

# City of Lago Vista Annual Report

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## 2019

Fiscal Year 2019



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## About

This annual report highlights the City of Lago Vista, Texas fiscal year 2019. To request copies, send an email to – [jray@lago-vista.org](mailto:jray@lago-vista.org)

## On the Cover

A panoramic view of Lake Travis and the City of Lago Vista as viewed from Bluff Ridge Trail. Photo courtesy of KeeSnap.com.

## Design and Layout



# A letter from MAYOR TIDWELL



## Howdy Lago Vistians (or Vistians?)

Wow! What can I say? Just over two years ago I was telling everyone that we are on the cusp of change. **Today we are living it.**

I recently had a speaking engagement at the Lago Vista Women’s Club where I addressed 13 different topics and more than 40 different areas in which the City of Lago Vista is making changes. For those of you who weren’t in attendance, you would be amazed at all that that is being done here in our City. Our focus for Lago Vista is to provide quality of life for all residents. To maintain this focus, it is fundamental for us to preserve the past, protect the present, and plan appropriately for the future.

I am committed to improving communication within our City. I want to hear your voice and understand your vision for Lago Vista. For our City to thrive we must have a clear-cut path that supports our vision and identity. Like I always say, **“Who are we and what do we want?”**

Lago Vista has faced some growing pains. We expected it and know there is more to come. The challenges that come with such growth is new to Lago. We have had double-digit residential growth for three years now. The surprise to most people is the amount of growth we are seeing in *“Old Lago”* or what we call *“in-fill.”* Infrastructure continues to be at the forefront of everyone’s minds. I know it may not seem that we are addressing the needs for improvements and expansions, but in the past two years we have doubled our efforts in both CIP projects and funding. We have created solid plans where none have previously existed. I am proud to say that the City has adjusted well and is progressing like it never has in the past.

2019 was a tremendous year for the City. With expectations that residential growth will continue at the same pace, retail is starting to take off. Starbucks is in town. Tenants are starting to move into the Vista Village Shopping Center. Dawn Drive and the Town Center area are being developed. Investors are beginning to recognize Lago Vista for its potential. Before you know it, we will have a hotel, a movie theater, perhaps a bowling alley, and... an ice cream shop. Wishful thinking.

Our quality of life is steadily improving. Just look at what the City is doing by attracting retail options that people have asked for, supporting local businesses, and providing community amenities such as the new City park, trail system, and sports complex currently under construction. Keep Lago Vista Beautiful is doing outstanding work. The Farmer’s Market has expanded. The food truck business is thriving. Our airport is seeing incredible traffic. We are expanding our public library. We are building a community meeting space at City Hall. We are looking into expanding *“Green”* services for everyone. Lago Fest and the 4th of July celebration are bigger than ever. We had our first Homecoming parade and are now introducing a new concert series.

Again...wow! Thank you all for the effort, impact, and input you have given to our City. Thank you to all the civic organizations that contribute to our quality of life. Thank you to our police, firefighters, and paramedics that keep us healthy and safe. Thank you to our Chamber of Commerce. Together, we will continue to make Lago Vista our dream home where we can proudly say, **“Live Like You’re on Vacation”.**

