2022 but commercial development continues to climb.

Last year, most homeowners' increases were capped at 10% over 2021's values. Probably all caps are off this year. Our growth since 2018 is remarkable. We entertained 5 site visitors (they shop for corporations) on the 24th. We have a good story to tell; our cities and the county are easy to work with; in most areas, there's good power distribution and they really like our road system and future plans – now if we can just keep commercial with commercial and leave neighborhoods alone. In top

3 questions, lie broadband and water.

Dilemma for us is how to help multi-family rental units from becoming unaffordable. You see these huge multi-family developments being built at every turn – there is a tremendous need, but there's no relief for renters who shoulder those increased taxes each year in raised rents.

It has been confirmed in Census projections that we are getting closer to the 700,000 mark in population with average of 103 people a day choosing to call Wilco home. Larry Gaddes, our County's Tax Assessor/Collector, says over 465,000 cars are registered here – yeah, that's why the roads are *CLOGGED*. Speaking of roads, the County Commissioner's Court has appointed 8 citizens and one chairman to serve in exploring a future Road and Park Bond program for the November ballot in 2023. Always a good time! There will be precinct open houses should the committee assess need, timeliness, and value of proposed projects. No need for pitchforks, but come with your questions and suggestions! I have two small projects proposed for precinct one: pay Round Rock to plan and extend the widening of Red Bud Lane to go all the way to the already widened roadway just north of SH 45 (then take over the maintenance of that road – the county stretch is really short south of the Walgreens at Gattis School Road) with the county paying the city to do the work, and improve the intersection of Wyoming Springs at Old Settlers/Sam Bass when the City of Round Rock brings Wyoming Springs through Tonkawa Springs to Old Settlers/Sam Bass. The Sam Bass widening/safety project will not extend all the way to that intersection from FM 1431 as it is already 4-lanes wide, but it has no protected left turn lane for those coming from the west nor dedicated right turn lane into Behrens Ranch for those coming from I-35.



**Williamson County
is closed
Friday, April 7**

Williamson County's 175 Birthday Party (demisemiseptcentennial birthday)

It was a blast. We started with lunch at the City Post on 8th street then moved to the stage on Main Street for those perfunctory speeches, cake eating, and graffiti canons (biodegradable). Music began and went into the night. The Square filled with people and dancing. The evening ended with a laser show across the east-facing façade of the historic courthouse (was actually pretty fun). The public painting of the mural down on 9th & S. Austin Avenue continued into Saturday.



A Shoutout to Jollyville's Fire Chief Brad Landi

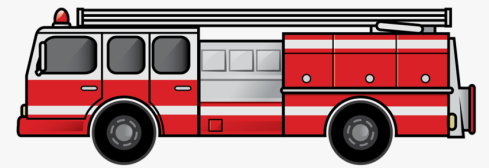
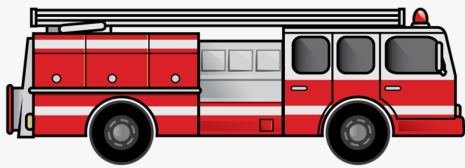


In mid-March, Governor Greg Abbott appointed Fire Chief Brad Landi to the Texas Emergency Services Retirement System Board of Trustees for a term duration until September 1, 2027. The responsibility of this Board is to oversee the dedicated retirement fund for volunteer firefighters and emergency services personnel in all of Texas.

Managing money is not new for Chief Landi as he currently serves as the treasurer of the Williamson County Fire Chiefs Association (11 ESDs and one volunteer group, the Avery Pickett VFD outside of Taylor) well as the Capital Area Fire Chiefs Association (leadership in emergency services with focus on developing cooperation among Travis County and surrounding counties during

regional events to promote safety for the region).

His appointment is subject to Senate confirmation with full Senate vote in mid-April.



The Williamson County Historical Commission wants you!!!

The Williamson County Historical Commission is looking for a few new members from around the county.

From cemeteries to oral histories to historical markers to fundraising and everything in between, the commis-

sion is dedicated to preserving the history of our county.

