

New Golf Course In Laredo, TX

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Good news to all the golf enthusiasts in [Laredo, Texas!](#)

The [Max A. Mandel Municipal Golf Course](#) will finally open its gates this month. Throughout the United States, it's only one of the few new golf courses set to debut this year and it's the very first city-owned public golf facility in Laredo.

Designed to reflect the beauty of the infamous Rio Grande and the oasis it has nurtured through time by the Robert Trent Jones II Golf Course Architects, it provides a striking distinction to the rugged and bare South Texas landscape we all know so well.

Architect Robert Trent Jones Jr. says that the overall design was due to a sense of responsibility he feels towards the people of Laredo and they have created a golf experience that's not just for golfers but could also be a source of pride and satisfaction for the community.

With its location on top of bluffs above the Rio Grande and with Mexico across the view, the par-72 layout boasts over 20 acres of sandy terrain. Covering nearly a mile of riverfront property, four holes are adjacent to the river. The course also traverses deep arroyos and navigates through 30-foot tall mesquite woodlands and open farmland.

Jones didn't just put his focus into playability but the layout is obviously focused on drama, risk and reward as well. The design also features "courses within the course", wherein the closing nine presenting returning loops of three holes and six holes flanking the practice facility. This concept allows instruction for new golfers. Each hole also integrates family tees to encourage participation by both parents and children.

The \$6.6 million project was made possible thanks to the 390-acre donation made by the family of the late Max A. Mandel, a Laredo bank executive who has been an active presence in various civic projects.

[Mayor Raul G. Salinas](#) hopes that this golf course won't just be a visual treat for everyone but would also help further business development and investment in the community.