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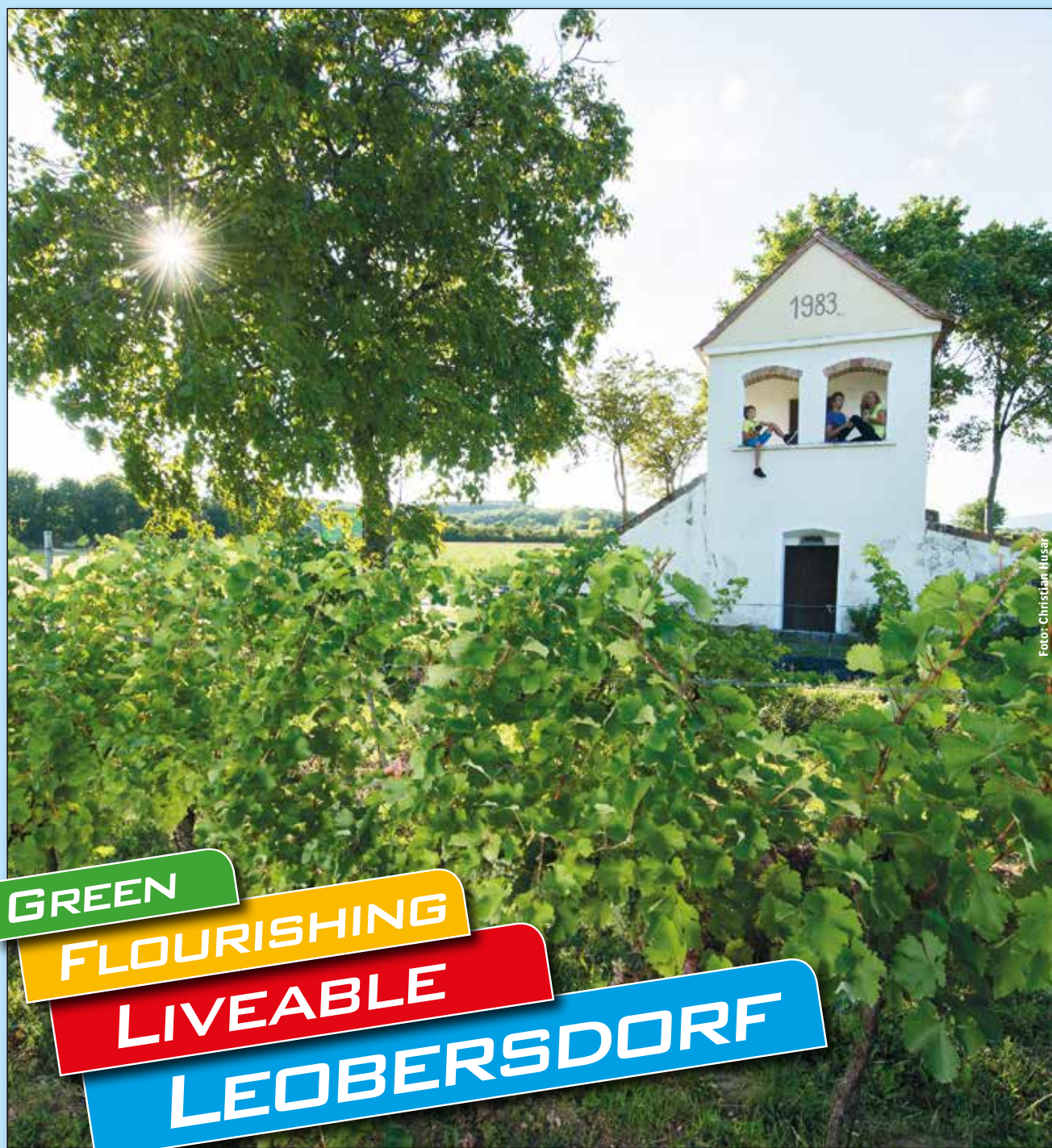