Find an application [HERE](#).

The Williamson County Historical Commission's "A Toast to our Past"

The annual program done in the District Courtroom in the historic courthouse a last February 23. While billed as a program on the 100th anniversary of Dan Moody's successful prosecution of Williamson County's Clan members, first in US history, however, it was more background stories on the Ku Klux Klan delivered by a great story teller and researcher, Patricia Bernstein. If you have an historical research project, she's your gal. There were actually two major rounds of Ku Klux Klan nefarious activities and she talked about the people behind them both.

The program had a second part where a pinch-hitter spokesperson stepped up and led us through a slide show on the activities cemetery volunteers have done to restore not only the very old grave yards, but repair and clean headstones and monuments. If you feel like this might be your calling, reach out via email: wilcocrv@gmail.com. They typically work on certain Wednesdays and Saturdays for about 4 hours. Bringing your own tools is the usual, heavy gloves, water, snacks, and sunscreen. They are making a difference.

Here is a link to the VITA Program site locations in Williamson County (English and Spanish): https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/156K1L2qJkVwqR0tP78DqUyi5GP8KSd_z?usp=share_link

FREE TAX PREP

WILLIAMSON COUNTY



WHAT TO BRING

- Photo ID required for you and your spouse
- Social Security Card or ITIN letter - for you, your spouse, and all dependents (required)
- Checking or savings account statement with bank routing numbers (optional, but required for direct deposit)

If applicable:

- W-2 forms
- Copy of last year's Federal Tax Return
- 1099-R (pension or annuity)
- 1099-SSA (social security)
- 1099-INT or 1099-DIV (interest and dividends)
- 1099-G (unemployment)
- 1099-NEC, 1099-MISC, 1099-K (self-employment)
- Self-employment records of income and expenses
- 1099-B and all other investment type of income
- IRA contributions
- 1098-E (student loan interest paid)
- 1098-T (tuition statement) and other education out-of-pocket expenses like books not included on statement
- 1095-A (health insurance data from the marketplace)

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax help to Wilco residents who generally make \$60,000 or less, persons with disabilities, and limited English-speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals.

LOCATIONS

UNITED WAY VITA TAX SITES — WALK-INS ONLY

We suggest you arrive as close to the site's opening time as possible for the best chance of getting served quickly. Those who arrive later may have to wait for an available tax preparer or may not be able to see a volunteer on that day. Learn more at wilcofreetaxprep.org. **Have questions? Call 2-1-1.**

Hutto

Hutto Library
500 W. Live Oak Street
Hutto, TX, 78634

January 26 - April 13
Thursdays, 11 am – 4 pm

Liberty Hill

Operation Liberty Hill
1401 US-183 Hwy
Leander, TX 78641

January 26 - April 15
Thursdays & Saturdays, 10 am – 2:30 pm

Round Rock

St. John Vianney Catholic Church, Bosco House
3201 Sunrise Road
Round Rock, TX 78665

January 24 - March 30 & April 11-18 (Closed April 4-9)
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 12:30 pm – 5:30 pm
Saturdays, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm

Taylor

Taylor Public Library
801 Vance Street
Taylor, TX 76574

January 28 - April 15
Saturdays, 11:30 am – 3:30 pm

AARP TAX-AIDE SITES — BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

AARP Tax sites will be open February 1 – April 18. No walk-ins accepted. Schedule an appointment online at taxaide.aarpfoundation.org. **Have questions? Call 2-1-1.**

Cedar Park

Recreation Center
1435 Main Street
Cedar Park, TX 78613

Tuesdays, 11 am – 4 pm

Georgetown

Georgetown Public Library
402 W. 8th Street
Georgetown, TX 78626

Wednesdays & Saturdays, 9:30 am – 3:45 pm

Sun City Cowan Creek Community Center
1433 Cool Spring Way
Georgetown, TX 78663

Fridays, 8:30 am – 2:15 pm

Leander

Leander Public Library
1011 S. Bagdad Road
Leander, TX 78641

Mondays and Saturdays, 11 am – 4 pm

Round Rock

Allen Baca Senior Center
301 W. Bagdad Ave
Round Rock, TX 78664

Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 am – 2 pm

Pflugerville

Travis County Community Center at Pflugerville
15822 Foothill Farms Loop
Pflugerville, TX 78660

