



# **Williamson County Commissioner Terry Cook**

## **NEWSLETTER**

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# The Message



February arrived with a brutal storm, scattering debris everywhere, and a full calendar of activities.

The ice storm left the county with more downed tree debris than can be shredded and stored as mulch (remember  $PV=nRT$ ), and more than the County landfill can accommodate – *what's a property owner to do?* It all led us back to neighbor helping neighbor to cut down limbs and clear the yards. Now we're struggling with homeowners moving their piles to fire hydrants and calling the fire department to remove the debris – *really?* You'd jeopardize your neighborhood with that action?

At my house, a pregnant rat took advantage of the abundance of small debris and built a tall nest in the top chair of a stacked set and birthed four babies. The dog I was dog sitting went nuts as she could not reach them. Well, that's cleaned up now, and I've left the chairs uncovered. Time for moth balls.

As for the 90% reimbursable cost of the ice storm response by/to local government entities (county, cities, ISDs) we have passed the thresholds for both local government and state government damage to buildings & equipment, providing water/food/shelter (if needed), etc. There is no reimbursement for the cost of spreading sand on the roadways nor clearing them of debris. Now, there's the political tug between federal declaration of disaster and the state government. Only after a federal declaration can we file, then we wait. We're talking typically a long wait just to be reimbursed at 90% for some of the costs to us taxpayers. It's an ever-changing and complicated process.

On the lighter side, bluebonnets loved the moisture and germination is well underway. Could have quite the show in another few weeks. This first week of March could be bringing its own level of destruction, but at least its not feet of snow nor the flood waters seen in California. We could use some steady rain in the west to fill our reservoirs.

## Groundwater Conservation District (GCD) in Wilco?

A group of landowners around Liberty Hill has asked Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District to annex land in Wilco, west of I-35. There will be 3 public meetings in March as part of this process. This is a great opportunity to ask questions about a GCD and

to show your support for protecting and managing critical underground water resources before more and more wells dry up.

### PUBLIC HEARINGS DATES & TIMES

March 14, 2023

6:00 pm

Rock Pointe Church -  
Leander Campus  
(Main Auditorium)  
1070 County Rd 177  
Leander, TX 78641

March 16, 2023

6:00 pm

Texas A&M University -  
Central Texas  
(Warrior Hall Bill Yowell  
Conference Center)  
1001 Leadership Place  
Killeen, TX 76549

March 21, 2023

6:00 pm

Rock Pointe Church -  
Liberty Hill Campus  
(Main Auditorium)  
170 County Rd 214  
Liberty Hill, TX 78642



# March 10-11

## Day 1 Williamson County 175th Birthday Celebration!

### On the Georgetown Square

**2-2:30 p.m.**

175th Celebration Ceremony (Main Stage)

- Welcoming Remarks
- Benediction
- Honor Guard Presentation of Colors
- Pledge/Star Spangled Banner
- Flyover
- Judge Bill Gravell
- Message from Our Sponsor
- Essay Contest Winner
- Happy Birthday Sing-a-Long
- 175th Birthday Cake Cutting

**2:30 p.m.**

Cake Serving in the Historic Courthouse

36th Infantry Division Band (Side Stage)

**3:00-3:45**

Music: High Strung Austin (Main Stage)

**3:45-4:00**

Dance: Diwali Family Medley (Side Stage)

**4:00-4:45**

Music: Walburg Boys (Main Stage)

**4:45-5:30**

Music: Mariachi Los Toros (Side Stage)

**5:30-6:00**

Dance: Ballet Folklorico (Main Stage)

**6:00-6:30**

Music: Drumline and Wilco Mascots (Side Stage)

**6:30-7:30**

Music: Zoodust (Main Stage)

**7:30 p.m.**

Laser Spectacle Lightshow Finale (East Side of Courthouse)

### Community Mural Painting at The Williamson County Tax Office

**Noon - 4:00 p.m.**

Public is invited

Each painter will be able to paint for 10 minutes

No signup required

Williamson County Tax Office, 904 S. Main Street, Georgetown, TX 78626



## Day 2 Williamson County 175th Birthday Market Days!

### On the Georgetown Square

**9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Face Painters

Train Rides

Children's Inflatables

Arts and Crafts Booths

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Click the logo for more information!  
We look forward to seeing you  
there!



The Greater Round Rock Community Foundation Presents  
The Williamson County 175th Birthday Celebration

# STUDENT CONTESTS

## Art Contest

Design an 8.5" x 11" poster for Williamson County to represent the county as it celebrates its 175th birthday.

