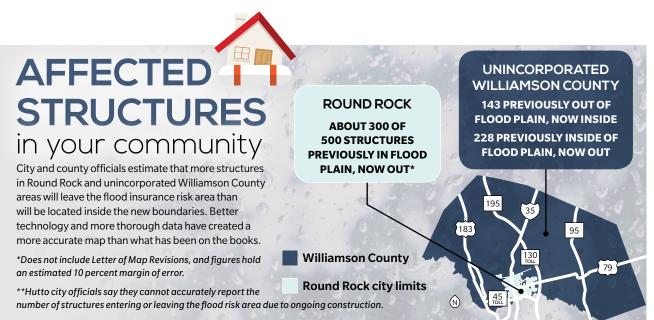


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New flood insurance map to affect hundreds

Local officials expect many houses to escape flood plain

students in 2017-18

BY IAIN OLDMAN

Texas in 2017

A seven-year collaborative effort to update a decadeold flood map that determines if a federally backed mortgage is legally mandated to purchase flood insurance is in the final stages of development in Williamson County. The new map, developed and published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency is based off a watershed study by the Upper Brushy Creek Water Control and Improvement District, will affect hundreds of Round Rock CONTINUED ON **36**



'The hidden homeless': Nonprofits step up to help residents in need

BY MARISA CHARPENTIER AND KIRBY KILLOUGH

In Round Rock and surrounding communities, homelessness and housing insecurity does not look the way it does in Austin, but it still exists, according to area nonprofits.

"There is a category that I would call 'the hidden homeless' because you're not going to see them under any bridges or on street corners here in Round Rock, but they are here," said Debbie Rippstein, president of the Texas Baptist Children's Home.

At the Round Rock Area Serving Center off Main Street, area residents gather to collect vouchers for food from the food pantry or to shop for clothing in the center's thrift store.

The volunteer-operated nonprofit offers not only access to food and clothing but also vouchers for utilities, rent and other necessary living expenses. Cynthia Flores, a case

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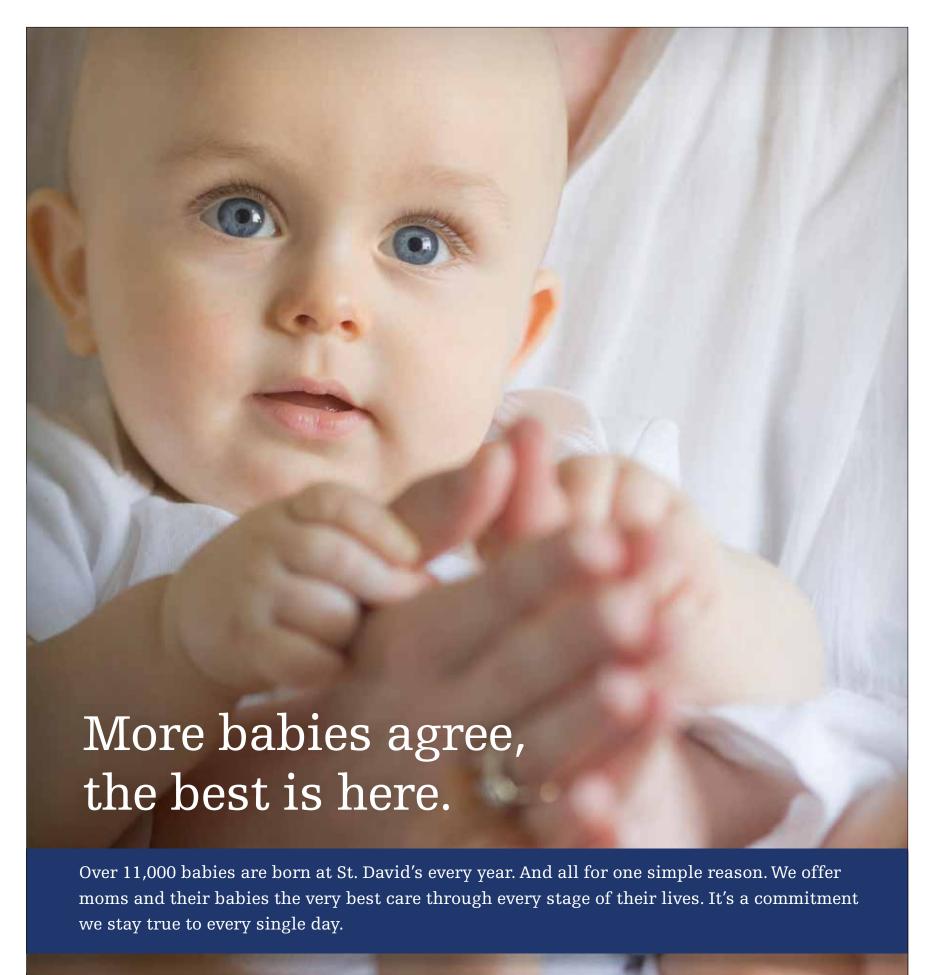








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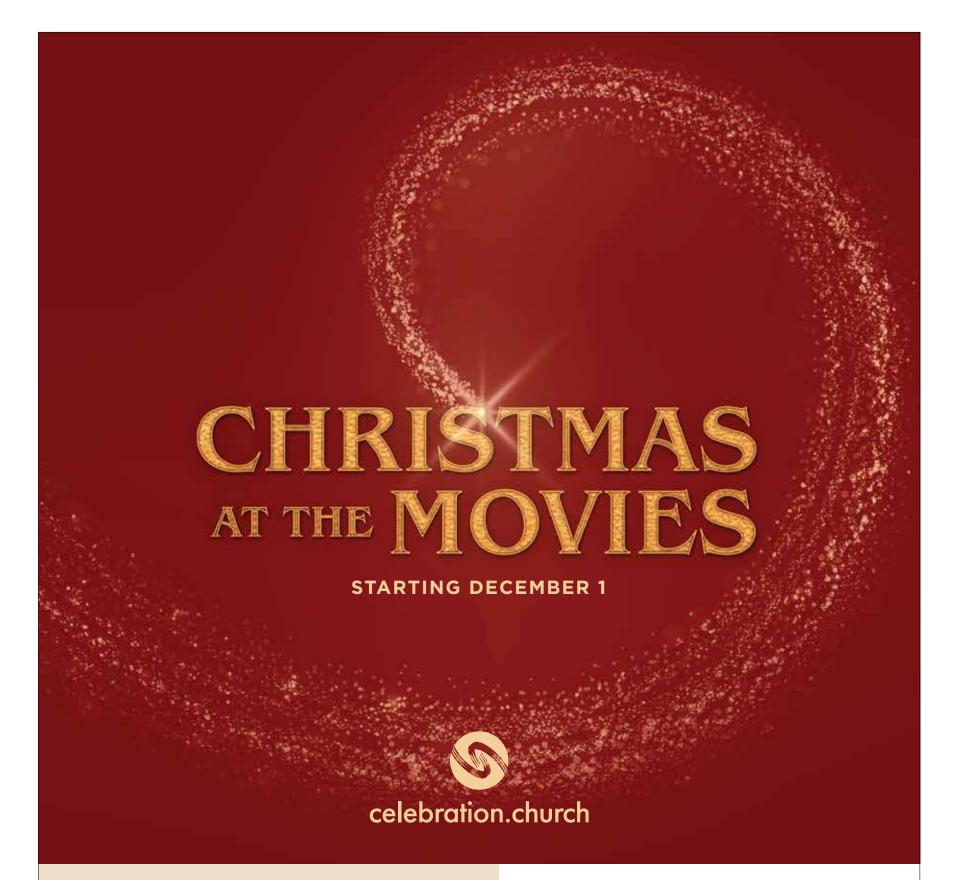
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Opportunities to lend a helping hand await

"Home for the holidays" is a saying to which most of us can relate. It reminds us of the comfort of being at home, surrounded by family, celebrating this wonderful time of the year. I can picture the presents and taste the eggnog already!

However, there are people in our communities who do not have a place to call home not just during the holidays, but any time of the year.

For this edition we spoke with community leaders about the scope of the problem and the resources available to those in need. We also explored why homelessness looks different here than it does in Travis, Harris and Dallas counties.

If you are able and would like to get involved, our Volunteer Guide (see Page 30) offers a great list of places where you can help those in need.

Finally, as we wrap up 2018 I would like to take a moment to thank you, our readers, for your continued support. It is like getting a Christmas gift each time we receive reader feedback that an article we wrote was useful in your daily life.

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Happy holidays!



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We also do not print article submissions from people outside our company. However, we love to receive ideas for stories from our readers. If you have an idea for a news report or business profile related to Round Rock, Pflugerville or Hutto, please email it to me. This is one of the best ways we come up with story ideas.

Another way we generate stories is by covering the Round Rock, Pflugerville and Hutto ISD boards of trustees and city council meetings. We often find out about new developments or policies from those meetings. Similarly, we learn about important topics in the community by attending local events and driving around the area to see what is happening.