Tuesdays, 11:30 am – 3:45 pm

FOUNDATION COMMUNITIES PROSPER CENTER — BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

No walk-ins accepted. Schedule an appointment online at prospertaxhelp.org. **Have questions? Call 2-1-1.**

Austin

Wells Branch Recreation Center
3000 Shoreline Dr. Austin, TX 78728

January 30 - April 18

Round Rock

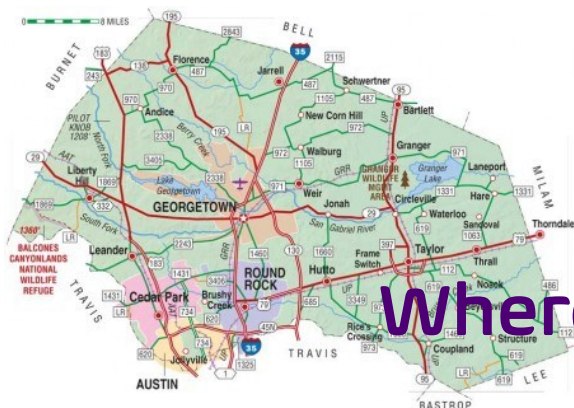
Round Rock Area Serving Center
1099 E Main St., Round Rock, TX 78664

January 23 - April 18



**Interested in
registering to vote?**

To register or update your voter
registration information, visit
VOTETEXAS.ORG.

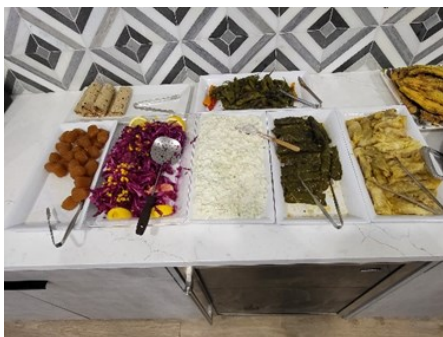


Where is Commissioner Cook?

Turkey Regional Cooking Classes

With I attended my first Turkic cooking class at the Raindrop Foundation in Round Rock during spring break in March. I went prepared with my apron to get into the process but, was pleasantly surprised that it is actually a cooking demonstration as we ate while additional dishes were being prepared before us. These classes have regional themes; this one was the culinary and cultural journey to the Black Sea region. Seems there's regulars who attend these "meals". We went home with recipes for those dishes we ate – Turkish pilav rice with orzo and lamb, potatoes and carrots, rice pudding, lightly fried eggplant, collard and cabbage rolls (think Greek Dolmas stuffed with ground beef, rice, and vegetables) and more. It became quite clear why we weren't cooking – some of the dishes take a while to prepare. You leave with a full belly and with many tips on being authentic in the cooking such as using low-starch rice, techniques to follow in the dish preparation and menus for the dishes. This is one of many outreach programs of the Raindrop Foundation of Austin, a non-profit arm of the Turkic Community. I'd certainly do it again.

Take home of rice pudding and other entrees



Annual EMS Awards Program for 2022

Friday night, March 31, EMS hosted staff, families and those served by EMS in 2022 for awards and memories.

The annual Phoenix Awards went to individuals saving lives, primarily heart attacks (yep these are the people I want rescuing me if it happens). Three families attended with a family member present because of the skillful service they received from one of our teams of paramedics/EMTs – yes we're working in combo teams this year. Day of highest saves, Jan 5; most were males over the year with average age of 47.

Our crews responded to over 31,000 calls. The Phoenix Awards are given to those members who saved a life – there were 54 Phoenix Awards given Friday night, and this year, they were all CPR/ cardiac arrests, so go get your aortic scans done – know all you can about your circulatory system and do whatever it takes to stay vascularly (is that a word?) healthy!