**Eligibility:** All students grades 3-5, 6-8, and 9-10 attending a school or home school in Williamson County

### Rules:

1. Entries must include name, grade, teacher's name and school on the back.
2. Entries must be original, unpublished, and your own work.
3. Deadline for students is March 20, 2023.
4. Schools will decide upon the top three in each grade group by April 6, 2023 and e-mail to [elizabeth@rrcommunityfoundation.org](mailto:elizabeth@rrcommunityfoundation.org).
5. Students in home schools can mail an entry to 716 S Austin Ave, Georgetown, TX 78626 or submit as a JPEG/PDF/vector image and e-mail to [contest175@williamsonmuseum.org](mailto:contest175@williamsonmuseum.org) with "Art Contest" in the subject line.
6. Winners will be announced by the Greater Round Rock Community Foundation by April 20, 2023.

### Awards:

1. One winner from each county commissioners court precinct grades 3-5 will receive \$100. One grand prize winner from these will receive \$150.
2. One winner from each county commissioners court precinct grades 6-8 will receive \$150. One grand prize winner from these will receive \$200.
3. One winner from each county commissioners court precinct grades 9-10 will receive \$250. One grand prize winner from these will receive \$300.

**The State of Texas offers the option to register with the STEAR program. This free registry provides local emergency management planners and responders with information about your emergency needs.**

# Register for STEAR

(State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry)



## Who Should Register

- People with disabilities
- People who are medically fragile
- People with functional needs such as:
  - Limited mobility
  - Communications barriers
  - Require additional medical assistance during an emergency event
  - Require personal care assistance
- People who require transportation assistance

## How to Register



Call 2-1-1 or use your video phone to relay the option of choice



Online at  
[stear.tdem.texas.gov](http://stear.tdem.texas.gov)

*Registering in STEAR **DOES NOT** guarantee you will receive a specific service during emergencies. Participants must **UPDATE** their profile every two years to keep the profile active.*



## 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](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](http://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](http://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](http://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

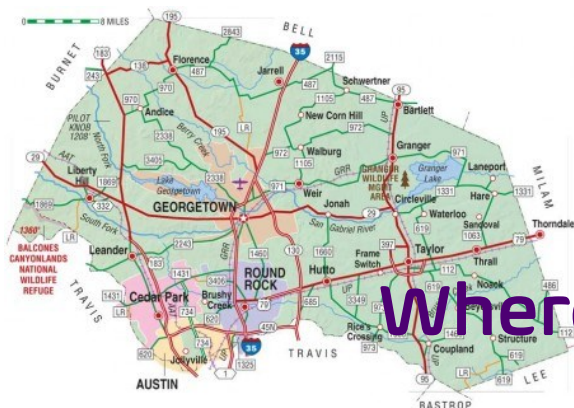
Round Rock Area Serving Center  
1099 E Main St., Round Rock, TX 78664

**January 23 - April 18**



**Interested in  
registering to vote?**

To register or update your voter  
registration information, visit  
[VOTETEXAS.ORG](http://VOTETEXAS.ORG).



# Where is Commissioner Cook?

## Williamson Museum Reception Honoring Dr. James Lee Dickey



On February 28, 2023, Commissioners Court proclaimed the day to be Dr. James Lee Dickey Day in Williamson County. Dr. Dickey was a prominent doctor in Taylor, and at the time, the only black physician in the county.

He had a profound impact on the community. When a typhoid epidemic was spreading through the black community in 1933, he gave shots to anyone who wanted them, regardless of their ability to pay. Dr. Dickey realized that there were many water-borne illnesses in Taylor and worked with the city to provide water hydrants throughout Taylor so people would have a source of safe drinking water. He also looked after work-life balance of Taylor's black citizens by developing recreational facilities, including a park, and a balcony in the Taylor Amusement Company so the black community could attend movies. In my picture, I have James Dickey, Jr on my right and grandson, Bruce, on my left. One fun fact: The Dickey's had one of the few TVs in the area so all the teens would be at their house on Friday nights. One said James would return home, exhausted from his doctoring in the community and just plop right down on the sofa in the middle of the kids and join in the TV watching while he ate dinner.

Fundraising for the Dr. Dickey Museum Reconstruction Fund:

[Fundraiser by Jennifer Harris : Dr. James Lee Dickey Museum Reconstruction Fund \(gofundme.com\)](https://www.gofundme.com/f/dr-james-lee-dickey-museum-reconstruction-fund)



## Boys and Girls Club of East Williamson County's Mardi Gras Dinner and Dance

February 18 delivered a celebration and fundraiser at the Taylor Mansion on east 4<sup>th</sup> Street, just west of SH 79. Beads were in abundance. Food was catered by the Thrall Diner, of course, silent auction with a myriad of possibilities and door prizes followed that. Music was delivered by a DJ with lots of line dancing – and yes, that is the Constable of Precinct 4, Paul Leal, cutting a rug on the dance floor. This is a program that gives kids huge opportunities to experience possibilities and grow into strong, involved citizens and leaders.