Sincerely,  
Mayor Ed Tidwell



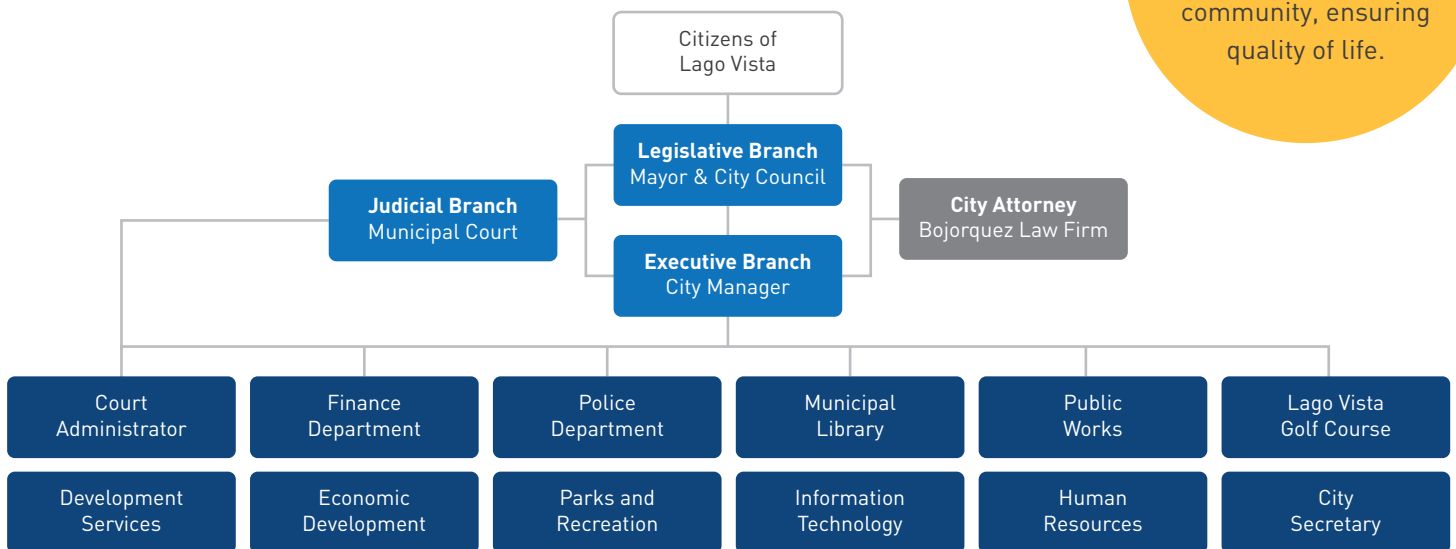
## Elected Officials

**Front Row:** Don Barthlow, Ed Tidwell and Frank Robbins  
**Back Row:** David Williams, Arch Davila, Dick Weatherly and Tim Collins

# CITY OF LAGO VISTA Organizational Chart

## Mission

Provide and maintain a healthy, safe, vibrant community, ensuring quality of life.



# Police Department

The Lago Vista Police Department was established in 1985 and has proudly served the community ever since. The Department has 18 full-time sworn officers plus reserve officers, including the Chief.



**2,066**

Citations



**144**

Arrests



**18**

Full-Time Officers



**4,049**

Calls for Service



**204**

Animal Calls



**96**

Accidents



**925**

Offense Reports



**118K+**

Miles Patrolled

Police Chief - Danny Smith

Captain - Jerry Reyes

Lieutenant - Thomas Franco

Sergeants (3)

Detectives (2)

Patrol Officers (10)

+8 Reserve Officers

For more info:  
[lagovistapd.com](http://lagovistapd.com)

# Development Services

Our Development Services Department (DSD) assists several groups including existing and future Lago Vista residents, developers, builders and contractors.


# Public Works


The Public Works Department is committed to providing high quality engineering, safe and reliable water and waste water services, street maintenance and repairs, and other community focused services to make our City better.


**\$469K+**  
 Annual Expenses

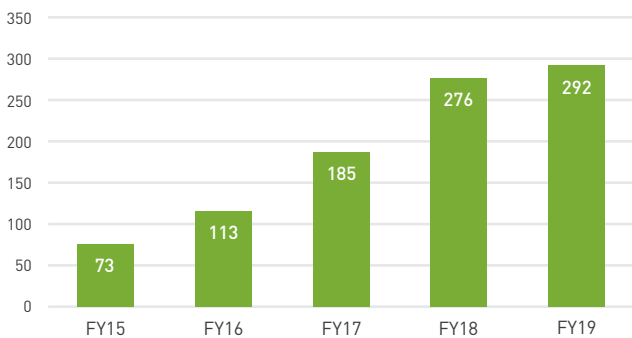

**292**  
 New Residential Homes


**6**  
 New Commercial Permits


**268**  
 Code Enforcement Cases


**264**  
 Zoning Applications

**New Residential Building Permits**




**\$973K+**  
 Annual Expense for Streets


**\$777K+**  
 Annual Expense for Solid Waste


**4,982**  
 Tons of Trash Collected


**825**  
 Tons of Recyclables Collected


**\$2.49M+**  
 Annual Expense for Water Services


**\$1.99M+**  
 Annual Expense for Sewer Services


**472M+**  
 Gallons of Water Treated


**101M+**  
 Gallons of Waste Water Treated


**21**  
 Roads Rehabbed


**432**  
 Utility Services Installed


**\$565K**  
 Grants Awarded


**530**  
 Tons of Asphalt Applied

For more info:  
**512.267.5259**

For more info:  
**512.267.1993**

# Public Library

As a cornerstone of the community, the Library's mission is to encourage the love of reading and enrich the quality of life for all of our citizens by providing access to reading materials, information resources, and lifelong learning opportunities.



**\$238K+**

Annual Expenses



**\$6,945**

Annual Revenues



**21,315**

Patron Visits



**507**

Programs



**6,049**

Program Attendance



**28,739**

Materials Circulated



**\$408K+**

Money Saved  
by Patrons



**3,008**

Volunteer Hours

## Grants Received

- \$250 - Texas Commission on the Arts
- \$1,500 - Lago Vista Women's Club
- \$10,309 - Ladd and Katherine Hancher Library Foundation

## Money Raised

- \$23,077 - Friends Group

For more info:

**lagovista.lib.tx.us**

# Rusty Allen Airport

The Rusty Allen Airport is a municipally owned and operated general aviation airport. The airport is recognized by the Federal Aviation Administration.