Some of our award winners are shown – many were on the job Friday night. And oh, there's the Stork Awards for those who assisted in delivering babies – I didn't get the baby count but there were lots of award winners!



Texas Legislature



FREE TABLET & FREE LIFETIME DATA



GET
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CONNECTED

SCAN FOR APPLICATION

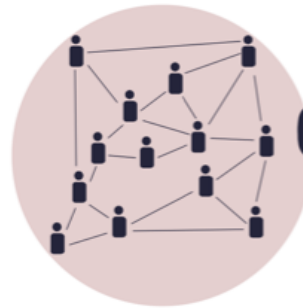
ELIGIBILITY-

- PARTICIPATES IN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS LIKE: SNAP, MEDICAID, FEDERAL PUBLIC HOUSING ASSISTANCE, SSI, WIC, OR LIFELINE
- PARTICIPATES IN TRIBAL SPECIFIC PROGRAMS
- STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED A PELL GRANT OR HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH BENEFITS.

NEED HELP? EMAIL FIREMARKETINGSERVICES@GMAIL.COM



TABLETA GRATIS & DATOS GRATUITOS DE POR VIDA



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ESCANEAR PARA LA APLICACIÓN

ELEGIBILIDAD- • PARTICIPA EN PROGRAMAS DE ASISTENCIA COMO: SNAP, MEDICAID, ASISTENCIA FEDERAL DE VIVIENDA PÚBLICA, SSI, WIC O LIFELINE. • PARTICIPA EN TRIBAL PROGRAMAS ESPECÍFICOS • ESTUDIANTES QUE RECIBIERON UNA BECA PELL O HAN SIDO APROBADOS PARA RECIBIR BENEFICIOS DE ALMUERZO GRATIS O A PRECIO REDUCIDO.

NECESITAS AYUDA? ENVÍE UN CORREO ELECTRÓNICO A FIREMARKETINGSERVICES@GMAIL.COM



Overdose Update

Quick look at what an overdose looks like, per Deborah Antich, a public educator on drug overdose.

An overdose looks like a drowning: grey skin, blue lips and nailbeds, slow, raspy breathing or the "death rattle" – that sound when a person is taking their last breath. With an overdose, a person may "nod out". They look like they're falling asleep and catching themselves but does this repeatedly. This can also happen with alcohol when someone has had too much to drink, or from drinking a mix of soda, hard candy and prescription strength cough syrup containing codeine (an opiate) and promethazine – code name is "lean".

Is it really an overdose? Rubbing knuckles hard on the breastbone will wake up a person is sleep-state is not the result of an overdose. ***These things will not reverse an overdose: walking someone around, slapping, putting the person in a cold shower.*** Don't waste time, CALL 911. Administer Narcan® if you have it, but it will only work for about 30 minutes – that's why overdose victims are always taken to the hospital.



If you'd like education for your school or community organization, reach out to Deborah.antich@gmail.com.

A new delivery system tainted with fentanyl has been found in Williamson County per Sheriff Gleason, Xylazine – street name is "Korn". The fentanyl test strip verifies the fentanyl contamination. Xylazine is a pharmaceutical drug used for sedation, anesthesia, muscle relaxation, and analgesia in animals such as horses, cattle, and other non-human mammals. Xylazine can cause overdose conditions in humans and is usually lethal – Narcan does not work.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP EVENT

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023

8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Williamson County Expo Center
5350 Bill Pickett Trail, Taylor, TX 76574

OPEN TO RESIDENTS OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY ONLY

DO BRING!

- » Acids
- » Aluminum
- » Antifreeze
- » Batteries
- » Brake and transmission fluid
- » Cleaning products
- » Lawn and garden chemicals
- » Lighter fluid
- » Paints, solvents and varnish
- » Pesticides and herbicides

DON'T BRING!