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ABOUT LEOBERSDORF

Leobersdorf is a market town with 4,915 inhabitants (as of 1 January 2018) in the district of Baden in Lower Austria. Situated at the mouth of the Triestingtal, a valley at the edge of the Vienna Basin through which the Triesting River runs, the town has an area of 12.37 square kilometres, of which 72.99% is green spaces, 16.60% is residential and 9.70% is accounted for by traffic zones. Leobersdorf has become a key industrial centre in the region south of Vienna, and now ranks among the top 50 municipalities in the nation in terms of economic performance. In addition to long-established companies such as Ziegelwerk Polsterer, a brickworks, and compressor manufacturer Leobersdorfer Maschinenfabrik, the town is home to the rapidly growing Ared Park business park with more than 300 companies. Leobersdorf attracts over 2,000 commuters as well as countless shoppers every day.



DEAR LEOBERSDORFERIN, DEAR LEOBERSDORFER!



This special edition of the Leobersdorf Official Journal has been published to mark the 2019 **Entente Florale Europe**. Launched in 1975 as a floral competition between the UK and France, today this international contest requires participants to satisfy significantly wider-ranging requirements than those for a mere village beautification programme. On Saturday 6 July Leobersdorf – Austria's representative in the competition – will be judged by a panel of European experts from eight countries. The ten subjects on the list of criteria cover extensive aspects such as sustainability, environmental protection, the built environment and citizen involvement. On this day, more than 40 people – active members of numerous associations, as well as volunteers, town officials and many more – will give the international jury an insight into the various key elements that make Leobersdorf such a liveable place, as part of this European celebration of floral decoration and quality of life.

A working group based at town hall met frequently to develop a host of outstanding initiatives for the competition. This brought home to us once again just how much Leobersdorf has to offer – and it soon became clear that we wouldn't be able to include everything we wanted to show

the jury within the four-hour period set aside for judging. This publication provides an overview of the variety and high quality of the initiatives that so many dedicated people undertake for you every day to make Leobersdorf such a charming and liveable town.

Despite its great appeal as a popular business and shopping location – and the challenges that come with it – and most importantly a great place to live, Leobersdorf has always made an effort to remain an eminently liveable town for its almost 5,000 citizens. The stylish Rathausplatz with its ice cream parlours and cafés is a popular meeting point and event location. Thanks to the unique design of the Generationenpark, residents of all ages can enjoy an expansive recreational area right in the centre of town. And the leafy outdoor seating at Leobersdorf's numerous Heuriger wine taverns and restaurants are the perfect place to relax with family and friends.

Today, Leobersdorf is a modern, environmentally conscious and lively town. People don't just work here, above all they enjoy exceptional quality of life here – which we want the jury to see for themselves on 6 July.

Mayor
 Andreas Ramharter



TOWN DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Leobersdorf is located at the southern edge of the greater Vienna area, at the gateway to the Triestingtal valley, which has long been shaped by industry. The town is part of Lower Austria's densely populated, swiftly growing Industrieviertel region. Its educational centres and fastest-growing economic regions are primarily located on the southern corridor between Vienna and Wiener Neustadt (along the A2 motorway and the Südbahn railway line). Leobersdorf occupies a central position in this rapidly expanding and developing area. In line with the vision for the Industrieviertel, the aim is to avoid the promotion of sprawling suburbs along the corridor. Leobersdorf marks the southern end of the expanding linear city that stretches from Vienna to the town via Mödling, Baden and Bad Vöslau. We intend to halt the merging of communities along this corridor and the development of such a linear city. Leobersdorf is committed to drawing up an urban planning model for the town's development over the next 20 years and – where foreseeable – beyond, drawing on an extensive basic research program. This is necessary because Leobersdorf's population has been steadily increasing since 1990, not least because the town has excellent road connections to Vienna (40 minutes' drive to the city centre).

CREATING RESIDENTIAL SPACE

Providing affordable housing in times of skyrocketing real estate prices is one of the council's major goals. To this end, the municipality manages more than 700 council and cooperative housing units, around 60 of which can be allocated to people looking for apartments every year (primarily current residents of the town). In Leobersdorf, the goal is to give young residents the chance to establish a home of their own and to offer housing to new arrivals.

