

Video: Texas's first massive crystal lagoon starts filling with water

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for Land Tejas the developer of the master planned Balmoral community. “We said this is the kind of amenity, the kind of lifestyle we want to offer residents in Land Tejas communities.”



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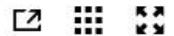


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Michael Garfield, left, the Hi-Tech Texan, leads the ceremonial "Filling of the Crystal Clear Lagoon" event held at the construction site in the Balmoral development near Atascocita, on June 14, 2018. Garfield ... [more](#)

The crystal lagoon uses an ultrasonic wave pulse filtration system which uses 1 percent of chemicals and 2 percent of the energy of a conventional swimming pool filtration system.

“The Houston home market is very competitive. We’ve got great master planned developers all over Houston that build amazing communities with great amenities,” Johnson said. “You really have to have something to separate yourself, so the crystal lagoon is a separator for us.”

Unlike a typical neighborhood pool, which is only open from Memorial Day to Labor Day, the Crystal Lagoon will be open year-round.

Johnson said Land Tejas expects the lagoon to be open in late August, though he acknowledged that factors such as weather could change that.

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