- » Agricultural chemicals
- » Ammunition
- » Asbestos-containing materials
- » Compressed gases
- » Containers larger than 5 gallons
- » Dioxins
- » Explosives and fireworks
- » Industrial, commercial or business waste
- » Medical and pharmaceutical items
- » Propane cylinders
- » Radioactive materials
- » Tires

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND

- » Stay in your vehicle with the windows up
- » Please let volunteers unload your car
- » Go through the line only once
- » No smoking
- » No walk-ups
- » Remember, long wait times are possible
- » Bring products in original containers if possible
- » Limit 5 containers per car
- » Separate and group items before drop-off
- » Properly seal containers to prevent leaking
- » Do not mix or consolidate products
- » Trailers longer than 16 feet will not be allowed
- » No contractor or business waste will be accepted
- » Haul containers in the back of vehicle away from passengers
- » Bins and baskets used to transport items will not be returned to residents





Wilco celebrates

200

years of the
Constable profession

L to R: Precinct 1 Mickey Chance, Precinct 2 Jeff Anderson, Precinct 3 Matt Lindeman, Precinct 4 Paul Leal

PROPERTY FRAUD ALERT

According to the FBI, Property and Mortgage Fraud is the fastest growing white-collar crime. It can be as simple as someone recording a fraudulent document in the County Land Records office, making it look as though they now own your home or property.

To address these concerns, your Land Records office has teamed up to create a notification service that will help you combat the effects of Land fraud and other similar fraudulent activities.

SIGN UP NOW!



It is simple! Just enter your personal and/or business name and you will be notified when a document is recorded with your name match.

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In The News

Why the county needs a groundwater conservation district

[Williamson Commissioner Cook: Why county needs a groundwater conservation district \(statesman.com\)](https://www.statesman.com/story/news/local/2021/03/09/why-county-needs-a-groundwater-conservation-district/7041117002/)

On March 9, the Aquifer Conservation Alliance of Williamson County announced it had withdrawn its petition for annexation by the Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District of Bell County.

The combination of wells going dry from the pressures of development and industries, the absence of any type of drawdown monitoring or conservation practices for the Trinity Aquifer and the drought have all combined to negatively impact wells in Williamson County. Many residents are facing tremendous costs for drilling deeper and deeper wells.

By 2021, 1,775 wells were registered in western Williamson County. Most of those wells serve homeowners, but also municipalities and ranchers. For rural local industries, aggregate mines and batch concrete plants are the primary users of wells. It's the "Rule of Capture" in Texas, and "he who gets to the water," that allow unlimited well water draw outside of the protective monitoring by a groundwater conservation district.

Across Texas, approximately 99% of the rural population gets their fresh water from groundwater via wells. Groundwater accounts for 30.8% of the freshwater on this planet, whereby surface water such as rivers, lakes and reservoirs account for only 0.3%. Our creeks and rivers are largely the result of groundwater surfacing along their water basins. It was surprising to find the number of springs and weeps our construction contractors, Chasco, encountered when building the .933-mile stretch of the Brushy Creek Trail that traverses the pedestrian bridge in Round Rock just north of Round Rock Avenue. Without groundwater, those streams would cease to exist. Then where would our municipal wastewater treatment plants send their output? How would life in nature be sustained?

Rural landowners do not benefit from the ordinance and land use planning of municipalities. The Legislature has not granted county government those tools to manage growth – it's really the wild, wild West. If you've got money, that land is yours.

So, neighborhoods in the unincorporated areas of Texas have seen concrete batch plants move next door with 400 heavy trucks per day driving by their homes and destroying their narrow, low-load county roads. The same is true for the number of active aggregate mines, of which Williamson County leads Texas. Besides that, there's no limit as to how much free water is pulled from the aquifer for these businesses. Don't even think about the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as help; it is a permitting agency, not an environmental protection organization.