TOWN CENTRE REVITALISATION AND SHARED SPACE

Rathausplatz was created at the end of the 1970s following the removal of a row of houses facing the town hall and the



The Town Hall Square offers quite a lot during the hot summer season.

church. After this, the square was mainly used as a car park. A one-street village at the time, Leobersdorf's Hauptstrasse was experiencing increasing congestion caused by some 12,000 vehicles a day. Quality of life in the town centre was poor, while the retail trade suffered due to an exodus of customers and high vacancy rates, as well as competition from large, conveniently located shopping malls and outlet centres on the outskirts of town. The completion of the bypass in 2004 and the resulting alleviation of traffic on Hauptstrasse paved the way for an end-to-end redesign of the town centre, including traffic calming measures. The

targeted transformation of the centre into a shared space in 2008 reduced through traffic in the town centre while at the same time enhancing its attractiveness for shops. The project has demonstrably succeeded in reducing through traffic by almost 75%, and the average vehicle speed has been cut by lowering the speed limit to 20 km/h, coupled with construction measures and improved road design. The decrease in private traffic and the added opportunities of running short errands on foot or by bicycle have increased quality of life in the town and significantly reduced emissions. In 2011, the project received the Walk Space Award.



The square in front of the church in former times ...



...Nowadays, it is the ideal place for events.



AIR

Noise-free living: Better noise protection from the A2 motorway is a shared concern across all parties on the town council. In cooperation with motorway management and maintenance company Asfinag and the provincial government, new noise protection barriers will be erected and existing barriers raised in height or extended. Because residents need protection from motorway noise: up to 90,000 vehicles, including 6,000 trucks, pass through the Leobersdorf area on the A2 motorway every day. And the figure could reach 100,000 vehicles by 2020.

nextbikes: A lot of people get from A to B using eco-friendly nextbikes. In 2018, there were 892 hired bikes on the road, rented from 197 locations throughout Lower Austria. In Leobersdorf, 12 low-cost rental bikes are available at three locations. Commuters use nextbikes instead of buses or taxis to pedal from the train station to Ared Park or Rathausplatz. The bikes can be rented for EUR 1 per hour or EUR 10 per day.

SOIL

Animal custodians: Since the Trockenrasen am Lindenberg natural monument (an area of dry grassland on the Lindenberg hill) is in danger of becoming overgrown with bushes, the town of Leobersdorf – which is part of the nationwide Gesunde Gemeinde health promotion initiative – and the Lower Austrian Energy and Environment Agency have arranged for annual maintenance to be carried out there. And not only with human volunteers, but with animal assistance as well: 25 sheep will help preserve the rare dry

grassland as a natural monument. In fact, the dry grassland near the Hiatahütte hut on Lindenberg hill is an important habitat for a multitude of plants and animals that thrive in warm, dry conditions. Many of them, such as the western green lizard, pasque flowers and feather grass are red-listed species, meaning they are either endangered or threatened with extinction.

Ban on glyphosate: The controversial weed killer will no longer be used by town workers. As a result Leobersdorf is among the 15% of Austrian local authorities in which municipal employees no longer use such potentially harmful herbicides.

WATER

Water management: The headquarters of the Triesting Water Board is in Leobersdorf, and its chairman is the town's mayor, Andreas Ramharter. The board's mission includes carrying out clean-up and maintenance activities in the entire area served by the organisation and constructing flood control reservoirs to protect the inhabitants of the Triestingtal valley from flooding. In recent years, more than EUR 25m has been invested in flood protection.

'Future trees': In the course of future street renovations, only what are known as 'future trees' will be planted. These include varieties such as Hungarian silver limes, honey locusts and ornamental pears, which are not only attractive throughout the different seasons, but are also more resistant to the droughts and higher temperatures we are likely to see in the future. When upgrading roads, great care is taken to ensure that they are 'green': more than 4,000

square metres of new green space is currently being created on Südbahnstrasse. Automatic irrigation systems have been installed to ensure the efficient watering of trees and plants.

WASTE

Simplifying waste disposal: The state-of-the-art recycling centre on Mühlgasse was expanded in 2018 to include a garden waste collection area. A two-lane drive-in roadway runs alongside 16 covered container sites, where recycling centre users can dispose of their waste responsibly in the correct containers. On the centre's exterior, Leobersdorf's largest landscaped façade features ten different colours of vegetation to welcome people entering the town from Mühlgasse.