## Round Rock Chamber's 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Awards

At long last, the Chamber held their awards ceremony in a location where the masses can attend – oh, attention Austinites, the parking is free – the Kalahari Ballroom – I think the report was that 700 people attended – food was great. But 'lo, it was a cash bar and I had to borrow Council Woman Hilda Montgomery's charge card – and I still owe her as I forgot my pocketbook on the kitchen counter. It is chamber events where you meet the movers and shakers of the communities. Great for putting faces with names.

### ROUND ROCK CHAMBER 55TH ANNUAL BUSINESS AWARDS WINNERS

#### AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR



Steffanie Bartlett,  
Community Impact

#### EMERGING LEADER



Oscar Rodriguez,  
Round Rock Express

#### ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR



Daniel Hernandez, First Crush  
Tastings/CENTRO Event Space

#### INVESTOR OF THE YEAR



Tammy Young,  
Central Texas Refuse

#### NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR



East/West Manufacturing  
Enterprises

#### BEST PLACE TO WORK



Williamson County  
Children's Advocacy Center

#### BUSINESS OF THE YEAR



Kalahari Resorts  
& Conventions

#### CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



Writ Baese, Hill  
Country Payroll

#### LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT



Judy McLeod, Capital Idea  
Williamson County Taskforce Committee

#### BIG BOY HESTER SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR



Alfred's  
Catering



## Local Response for Turkey/Syria Earthquake Survivors

As we, in Central Texas, spent days cleaning up tree debris and bemoaning our local “disaster” (not seen as one by feds, state government or insurance companies), the Turks and Syrians began digging, mostly by hand, through layers of concrete to pull family, friends and neighbors out of collapsed buildings. Over 50,000 lost their lives to date and that’s mostly in Turkey as Syria is still very hard to reach and evaluate. On the following Thursday, the Dialogue Institute of Austin called out for an evening of prayer to be held at a Presbyterian church in Wells Branch. Area faith communities responded filling the sanctuary. Representing many Christian denominations, Jewish faith, Catholics, Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints, Buddhism, and Muslims, speakers one by one rose, spoke and led prayers. That night, we were all one in sorrow and hope.

The Turkic community’s non-profit, The Raindrop Foundation, has already raised \$50,000, and gathered supplies (diapers, men's/women's and kids' clothing, coats, blankets, hygiene products, and tents) and shipped the equivalent of four 18-wheelers to their contacts in Turkey. They are looking to raise more for housing which is in desperate need.



**HOPE FOR TURKEY**

*A Fundraising Dinner for Earthquake Relief*

**7 March** | Asian American Resource Center  
6:30pm

8401 CAMERON RD, AUSTIN, TX 78754

100% FUNDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE DISASTER SURVIVORS.

RAINDROP FOUNDATION  
austin  
DIALOGUE INSTITUTE  
austin

RAINDROPCTX.ORG | DIALOGUEATX.ORG

Mar 07

## Hope for Turkey: A Fundraiser for Earthquake Relief

\$100

Tickets are available thru: [Hope for Turkey: A Fundraiser for Earthquake Relief Tickets, Tue, Mar 7, 2023 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite](#) Please join me along with people of a multitude of faiths this next Tuesday.

For more information on the Raindrop Foundation:

<https://www.raindropctx.org>

[\(3\) Raindrop Foundation Central Texas | Round Rock TX | Facebook](#)

# Opportunities

for Williamson & Burnet Counties

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

## Community Assessment Forum & Focus Groups

MARCH 23, 2023

11:00AM-2:30PM

### WHAT TO EXPECT:

11:00 AM - WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENT & LUNCH

11:30 AM - 5 GUEST SPEAKERS WILL ADDRESS  
COMMUNITY NEEDS

1:00 PM - 15 MINUTE BREAK

1:15 PM - BREAK INTO COMMUNITY FOCUS  
GROUPS

2:15 PM - WRAP UP & QUESTIONS

2:30 PM - END

**SIGN UP TODAY!**



### Forum & Focus Group Locations:

ROUND ROCK - 1801 E OLD SETTLERS BLVD, ROUND ROCK, TX

TAYLOR - 3101 N MAIN ST TAYLOR TEXAS 76574

BURNET - 2402 S. WATER ST. BURNET, TEXAS

FORUM WILL BE LIVE STREAMED FROM BURNET & TAYLOR LOCATIONS. THESE LOCATIONS  
WILL BE ABLE SUBMIT QUESTIONS DURING THE FORUM. FOCUS GROUPS WILL BE HELD AT  
EACH SITE.