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NOW OPEN

1 Moonshine Patio Bar & Grill opened a location Dec. 3 at 10525 W. Parmer Lane, Austin. The restaurant will be the business's second location. It will share the original location's Southern motif but with updated aesthetics and menu options. 512-236-9599. www.moonshinegrill.com

2 Kate Spade New York opened Nov. 16 at the Round Rock Premium Outlets, located at 4401 N. I-35, Ste. 557, Round Rock. The store offers handbags, clothing, jewelry, shoes and other accessories. 512-763-8469. www.katespade.com

3 Lupe Tortilla opened in early November at 240 Bass Pro Drive, Round Rock, after a soft opening period. The Tex-Mex restaurant chain's menu includes items such as seafood, fajitas and margaritas. 512-975-2440. www.lupetortilla.com

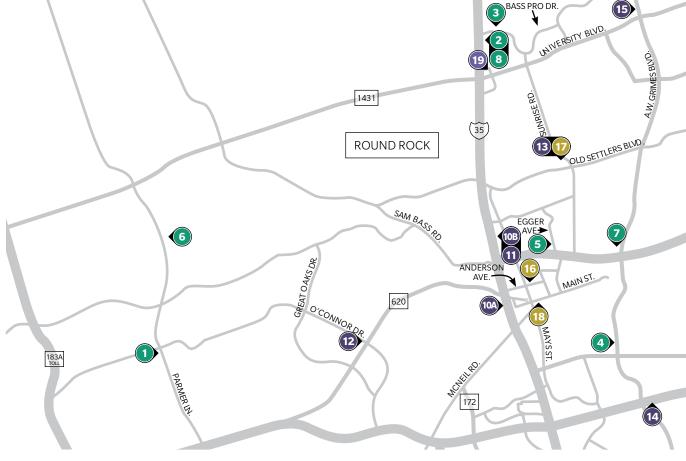
4 **Dogtopia** opened Nov. 19 at 1500 S. A.W. Grimes Blvd., Ste. 150, Round Rock. The dog day care, boarding and spa facility employs webcams for pet parents to watch their dogs remotely. 512-333-1145. www.dogtopia.com/roundrock

5 Pathways Child Development

Center, part of the Hutto Learning network of schools, opened early November at 1100 Egger Ave., Round Rock. The location offers day care and classrooms for children ranging from 6 weeks old to prekindergarten. 512-919-4271. www.pathwayscdc.net

6 360 Painting of Round Rock opened in September at 12160 W. Parmer Lane, Stes. 130-213, Cedar Park. The locally owned business provides residential and commercial painting services. 512-288-0760. https://360painting.com/roundrock

7 Board & Brush Creative Studio held its grand opening Dec. 1 at 1700 E. Palm Valley Blvd., Ste. 470, Round Rock. The studio holds workshops for participants to create personalized wooden decor signs, trays and boxes. 512-529-8658. www.boardandbrush.com/roundrock



8 Attic Salt opened a location in November at the Round Rock Premium Outlets, located at 4401 N. I-35, Round Rock. The national retail chain sells dresses, graphic t-shirts, jewelry, accessories and more. 512-347-9224. www.shopfuego.com

9 Murphy USA opened a gas station Nov. 26 in front of Walmart at 4700 E. Palm Valley Blvd., Bldg. 2, Round Rock. 512-246-1209. www.murphyusa.com

COMING SOON

10 BeeSafe Storage and Wine Cellar is building two Round Rock locations at A 510 S. I-35 and B 1405 N. I-35, according to the company's website. BeeSafe Storage offers storage spaces ranging from 5 feet by 5 feet to 10 feet by 30 feet.

336-332-0123. www.beesafe.com.

11) Swad announced plans to open a location at 1401 S. I-35, Ste. 220, Round Rock, in January. The Austin-based restaurant specializes in Indian vegetarian dishes. www.facebook.com/vegeswad

12 Goodwill Central Texas will open a location in summer 2019 at 17300 RM 620, Round Rock. Further details about the location have not been released. 512-637-7100. www.goodwillcentraltexas.org

E. Old Settlers Blvd., Ste. 200, Round Rock, with a soft opening in January and possible grand opening Feb. 14. The restaurant's first location is in Austin and serves Italian cuisine. The space was formerly occupied by La Tertulia d' Zoey Bakery and Restaurant, which closed due to a fire in March. www.ginosvino.com

4 **QuikTrip** gas station is under construction at 901 Louis Henna Blvd., Round Rock. QuikTrip representatives said they hope to have the store open in either late February or early March. www.quiktrip.com

Lodge plans to open in January at 5120 N.

A.W. Grimes Blvd., Round Rock. The animal hospital will provide diagnostic and medical services for companion animals seven days per week. The facility will feature separate cat and dog waiting areas and exam rooms as well as a large, air-conditioned pet lodge with dog runs, boarding rooms and cat condos. www.vistapetvet.com

ANNIVERSARY

16 **Retro Barbershop** celebrated its first anniversary Dec. 4 at 110 E. Anderson Ave.,



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Ste. 200, Round Rock. The barbershop specializes in classic cuts inspired by the '20s and '50s as well as hot-towel straight-razor shaves and beard trims. 512-906-1474. www.theretrobarbershop.com

17 Greenhouse Craft Food celebrated five years in business at 1400 E. Old Settlers Blvd., Ste. 110, Round Rock, on Oct. 5. The restaurant's menu features burgers, sandwiches and more with regular specials and a selection of craft beers and wines. The restaurant opened a second location in Georgetown on Nov. 17. 512-366-5567. www.greenhousecraftfood.com

18 Star Coffee, located at 201 E. Main St., Round Rock, celebrates its 10th anniversary Jan. 7. The coffee shop serves coffee, espresso drinks and ice cream as well as breakfast, lunch and dinner. 512-840-0095. www.starcoffeetx.com

IN THE NEWS

19 Tomlinson's Feed, with a location at 200 University Blvd., Ste. 330, Round Rock, announced on Nov. 12 that it donated 1,896 cans of wet cat food to the Austin Humane Society, a no-kill and nonprofit adoption center. 512-863-7100. www.tomlinsons.com

HUTTO

NOW OPEN

20 Great Clips opened Nov. 29 in Star Ranch Market at 2098 Muirfield Bend Drive, Ste. 115, Hutto. The nationwide chain offers casual salon services and sells hair care and cosmetic products in-store. 512-712-5755. www.greatclips.com

FEATURED IMPACT—ANNIVERSARIES



Pustka Family Barbecue celebrated one year of business Oct. 31 at 550 S. FM 1660, Hutto. The 25-foot barbecue trailer smokes brisket, ribs, turkey, chicken and handmade sausage daily; serves traditional barbecue sides; and makes its menu items from scratch. 512-466-5949. www.facebook.com/pustkafamilybarbeque









Hippo Haulers began operations in early November. The home-based business offers hauling and removal services for trash, bulk items, appliances and more. 512-744-5529. www.facebook.com/hippohaulers

COMING SOON

21 H. Mack Co. plans to open mid-Jan-

uary at 567 Chris Kelley Blvd., Ste. 205, Hutto, in the Hutto Plaza development. The salon will provide haircut services for men, women and children, including coloring, highlights and specialty colors. H. Mack Co. will also offer facial waxing and brow tinting. 512-759-8998.

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NOW OPEN

1 CBD American Shaman opened Nov. 18 at 200 E. Pecan St., Ste. 4, Pflugerville. The business offers cannabidiol products in lotions, tinctures, gummies and more. 512-305-3150.

www.ctxamericanshaman.com

- 2 Austin Pole Vault and Throws celebrated its grand opening Nov. 10 at 1201 S. Heatherwilde Blvd., Pflugerville. The indoor track and field training facility trains athletes with a focus on pole vaulting and shot put. 512-777-8537. https://austinpolevault.com
- **3 Tony's Jamaican Food** opened in mid-November at 2700 W. Pecan St., Ste. 750, Pflugerville. The restaurant serves Caribbean cuisine, featuring dishes such as jerk chicken, curry chicken, oxtail and curry goat. 512-358-4949
- 4 Baylor Scott & White Medical Center-Plugerville opened Dec. 1 at 2600 E. Pflugerville Parkway, Pflugerville. The hospital is the first in Pflugerville and collaborates with the Baylor Scott & White Clinic-Pflugerville which opened at the same location Oct. 1. 512-654-6500. www.bswhealth.com

COMING SOON

5 Sweet Stop Bakery will open some-

time in early December at 16051 Dessau Road, Ste. F, Pflugerville. According to owners, the bakery will serve pies, cakes, cookies and more.www.pflugersweetstop.com

RELOCATIONS

6 Eternal Waters Aquamation in December is relocating to 1019 S. Heatherwilde Blvd, Ste. 130, Pflugerville. The business, previously located in another suite in the same business park, uses an eco-friendly, water-based system for pet cremation. Eternal Waters Aquamation offers a comfort rooms for final moments with pets, and families can host memorial services at the business. 512-369-2913. www.eternalwatersaquamation.com

EXPANSIONS

announced Nov. 28 that the restaurant's expansion is officially open at 15608 Spring Hill Lane, Ste. 105, Pflugerville. Brotherton's Black Iron Barbecue absorbed its neighboring suite, increasing the restaurant's space by about 30 percent. 512-547-4766. www.blackironeats.com

ANNIVERSARIES

8 Big Al's Diner celebrated its first year of business Nov. 20 at 800 W. Pecan St., Ste. A, Pflugerville. The diner serves

breakfast and lunch with a menu that includes breakfast tacos, pancakes, pork tenderloin sandwiches, all-beef hot dogs, hand-pounded burgers and more. 512-838-6838.