The Legislature gave authority to groundwater conservation districts to develop scientific information on the region of an aquifer within that district and to develop a plan, reviewed annually and updated as necessary, to protect that aquifer. The science is then applied to requests for new drilling permits with projected water demands. It helps determine the impacts of additional draws on the existing availability of groundwater, and the groundwater conservation district is granted the power to say "no" to new applications if it is deemed adverse conditions would result. This is an enormous benefit to the local homeowners, ranchers, farmers and businesses. It is a scientifically based power unavailable to county government in managing growth. Ultimately, the need is to protect the groundwater resources while protecting the economic viability for all groundwater users.

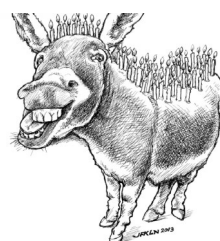
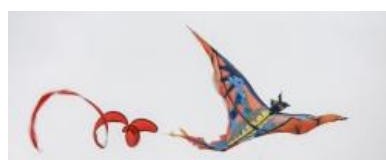
Currently in Williamson County, our western area is in a state of moderate drought while the eastern region is abnormally dry, according to the Texas Water Development Board. But to our south and west, the counties of Hays, Comal, Kendall, Blanco, Bandera and Medina are suffering under exceptional drought conditions. The majority of our western region wells in Wilco are tapped into the Trinity Aquifer. It doesn't recharge at nearly the rate that the Edwards Aquifer — also serving part of Williamson County — does, but at only 4% to 5% of the rainfall. In times of drought, that's dire levels for any sustainability. One former elected official stated that the Trinity Aquifer is unreliable, then he added, "No, in times of drought, the Trinity is very reliable in going dry."

We are oversubscribed to groundwater in Wilco west of Interstate 35. We can't conserve our way out of this, but we really need a conservation district to understand and manage its use.

So why was Clearwater Underground Conservation District of Bell County sought to help regulate and conserve groundwater by the rural homeowners in Williamson County? First, water knows no property or county lines. The groundwater is flowing into Williamson County due to the underground structures. Clearwater has a track record of sound scientific study and well-reasoned policies and, most importantly, is very effective in protecting the aquifer to the best of human capacity at a very low annual taxation rate. Clearwater could immediately study this western side of the county and develop and implement a master plan in short order.

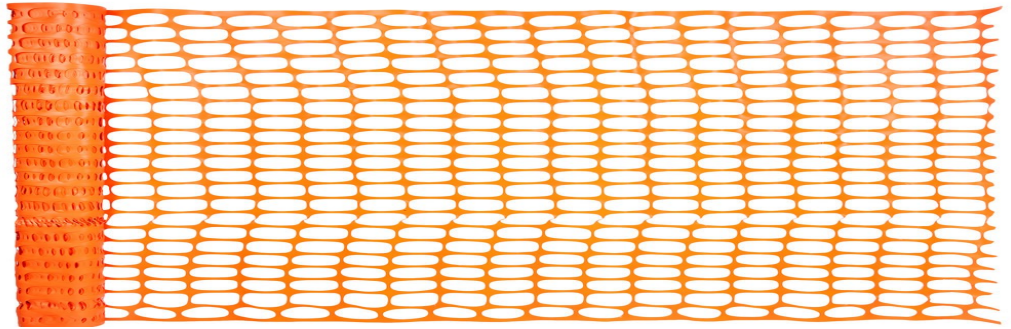
So many new groundwater conservation districts fail to develop effective programs or take an enormous amount of time to get off the ground, train directors and put conservation plans in place. Clearwater is already established and knowledgeable, so joining this district would reduce or eliminate those delays.

Williamson and Travis counties are surrounded by groundwater conservation districts: Clearwater WCD north of us in Bell County; Post Oak Savannah GCD to the east in Milam County; Central Texas GCD west in Burnet County; Lost Pines GCD south of Travis in Caldwell County; Hays Trinity GCD SE of Travis County; and Blanco Pedernales GCD west of Travis County. We have over 700,000 residents now in Wilco with an average of 103 people moving here per day. Travis and Williamson counties are islands in the middle of regional water conservation efforts. It is past time for the citizens of Williamson County to implement a groundwater conservation district.



