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The former Highland Lakes Golf Course is in the hands of new ownership, and we had the opportunity to visit with the new owner, Alex Choi, to learn about his exciting plans for the course and property.

Why did you purchase the golf course in Lago Vista? I love the game of golf, and when I saw the opportunity to purchase this course it felt like a perfect way to build an amazing venue for the game I love.

What is the new name of the course? We have named the new course Green Deer Country Club.

Are you a golfer yourself? Yes, I'm an avid golfer.

What changes or improvements have been made to the course? We are building new cart paths and conducting tree trimming through the course. We are also building a new restaurant and new building for food and drinks after nine holes. In the future we are planning to build a wedding venue and tennis courts.

What types of programs or special events are planned? We will have member-only tournaments plus member/guest tournaments. Also members will receive 20 percent off all food, beverages and merchandise in our club. We will have a beverage cart on the course at all times to accommodate the players.

Is the club public or private? We will be a public golf course with membership opportunities. Our green fees will be \$40 weekdays, \$50 Friday, and \$60 Saturday and Sunday.

Are there days or activities geared toward female golfers or those new to the sport? Yes, we have reached out to the Lago Vista Women's Golfing Association and they will have events at our club. Also we will have a Men's Golf Club that will have events and that include any type of golfer, from 0 handicap to a 35. New to the game or seasoned pros will have a place at Green Deer Country Club.

What days is the course open, and how can one make a reservation? Ideally, you would like to have a business that matches with the adopted Comprehensive Master Plan and vision for the city.

How can visitors to learn more about the golf course? Check us out on Facebook and Instagram @greendeercountryclub

Lago Vista SPOTLIGHT

LAGO VISTA BUSINESS PROFILE

Arkansas Bend Park

The Arkansas Bend Park is a 323-acre park that lies on the North Shore of Lake Travis near Lago Vista and combines many of the best qualities of other Lake Travis parks. The park's two miles of shoreline offer opportunities for hiking, fishing, camping, picnicking, and lake access via two boat ramps and a courtesy dock. Several inviting, shaded picnic tables and a playground is situated along the point on a bluff above a gently sloping, rocky waterfront. Recently, the park has been undergoing construction including, restoring and updating the day use area, improving the boat ramp and expanding the parking areas, constructing new trails and campsites, and adding other amenities and their associated infrastructure.

How long has Arkansas Bend Park been in existence? The property is owned by the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA). In the early 1980's, Travis County Parks began leasing the property from the LCRA and became responsible for the maintenance and operation of the park. Before that, the LCRA may have operated it as a park, but I'm not sure. I imagine the LCRA purchased the land sometime before the creation of Lake Travis back around 1942. But the area has a long history. Topographic maps from 1932 show that the Southern peninsula was used as a water crossing, known as Stewart Ford, back when the Colorado River followed it's natural course. It was a narrow spot in the river where people could crossover to the area that is now FM 620. That might be more than you want to know, but I think the history of the area is really interesting!

Why has it been closed recently? Before Arkansas Bend Park was closed for construction, it was a very primitive park. The only structures were a boat ramp and a small entrance station where fees were collected. There was no running water or electricity available and a minimal amount of paved roadways or parking for trucks with trailers. Portable toilets were the only available restrooms. Visitors could drive all over the park and camp wherever they liked, as there were no designated campsites. As a result, the land was seriously degraded. Arkansas Bend Park was closed to the public in March of 2017 for the construction of major park improvements and to make environmental repairs. It was decided to shut the park down during construction for public safety and to avoid conflict between paying park users and the construction crew. I should note that we are just now completing Phase 1 of the park. The estimated start date for Phase 2 is in the Fall of 2019. We do not expect to close the park for Phase 2 construction.

When can visitors anticipate its reopening? There's no solid opening date yet. At this point, it's difficult to nail down a date because the general contractor has a few more items to complete before the park is officially finished. We should have a firm opening date within the next few weeks. Please watch out for an update on our website at: https://parks.traviscountytx.gov/parks/arkansas-bend.

Read More About Arkansas Bend Park

Event SPOTLIGHT



Austin's favorite summer tradition is back for it's 29th season! A classic Austin event, Austin City Limits Radio's Blues on the Green brings thousands of folks together once a month throughout the summer for a series of free summertime concerts in Zilker Park. Grab your family, friends, dogs, and blankets, and join us for Austin's largest FREE concert series!

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MAY-JUNE **2019**

EVENT CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 19	20	21	22	23	24	25
ZZ Top in Concert @ Austin360			Blues on the Green @ Zilker Park	LVISD Last Day of School	LVISD Graduation Day	
26	27 Memorial Day Events around Austin	28	29	30	31 🍌 😭	June 1 Green Deer Country Club Ribbon Cutting
2 Hamilton Austin @ Bass Concert Hall	3	4	5	6	7 ♪ ♀ KIDZ Bop World Tour @ HEB Center	8
9 Bridal Extravaganza @ Palmer Events Center	10	11	12 Blues on the Green @ Zilker Park	13 Hootie and the Blowfish @ Austin360	14 ♪ ♀ Bob Schneider @ One World Theatre	15 Central Texas Juneteenth 2K Parade & Celebration Austin Comic Con @ HEB Center
16 Audi Driving Experience @ Austin360	17	18 Weird Al Yankovic @ Bass Concert Hall	19	20	21 🍌 🛫	22 African American Book Festival @ George Washington Carver Museum & Library
23 Dilots @ Frank Ewrin Center	24	25 Les Miserables @ Bass Concert Hall	26	27	28 Lake Austin Starlight Kayak Tour @ Jessica Hollis Park	29



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