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www.facebook.com/bigals38

9 Iron Fish Sushi & Grill celebrated one year of business Dec. 4 at 900 E. Pecan St., Ste. 800, Pflugerville. Diners can order varieties of hand-rolled sushi in addition to noodle dishes and other entrees. 512-670-2480. www.ironfishsushiandgrill.com

IN THE NEWS

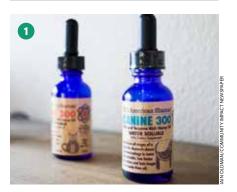
Typhoon Texas and the Pflugerville Community Development Corp. amended their agreement Nov. 15 to allow for the construction of a year-round restaurant at the water park. The restaurant is expected to open in 2020. The agreement also calls for the PCDC to fund traffic access improvements to the park to begin construction after Sept. 3, 2019. Typhoon Texas will also have the ability to use the property as collateral in a loan to fund a new attraction. 512-212-7792. www.typhoontexas.com

CLOSING

(11) Gaddy's Feed Store closed Nov. 11 after 45 years in business at 403 FM 685, Pflugerville.

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Wine Sensation hosts annual wine tasting event

The event features wines accompanied by food. 2-5 p.m. \$25. Wine Sensation, 409 N. Mavs St., Round Rock. 512-255-0526. www.eventbrite.com/e/ holiday-grand-wine-tasting-foodpairing-tickets-51517843256

Snow falls on Downtown

Hutto's Downtown Christmas Fair features

and other activities. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$5-\$10.

Christmas Fair in Hutto

artisan and craft vendors as well as

entertainment and artificial snow. The

children's area will include a snow slide

Downtown Hutto. www.facebook.com/



Old Settlers Association presents Christmas Towne

Christmas Towne 2018 features light displays, a walking tunnel of lights and full-scale carnival rides. Times vary. Free (admission), ride ticket prices vary. Old Settlers Association and Dell Diamond parking lot, 3300 E. Palm Valley Blvd., Round Rock. www.roundrocktexas.gov

™ To-do list

Your ultimate local guide for events, business openings, meetings and more in the month of December and early January.

Find more or submit Round Rock, Pflugerville and Hutto events at communityimpact.com/rph-calendar.

Event organizers can submit local events online to be considered for the print edition. Submitting details for consideration does not guarantee publication.



NOV. 29-DEC. 29

Penfold Theatre presents Christmas performance

Penfold Theatre Co. presents an adaptation of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), 2 p.m. (Sat. matinee). \$15-\$25. Old Settlers Hall, 3300 E. Palm Valley Blvd., Round Rock. 512-850-4849. www.penfoldtheatre.org

WORTH THE TRIP

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Nov. 9-Jan. 1 | Ice! Featuring **Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer**

Scenes from "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" will be brought to life in the indoor walk-through holiday attraction featuring two million pounds of ice sculptures and six ice slides. Times vary. \$13.99-\$19.99. Gaylord Texan Hotel, 1501 Gaylord Trail, Grapevine. 817-778-1000.

www.christmasatgaylordtexan.com

Nov. 17-Dec. 31 | Zoo Lights

The San Antonio Zoo's Zoo Lights event invites guests to enjoy cocoa, roast s'mores and watch the Lakeside Lightshow. Noon-9 p.m. (Sun.-Fri.), 10 a.m.-9 p.m. (Sat.). \$22.99-\$24.99. San Antonio Zoo, 3903 N. St. Mary's St., San Antonio. https://sazoo.org/events/zoo-lights

Dec. 21-25, 27-Jan. 1 | Cirque Joyeux

Moody Gardens hosts the Lone Star Circus' Cirque Joyeux. \$19-\$109 (ages 3-12, dinner and show), \$29-\$109 (adults, dinner and show), \$19-49 (matinee only). Moody Gardens Hotel, 7 Hope Blvd., Galveston. http://moodychristmasshow.com

DEC.8

Pet photo event raises money for local rescue

Cuz I Matter Animal Rescue's annual Santa Paws event features pet and family photos with Santa Claus, vendors and a silent auction. 1-5 p.m. Free admission. Hanovers Draught Haus, 108 E. Main St., Pflugerville. 512-740-0574. www.facebook.com/ events/327410574686150

LIBRARY EVENTS

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December

06 Nailed It! cake challenge

08 An afternoon with Santa

13 Adult craft night: alcohol ink

20 Mystery book club

January

03 3D printer training

06 Journaling group

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www.roundrocktexas.gov/ departments/library

07,12,13 Puppet show

10 Rockin' Kids Club: gingerbread house art

15 Acoustic open jam

20 Tween Maker Club: DIY gift workshop

07 Rockin' Kids Club: LEGO free-build

08 Book group for adults



HUTTO PUBLIC LIBRARY

205 West St., Hutto 512-759-4008 www.huttotx.gov/library

December

07 First Friday film

NOV. 23-DEC. 15

Children's theater group presents a classic story

Sam Bass Children's Theatre presents a dramatization of C.S. Lewis' novel "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe." Performance is suitable for all ages. Times vary. \$13-\$15. Sam Bass Theatre, 600 N. Lee St., Round Rock.

512-763-7228. www.sambasstheatre.org

DEC.7

Christmas Family Night lights up Round Rock

Christmas Family Night in downtown Round Rock includes entertainment and activities. Santa Claus and Mayor Craig Morgan turn on the lights on the water tower and Prete Plaza. 6:30 p.m. Free. Prete Plaza, 221 E. Main St., Round Rock. www.roundrocktexas.gov

See a full list of events at communityimpact.com/events.

DEC. 14

Area choirs perform in annual holiday concert

Performances include the Round Rock Community Choir, Round Rock Youth Choir, McNeil High School Musicale and Council Oak Bells. 7 p.m. Free. First United Methodist Church, 1004 N. Mays St., Round Rock. 703-568-6997. www.roundrockcommunitychoir.org

DEC. 15

Cantata retells the story of Christmas with carols

The Silence and the Sound Christmas Cantata by the Stonehill Seventh-day Adventist Church Choir features carols from adult and children's choirs, soloists and narration. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Stonehill SDA Church, 4301 Kelly Lane, Pflugerville. 512-537-1844. www.stonehillchurch.org

DEC. 16

Annual holiday concert benefits Senior Access

Mistletoe Magic, Senior Access' 24th annual choral concert, features choirs from local churches. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. First United Methodist Church, 1004 N. Mays St., Round Rock. 512-310-1060. https://www.facebook.com/senioraccesstx/?ref=br_rs

DEC. 23

Church hosts Christmas party with music, contests

Faith4Life Church's Christ in Christmas Party includes an ugly Christmas sweater contest, giveaways, Christmas music and words from Pastor Evan Black. 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Faith4Life Church, 1000 McNeil Rd., Round Rock. 512-341-8957. https://faith4lifeaus.com

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

Dec. 7 | Tree Lighting & Santa's Workshop | Cedar Park

The event features live music, carriage rides, games and photos with Santa Claus. https://www.cedarparktexas.gov/departments/parks-recreation/specialevents-day-camps/tree-lighting-santa-sworkshop-december-7

Dec. 7-23 | 'The Nutcracker' | Austin Ballet Austin presents its 56th annual

Ballet Austin presents its 56th annual production of "The Nutcracker" with the Austin Symphony Orchestra. https://balletaustin.org/performances/thenutcracker2018







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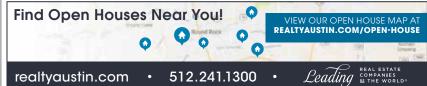


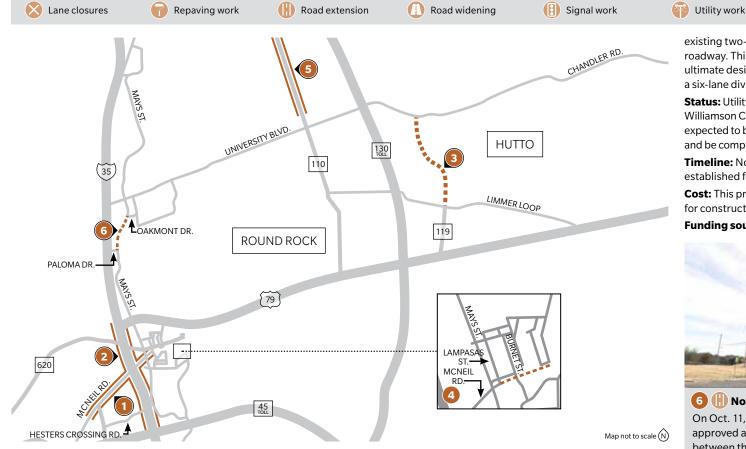
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RECENT UPDATES

4 Noneil Road extension

At its completion the project will serve as a bypass road for downtown Round Rock to improve the flow of traffic, reduce travel times and lower traffic accidents.