Green event: The Brückenlauf (Bridge Run) is one of about 30 annual events the town hosts. An exceptionally green event, this major run attracts several thousand visitors and has been committed to promoting sustainability for years. In 2019, the organisers stopped using thousands of disposable cups and plastic plates and cutlery in the entire athletes' village, in the catering zone and at the refreshment stations along the route.

ENERGY

Municipal energy strategy: In keeping with the town's New Energy for Leobersdorf plan, it is pushing ahead with the expansion of renewable energy sources. The measures are designed to achieve long-term energy autonomy (a balance between consumption and production). The plan focuses mainly on energy conservation and the use of renewables (solar, wood, etc.).

Solar energy on the march: Leobersdorf is harnessing the power of the sun. Solar power systems producing more than one megawatt of electricity have been installed in the town. This will enable the production of energy for several hundred households. Moreover, solar panels covering a total area equivalent to several football pitches have been installed on the roofs of the local primary school, secondary school, music school, recycling centre, security centre, several warehouses and the Leovital retirement home. The outdoor water park and the wellness centre are also supplied with solar energy. Once all the projects have been completed, solar power will account for a quarter of Leobersdorf's private electricity consumption and 10% of its total electricity needs. This will generate annual CO2 savings of 480 tonnes, equivalent to the annual emissions of about 220 cars.

Citizens do their bit: The 2013 Sonnenbaustein campaign demonstrated that the green energy transformation has been well received by Leobersdorf residents. In cooperation with Raiffeisenbank Leobersdorf, the municipality set up 400 Sonnenbaustein savings accounts of EUR 1,000 each to finance the project. The citizen investment initiative was so popular with the town's residents that all of the accounts were snapped up within a week.

European Energy Award: In 2018, Leobersdorf received the Silver European Energy Award for its long-standing commitment to promoting energy efficiency and climate protection. This European award is granted only if a municipality has implemented more than 50% of all potential measures to increase energy efficiency, supply renewable energy and protect the climate.



BUSTLING TOWN CENTRE

Officially opened in 2009, the new town centre is a once-in-a-century renovation project: a total of 7,840 square metres on Hauptstrasse and the main square were completely remodelled. The freshly renovated Rathausplatz now measures 1,500 square metres and is paved with 4,716 serpentine flagstones. The section of Hauptstrasse by the main square has been planted with 13 black pines and 22 English oaks. And thanks to water-permeable paving, they receive sufficient rainwater. This 'commitment to empty space' was widely acknowledged at the time and won the province of Lower Austria's Goldene Kelle ('Golden Trowel') award. The result of the project is a multifunctional town centre that more than lives up to 21st century standards. The stylish Rathausplatz has since become a popular meeting place: it's where people enjoy chatting over a cup of coffee or getting a delicious ice-cream with the kids. And if the weather takes a turn for the worse, you can pop into the neighbouring mall with its underground car park to do some shopping.

CREATING AN ATTRACTIVE ATMOSPHERE

A variety of shopping options and a fantastic atmosphere attract shoppers to the town on the River Triesting. This was the conclusion of the 2013 Purchasing Power Flow and

Retail Structure Survey commissioned by the Chamber of Commerce and the province of Lower Austria. The study highlighted the overall design concept for Hauptstrasse and Rathausplatz, citing Leobersdorf as a textbook example of an outstanding town centre design which enhances quality for visitors. The town centre was awarded an overall grade of 1.4 for its modern design and landscaping. And there is plenty of parking in the town centre, with more than 300 spaces, while the town's signage system is a model for visitor orientation.



The spacious Town Hall Square in the city centre did not always exist.

CAR-FREE SUMMER

From mid-June to mid-September, Hauptstrasse is closed to through traffic, allowing residents to enjoy an even more pleasant visit to the town centre. During the day, scooters

and bikes take the place of rumbling cars and trucks, thanks to the temporary pedestrian zone.

PARK AND DRIVE FOR COMMUTERS

Opened in 2019, the commuter car park by the Leobersdorf exit from the A2 motorway currently offers 60 parking spaces right next to motorway on-ramps. Once completed, there could be space for as many as 200 vehicles. This makes it even easier for commuters to form carpools for journeys to Vienna or Graz while simultaneously cutting CO₂ emissions.



