

## GET TO KNOW

## Kelly Purkey

Project Leader, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service,  
Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge

Since its founding in 1992, the Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge in Lago Vista has welcomed tens of thousands of guests to observe all forms of wildlife, plant life and geological beauty that can only be found in the majestic Texas Hill Country. In this edition of the Tesslera on Lake Travis newsletter, we profile Kelly Purkey, Project Leader, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge, to learn more about her and the natural treasure she oversees.

**1. What is your position with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service?** I am the Refuge Manager of the Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge (BCNWR).

**2. How long have you held this role?** I have worked at BCNWR since May, so about five months now.

**3. Have you worked with other similar government environmental organizations previously?** I have worked for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for almost 20 years, since I graduated from college. I did work for a few other environmental organizations during the summers as a college student.

**4. What are your day-to-day responsibilities in this position?** I oversee all aspects of managing the BCNWR...from greeting the public, to biological planning and management, to prescribed fire, to road maintenance, to administration. I have a great staff of approximately 12-15 and a wonderful group of volunteers that help us meet our goals and objectives.

**5. How did you become assigned this role with BCNWR, among the many protected wildlife refuges in Austin and across Texas and the U.S.?** Every job is advertised within the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, so I had to first apply. There was an interview process, and I was fortunate to be the selection. I have worked in the southeastern part of the country for the majority of my career, and I was ready to move a little further west for a new challenge.

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If you are interested in volunteering your time at the refuge, feel free to call **512-339-9432** for more information.



## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

## NorthShore Marina

If you live in or around Lago Vista, it's hard to resist the temptation of the wealth of everyday water activities available on beautiful Lake Travis. There's no shortage of families looking to get out on the water on any given day, and fortunately there are a number of premier, full-service marina facilities that specialize in making the process as easy as possible. One business leading the way is NorthShore Marina, located at 6612 Lantern View Drive in Jonestown.

NorthShore Marina was built in 2001, and was purchased this past March by Austin Cameron. The General Manager is Billy Neel and the Operations Manager is Charlotte Jacunski.

The covered marina offers services including:

- On-site harbormaster
- 196 boat slips on four docks
- 59 personal watercraft ports
- 1,600-square-foot, fully stocked ship store with full utilities, including wireless internet, hospitality deck and kitchen, swimming area and pump-out station
- Full service, 4-pump gas station with 93 octane premium fuel with Valvtech

NorthShore Marina is making big moves this winter to create 66 new slips of various sizes! The expansion will be completed just in time for the 2017 boating season. Put your name and information on the wait list today to get first pick at this beautiful new boat slip!

NorthShore Marina is a sister marina to VIP Marina. As a result of this relationship, visitors looking to rent 9-16 passenger boats and jet skis with VIP Marina have the option to be picked up at NorthShore Marina's ship store. VIP Marina's rental boat fleet also includes a captained 38' Sea Ray yacht, a 78' houseboat, and 2 party barges that can also pick up from NorthShore Marina.

This past summer was a very successful time for NorthShore Marina. A booming fuel station and full marina meant there was always a good time to be had on the docks. The boating started early this year in mid-April and even into the fall the marina staff is anticipating sunny skies and great water conditions. Open boat ramps and a beautiful tree line just a few yards above the water has made Lake Travis even more beautiful than the cliffs seen during the drought.

With the continued growth of Lago Vista, the team at NorthShore Marina has noticed that more and more of its tenants are moving to the area to live full time. They are also receiving an increased number of inquiries from the Lago Vista area since the lake has become whole again.

"The biggest reason that we see people get boats or rent boats is because it's fun, and it allows them to enjoy quality time out on the lake with family and friends away from the distractions of technology," said Neel, the General Manager. "Since screens and water don't mix well, people tend to put their devices away and it makes for a great adventure when you get out on Lake Travis. Boating is a great way to escape the stress in our everyday routines!"

If you are interested in learning more about slip availability or rentals at NorthShore Marina, contact:

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## EVENT SPOTLIGHT

## LAGO VISTA POA

## 1st Annual Bazaar

set for **NOVEMBER 19TH**

Just in time for the holidays, the Lago Vista POA will host its first-ever Shopping Bazaar on Saturday, November 19 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Grab a friend or family member and head out to the K-Oaks Clubhouse to enjoy arts and crafts, live music, food, beer and wine and much more! It's the perfect way to get started on your holiday shopping while supporting our great local vendors.