## Fraudulent activity against your Property

Yep – the fraudster may try to file something against your property at the County Clerk's office. You can sign up to be alerted if anything is filed against your property.

Posted on the County Clerk's website: The integrity of these records will assure better detection of fraudulent intentions. There will be support for mobile devices, combined with further growth in electronic recording and a wider range of formats and interactive submission capabilities.

The official public land records are in safe hands. County Clerks support them with a passionate commitment to their continued existence and unparalleled protection. Sign up for the **Property Fraud Software** alerts for more peace of mind. See the last Public Alert bullet on the left hand column listing to sign up.

For frequently asked questions....

<https://www.propertyfraudalert.com/aboutpropertyfraud.aspx>

Visit [propertyfraudalert.com/TXWilliamson](http://propertyfraudalert.com/TXWilliamson) or call 844-746-9164. Check it out on the Wilco.org website at [County Clerk \(wilco.org\)](http://CountyClerk.wilco.org) on left side of home page.

## 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.

[Continue](#)

# In The News

## Williamson Commissioner Cook: One heck of an ice storm

[Williamson Commissioner Terry Cook: One heck of an ice storm \(statesman.com\)](https://www.statesman.com/story/news/local/2021/02/10/williamson-commissioner-terry-cook-one-heck-of-an-ice-storm/7041112002/)

Jack Frost doubled down on Central Texas this month — not with extreme cold, nor extreme rainfall, but with temperatures primarily 30 to 32 degrees and every drop of moisture freezing. This layered on our already stressed woody plants from Mother Nature's onslaught over these past two years and brought them to their breaking point. Long-timers in this area were in total agreement of never having experienced such widespread destruction.

Texas, long used to hurricanes and tornados, experienced broad assault from this cold front, Winter Storm Mara, with up to 1.5" of ice on roads. Trees tumbling and being stripped of large branches downed power poles and lines, and blocked roads. Darkness ensued. Life was jolted back for many to 1880, although those hardy settlers were better prepared for those conditions.

Although several customers were still struggling Feb. 10 in those no-power areas where extensive repairs were needed, Austin Energy finally restored power to all remaining customers Saturday, minus those who needed electrical home repairs.

On Jan. 31, Williamson County Judge Bill Gravell issued a local disaster declaration for our county. Later, the governor issued a disaster declaration for Texas. What does that mean for us citizens? Almost nothing.

First, damage estimates and costs to address the disaster must pass thresholds for the county, then the state. While the county has passed its threshold, the state is near \$48 million for its threshold of \$51.5 million, which could mean funds for disaster response work and costs incurred, and possibly some assistance for qualifying residents with property damage, not debris pickup.

All involved need to generate and maintain careful records and receipts: costs for fuel, overtime, salaries, damages to buildings and equipment or any other related costs. Our Williamson County auditor is ensuring county employees are reporting all possible eligible reimbursements. Other entities such as independent school districts, emergency service districts and cities must do the same.

Note: We did all this for the tornados in 2022 and didn't reach the necessary damage thresholds for county or state and received no FEMA reimbursements for expenses incurred by the county. Much of the damage was within Round Rock. Individual property owners who applied received financial assistance for damage to their homes, outbuildings such as barns and sheds, and businesses. The FEMA-determined threshold for Wilco is \$2.7 million based on \$4.14/person from the 2020 census of 609,017 residents. Reimbursement of expenses does not exceed 90% of costs incurred. If we're lucky, reimbursements for the ice storm could start within six months.

Further, local disaster declarations are good for seven days. To continue this declaration, the Commissioners Court must authorize and specify the duration. On Feb. 7, we authorized the extension to be 30 more days.

Our Road and Bridge Department's role was to reopen the county roadways. By Feb. 1, many roads were impassable from downed trees, limbs, and power lines. The chopping of fallen tree trunks and limbs into manageable chunks, then stacking them on the county's right-of-way to haul off later was



necessary as clearing the roads was a safety priority, and crews needed to quickly move to the next blocked road.

Costs incurred for roadway clearance so far is estimated to exceed \$6 million. Where power lines were also down, Oncor, PEC or Austin Energy were notified. Feb. 2 granted us some sunshine and warming but that night, a second, wet, cold front pushed across the county bringing more freezing temperatures; many of us were awakened by the depressing sounds of more crashing trees and limbs. Armageddon greeted us with the rising sun on Feb. 3. Now what?