Thanks to a relief road combined with a 20 km/h speed limit in the centre, traffic on Leobersdorf's main street decreased by three quarters.

TROUBLE-FREE TRAIN TRAVEL

Additional parking has been available for train commuters at Leobersdorf railway station since September 2018.

Following an initiative of Leobersdorf council, an additional park and ride car park was built on land owned by the town on Günselsdorfer Strasse, where over 80 new parking spaces are now available for motorists. Including the existing parking deck, this will provide a total of several hundred parking spaces at Leobersdorf station, facilitating the environmentally friendly switch from cars to trains.

LIGHTS OUT!

By fully converting street lighting to LEDs and replacing more than 1,100 old power-guzzling lamps, around 280,000 KWh of electricity were saved, a figure equivalent to the annual consumption of 60 single-family homes or the annual CO₂ emissions of around 30 cars.

MAGICAL ATMOSPHERE

Understated, yet visible in daylight and energy-efficient: a new Christmas lighting system for the main roads into Leobersdorf was purchased in 2018. Equipped with state-of-the-art, energy-saving LED technology, the system will also reduce future maintenance costs. Since it was installed, the magical lighting on the two towering trees on Rathausplatz has been lighting up Leobersdorf's evenings all year round.



Leobersdorf is situated at the edge of the lush Triestingtal valley, and the picturesque River Triesting runs through the town. Around 60 kilometres long, the Triesting's source is in the Kaumberg region and it flows into the Danube by Schwechat. Flowing through Leobersdorf for 2.4 kilometres, the river provides a habitat for a variety of wildlife. In the future, we aim to prevent devastating floods such as those in 2002 and 1998, which is why the council, as a member of the Triesting Water Board, is working intensively on flood protection measures in the town.



A popular place for relaxation: the Triesting river.

THE WIENER NEUSTADT CANAL

The Wiener Neustadt Canal was built between 1797 and 1803 as a 63-kilometre segment of a larger project designed to support the transport of goods between Sopron and

Vienna. Ultimately, only the section between Vienna and Wiener Neustadt was completed, and it was primarily used to transport coal, firewood and bricks. Today the EuroVelo 9 cycle path runs along the Wiener Neustadt Canal near Leobersdorf; the path was tarmacked in 2019.

THE FIRST VIENNA MOUNTAIN SPRING WATER TRANSMISSION LINE

The 90-kilometre first Vienna mountain spring water transmission line, running from Kaiserbrunn an der Rax to the Austrian capital, crosses the Leobersdorf municipal area for about five kilometres. Two aqueducts with around 22 brick arches dominate the landscape in the town. Today it delivers 62 million cubic metres of water per year to the city, accounting for 44% of Vienna's drinking water supply.



Vienna is supplied from the 1st Vienna Water Pipeline.



WINEMAKING

Winemaking has a long tradition in Leobersdorf. The town's two local hills, the Lindenberg and Sollenauer Berg, were probably planted with cultivated grape vines as far back as pre-Roman times. The Untere Setz has also developed into a viticultural region – and Leobersdorf into a winemaking community.



Leobersdorf without viniculture is unimaginable.

MODERN AND UNCLUTTERED

For the sake of the town's overall appearance, flyposting is prohibited. The council has installed 14 new display cases around the town where we provide local clubs with free advertising space for their events. And a large notice board on Hauptschulplatz keeps residents informed about all the activities of Leobersdorf's 50 or so associations.



GREEN OASIS

The unique Generationenpark is a huge recreational area close to the town centre that is popular with all generations, from grandparents to grandchildren: an adventure playground, giant sand ships, extra-long slides, and green willow houses – there is plenty of space for children to play. The main attraction in winter is the large tobogganing hill, which can be supplied with snow by the council's snow cannon if required. Callisthenics equipment has also been installed in the park: a barre, a pull-up bar and monkey bars can be used for strength training using your own body weight. Between one and three municipal workers are always on hand to maintain and care for the 35,000-square-metre park, working to ensure that people of all ages as well as countless visitors from near and far can enjoy Leobersdorf's green oasis.

