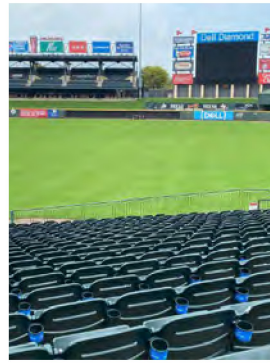


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## HISTORY & OVERVIEW

Originally called Bagdad, Leander was established in 1882 and developed on land sold by the Austin and Northwestern Railroad Co. The town was named in honor of one of the railroad officials, Leander “Catfish” Brown.

Today Leander sits in both Travis and Williamson counties and has a population of more than 55,000. The city is north of Austin, roughly 10 miles west of IH35 on US183. The community has scenic landscapes, an award-winning school district, access to the Texas Hill Country and a rail line to Austin.



## EDUCATION

Leander ISD serves more than 43,000 students at its 43 campuses. The district has several high schools, middle schools and elementary schools. Leander has its own Austin Community College campus to serve the community.



## MAJOR BUSINESS INDUSTRIES

Leander is one of the fastest growing cities in Central Texas. The community has retail, office and residential developments and is on the Capital Metro Rail. Some of the major employers include Dennis Steel, Suncoast Post-Tension, One Source Manufacturing, St. David’s Healthcare and the ACC San Gabriel campus.



## ARTS & CULTURE

Leander is rich with arts and cultural experiences. The Leander Chamber of Commerce is bringing artfully designed trains to every corner of the community with Trail to Trains. The city is also known for its archeological finds. Dinosaur fossils can be found along the San Gabriel River and visitors can read about the Leanderthal Lady, the earliest intact burial found in the United States, on markers along the south side of RM 1431.



## DINING

Leander has a wide variety of culinary options. Some of the local favorites include: Farm to Fork, Smokey Moe’s, Jardin Del Rey and Guaco Taco.



## NEIGHBORHOODS

Leander has been recognized as one of the best places to raise a family. The commuter rail from Leander to Austin adds to the appeal of this community. The following are some of the communities located in Leander:

- **Alterra:** Alterra homes are in a peaceful community with quick access to Austin.
- **Benbrook Ranch:** The homes in this neighborhood are known for open floor plans and covered porches. Community amenities include a hike and bike trail, park with playground and community pool.
- **Blockhouse Creek:** Built from the 1980s to the early 2000s, the homes in this neighborhood vary in style.
- **Bryson:** This neighborhood offers a rural experience while still being close to town.
- **Caballo Ranch:** This neighborhood offers residents Texas Hill Country views.
- **Carneros Ranch:** Located near Lakeline Blvd and 183A, Carneros Ranch offers residents accessible transportation routes as well as community amenities.