The county engineer estimates that cleanup of only the debris cleared from the roads would take up to a year so we must contract with a larger organization to do the job. Some counties that suffered from this icing disaster offer locations for residents to bring their debris, including Travis and Bastrop counties. None yet are offering to tackle the enormous cost of house-to-house pickup.

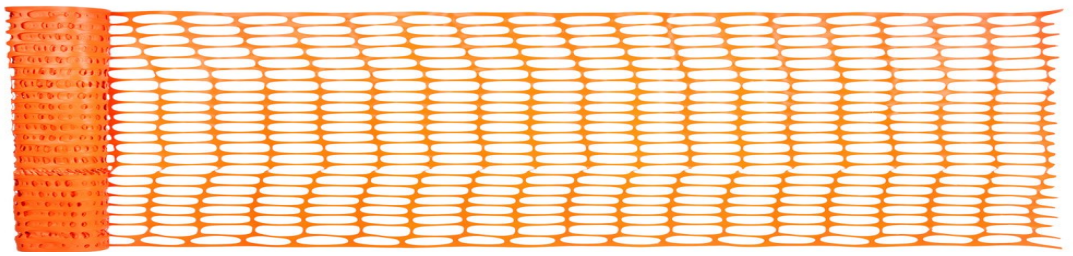
Landscape material such as trees and shrubs are personal property under Texas law. Most residents knew or assumed that. Williamson County is working on a variety of cleanup options, and we hope to be reviewing them shortly in Commissioners Court. Cities, with their larger budgets, are offering options for brush pickup or drop-off for their residents. We have negotiated a flat fee of \$10 per covered load on a pickup at the county landfill outside of Hutto north of Chandler Road until Feb. 19. You must unload what you bring into the landfill and wear a safety vest or purchase one there. Waste Management is not requiring hard hats. A separate area has been set aside for ease in unloading.

Financial assistance for removal of woody debris that fell on the ground is not considered damages by the state or federal relief programs and is ineligible for reimbursement to property owners for its removal. If it fell on your roof, maybe; if it went through your roof, removed the roof, or further damaged the home or outbuilding, yes. Those reimbursements are done through different, individual processes.

No truck — no problem. Think about renting a smallish U-Haul moving truck and load it to the ceiling. The fee would be higher, but you could probably do it in one trip, no tarp needed. Take a broom to sweep out the truck after emptying, and you're good-to-go for returning the truck.

This story doesn't have an ending yet, but it is one to tell your grandchildren ... about that time in February of 2023.





**Great Oaks Bridge at Brushy Creek Rd.**– Bridge deck slabs and traffic rails are being poured. Metal beam guard has been installed on the south side of Brushy Creek Rd., which has been restriped. The west section of the Brushy Creek Regional Trail located south of Brushy Creek Rd. has been placed. The biggest news is that the existing bridge is completely demolished and no longer there. See the pictures!



**Pond Springs Road Area Drainage Improvements**– Unfortunately, no movement on this project yet. The cost of the project is \$3.2M, although that price may come down again. Construction start is anticipated Summer 2023.

**University Blvd. widening from IH-35 to just east of Sunrise Rd.**- (Contractor: DeNucci Constructors LLC)– Paving asphalt has been placed from Mays to Sunrise. Work continues on the center median area of the roadway from the east end of the project to just west of N. Mays. Completion still anticipated in spring 2023, maybe April, but don't count your chickens yet. Southbound lane of Mays is being destroyed just south of University—avoid it!

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

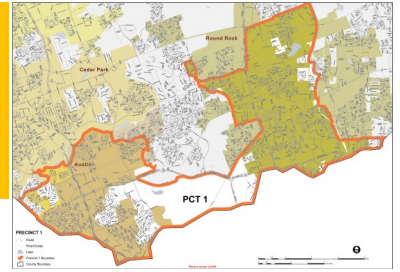
**620 at Railroad/Chisholm Trail** (TxDOT with primary contractor Bridges and Roads LLC)– *Lots of switched traffic around this project, so please be aware of the surroundings.* A nighttime paving operation took place by the Deep Wood intersection. Excavating for the center median from Deep Wood Dr. to the bridge has begun. Curb and gutter is being placed on the inside of the westbound frontage road. Go [HERE](#) to learn more. This is a \$27.5M TxDOT project. According to TxDOT, substantial completion is going to be Summer 2023, hopefully August.

**183 North Project** (a CTRMA project) - Work crews have begun surface grinding work on the US 183 main lanes as a part of Phase 1 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

Williamson Central Appraisal District  
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Williamson County Landfill  
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