GETTING ACTIVE

bewegungs.reich Leobersdorf comprises nine precisely measured routes in and around Leobersdorf with kilometre marks and signage for walkers, runners, Nordic walkers and hikers. Each individual route follows a loop from Rathausplatz and back again.



Leobersdorf's "Generations Park" – a paradise for young and old!

STATE-OF-THE-ART SPORTS FACILITIES

Leobersdorf has several children's playgrounds, a football pitch, tennis courts, an outdoor gym and a mini-golf course. Currently, a brand-new club house including changing rooms is under construction at the sports grounds. The new building will be 75 metres long and built along the entire width of the pitch directly behind the goal on Enzesfelder Strasse. It will provide more than 560 square metres of space, including five changing rooms with three washrooms, a referee's changing room with bathroom, a kit manager's room and a laundry room, as well as numerous toilets, storage rooms and utility rooms, such as a garage for the tractor mower. Likewise, the club lounge and canteen, as well as the foyer and ticket counters will be remodelled to round off the state-of-the-art sports facility.

SNACKING ALLOWED!

Having a quick snack is not only permitted, but explicitly encouraged thanks to the Essbares Leobersdorf ('Edible Leobersdorf') project. In public places such as parks and in planters, the town has planted fruit trees, berries and fruit bushes which residents can nibble from. In front of the town hall there are six 'herb barrels' – converted oak barrels, freshly planted with all kinds of kitchen and medicinal herbs. Whether it's oregano for your pizza or mint for your cocktail, you can pick all this and more anytime you like.



Eat Leobersdorf: Enjoy fresh fruits from public trees!



José Feliciano took part in the opening ceremony for his walkway.

JOSÉ FELICIANO-PROMENADE

This is the name of the lush riverside path to Generationenpark between Untere Setz-Steg and Pröll-Steg. It was named in honour of the many years of service rendered in and for Leobersdorf by the international star and resident of the town. With its diverse vegetation and spaces for simply whiling away the time, the promenade aims to provide a stimulating sensory experience for people taking a leisurely stroll.



HEALTHY TREES

In 2011, Leobersdorf's entire tree population – in public spaces and at public facilities such as kindergartens, schools, outdoor swimming pools and parks – was recorded and assessed in a tree registry for the first time. Experts from the Austrian Federal Forestry Office currently inspect just under 1,200 trees in the town each year and, based on this assessment, they recommend appropriate action plans. Measures include removing deadwood, pruning back treetops and non-tree vegetation, or felling. These activities are largely carried out by the municipal works team, while some are handed over to a professional arborist. In areas where felling is necessary, a replanting scheme is drawn up

and new trees are planted. In exceptional cases in which passers-by are not at risk, dead trees are not removed but left untouched to serve as habitat trees for wildlife such as birds, insects, mammals, fungi, mosses and lichens.

NO TO HERBICIDES

Leobersdorf has committed to using entirely chemical-free, environmentally friendly weed-killing methods. A specially designed vehicle sprays weeds with 140°C steam. This process triggers a protein shock in the weeds that destroys the plant's cell walls. This toxin-free weed-control method is also safe for bees and other insects.



Leobersdorf's streets flourish in all colours.



COLOURFUL ROUNDABOUTS

Leobersdorf's roundabouts are planted to reflect the seasons. They change their floral look several times a year, acting as eye-catchers for both visitors and Leobersdorf residents. The flower beds are maintained by a nursery, while watering on hot days is handled by municipal workers and volunteers from the town beautification association.



Everywhere in the city impressive green spaces can be found.

LONG-LASTING PLANTING

When new roads are laid, most of the borders are planted with perennials rather than seasonals. These shrubs do not have to be replanted annually and are well adapted to the changing climate.

LEARNING ABOUT NATURE

At kindergartens, schools and the youth centre we teach kids how to cultivate crop plants. Here, the children plant and tend to potato pyramids and raised beds, and much more besides.

MEDITERRANEAN FLAIR

About 50 olive trees have been planted in Leobersdorf. These undemanding trees originate from Spain and Italy and some are as old as 300 years. Most of them are hardy so they can spend the winter out of doors.



