

# Red, White & You! News

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## Mixed Up Doubles

**Sign  
Up  
Today!**

### Tennis on the Fourth!

Carter Tannehill is once again organizing the 4th of July Tennis **Mixed Up Doubles** but no one is mixed up about how much fun it is! Tennis players of all ages and genders compete doubles against each other for great fun and prizes. Register to participate on the Bar K Recreational Park Tennis courts at: [lagovistajuly4.org/tennis-tournament/](http://lagovistajuly4.org/tennis-tournament/)



### May the 4th Be with You!

Our little community totes a really big bang! Our yearly fireworks display is the envy of many communities across Texas (and even the country...!) and is the product of a lot of good people pulling together to pull it off. It is a labor of love...a trite yet appropriate description of the people who bring us all the 4th!

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### Little Miss & Mr Lago Vista



### Little Miss & Mr. Lago Vista

Pull out the tiaras and the crowns! Little Miss & Mr. Lago Vista will be selected during the 4th of July event and will be applauded and lauded by the crowd. Any young person from babes in arms to 8 years old... *continued on page 4*

**North Shore's  
We've Got  
Talent**  
Presented by Lago Vista 4th of July Council, Inc.

# Come Shine!

**4 Auditions!**  
2 Divisions  
8 years to High School  
Adult  
**CASH Prizes**

Starting on May 23 **FOUR AUDITIONS** will be held leading up to the final competition on July 4 at Bar K Park. Sing, dance, juggle, magic, comedy...whatever gets you going, get going and register! For ages 8+ More info and registration at <http://lagovistajuly4.org/weve-got-talent/>

## We've Got Talent

If you've got talent WE want you! Tamra Flournoy and her hardworking committee spend months finding venues for the auditions, reserving sound equipment, reviewing rules, finding qualified judges, creating awards and guaranteeing cash prizes for the talented winners of this unique competition and a headliner at the 4th of July event down at Bar K Park. This year there are two divisions, from 8 years old to 2015 HS graduates and the Adults; anyone who graduated 2014 or before. Don't miss the opportunity to strut your stuff for the North Shores' audience at Bar K on July 4th!

*By press time the first audition held at the Grace Fellowship Church on Boggy Ford has been enjoyed. Check out our Facebook page for results.*

**Saturday, June 6 at 10 am at:**

Lago Vista Academy (in the Ain't Misbehavin Dance Studio, next door.  
10am-2pm) 6307 Lohman Ford Rd

**Friday, June 19 at 7pm at:**

American Girl Café & Grill 4616 Rimrock Dr.,

**Saturday, June 27th at 7pm at:**

Haven on the Lake 3404 American Dr (At the Island)

## Join the Parade!



For many years a group of civic minded Lago Vistans have spearheaded a community parade down Dawn Drive. EVERYONE is invited to participate, either by registering to enter a float, car, bicycle, or pogo stick or by bringing along your most comfy portable chair, your American flag and a small cooler with a refreshing beverage to watch and cheer on the members of the parade. Did you know that THERE IS NO CHARGE to participate? And everyone who parades competes for the Ann Murrow BEST FLOAT roving trophy. Each year the float that is voted the Best Interpretation of the Theme wins the right to display the trophy until the next year's winner is declared. Dawn Drive has been graced by many different types of paraders, all demonstrating a...

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## Logo Winner



The Lago Vista 4th of July Council recently announced the winner of the Logo competition which was held in February and March. The winning logo will be used on all publicity, advertising and promotional efforts in support of the traditional 4th of July event held annually with a community parade down Dawn Avenue and on the grounds of the Bar-K Recreational Park in Lago Vista.

The talented winner is Mr. Francisco Fernández of Guaynabo, Puerto Rico. Mr. Fernández is a frequent visitor to Lago Vista as his wife's parents are residents. He is Creative Director at a large advertising agency in Puerto Rico. Mr. Fernández will receive the award of \$100 and an open invitation to the festivities.