Status: Burnet Street is now fully open to traffic. The connection to Lampasas Street will open some time in December.

Timeline: March 2018-spring 2019

Cost: \$4.25 million

Funding source: Round Rock Transportation and Economic Development Corp. funds

UPCOMING PROJECTS

CR 110 north widening

The CR 110 north widening will upgrade the

existing two-lane roadway to a three-lane roadway. This project is the first phase of an ultimate design of upgrading this section to a six-lane divided roadway.

Traffic pattern

Status: Utility relocations are underway, per Williamson County officials. Construction is expected to begin before the end of the year and be completed in late 2019.

Timeline: No timeline has yet been established for this project.

Cost: This project is not currently funded for construction.

Funding source: Williamson County



6 | North Mays Street extension

On Oct. 11, Round Rock City Council approved an interlocal agreement between the city and Williamson County for the North Mays Street extension project.

This project will ultimately connect Paloma Drive and Oakmont Drive via an extension of Mays Street. The project description outlines a four-lane road and will include a 1,200-foot bridge.

Status: The project is anticipated to be bid by the end of the year with construction starting in early 2019. Round Rock officials say the project will construct all four lanes of the extension simultaneously.

Timeline: Winter 2019-spring 2020

Cost: up to \$3.8 million (city of Round Rock), \$9.6 million (Williamson County)

Funding sources: city of Round Rock,

Williamson County

I-35 access improvements

and St. Williams Street intersection

ONGOING PROJECTS

Railroad quiet zones, Phase 1

Project description

This Texas Department of Transportation operation added enhancements to I-35 entry and exit ramps stretching from SH 45 N. to Hwy. 79.

This project will create railroad and street intersections that

eliminate the need for train horns inside Round Rock city limits.

Union Pacific Corp. is continuing its work at the Burnet Street

Crews are working on curbs and shoulders on the northbound I-35 frontage road between McNeil Road and Gattis School Road. Final paving on I-35 mainlanes will complete this spring.

CR 119 extension

This project is a roadway extension for CR 119/Ed Schmidt Boulevard from Limmer Loop to Chandler Road in Hutto. Construction crews will create two lanes of a future four-lane roadway with a shoulder and a traffic signal at CR 119 and Limmer Loop.

December 2017early 2019

Estimated timeline

September 2018-

winter 2019

July 2016-spring 2019





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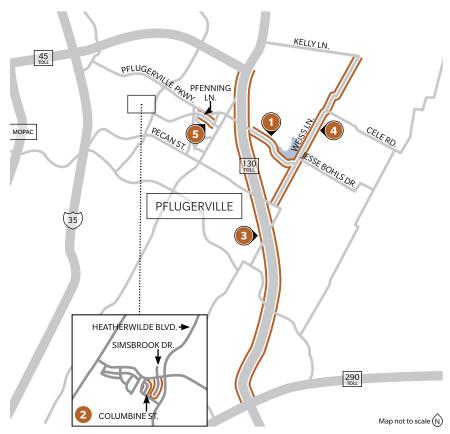
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ONGOING PROJECTS

Project description Estimated timeline

East Pflugerville Parkway Reconstruction Project, Phase 2
The road from East Pflugerville Parkway to Weiss Lane is open again to traffic. Some construction work is still underway and

again to traffic. Some construction work is still underway and May-December expected to last through December, so motorists should expect

Heatherwilde/Windermere neighborhoods street repairs

construction flagging and temporary delays.

Crews are wrapping up the third phase of the project and expect to begin work in the Heatherwilde subdivision in December, weather permitting. At that point work will begin on Columbine Street and Simsbrook Drive.

March 2018-mid 2019

RECENT UPDATES

3 (1) SH 130 widening project, Segment 2

The first segment of the SH 130 widening project will ultimately add a third lane to both the northbound and southbound portions of the toll road from SH 45 N. to US 290 with additional entrance and exit ramp

construction. Crews broke ground on the project Oct. 4.

Status: While the project is under construction, the 80 mph speed limit will be lowered to 70 mph from south of US 290 to north of Cameron Road.

Crews are making concrete repairs on the existing SH 130 lanes ahead of widening work to improve the quality of the roadway.

Once those improvements are made, TxDOT crews will set a concrete barrier and begin widening work by adding a third inside lane.

TxDOT officials expect construction on the southern portion of the SH 130 widening project, which will run from SH 71 to US 290, to break ground sometime in January.

Timeline: September 2018-summer 2020

Cost: \$36.8 million

Funding source: Central Texas

Turnpike System



Weiss Lane improvements

The Weiss Lane project will replace all bridges from East Pecan Street to Cele Road. It will also expand the road from two lanes to four with turn lanes, shoulders, drainage improvements, curbs and gutters.

Status: The contractor working on the project is currently working along the roadway stretching from Wolf Pack Drive to Kelly Lane.

Timeline: March 2017-spring 2019

Cost: \$14.6 million (city of Pflugerville), \$7.4 million (Travis County)

Funding sources: city of Pflugerville,

Travis County

UPCOMING PROJECTS

5 Pfennig Lane widening and reconstruction

This project will reconstruct and widen Pfennig Lane to a new three-lane section with curb and gutter from Rocky Creek Drive to Justice Center Drive. Designs for the project include one lane in either direction with a center turn lane.

Status: City officials expect the project to

go to bid in December with construction beginning February.

Timeline: February 2019-winter 2020

Cost: TBD

Funding source: city of Pflugerville



HOW IT WORKS

Phrase could save lives

While the catchy phrase "Turn Around Don't Drown" may draw laughs for those who have not experienced flash floods in Texas, driving around barriers to go through a water crossing could be deadly. At best it is a Class B misdemeanor.

The Texas Transportation Code section has heftier fines for motorists who disregard construction and water-overroad barriers.

In Texas just disregarding the sign or barricade is punishable by a fine of up to \$2,000 and/or 180 days in jail.

The reasons for the law are simple, according to the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center and the Texas Department of Transportation.

The state has the most flood and flashflood deaths and more than double of California, the next-highest state.

In Texas flash floods are the No. 1 cause of weather-related deaths, and 76 percent of all flood fatalities are vehicle-related.

Texas floods happen all year, not just in the spring or during hurricane season, and Turn Around Don't Drown is a serious phrase every driver should know.









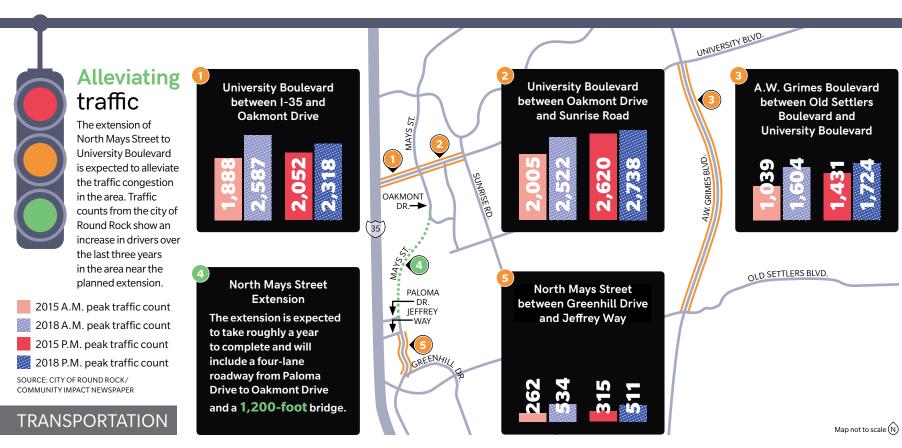




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County and city work to extend Mays Street, creating north-to-south alternative to I-35

BY KIRBY KILLOUGH

Construction is set to begin early next year on an extension project that will ultimately allow drivers to travel from north Round Rock to the southern tip of the city without getting on I-35.

The project will extend North Mays Street from where it currently terminates at Paloma Drive to Oakmont Drive, by the IKEA shopping center. Williamson County, which is taking the lead on the project, expects to go out to bid by the end of the year and complete the project in spring 2020, according to Garry Brown, executive assistant with the office of Williamson County

Commissioner Terry Cook.

"Frankly it is an extension that has been needed," Brown said. "Hopefully once it is completed it will take some of the pressure off of that area and improve mobility."

The extension will connect North Mays Street to Oakmont Drive where the existing roadway curves to the east. The portion of Oakmont that goes north to connect to University Boulevard will be renamed Mays Street, but the portion running from east to west will remain under the same name, according to Gary Hudder, director of transportation for the city of Round Rock.

"One of the really cool things is it is one of the only streets that will completely traverse the city of Round Rock from city limit to city limit, north to south," Hudder said.

Hudder said the original plan called for a two-lane roadway, and the city would be responsible for constructing additional lanes in the future. Instead the city and county agreed to construct all four lanes at once. The project will also include a roughly 1,200-foot bridge, Hudder said.

"It will provide more options for people to get to the store or wherever they need to go because there is no real north-to-south arterial between I-35 and A.W. Grimes," Brown said.

Round Rock will provide 24 percent of the design and construction costs for the project, which is estimated to cost roughly \$11 million, according to Brown.