200 square metres of living walls warmly welcome visitors in Leobersdorf's Mühlgasse.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY AWARDS

As an e5 municipality, Leobersdorf is among a group of towns that work together with local councillors and private individuals in the e5 team to improve energy efficiency. Similar to the star-based hotel classification system, one or more 'E's are assigned to a town depending on their performance. Leobersdorf has already received three from a total of five possible 'E's from the Lower Austrian Energy and Environment Agency, with an implementation rate of over 57% – placing the town in the European Champions League! In the long run, this will result in a healthier environment, because if less oil or gas is burned, there will be fewer exhaust fumes. And where energy is saved, money is too – namely that of the entire community.

EXEMPLARY ENERGY ACCOUNTING

Leobersdorf compares favourably with other towns in terms of energy consumption. This is thanks to detailed energy accounting by the town council. The municipal offices, schools, kindergartens, street lighting and the municipal vehicle fleet – in short, every energy consumer is entered into the accounts. Then, a comparison is carried out across some 200 Lower Austrian towns. Ultimately, the comparison aims to show whether, for example, Leobersdorf's kindergartens consume more or less energy than comparable facilities elsewhere and whether improvements can be made.

ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS SCHOOL

Leobersdorf primary school has applied for the Umweltzeichen eco-label for education and schools. The Austrian eco-label certifies schools and teacher training colleges that make a strong commitment to protecting the environment, and to sustainable, socially-aware school development. Organic, regional food and health promotion are other important core issues for Umweltzeichen-certified schools.



The annual family day provides a lot of nature experiences at the Generations Park.

PROMOTING E-MOBILITY

At annual e-mobility information events, visitors can find out about the pros and cons of e-bikes, e-mopeds and electric cars. Private citizens can also rent an electric cargo bike at the town hall, enabling them to transport their goods in a way that is cheaper and more environmentally friendly.

HEALTHY ALL YEAR ROUND

As part of the Gesunde Gemeinde initiative, the town hosts around 20 health-related and nature events every year, such as cooking with wild herbs or workshops on natural cosmetics. The typical programme also includes nutritional advice and a chance to share experiences.



Sheep help protect precious dry grasslands at the Lindenberg.

LOCAL HISTORY MADE EASY

Where did Schärtlinggasse or the Nowak-Mühle mill get their names from? Anyone who has ever wondered about these questions might find the answers on their next walk: the town has compiled the stories behind Leobersdorf's street names and buildings, recounting them on information plaques which have been installed on about 50 streets and 40 buildings. Their aim is to bring the stories about their namesakes to life.



Simple street names turned into reminders of Leobersdorf's past.



ALWAYS SOMETHING GOING ON

From the dog club to the choir to the tennis club – more than 50 associations make for a vibrant community scene in Leobersdorf. In the hot summer months, for example, the village beautification association waters dozens of flower beds all over the town. And more than 170 guides and scouts cultivate their love of nature and a responsible relationship with their environment.



The voluntary club of village beautification creates a radiant city center.

THE PEDIBUS MARCHES ON

Committed parents make the trip to school with groups of first-graders and other primary school children on foot. The Pedibus initiative aims to increase the number of children walking to school every morning while reducing the number of cars used to drop the youngsters off; these can number up to 90 a day.

SPRING CLEANING IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Once a year we clean the town. The local beautification association and the council invite volunteers to help clean roadsides and neighbouring fields. Anything up to 100 hard-working members of the community help Leobersdorf to remove thoughtlessly discarded litter – almost 30 cubic metres of rubbish were collected in 2019.



Kids get to school safe with the Pedibus – a pedestrian “bus” guided by adults.

FREE LIBRARY

The town’s free library box right outside the town hall is well frequented. Every day, up to 20 book lovers pay a visit to the converted telephone booth to find fascinating, free literature. Anybody can take one or more books home and return them after reading – and add their own books as well. And if you are looking for something more specific, a good place to start is the public library on Marktplatz, where bookworms and avid readers have a choice of more than 6,000 works.



“Schmöker-Zelle” is a bookworm’s dream – grab a book there!