## Family Games



The Rotary Club of Austin Centennial has some great family games planned for the 4th of July Celebration at the Bar-K-Recreational Park. You won't want to miss the fun...

Come try out Giant Jenga or test your back bends with Limbo. The Club will offer games for all ages including games that parents and children can play together. So come on out! Be silly! Have fun! That's what games are all about! No registration is necessary, just come on by and join in! For more information to our website, [LagoVistaJuly4.org](http://LagoVistaJuly4.org)

## The 4th Needs YOU!

Please visit [LagoVistaJuly4.org](http://LagoVistaJuly4.org) and make a secure donation to YOUR event.  
Or, mail your check or money order to:  
Lago Vista 4th of July Council  
PO Box 4926  
Lago Vista, TX 78645  
We are an official 501 C-3 and your donation is tax deductible.

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## May the 4th Be With You!



The entire production of the 4th of July event is in the hands of the Lago Vista 4th of July Council, a community organization that is a 501-C3 non-profit organization, passionately zealous and some would say, overworked! The board members each have an area

of the celebration for which they are responsible. As the big day approaches there are more and more meetings and more and more collaboration between the rank and file.

The biggest expense of the entire event is also the most cherished!

The FIREWORKS! While it is great fun and inspiring to view the majestic explosions synchronized to patriotic music, the fireworks can only be entrusted to professionals and for the safety of all involved much labor goes into selecting the appropriate location for the fireworks to be discharged, insurance must be purchased and emergency contingencies planned. This is why it is so important to have the support of the community that the 4th of July Council serves. Many of our citizens believe that ALL the funds for this event come from government support of some type. Actually, the City of Lago Vista provides a generous donation which is very important to the success of the event. So too do the Property

Owners Association, the Lago Vista Women's Club, Exxon Mobile and Greg & Ann Murrow. Since no entrance fee is charged and most of the activities do not cost participants anything, the only way the Council manages to produce this complicated day of celebration is through the support of the residents and businesses of our community. Thanks to all of you who have donated to the Council and for those who haven't yet, there are several ways you can.

1) BUY A T-SHIRT! 2) Make a secure donation via PayPal at [lagovistajuly4.org](http://lagovistajuly4.org) 3) Visit Lowe's Market and drop a cash donation into any of the receptacles at the registers during the month of June.

### Classic Car Show

July 4, 2015

Lago Vista, TX

First Annual

Classic Car Show



Do you love the sound of a well tuned motor revving up? Can't get enough of highly polished chrome and bench seats with no seat belts? Well, the Lago Vista 4th of July Council has great news for you! Our first Annual Classic Car Show is about to start your engine! Pre-registration is now open and all enthusiasts are invited to log on to our website to register. The fee is \$10 per car with limited space! Awards will be given in each of six categories: Stock/Original, Custom, Antique, Muscle Car, Hot Rods and Trucks from 1980 and before. Jill Taylor and husband Barry are busy getting news out and have announced that the display of the

participating cars will be at the K Oaks Clubhouse on July 4 from 11am to 2pm. Presentation of awards will begin at 2:15. Let your friends know about this great opportunity. And keep in mind that any participating classic car can automatically participate in the parade at no additional cost! Find out more by logging on today! [lagovistajuly4.org/carshow/](http://lagovistajuly4.org/carshow/)

**Find out all the newest info by signing up for our email newsletter... The sign-up is on the left hand side of our Facebook page. Contact coordinators via our website for activity related questions. [lagovistajuly4.org](http://lagovistajuly4.org).**

### Does Running Make your Blood Race?



Love to tie on the running shoes? Our 5K course isn't your typical race; it features beautiful Texas Hill Country scenery and lake views. There are slight hills, as well as downhill portions. This race will be chip timed and all pre-registrants receive a T-Shirt. A 1 mile fun run precedes the Chip Timed race. Fun run begins at 7:30 am with the 5 K beginning at 8:00 am.

A map of the race route and route elevation is on our website at [lagovistajuly4.org/firecracker-5k-fun-run/](http://lagovistajuly4.org/firecracker-5k-fun-run/). Cost is \$20 per 5 K Runner.