"[The extension] will be a huge benefit to I-35 and frontage road traffic," Hudder said. "There is a lot of localized traffic that will be able to use this connection rather than I-35."

Traffic counts from the city of Round Rock show that traffic in the area has increased over the past few years. Hudder said with the relocation of the Nutty Brown

Amphitheatre as well as retail development, traffic is only expected to increase.

"This is a really critical piece of everything we are trying to do in that area," Hudder said.

Hudder said the city recently secured all of the necessary rights of way to move forward with widening University. That project will include additional work on Oakmont, including a back entrance to the IKEA shopping center. Hudder said work on University will likely become more visible over the next few months as crews work on utility relocation with construction hopefully underway by the end of 2019.







Hutto youth sports organizations say fields are needed

With \$50 million of voter-approved bond funds in hand, city considering sports complex

"I WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO

TOUCH EVERY SINGLE PARK."

TAKE SOME OF THAT MONEY AND

— SCOTT ROSE, HUTTO CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

BY IAIN OLDMAN

Armed with millions in voter-approved bond funds, the city of Hutto is moving forward with parks beautification and improvement projects, including the possible construction of a sports complex.

Hutto City Council members and sports organizations alike agree the construction of sports fields is necessary to fill a gap in available play areas for the city's youth sports organizations.

All of the city's youth sports organizations and city officials are now scheduled to meet in December to discuss the largest initial questions surrounding the complex: How large can the city make this complex, and how much of the \$50 million voter-approved bond funds can the city solely dedicate to its construction?

"I would like to be able to take some of that money and touch every single park," Hutto City Council Member Scott Rose said at a Nov. 20 work session.

Council Member Nate Killough in June raised the need for sports fields and venues, telling city officials the city is losing more than 1,000 youth athletes to other cities' organizations every year. At the time Killough proposed a plot of

land east of Fritz Park as a desirable location for a sports complex.

In August officials from Hutto Youth Baseball and Softball, Hutto Youth Soccer Leagues and Hutto Youth Football and Cheer all spoke before city council, urging them to place a \$50 million bond proposition on the Nov. 6 ballot.

That night council voted to put that proposition up for voter approval alongside two other city bond propositions. All of the bond propositions were approved by city voters Nov. 6.

Now Hutto must decide how to spend those bond funds across the city's parks. The city's sports organizations are desperate for additional sports fields as participation demand has outgrown facility space, said Jimmy Slingsby, Hutto Youth Baseball and Softball president.

"Our league has grown every season," Slingsby

said. "Right now we only have two fields you can truly play games on, and we divide that up between 400 kids." Hutto needs to add "a handful" of fields to meet demand, Slingsby told *Community Impact Newspaper*.

As a result youth sports organizations in Hutto are bleeding youth athletes to other cities. Slingsby said there are as many Hutto girls playing softball in Round Rock as there are Hutto girls playing softball with his organization.

The city is also missing out on potential income from visiting sports teams, according to Leslie Dehart, president of Hutto Youth Soccer Leagues. In October, Dehart told *Community Impact Newspaper* that the organization has been forced to hold tournaments in surrounding cities due to the lack of field space for traveling teams.

"People want to go out to eat and sit down at a local restaurant. They need a place to stay; they need a place to eat," Dehart said.

Surrounding cities may already have the jump, though. Round Rock has two high-quality sports complexes that host a wide range of sports from soccer to rugby to lacrosse to table

tennis. Pflugerville has invested \$8 million in just the first phase of 1849 Park. Georgetown's McMaster Athletic Complex features four softball fields, two soccer fields, four sand volleyball courts, a multipurpose field and more.

Slingsby said the city will have to think "outside of the box" to create a competitive sports complex for economic development purposes. One proposition Slingsby floated is constructing turf baseball fields to offer fields that are essentially weatherproof.

In its first discussion about the bond funds since the Nov. 6 election, Hutto City Council members do not seem keen to dedicate the \$50 million solely to athletic fields. Council Member Tim Jordan on Nov. 20 stated he would like to finish out Fritz Park, and Hutto Lake Park improvements were also discussed.

It is possible the city will work with a developer to build the complex as a cost shaving measure.

SPORTS FIELDS IN HUTTO

The city of Hutto owns and operates five fields for football; baseball; softball; soccer; and other activities, such as rugby, lacrosse, wrestling, tennis and more.

- Privately owned
- City owne
- Hutto ISD owned
- 1 Tevan Lee Nguyen Sr. Stadium (football)
- 2 Holstrom Field (baseball)
- 3 Mager Lane fields (baseball, softball and tee-ball)
- 4 Hutto High School football stadium
- 5 Hutto Youth Soccer Association fields
- 6 Creekside Park (baseball and softball)
- 7 Possible sports complex site
- 8 Farley Middle School (various uses)
- (9) Hutto Middle School (various uses)



SOURCES: CITY OF HUTTO, HUTTO YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL, HUTTO YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEER/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

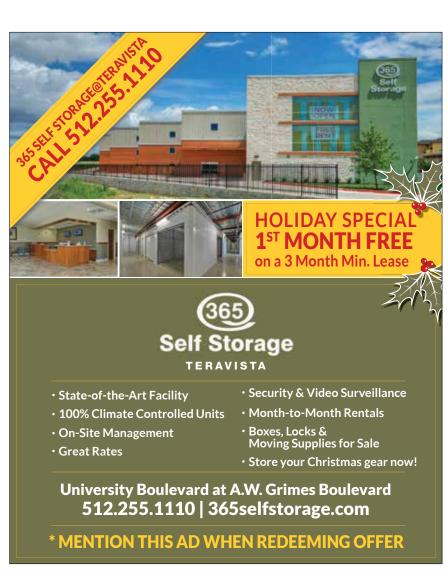
Hutto City Manager Odis Jones on Nov. 20 told council that developers have expressed interest, but he did not clarify if the work would be on a sports complex or otherwise.

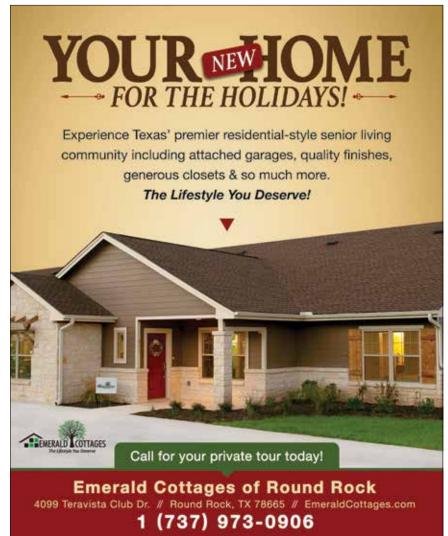
For Slingsby and Hutto Youth Baseball and Softball, the decision is an immediate imperative. Slingsby stated the organization has set its participation quota around 400 athletes this year.

"Last year we were at our breaking point. We couldn't get what everybody needed," Slingsby said.

Without additional ballfields to play on, Slingsby said the organization will likely have to turn kids away this spring.









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Central Texas tolling agency to penalize drivers with more than 100 unpaid tolls

BY **AMY DENNEY**

Drivers who regularly use toll facilities operated by the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority and rack up toll bills without paying can now expect some repercussions.

During a Sept. 26 board meeting the board of directors approved allowing the agency to use enforcement tools set out in a 2013 state bill for habitual toll violators with more than 100 unpaid tolls in a 12-month period. The Mobility Authority manages Toll 183A, Toll 290, SH 71 and the MoPac express lanes.

Tracie Brown, Mobility Authority director of toll operations, said the agency has 17,000 habitual toll violators with more than 100 unpaid tolls in one year. The two top offenders, both from Leander, each owe about \$5,500 in unpaid tolls and administration fees.

"It's not all fees that make up these balances that these customers owe," Brown said. "They use the

toll road so frequently

their toll balances are quite high."

Executive Director Mike Heiligenstein said the Mobility Authority does take some toll violation cases to court, but taking all 17,000 cases could inundate the justice of the peace courts.

"We're going to shake the bushes for everything we can, including in-lane enforcement," he said. "If we find someone driving on the toll [road] and they owe tolls, they could get pulled over. This is one list you don't want to qualify for."

Officials with the Mobility Authority said the agency would work with customers who owe money on a payment plan to resolve their bill.

If drivers continue to not pay their bills, they could be banned from driving on Mobility Authority facilities, Brown said. If this happens law enforcement would receive a list of prohibited vehicles, and a driver could be pulled over if caught driving on the tollway and cited for violating the prohibition order.

Penalties for habitual toll violators

Drivers with more than 100 unpaid tolls in a 12-month period could face ramifications for not paying their bills under new regulations adopted by the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority. Here is the schedule of those repercussions, as adopted Sept. 26 by the board.

New pay-by-mail process

Toll bill: tolls + \$1

The Mobility Authority also has a new pay-by-mail operator and system that could result in lower bills for some customers but higher tolls for those without a toll tag.

