

**"THE ULTIMATE MEASURE OF
A MAN IS NOT WHERE HE
STANDS IN MOMENTS OF
COMFORT & CONVENIENCE,
BUT WHERE HE STANDS AT
TIMES OF CHALLENGE AND
CONTROVERSY."**

Martin Luther King Jr.



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State of the City Address

Tuesday, January 27, 2015

Leander Chamber Luncheon

Mayor Chris Fielder

City of Leander



Your Leander City Council



City of Leander



City of Leander Mission:

The City will provide its citizens with the highest quality of service through the effective and efficient use of all available resources.

Leander City Council

Place 1- Andrea Navarrette

Place 2- Kirsten Lynch

Place 3- Simon Garcia

Mayor Pro Tem

Place 4- Ron Abruzzese

Place 5- Jason Dishongh

Place 6- David Siebold

Mayor Chris Fielder

Team Building



City Manager Kent Cagle



Every single decision we make as a
Council will and does affect
someone in some way!

“We only have one chance to get this right. Once the genie is out of the bottle, you cannot put her back in.”

Bill Hinckley, President of The Lookout Group and
Developer of Crystal Falls

Guide Growth

2014 Accomplishments

- Completion of the County Glenn subdivision paving and drainage project including Hernandos loop
- We finally finished Crystal Falls and 183. This may have been the longest running project in the history of the City.
- CR179/Journey Parkway opened
- We completely revised the TOD zones and smartcode updates to help spur activity in that area. We now have 3 or 4 projects that are starting in the TOD! With houses, will come retail and employers.
- ACC Bond passed and Leander will be getting a campus
- Staff put together a 3 year debt management plan
- We also have a 3 year outlook on our budget. This is the first time this has ever happened.
- Hired an additional 23 new positions

Greater Leander Chamber of Commerce



- Our Leander Chamber has continued to grow at a rate of over 100 members a year.
- Hosting of the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast for a second year in a row
- Living Leander Expo was a huge success
- Leander Days Celebration coming up**

Working for Leander!

As you've seen, we were able to complete these items and pass a balanced budget and **LOWERED** the City Tax Rate by the largest amount in over 10 years, two times that of other cities in Williamson County.

What is the state of the City and where are we today?

Current active water accounts:

- 11,098 Single Family Homes
- 126 Duplexes
- 828 Multi Family Units
- We calculate at 3.1 People per Household
- **Making our Current Population 38,206**

What is the state of the City and where are we today?

- Sales tax for 2013 was up 19% over 2012
2014 was up another 14% over 2013
- Our Residential Housing Permits set an all time record of 666 in 2013! Beating out our largest year of 604 in 2007.
- 2014 hit an all time record of 1,142 new residential permits, almost doubling that of 2013.

What is the state of the City and where are we today?

- Rounds of Golf at Crystal Falls went from 22,125 in 2013 to 24,598 in 2014 generating a revenue increase of almost 5% over 2013

What is the state of the City and where are we today?