Pre-registration is required so don't hesitate to go online and take care of the paper-work!

### Wine Tasting & Tapas



Red, White & You! Two red, two white and one rosé wines will be presented for your tasting pleasure by Rick Naber, owner of the well known Flat Creek Estate. This exquisite wine tasting will be followed by a selection of tapas (classic Spanish appetizers) prepared by Chef Gaby to compliment the wines presented. Tickets are \$30 per person, with \$10 from each ticket going toward the Lago Vista fireworks on the 4th of July.

Tickets may be purchased at More! Café, 7708 Lohmans Ford Rd. (next to Lago Donuts) or at the Haven, located at the Island on Lake Travis, 3404 American Drive. Call 512-276-2439 for more information.



*Have a great time and help support our Fireworks!*



After the Declaration of Independence, originally called *A Declaration by the Representatives of the United States in General Congress Assembled* was adopted by the delegates to the 2nd Continental Congress, printer John Dunlop made many copies overnight. These were sent to the 13 States; no longer called colonies, and were read in public to the general population. Landholders, trade people, indentured laborers and slaves alike heard the inspiring words "All men are created equal" and "...the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Because of the profound import of these words and what they represented in a world where Divine Monarchy was rarely questioned many people reacted passionately. On July 9, 1776 in New York a crowd reacted to the public reading of the Declaration by tearing down a lead statue of King George III. The lead was later melted down and turned into 42,088 bullets used by George Washington's soldiers!

## New This Year!



For the first time in our history, Lago Vista will enjoy a FREE CONCERT performed by the Austin Civic Wind Ensemble during the celebration at Bar K Park! Under the baton of Conductor Robert Laguna 70 expert musicians will perform a collection of beautiful and rousing marches and patriotic tunes just prior to the launch of our Fireworks! The Austin Civic Wind Ensemble has delighted diverse audiences and we are very fortunate to have them with us. Bring your flags and wave them as they move us with their unique performance!

## The 1st 4th by Anna Johndrow

We tend to take for granted how we celebrate the 4th of July today...take in the parade early in the morning, hot dogs and hamburgers on a backyard grill or down at our growing lake, the relaxation of a day free from work, a cold and refreshing canned beverage, water or some lemonade has become synonymous with celebrating Independence Day.

But, did you know that the first 4th was celebrated very differently than it is today? The tensions that brought the 13 delegates of the colonies to accept breaking away from Great Britain had been growing steadily and finally came to a head surrounding the controversial Stamp Act...a means of taxing the colonists on anything that was printed; newspapers, legal documents, even a deck of cards!



This started in 1765 as a means to pay off the debt incurred from the 7 Year War or what we called the French and Indian War. The act was eventually repealed but different taxes were imposed on the colonists prompting, among other things the famous Boston Tea Party as a protest against the taxation of tea. While the colonists, in general, protested and railed against the unfair treatment they were receiving from the Monarchy, many of them still considered themselves British citizens and strongly hoped for a solution to the impasse. But in 1775, following a petition sent to King George British Troops fired on a group of Americans in Lexington and later in Concord, Massachusetts. The Battle of Lexington and Concord turned the tide in public opinion and more and more British citizens saw themselves as Americans. When the Second Continental Congress met in June Richard Henry Lee presented a passionate and compelling resolution "to declare the United colonies free and independent States." A committee was formed and tasked with creating a declaration explaining the position of the Second Continental Congress. The committee in turn appointed two men to compose the document; John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. Adams, however convinced Jefferson to take on the task for three basic reasons : 1) Jefferson was a

Virginian 2) He was more likable than Adams and 3) He was a better writer! Adams' personality may have been more acerbic than Jefferson's but he certainly was objective.