CURRENT (EVERY 15 DAYS)

Notice of nonpayment: tolls + \$16

2nd notice of non-payment: tolls + \$31

Final notice/collections: tolls + \$61

Max assessed fee per year: \$1,464

Max admin. fee per invoice: \$61

Toll bill: tolls + \$1

Notice of nonpayment: tolls + \$15

2nd notice of non-payment: tolls + \$30

NEW (EVERY 30 DAYS)

Final notice/collections: tolls + \$45

Max admin. fee per invoice: \$45

Max assessed fee per year: \$540

The new pay-by-mail process results in a **63% decrease** in possible administrative fees for unpaid invoices.



SOURCE: CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

PAY-BY-MAIL CHANGES

On Sept. 26 the board also approved several changes to the agency's payby-mail system, including increasing tolls starting Jan. 1 for drivers without a toll tag or a new registered account.

In response to customer feedback and concerns the Mobility Authority implemented several changes in late November to its pay-by-mail system that are designed to encourage toll tag use and prepaying for tolls, Brown said.

The agency hired a new firm, Cofiroute USA, to handle its payby-mail system, and these changes will result in a 63 percent decrease in administration fees for unpaid invoices, Brown said.

The schedule for sending out bills

will also change, and the agency will issue bills on a monthly cycle, she said.

Pay-by-mail customers currently pay 33 percent more for tolls than those with a toll tag to accommodate administration fees. That will increase to 50 percent more starting Jan. 1.

The Mobility Authority is now, however, offering registered accounts that would allow someone to receive emailed statements and pay a bill early and receive a discount on the toll.

"The registered account is for users who don't want a tag or hassle of a bill and admin fee," Brown said. "The best option is the tag for frequent users."

Other changes include more options to pay toll bills, including via email, over the phone and online.

Step 1: The agency issues letters to habitual violators with a warning that it may seek remedies if they do not pay their tolls.

Step 3: The agency next mails a pre-determination letter to habitual violators.

Step 5: The board approves a list to print the names of habitual toll violators and to send them a notice of prohibition order.

Step 7: Road enforcement begins, and habitual violators may be pulled over. A hold may be placed on the violator's vehicle registration.

Step 2: Violators have about a month to respond to the advisory letter.

Step 4: Violators have another month to appeal.

Step 6: The agency prints the names of violators, their city and state, the number of unpaid tolls, and the total amount due. The notices of prohibition are mailed, explaining they are banned from using Mobility Authority facilities.

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First Texas Bancorp's, President and Chief Executive Officer, John Kirkpatrick, is set to retire after 42 years of service



John A. Kirkpatrick, President and Chief Executive Officer of First Texas Bancorp, Inc. has decided to retire at the end of this year after 42 years of service. He has had a career long relationship with the Grogan Lord Family. Mr. Kirkpatrick began his career with First Texas Bancorp, Inc. while attending Southwestern University and continued after graduation. Mr. Kirkpatrick has worked diligently for this company and its success.

Mr. Barry J. Haag has been named as the new President and Chief Executive Officer to begin January 2019. Mr. Haag has been employed with First Texas Bank Georgetown for the past 24 years and has been President and Chief Executive Officer for 16 years. First Texas Bancorp, Inc. is located in Georgetown, Texas and is the Holding company for First Texas Bank Georgetown, First Texas Bank Killeen, First Texas Bank Lampasas and First Texas Data, Inc. and numerous branches all located in Central Texas.





District sets bond projects in motion

UPCOMING

PROJECTS

\$3.6M for

30 school buses

\$3.2M toward

SOURCE: ROUND ROCK ISD/

53 bond items

ROUND ROCK ISD The district took its first step in putting projects included in the voter-approved 2018 bond into motion Nov. 15 with the approval of two reimbursement resolutions.

The board voted unanimously to adopt the two resolutions to reimburse

funds for a series of bond projects. Voters approved the \$508 million bond Nov. 6.

"Basically what we will be doing with approval is to

start expending funds. ... Once you issue that check the intent is that when the bond sale is accomplished in late January or early February, when those funds are received, then the district will pay itself back the bond proceeds for those monies that have been expended," RRISD Chief Financial Officer Ramiro Flores said.

The first reimbursement resolution was for \$3.6 million to purchase 20 regular school buses and 10 special education school buses. RRISD Chief Operating Officer Terry Worcester said bus deliveries take between

> six and eight months, so the purchase needs to be made in order for the buses to be in place for the next academic year.

The second reimbursement resolution

included design work for 53 projects totaling roughly \$3.2 million. The list of projects includes portions of the Westwood High School and McNeil High School master plans, districtwide projects and projects at various campuses.

PfISD board approves 4 architectural companies to lead 2018 bond projects

PFLUGERVILLE ISD Four Texas-based architectural firms will lead projects included in Pflugerville ISD's 2018 bond.

The decision came Nov. 15 following a unanimous vote from the PfISD board of trustees, with Superintendent Doug Killian and Rob Reyes abstaining due to their involvement in the selection process of the final candidates.

The four firms selected were O'Connell Robertson, Pfluger Architects, PBK Architects Inc. and Reliance Architecture.

Austin-based firm O'Connell Robertson has been in operation since 1950 and has entered contracts with over 30 Central Texas school districts, according to the presentation.

Houston-based PBK Architects Inc. has been in business for 37 years, during 12 of which it has been contracted by PfISD, the presentation stated.

David Vesling, executive director of Facilities and Support Services for PfISD, said one of the appeals of Pfluger Architects, which has been in operation since 1973 and worked with 58 school districts, is that it has demonstrated commitment to environmentally preferred products and energy-conservation efforts.

The newest of the firms, Reliance Architecture, has been in operation for 16 months, according to the presentation. The founding partners, however, have a combined 30 years of experience with education architecture, Vesling said.

Different bond projects, which include two new elementary schools and a middle school, will be assigned to each firm. The firms will then return to the board with preliminary designs and cost estimates, which will require approval by the board as well, Vesling said.

NOV. 6 ELECTION RESULTS

ROUND ROCK ISD

Bond: Voters approved the district's \$508 million bond with 64.91 percent of the total votes.

Board of trustees:

Place 3: Amber Feller won with 50.38 percent of the total votes. Feller ran against Danielle Weston.

Place 4: Cory Vessa won with 32.45 percent of the total vote. Vessa ran against incumbent Edward Hanna, Stuart Litwin and David G. Schmidt.

Place 5: Amy Weir won with 72.15 percent of the total vote. Weir ran against incumbent Suzi David.

Place 6: Incumbent Steve Math won with 41.94 percent of the total votes. Math ran against Ching Choy and Jarrad Brenek.

PFLUGERVILLE ISD

Bond: Voters approved the district's \$322 million bond with 65.94 percent of the total vote.

Tax ratification: Voters approved the district's tax ratification proposal with 57.14 percent of the total vote. The action will allow the tax rate to be reduced from \$1.54 to \$1.52 per \$100 valuation.

AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Pflugerville ISD annexation: Voters defeated the annexation of PfISD into the ACC taxing district by 54.07 percent of the total vote.

Board of trustees:

Place 7: Incumbent Barbara Mink won with 71.11 percent of the total vote.

Place 8: Stephanie Gharakhanian will face Sarah Mills in a runoff election Dec. 11 after receiving 45.62 percent of the total votes.

Place 9: Incumbent Julie Ann Nitsch won with 59.12 percent of the total votes.

Principal is selected for new elementary school

HUTTO ISD Superintendent Celina Estrada Thomas in mid-October appointed Kyle Ruggirello to serve as principal of Benjamin "Doc" Kerley Elementary School.



Kyle Ruggirello

Ruggirello is currently the principal of Cottonwood Creek Elementary School. Her role at Kerley Elementary will begin Jan. 6.

"I believe Hutto ISD is a district that truly puts children first, and I plan to carry on that tradition at Kerley Elementary," Ruggirello said.

Kerley Elementary is currently under construction and is scheduled to be open for the next academic year. HISD plans to name a new principal for Cottonwood Creek Elementary by the end of November, according to the district.

Runoff election set for ACC board of trustees seat

AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE Stephanie Gharakhanian, special counsel for the Workers Defense Project, and Sarah Mills, director of Public Policy and Government Relations at the Texas Association for Home Care and Hospice, will face off in a runoff election for a place on the Austin Community College board of trustees.

Gharakhanian received 140,502 total votes in the Place 8 race Nov. 6,

while Mills had 111,578 and a third candidate, Douglas Gibbins, received 60,766. Gharakhanian received 44.9 percent of the vote while Mills had 35.7 percent. Since no candidate achieved 50 percent of the vote. Gharakhanian and Mills will advance to the runoff.

The runoff election will take place Dec. 11 and the winner will take office in January 2019, according to ACC.

Board votes to extend contract for superintendent

ROUND ROCK ISD The Round Rock ISD board of trustees unanimously voted to extend the contract for Superintendent Steve Flores through 2022 in a specially called meeting

Flores' contract was extended by a year and will now expire June 30, 2022, with a salary of \$301,190. Flores joined RRISD in October 2013.

"I appreciate the board of trustees'

unanimous vote of confidence, and I am excited about what the future holds for Round Rock ISD," Flores said. "This is truly a special place, and it is my honor to



serve the amazing students, dedicated staff and faculty, and engaged and caring parents of this district."