**\$266K+**

Annual Expenses



**\$264K+**

Annual Revenues



**\$39,604**

Grants Received



**58,380**

Gallons of Low Lead Fuel Available at Lowest Price in Region



**86**

Based Aircraft



**10**

Long-Term Tie Downs



**6**

Short-Term Tie Downs

## Other Highlights

- Courtesy car available for local use
- New Pilot's Lounge with free Wi-Fi, cable TV, computer access, meeting space, clean restrooms and a relaxation space
- The airport has Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS III) providing real-time weather information, located east of the runway.



For more info:  
[raapoa.org](http://raapoa.org)

# Parks and Recreation

The Parks and Recreation Department strives to offer quality leisure opportunities and safe, attractive parks for all of our residents to enjoy.



**\$189K+**

Annual Expenses



**\$10,608**

Annual Revenues

## Other Highlights

- New partnership with YMCA of Greater Williamson County
- Construction began on new sports complex



**5,555**

Patron Visits to Aquatics Center



**\$95,957**

Annual Budget for Aquatics Center



**561**

Operating Hours for Aquatics Center



**27**

Youth Baseball and Softball Teams

**6**

Parks and Green Spaces

**3**

Tennis Courts

**2**

Baseball Fields

**6**

Pickleball Courts

For more info:

**512.267.6141**



# Lago Vista Golf Course

Located in the beautiful Texas Hill Country, Lago Vista Golf Course provides breathtaking scenery with 18 holes of incredible golf. Our par 72 course offers 6,544 yards of challenges to keep you focused throughout your golf experience.



**\$966K+**

Annual Expenses



**\$585K+**

Annual Revenues



**84**

Members



**21,953**

Rounds Played



**20**

Tournaments



**\$50,000**

Revenue generated for community groups

## Improvement Projects

- Downstairs restroom remodel
- Pro Shop remodel
- Front Entry tile remodel
- New entry signs
- Updated handicap ramp
- On course restroom update
- Installation of golf simulator
- Club repair shop addition



For more info:  
[lagovistagc.com](http://lagovistagc.com)

# Arts and Entertainment

Our community enjoys getting together to celebrate arts and entertainment. These are just some of the events that occurred in Lago in 2019.



Ray Wylie Hubbard with son Lucas

## La Primavera Bicycle Race

FEB

In 2019, the North Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Texas Bicycle Racing Association (TXBRA), hosted the 28th Annual La Primavera Lago Vista Bicycle Race in March. An estimated 600 cyclists from around the world compete in this sanctioned Texas Cup Peloton Race event through the scenic hills of Lago Vista.



## Lago Fest

MAY

The biggest live music, art, and food festival held each year on the shore of Lake Travis in beautiful Bar K Park. Lago Fest draws crowds from all over Central Texas and beyond. Lago Fest's mission is to create a cultural hub here on the North Shore. Festivalgoers come by land or boat to this popular free, all ages event. Past musical acts include Lago Vista's own Drew Womack Band, Jennifer B & the Groove, Asleep at the Wheel, and Ray Wylie Hubbard.

### More Events

Lake Travis Music Theater (Disney's The Little Mermaid & Annie), National Night Out, Veterans Day, Hill Country Singers (Spring & Fall Concerts), Women's Club Gala, Lago Vista Players (See How They Run)



## 4th of July Parade and Party

JUL

Lago Vista celebrates our Nation's Independence Day with a full day of activities and events. Get the morning started off on the right foot with the annual Firecracker 5k and then head up to Dawn Drive for the kids fun run. Before noon, people cover the street to enjoy the annual parade with its creative theme based floats. The next leg of the celebration includes the Party in the Park featuring lake access, kids activities, food trucks, and bands playing throughout the day. July 4th wraps up the day at dusk when the Fireworks decorate the Lake Travis skies in honor of our great Country.

## Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration

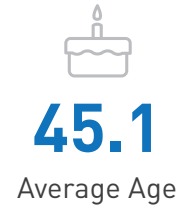
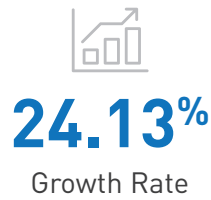
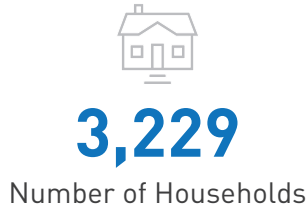
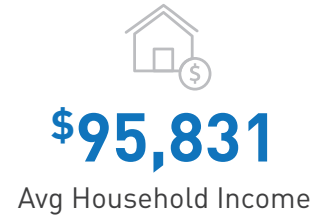
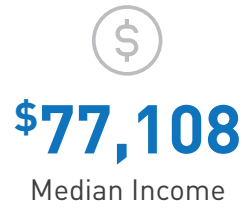
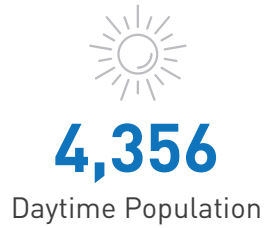
DEC

One of Lago Vista's most treasured community events, the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting celebration brings friends and family together at the Town Square to enjoy entertainment from community groups including the Hill Country Singers, Lago Vista Intermediate School Choir, North Shore Studios (dance), Lago Vista High School Viking band, and Lago Vista Academy (singers). Complimentary food and goodies are provided by Lago Vista Lions Club, Rolling Hills Church, Cub Scout Pack 77, Domino's Pizza, Lago Vista Leos Club, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Lago Vista Women's Club, and the Young Family Committee. The cornerstone of the evening is the official kickoff to the holiday season with the countdown to lighting our City Christmas tree and all holiday lights along Dawn Drive. The evening culminates as kids young and old wait in anticipation for Santa to arrive on his big red firetruck. Free photos with Santa are provided by the Lago Vista Property Owners Association.

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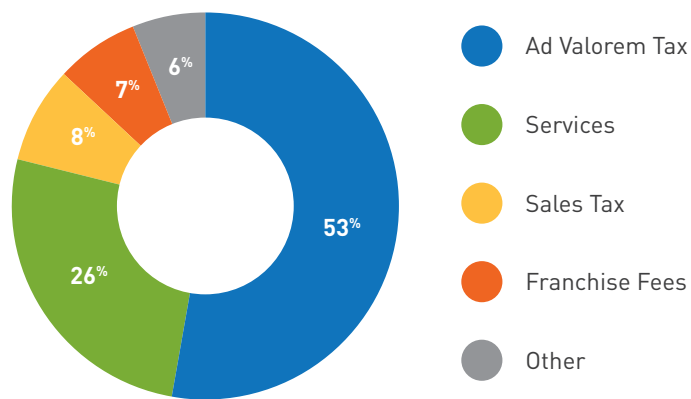
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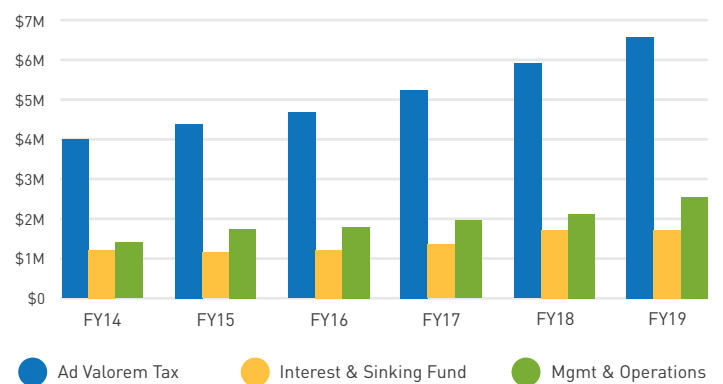


# Financials

## General Fund Total Revenue \$6,429,015



## Ad Valorem Tax Levy and Designations



## Capital Projects

Lohman Ford Water Tank	\$468,547
Boggy Ford Street Repair (Phase 1)	\$293,742
Thunderbird Street Repair (Phase 1)	\$100,000
Safe Routes to School - Bar-K Ranch Rd Sidewalk	\$770,880
Lift Stations Scada Updates	\$105,500
Tennis Court Resurfacing	\$28,450
Sports Complex Groundbreaking (Phase 1)	\$1,572,076
Rusty Allen Airport Tie Down Lot	\$69,312
Rusty Allen Airport Pilot's Lounge	\$103,258
Street Improvements	\$973,771

## Financial

General Fund Reserve	\$4,817,524
Utility Fund Reserve	\$2,820,824
Capital Projects Reserve	\$5,476,335
Hotel Fund Reserve	\$515,811
<b>Total Reserve</b>	<b>\$18,871,857</b>
Long-Term Debt	\$36,377,883*
Property Valuation	\$923,804,820

\*with interest, \$47,037,727

# Awards & Recognition

- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- Texas Environmental Excellence Award
- Keep Texas Beautiful Governors Award (2nd Place)
- Certified Scenic City Gold Award
- Film Friendly City (Fear of the Walking Dead filmed in Lago in 2019)

# Contact Us

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