A MAGNET FOR PILGRIMS

The Heilsame Brunnen spring is just outside the town. It is said to have healing powers, which is why the spring and Marienkapelle chapel built beside it are still popular destinations for day trippers from near and far. The village renewal association is currently busy revitalising and beautifying the pilgrimage site.

SPACE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Since autumn 2018, there has been a new meeting place for young people in Leobersdorf: the covered pavilion behind the Security Centre was built by young people for young people. In addition to the youth centre on Alleegasse, the Tandem mobile youth work group is on the road all year round at many other locations in Leobersdorf. Young people aged 12 and over can contact the group about any issues they have.



Supporting teens: the youth work TANDEM offers information and company when needed.



NOW SERVING!

The guest gardens at the town's 20 Heuriger wine taverns are an inviting spot to take a break and enjoy a glass of good wine. There's also a wide range of culinary delights on offer: take your pick from warm delicacies, hearty home cooking or cold specialities from the in-house butcher.

RELAXATION AT ITS BEST

That's what the Leobersdorf WellnessOase spa has to offer. Classic sauna facilities and innovative wellness areas at all temperature levels guarantee a relaxing stay for body, mind and soul. Light therapy, soft music, aroma grottos and exclusive herbal infusions give a new lease of life while providing the ultimate relaxing experience. Cold mist showers, splish-splash systems, an outdoor pool and spacious shower areas offer a variety of options to cool off.



The "WellnessOase" is THE place to relax.

Visitors can also find peace and relaxation in the numerous lounges, as well as in the romantic fireside lounge, with a crackling fire and a spectacular view of the evening sky.

OPEN-AIR EVENTS

Throughout the year, the main square in front of the Pfarrkirche church and town hall serves as an impressive backdrop for countless events such as the Bridge Run, the Leobersdorfer Sommerzaubern open-air cultural programme, various markets, Austria's largest outdoor gallery, the festive Christmas market, and many more.

LIKE A FAIRY TALE

With seating for up to 500 guests, the Leobersdorf Event Centre provides a magnificent setting for weddings, celebrations and corporate events.



Wedding dreams come true in Leobersdorf's Eventcenter.



WANT TO COOL OFF?

Leobersdorf's outdoor water park featuring extensive lawns for sunbathing – two and a half football fields in size – and a variety of swimming pools is a real attraction for sun worshippers and water lovers alike. The water park and family pool with a whitewater channel, a kids' pool, a 65 metre-long water slide, two diving towers, a waterfall and a giant wide slide all make the pool a top draw. In addition to these attractions, visitors can use a beach volleyball court and there is direct access from the pool to the adjoining mini-golf course. Spending a day out in Leobersdorf has never been easier.

WINE IN THE PARK

Every year at the end of July, the Parkheuriger wine tavern attracts countless visitors to the town park from all over Lower Austria. For almost two weeks, you can savour a delicious glass of wine and crispy fried chicken under the shade of majestic sycamores and chestnut trees.

THE INCREDIBLE LIGHTNESS OF BEING

Leobersdorf is home to Austria's one and only light museum. With its unique collection of old lighting fixtures, LEUM in the old Halterhaus is dedicated to the fascinating history of lighting – from pinewood chips, oil lamps and candles to mains-connected gas lights and

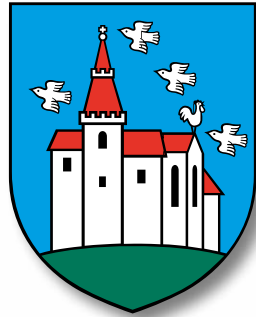
ubiquitous modern-day LEDs. The interactive museum features many eye-catching exhibits on Leobersdorf's diverse history and brings to life the work of a cooper – an important profession in a winemaking town.



The Museums of Light LEUM is unique in Austria.

YOUNG ARTISTS

The basement of the Halterhaus is no longer home to the village bull, but to the renowned Malakademie art academy with its carefully curated exhibitions. Here, budding artists can give their creativity free rein and exhibit their works at private views.



Bundesland: Niederösterreich

Koordinaten: N47° 55' 42.38" E16° 13' 1.942"

Seehöhe: 267 m

Fläche: 12,374 km²