MEETINGS

Hutto ISD board of trustees

Meets second Thursday at 7 p.m. 200 College St., Hutto 512-759-3771. www.hipponation.org

Pflugerville ISD board of trustees

Meets third Thursday at 7 p.m. 1401 W. Pecan St., Pflugerville 512-594-0000. www.pflugervilleisd.net

Round Rock ISD board of trustees

Meets third Thursday at 7 p.m. 300 Lake Creek Drive, Round Rock 512-464-5000. www.roundrockisd.org

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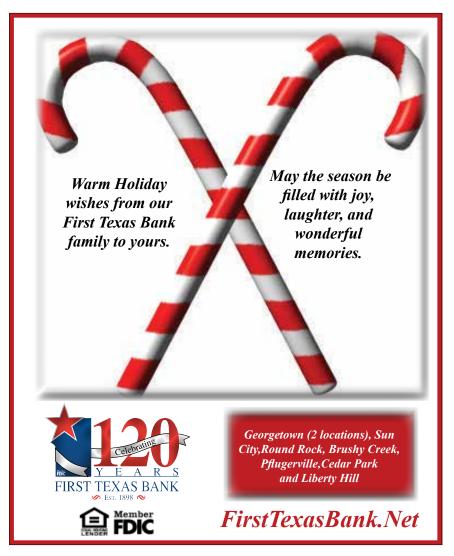
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Austin Elite Rugby to use Dell Diamond for six home games during 2019 season

ROUND ROCK Austin Elite Rugby and the Round Rock Express announced Nov. 14 that The Dell Diamond will host six of the Major League Rugby team's home games during its 2019 season.

"We are really excited," said Richard Osborn, president and owner of Austin Elite Rugby. "This partnership will be a great partnership, and we look forward to playing some great rugby here in Round Rock."

Tim Jackson, general manager of the Round Rock Express, said The Dell Diamond has hosted rugby games in the past.



Austin Elite Rugby players practicing line-out techniques in Round Rock.

Austin Elite Rugby played its inaugural 2018 season at the Round Rock Multipurpose Complex.

Austin Elite Rugby will begin its 2019 season Jan. 26 against the Houston SaberCats. The season will last 19 weeks with two games to take place at venues yet to be announced.

Security advisor website names Hutto one of state's safest cities

HUTTO The city of Hutto was listed as one of the top 50 safest cities in Texas by the home security review and advisory website Safewise. The company compiled the list by reviewing FBI crime reports, violent crime rates and property crime rates.

Safewise ranked Hutto as the 28th safest city in Texas and found there are 0.79 violent crimes per 1,000 residents in the city.

In early November, Hutto Police Chief Byron Frankland presented the department's annual crime report to Hutto City Council. Per the report, the department filed slightly fewer crime reports in 2018 than in 2017, though Hutto Police Department has experienced a 12 percent climb in total calls this year.

Frankland reported that no homicides have been reported in Hutto in 2018. The number of reported assaults dropped 13 percent in 2018, down to 107 from 121 assaults the year prior.

NUMBER TO KNOW

rain days have been documented since construction began on the Co-Op District site in Hutto, according to developer Bob Wunch.

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MEETINGS

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Pflugerville City Council

Meets second and fourth Tuesday, 7 p.m. 100 E. Main St., Pflugerville 512-990-6101 • www.pflugervilletx.gov

Round Rock City Council

Meets second and fourth Thursday, 6 p.m. 216 E. Main St., Round Rock 512-218-5401 • www.roundrocktexas.gov

Travis County Commissioners Court

Meets Tuesdays, 9 a.m. 700 Lavaca St., Austin 512-854-9020 • www.traviscounty.org

Williamson County Commissioners Court

Meets Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. 710 S. Main St., Georgetown 512-943-1550 • www.wilco.org



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Pecan District to receive tax reimbursements from city for public garages, infrastructure improvements

PFLUGERVILLE The city of Pflugerville and developers of the Pecan District, a mixed-use development that broke ground in October, came to terms on tax reimbursements for infrastructure improvements.

Pflugerville City Council voted Nov. 27 to extend the city's lone tax increment reinvestment zone, or TIRZ, to include the Pecan District.

Per terms of the agreement, developers may build no more than 500 residential units of any type until they add at least 50,000 square feet of commercial space.

A total of \$45.2 million in reimbursements is on the table should the Pecan District build out every improvement included in the terms of the TIRZ amendment.

Developers must build wastewater lines, roadway improvements, public parking garages and more in order to collect reimbursement from the TIRZ.

The final vote on the amendment takes place Dec. 11.

By the numbers: Historic Williamson County voting totals



62.25% turnout rate was highest among 12 most populated counties in Texas

VOTE

209,257 residents

voted, surpassing the 2016 Presidential Election turnout



100.31% increase in votes cast from 2014 midterm to 2018 midterm

SOURCE: WILLIAMSON COUNTY ELECTIONS
DEPARTMENT/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

Remaining votes added to county election totals

WILLIAMSON COUNTY Williamson County commissioners on Nov. 20 officially canvassed voting totals from the Nov. 6 midterm elections, including more than 100 votes recovered from a malfunctioning voting machine.

Those votes were the last remaining votes to be tallied by the county and were approved to be added to the election totals on Nov. 19 by 395th District Court Judge Ryan Larson, according to a Williamson County press release.

No outcomes to any races were changed by the added vote returns, according to Williamson County election administrator Chris Davis.

The recovered votes came from a malfunctioning mobile

voting machine that was one of three machines deployed at the Southwestern University campus in Georgetown on Oct. 22, the first day of early voting in Williamson County.

That particular voting machine will not be used in an election by the county again, Davis said.

Commissioners on Nov. 20 discussed necessary steps to secure new voting machines after Williamson County experienced record high voter turnout. Davis told commissioners that the machines use technology that is two decades old.

As part of the 2018 budget, the Williamson County Commissioners Court approved \$4.5 million toward new voting machines.

County increasing use of minority-owned contractors

TRAVIS COUNTY Last fiscal year
Travis County spent 12.44 percent of
its expenditures on contracting work
to hire minority- and women-owned
businesses, according to a Nov. 27
disparity study briefing during a
a Commissioners Court meeting.
Disparity studies show whether
an entity is hiring historically
underutilized businesses, or HUBs,
for contracting jobs.

From Oct. 1, 2017, through Sept. 30, 2018, the county spent over \$139 million on contract work. Around \$17 million of that was paid to HUBs.

"I'm glad to see that the HUB utilization overall is going up, but our goal needs to be a greater percentage increase," Commissioner Brigid Shea said.

In context the county has hired a similar percentage of minority- and women-owned businesses over the past three years.

Subcontracting payments may not be reported until several months after a job is completed, according to county documents. Therefore, HUB payments may increase for FY 2017-18.

Of the HUB payments, prime contractors made up 84 percent of the dollars—or around \$14.6 million—and subcontractors received the remaining 16 percent—or \$2.7 million.

Last year Travis County hired 107 HUBs as prime contractors and 48 HUBs as subcontractors.



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School financing tops state wish list

Learn other top priorities for upcoming legislative session

The 86th Legislature will begin in 2019 with a familiar set of particularly gnarly issues: public school finance, property taxes and a tight state budget, to name a few.

And the 150 state representatives and 31 senators working on those problems will be working in a new political atmosphere, with Democratic gains in both the House and Senate—which remain, nevertheless, in Republican control—and a new speaker in charge in the House.

Shortly after November's elections state Rep. Dennis Bonnen, R-Angleton, announced he had commitments from 109 House members—far more than the required 76—to succeed outgoing House Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio. The actual vote will not take place until the first day of the legislative session, on Jan. 8, but Bonnen's announcement cleared the field of other candidates.

That introduces a new player into what has sometimes been a contentious Texas Capitol, where relations between the House and Senate have been strained for the last couple of sessions. Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, the presiding officer in the Senate, will be back, as will Gov. Greg Abbott. Bonnen will complete that leadership set.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced in July that the state's tax revenues were running higher than expected, meaning legislators will start with about \$2.8 billion more than they expected. That still leaves them short of what they would need to continue the state's current programs and also account for inflation and population growth, but it is a marked improvement over what they expected.

Two items stand out from a list of things adding pressure for new state spending: school finance and Hurricane Harvey.

State leaders have tried for several legislative sessions to rebalance the school finance system, which relies heavily on local property taxes, to an extent that has made property tax relief an important issue for officeholders across party lines.

To lower pressure on those local taxes, legislators would have to cut overall spending on public schools, increase state spending to offset local cuts or both. The situation is both expensive and politically treacherous, making the issue a hard and persistent problem for Texas lawmakers.

Further complicating the issue, Chapter 41 of the Texas Education Code—more commonly referred to as the "Robin Hood plan"—is also a major topic of discussion for legislators. Property-wealthy districts affected by this provision are required to share their wealth with other lesswealthy school districts, according to the Texas Education Agency. For example, more than \$628 million will be sent to the state and redistributed

TEXAS COMPTROLLER GLENN HEGAR ANNOUNCED IN JULY A \$2.8 BILLION TAX REVENUE SURPLUS, A MARKED IMPROVEMENT OVER WHAT WAS EXPECTED.

from Austin ISD in 2019.