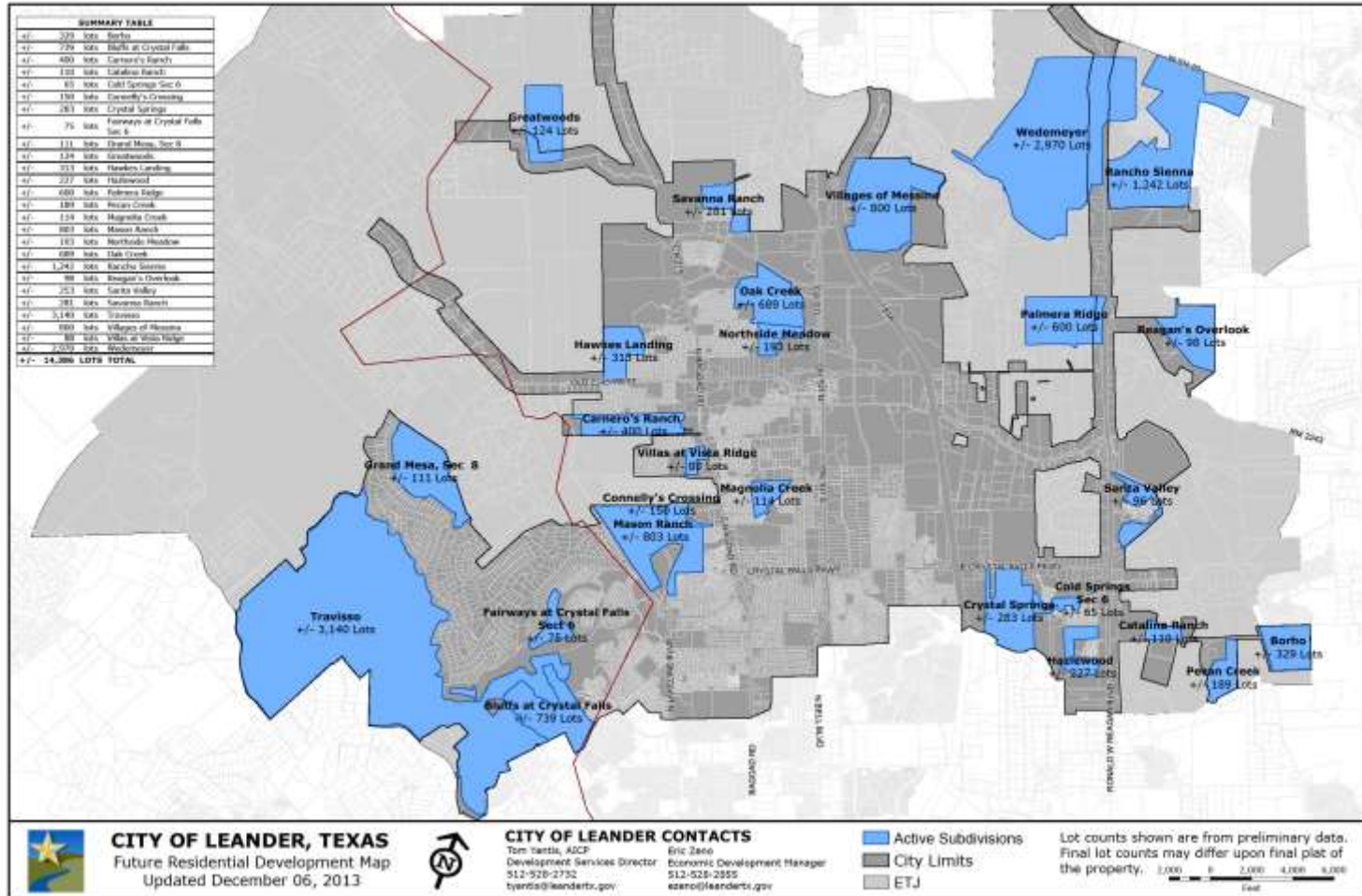
- Last year, Leander was named the 8th Safest City in Texas (of all population sizes) by the security research company Safe Wise



What is the state of the City and where are we today?

Leander continues to set new records and is currently the 4th fastest growing City in the Great State of Texas and accounted for 10% of all the new housing in the Austin MLA area in 2014!

What is the state of the City and where are we today?



The State of Leander

- Leander is growing; we are basically building a City!
- Leander is positioned to be the next big thing!
- Leander is Stable and Prosperous!
- The Council will continue to work on lowering taxes and stabilization of water rates!
- Leander is in the best shape it has EVER been and will continue to get even better!

- **Martin Luther King Jr.** - "If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."

So, what can we expect to see in 2015?

- 28 million in bonds to support around 42 million in projects for our City
- 2014 Bond Rating increase to AA- and poised to increase possibly this year again

Projects in 2015?



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- 2243 Widening project
- Bagdad Road to New Tom Glenn High School
- Municipal Drive Punch Through
- Signalization at Municipal and Bagdad
- Dedicated Turn Lane at Crystal Falls/183
- Sidewalk Completion on Bagdad Rd
- Signalization at Broad St and 2243
- Waterline Extension on Ronald Reagan

Projects in 2015?

- Hero Way Waterline Extension
- 44 Acres of New Parkland
- Benbrook Baseball Fields
- East Street
- Fire Station #4
- Fire Station #1 Relocation
- Work on Lakewood Park behind Cold Springs

The Way a City Grows



Lakeline and Crystal Falls

The Way a City Grows



Old 2243 (Hero Way)

This Council and Staff are positioning the City
to be the best it can be!

“I have had the rare opportunity to watch seven men and women, pour out their souls, offer their service, and heal and heed the call of duty to direct the course of this city. There is a proper season for everything. There is a time to sow and a time to reap. There's a time to compete and a time to cooperate.”

Rev Jesse Jackson

Proverbs 21:31 *The horse is prepared for the day of battle, But victory belongs to the LORD*

I am honored to serve as your Mayor and
Honored to serve with this Council

2015 will be an exciting year, May God Continue
to bless you beyond anything you could ever
imagine

Thank you and Thank you Council!