## November - December 2016

## EVENT CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 6	7	8	9	10	11 Veteran's Day	12 UT v. West Virginia (Home)
13	14	15	16 A Christmas Affair @ Parmer Events Center Nov. 16-Dec. 4	17	18	19 Hill Country Singers Fall Concert @ Lago Vista HS PAC Nov. 19 & 20
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27 Advent Begins	28 Cyber Monday	29	30	December 1	2	3 Ballet Austin's "The Nutcracker" @ Long Center Dec. 3-23 Holiday Sing-Along @ Texas State Capitol
4	5	6 Austin Symphony Orchestra's "Handel's Messiah" @ Hyde Park Baptist Church	7	8	9 Howard Jones @ ACL Live	10 50th Annual Trail of Lights @ Zilker Park Dec. 10-23

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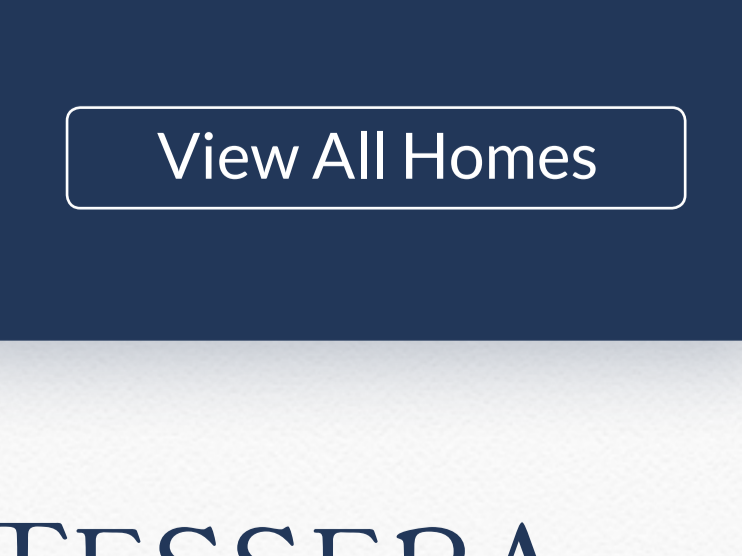
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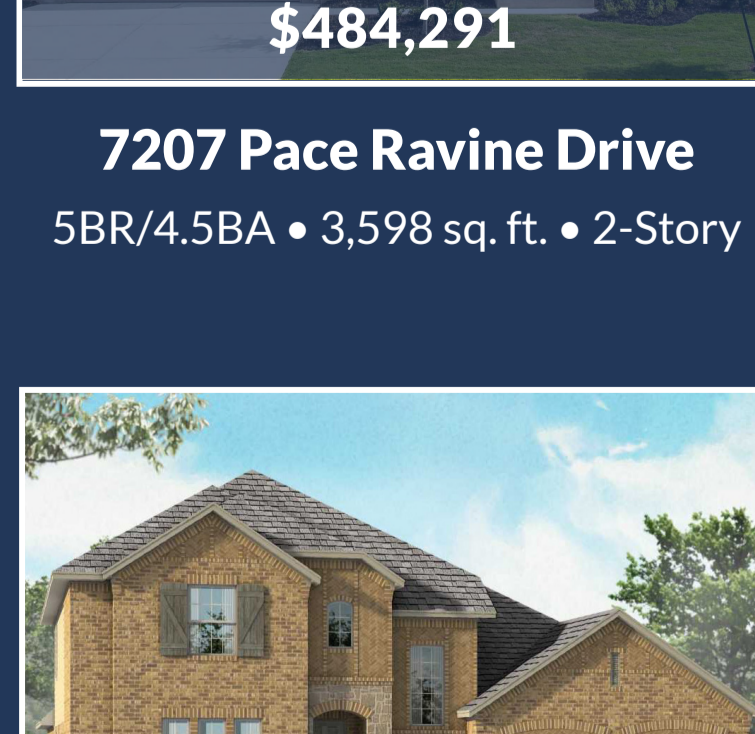
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