# NEIGHBORHOODS (cont.)



- **Cold Springs:** Heavily treed lots, community amenities, hike and bike trails and lake access are some of the features this neighborhood provides.
- **Connelly's Crossing:** This neighborhood consists of a mix of home styles, featuring both single-story and two-story homes.
- **Crystal Crossing:** This community is close to Benbrook Ranch Park, offering residents a wide variety of outdoor activities.
- **Crystal Falls:** For golf enthusiasts, Crystal Falls Golf Club offers golf course living. The scenic community includes several amenities, including playgrounds, a sand volleyball court, disc golf course, swimming pools and walking trails.
- **Deerbrooke:** A master planned community, Deerbrooke combines green open spaces with the convenience of dining and shopping opportunities.
- **Grayson:** This neighborhood is known for its affordable homes within the Leander ISD.
- **Greatwood:** Surrounded by farm country, Greatwood offers residents a rural community setting.
- **Groves at Mason Hills:** This neighborhood includes wooded trails and ponds while being close to Leander schools.
- **Hazelwood:** The homes in this community feature modern, upscale design and open floor plans.
- **High Gabriel:** Large lots and ranch style homes make up this desirable community.
- **Horizon Park:** Known for homes with covered patios and landscaped yards, this neighborhood offers residents access to a community pool, park and playground.
- **Lakeline Ranch:** The development plan for this community includes cul-de-sac lots.
- **Lakewood Country Estates:** With access to a 39-acre lake, residents enjoy the outdoors on larger lots.
- **Larkspur:** Mature trees surround this community and give it a tranquil feel while still offering the convenience of community amenities.
- **Magnolia Creek:** Magnolia Creek features a community pool and playground.
- **Marbella:** Featuring a gated community, these homesites offer privacy to the residents.
- **Mason Creek:** A more established neighborhood, Mason Creek home sites have large mature trees.
- **Mason Hills:** This community is located adjacent to Crystal Falls.
- **Maya Vista:** This community offers buyers homes that are both modern and traditional.
- **Northside Meadow:** Northside Meadow offers affordable homes and new build opportunities.
- **Oak Creek:** This neighborhood offers community amenities for its residents.
- **Oak Ridge:** Oak Ridge is a well-established neighborhood.
- **Overlook Estates:** This community has mature landscaping and scenic lots.
- **Palmera Ridge:** This master planned community located just off Ronald Reagan Blvd., north of Hero Way, plans to offer residents a community center and other amenities.
- **Pecan Creek:** Located in the Ronald Reagan corridor, this newly constructed community is a popular choice for residents.
- **Reagans Overlook:** Views of the greenbelt and Texas Hill Country make this community a desirable neighborhood.
- **Ridgewood:** Many of the homes in this community have been recently updated to include high-end finishes.



## NEIGHBORHOODS (cont.)

- **Ridgmar Landing:** Ridgmar Landing homes are in a rural setting but close to city amenities.
- **Sarita Valley:** The homes in this community are newer construction and set on wide lots.
- **Savanna Ranch:** Beautifully planned homes, this community offers convenience and amenities for residents.
- **Scottsdale Crossing:** Scottsdale Crossing is known for larger floor plans and mature oak trees.
- **Stewart Crossing:** The community is conveniently located near Rouse High School and Wiley Middle School.
- **Stonehurst:** Across from Williamson County Regional Park, this community offers residents several outdoor activities, including a miniature train ride for children.
- **Summerlyn:** This neighborhood provides community amenities for its residents.
- **Trails of Shady Oak:** This community offers a range of home sites and prices.
- **Travisso:** Picturesque views and tranquility sum up this community.
- **Vista Ridge:** This neighborhood is located near the 183-toll road, providing residents an efficient commute route to work.



## PARKS AND OUTDOORS

Leander offers something for every sports enthusiast. The city is home to the Texas Stars Hockey Club, Austin Spurs Basketball and Round Rock Express Baseball Club. For the golfer, there is an 18 hole course at Crystal Falls Golf Course; and for those wanting to explore the outdoors, there are several opportunities at local parks: Benbook Ranch Park & Disc Golf Course, Devine Lake Park and Mason Creek Park. Leander hosts fun family nights as well at Movies in the Park at Robin Bledsoe Park.



## FESTIVALS

Known for community gatherings, Leander hosts the following festivals:

- **Liberty Fest:** This festival is celebrated on July 4th with live music, vendors, children's activities and fireworks.
- **Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting:** On the first Saturday in December, the community celebrates with a 5K Rudolph Run, pictures with Santa, holiday hayrides, yule fire, choral performances, and shopping with a variety of vendors.
- **Old Town Street Festival:** Held on the third Saturday in May, this event features wine, food, art, and music.
- **Bluegrass Festival:** Held annually each September, the Leander Bluegrass Festival is a free event that features live music, concessions, children's activities, and a variety of vendors.
- **Spring Egg-Stravaganza:** Leander Parks & Recreation hosts the annual Spring Egg-Stravaganza candy hunt.
- **Devine Lake Kite Festival:** Hosted by the Leander Parks and Recreation each spring, this free festival takes place at Devine Lake Park.



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