UPCOMING EVENTS





Great Oaks Bridge at Brushy Creek Rd.– the section of the parking lot under the southern span of the bridge has been poured. Traffic signal poles on the northeast and southwest corners of the intersection have been set, and the pulling of cable to bring power to those has begun. GEEK MOMENT: this bridge is using what is called tied steel, which was used in the construction of 183 North west of I-35 when that was constructed . It's basically tying all the rebar together to make the structure even stronger.

Pond Springs Road Area Drainage Improvements– 90% of the design package has been delivered and is being reviewed, and a meeting with Austin Water is being scheduled for April to discuss results. The cost of the project is \$3.2M, although that price may come down again. Construction start looks like late 2023 now.

University Blvd. widening from IH-35 to just east of Sunrise Rd.- (Contractor: DeNucci Constructors LLC)– Electrical work on the permanent signals at Cypress Blvd. and N. Mays intersections continues. The final lift of asphalt has been completed. Completion still anticipated in spring 2023, maybe April, still crossing our fingers.

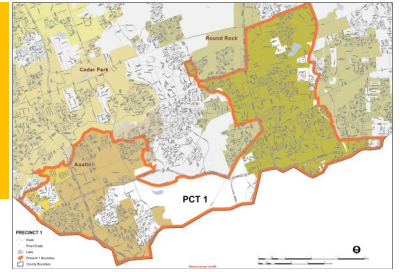
I-35 at US 79- There are weekly updates from TxDOT that you can sign up for [HERE](#).

620 at Railroad/Chisholm Trail (TxDOT with primary contractor Bridges and Roads LLC)– *Lots of switched traffic around this project, so please be aware of the surroundings.* Curb and gutter has been formed and poured along the new westbound frontage road, east of the railroad tracks. Retaining walls have been placed on the east end of the Lake Creek Dr. Overpass, and the rock retaining wall underneath the Chisholm Trail Overpass has been completed. Go [HERE](#) to learn more. This is a \$27.5M TxDOT project. According to TxDOT, substantial completion is now Fall 2023.

183 North Project (a CTRMA project) - Work crews continue surface grinding work on the US 183 main lanes in a multi-phased approach to resurface the existing roadway along the 183 North Mobility Project corridor. As a result, rolling closures have begun on southbound US 183 main lanes as work travels southbound along US 183 in two-mile segments. The closures are anticipated nightly between the hours of 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday–Thursday and 9 p.m. to 8 a.m. Friday–Saturday. Crews have begun utility relocations, sidewalk reconstruction and related business driveway reconstructions along the corridor. All existing sidewalks along the frontage roads will be updated to be ADA compliant and crews will be adding sidewalks where none exist between SH 45/RM 620 and Loop 360. Currently, there is a long-term closure along the right lane of the southbound MoPac frontage road between US 183 and Steck Ave. that will last approximately nine months and is needed to perform utility relocations, sidewalk and driveway construction. The U.S. 183 U-turn just south of RM 620 has been closed. Drivers traveling northbound and needing to turnaround and travel southbound on U.S. 183 or the frontage road, will be able to turn left at the traffic light at the RM 620 intersection, instead of using the U-turn. The closure of the U-turn will be continuous, 24 hours a day, seven days a week and will last approximately one year.

Learn more: [183 North Mobility Project](#) Sign up for updates [HERE](#).

The Mission, Vision, and Value Statements of the Williamson County Commissioner Precinct 1 Office



MISSION

Providing strong, thoughtful, and collaborative leadership on the Williamson County Commissioners Court through a time of great change and growth in our county

VISION

Upholding a local governmental entity that is centered around best-practices throughout the organization and focused on timely and respectful responses to our citizenry

VALUES

The guiding principles of the Williamson County Commissioner Precinct 1 Office continue to be respect, reliability, and dedication to Precinct 1 constituents, while being open to ideas for positioning Williamson County for the future

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512-401-5220

Jollyville Fire Department (ESD 1)
512-258-1038

Round Rock Fire Department (ESD 9)
512-218-5590

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