It took Jefferson two weeks to draft the document and after a few changes suggested by both Adams and Benjamin Franklin the committee presented it, written on a large piece of parchment to the 2nd Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. While Jefferson kept a detailed record of the temperature of the room he did not record the content of the debates that ensued that day nor did any other of the delegates. Jefferson did note that every delegate signed the Declaration, with the exception of John Dickenson of Pennsylvania. Yet, all of the copies in existence today from that fateful day show ONLY John Hancock's famous signature. The copy that Jefferson reported as signed by all but one of the delegates remains a mystery.

The debates were conducted in private, and took all day and much of the night. Outside citizens were anxiously waiting to hear whether or not Congress would vote to support Independence or not. To do so would mean treason; punishable by death and the loss of all property. Those gathered were painfully aware of the solemnity of the first 4th ... the debate could bring serious consequences regardless of the outcome! Once the decision was announced only the ringing of the church bells confirmed the acceptance of what was then called *A Declaration by the Representatives of the United States in General Congress Assembled*. There is great debate regarding the date on which the final document was signed by all 56 of the delegates. Some say on July 9, 1776 in New York, others support July 19 or August 2 and still others believe that there is not ONE date but that the document was signed by the delegates at different times and that it was by August 2 that all the signatures had been gathered. Regardless of the date or dates, the Declaration of Independence is by far the most important document to issue forth from men of will as it alone has shaped the destinies of our nation and many other nations as well. Happy Birthday, USA!

Sources: [.crfcelebrateamerica.org](http://www.crfcelebrateamerica.org), <http://www.teachushistory.org/>

*The Lago Vista 4th of July Council truly appreciates the financial support of these benefactors... defined as any person or entity that contributes more than \$1,000 or more to our community effort.  
THANK YOU!*

## Hankerin' to Help?



The Fourth of July Council is made up entirely of volunteers and there are always opportunities to lend a hand during any of the steps leading up to the 4th of July and during the celebration itself.

For instance, do you have a flair for decorating? Bar K Park is festooned with patriotic colors early on the 4th and extra help is always appreciated. Would you like to help distribute posters? Would you consider putting your organization skills to the test on the morning of the parade? Rest assured there is a job, a task or an errand that needs to be done that is just perfect for YOU! Send us a message on our website at [lagovistajuly4.org/contact-us/](http://lagovistajuly4.org/contact-us/) and we'll find you something wonderful to do!

## New This Year!

Relax in our mist cooled, live music oasis... a great place to hang out, find info and get refreshed.



See our next issue!

## Little Miss & Mr.

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can perform their particular talent for the pleasure of the crowd. Joe West and Tessa Reid are in charge of organizing the throngs of adoring parents and future stars. Selection of the winners is by applause from the audience so bring plenty of aunts and uncles, brothers, sisters and grandparents! Pre-register for participation on our fabulous website: [lagovistajuly4.org/little-mr-ms-lago-vista-contest/](http://lagovistajuly4.org/little-mr-ms-lago-vista-contest/)

## Sing the Praises of the Unsung!

We all know someone who is selfless, kind, generous and often times doesn't get the recognition their sacrifices deserve. The Lago Vista Unsung Hero nominations strive to remedy this and provide our residents with an opportunity to recognize that very special someone or couple who have impacted the lives of all of us.



The Unsung Hero is the person(s) who best demonstrates their love for their fellowman and the community of Lago Vista through their participation in activities throughout the area. Please consider the following before nominating:

- The chosen person or couple may not receive compensation for the achievements they are being honored for.
- They may not be a Board Member of the Lago Vista 4th of July Council, Inc.
- They must be Unsung! Previously unrecognized or celebrated by awards ceremonies, newspaper or digital publications or community organizations!

## Parade



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keen sense of showmanship and patriotism. Many of our local churches, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, businesses, families, veterans and special interest groups have put thought and a sense of community spirit and patriotism into the design and execution of their float. Visit us on Facebook or our website to peruse some of the pictures from past parades. And while you are there, why not register to participate in the parade?

Web: [lagovistajuly4.org/parade-registration/](http://lagovistajuly4.org/parade-registration/)  
Facebook: [facebook.com/lagovistajuly4th](https://www.facebook.com/lagovistajuly4th)



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