The recovery from Hurricane Harvey is also expensive, but unlike school finance, it is a one-time expense. If lawmakers choose to do so, some or all of the money needed can likely be found in the state's Economic Stabilization Fund, better known as the Rainy Day Fund. They will also be relying on the federal government for the brunt of the recovery money needed because of that 2017 storm.

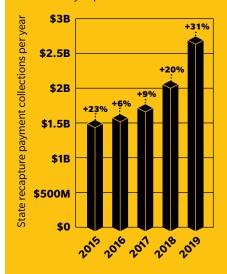
Lawmakers also will talk about property taxes outside school finance—those levied by local governments and special districts—and how much those taxes can rise before local voters have a say. Legislative limits failed to pass in 2017, but supporters have promised another attempt.

Lawmakers will consider a wide range of other ideas, like new gun laws in the wake of school and church shootings, getting rid of daylight saving time, slowing the growth of state college tuition, marijuana legalization and prison reform.

If previous sessions are any indication, more than 6,000 proposed bills could come before lawmakers to be considered before the end of the 140-day session. Only a fraction will pass; in 2017, 1,211 out of 6,631 bills passed, according to the Legislative Reference Library.

ROBIN THE RICH

The chart below shows what Texas school districts paid in recapture, or "Robin Hood" money, which is redistributed from wealthy to poor districts.



2019 RECAPTURE TOTALS BY SCHOOL DISTRICT

School district | Recapture total \$628,170,176 Austin ISD **Houston ISD** \$294,819,181 Plano ISD \$209,401,299 Eanes ISD \$102,225,637 Spring Branch ISD \$97,671,443 Midland ISD \$61,487,158 **Grapevine-Colleyville** \$54,225,111 **Lake Travis ISD** \$49,819,009 Coppell ISD \$45,012,181 Alamo Heights ISD \$42,403,963

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COMMUNITY RESOURCE

Owner Angie Seto stated that one of Angie's Discount Grocery's goals is to become a valuable resource to members of the community.



Community interaction

Don Walker, a downtown Round Rock resident, takes unwanted produce from the store to use in his garden. "I compost quite a bit. I have a little organic garden in my backyard," Walker said.



Blessing Wall

Shoppers at Angie's Discount Grocery can donate a dollar for fellow shoppers in need to use as credit later on. "It is a 'pay-it-forward' system," Seto said. For every note on the Blessing Wall, a shopper can use one dollar of store credit.



Reduced grocery costs

Shoppers can buy groceries at a reduced cost to stock their cabinets or to supplement other grocery purchases, all to fit within their budgets, according to Seto.

Angie's Discount Grocery

206 W. Bowman Road, Round Rock

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www.angiesdiscountgrocery.com Hours: Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.,





Angie's Discount Grocery

BY IAIN OLDMAN

Salvage store in Round Rock built to provide to the community

ter years of operating on a tight family budget, Angie Seto decided the mission of her store, Angie's Discount Grocery, would be to offer cost relief to those in the surrounding community.

"My passion is to help serve the community with good groceries at a cheaper price," said Seto, owner and operator of the grocery store.

Angie's Discount Grocery, which opened in September 2017, offers a diverse range of groceries at reduced prices by operating as a salvage store.

Seto explains that larger grocery stores may reject items because of dents to packaging, or companies may pull product from shelves because of marketing changes, and then her store purchases those items from a third party. The discount grocer, located halfa-mile north of Hwy. 79, also sells salvaged items that have gone past their "best by" date.

"If I can't bring it home to my family I'm not going to sell it," Seto said.

The grocery store stocks a little bit of everything, including frozen proteins, produce, milk, eggs and dry food. Angie's Discount Grocery's produce provider is from San Antonio and sells rejected produce that may have just simply been delivered late.

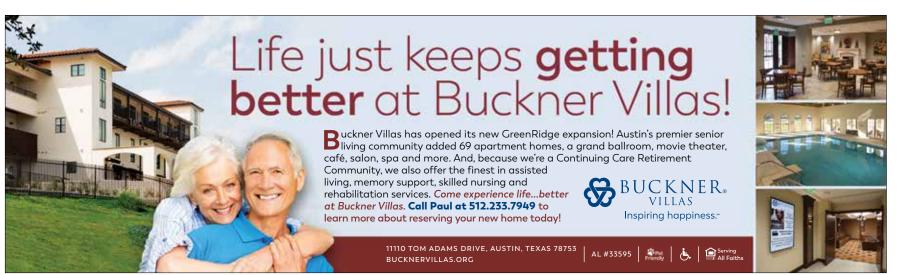
Seto said the store carries essential grocery staples because she wants families to be able to stop in and purchase all of their groceries at the store if needed, though Seto said she understands most families will still need to supplement their cupboards with groceries from another market. Her grocery store gets many items at random and cannot guarantee quantity or availability, but Seto says her store gives families valuable options.

The store also helps to curb the carbon footprint of groceries by cutting down on product waste, Seto said, adding that several customers shop at Angie's Discount Grocery for environmental reasons.

Seto stated the store enjoys frequent return customers, and that may be because Seto and her husband strategically surveyed the area for an optimal location.

Located in the heart of Round Rock, Angie's Discount Grocery provides cheap food options for Round Rock residents who do not own transportation, Seto said.

"One of the missions of what we're doing for the community [is] to really be able to let families afford some groceries—still some good groceries—but maybe it lets them cut down on their bills when they need to," Seto said.







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BY KIRBY KILLOUGH

Iron Fish Sushi & Grill

Pflugerville chef aims to serve quality Japanese dishes

eter Kim, the owner of Iron Fish Sushi & Grill in Pflugerville, said he did not always plan on being a chef. "I didn't think I was going to do this when I was a teenager," Kim said. "But I got passionate when I started it."

Kim said he started working as a dishwasher and quickly moved up to head chef.

In December 2017, Kim opened Iron Fish with the goal of bringing a type of cuisine to the area that is typically only found in Austin.

"Pflugerville is a good community, and it's growing up," Kim said. "I want customers to not have to drive so far away when there is something of similar quality that you can find locally."

Kim said his goal is to serve Michelin Star-quality dishes. When it comes to Iron Fish Sushi & Grill's namesake—sushi—Kim said he employs techniques that are usually only found at restaurants with the coveted Michelin Star.

"A lot of the stuff [we serve] I've never seen anybody doing in Austin or Texas. I even told a customer, 'You might find this when you go to New York,'" Kim said. "I tried to make the restaurant special. ... Not just the food, but the service, too."

Although he said he has received comparisons to popular restaurants in Austin, he thinks his restaurant does a better job with some of the dishes.

"I could say some of the food we do better," Kim said with a laugh. "When customers try our food they will say, 'Wow this is different," Kim said. "Even the basic chicken teriyaki tastes different. We want to keep it basic; we don't want to take out the taste, but we want to add our kick to it."

Iron Fish Sushi & Grill offers a lunch menu as well as a dinner menu. For lunch Kim said some of the most popular items include the sushirrito, poke bowl or ramen noodles. For dinner Kim recommends ordering one of the Iron Fish signature items such as the Far West Roll—a sushi roll with shrimp tempura and cream cheese topped with avocado, crab and fried smoked salmon.

There is also a rotating selection of wines and sake at Iron Fish. Many of the drinks, Kim said, come directly from Japan.

As for the future Kim said he hopes to open more locations but plans to keep his Pflugerville location open.

THREE DISHES TO TRY

Iron Fish Sushi & Grill offers a variety of Japanese dishes.

1 Flaming Torch (\$16.95)

The house roll is filled with tuna, crab and masago and topped with scallops, fried potatoes and serrano pepper.

2 Iron Fish Special Ramen (\$12.95)

The ramen is served in a pork bone broth with chasu, bean sprouts, green onions and kikurage.

Ebirrito Sushirrito (\$13)

This sushiritto is filled with shrimp tempura, creamy crab, cabbage, cucumber and guacamole and coated in cheese crunch.



Peter Kim opened Iron Fish Sushi & Grill in December 2017.





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Help better the community in a variety of ways this holiday season and year-round at one of these local organizations. From helping families in need to caring for animals, this guide includes several volunteer opportunities. This list is noncomprehensive.







ANIMAL SERVICES



Pflugerville Animal Welfare

Services, or PAWS, works for the health and safety of the pet and homeless animal population in Pflugerville. Volunteers are needed to interact with cats, walk dogs, assist with off-site adoption events, take pictures of animals available for adoption and more.

Volunteer requirements: Volunteers must be ages 16 and older. New volunteers must complete an application and on-site training with a mentor. Orientation is available online. 1600 Waterbrook Dr, Pflugerville 512-990-6280

www.pflugervilletx.gov/paws

2 Williamson County Regional **Animal Shelter** is the only shelter dedicated to the lost and abandoned animals of Round Rock, Cedar Park, Leander, Hutto and Williamson County. The shelter provides care for homeless animals and helps community members find lost pets. Volunteers are needed to support staff by socializing animals, assisting with cleaning, working at fundraising and off-site events, office work, and assisting customers at the shelter.

Upcoming events: Nov. 15-Jan. 3: Home

for the Holidays: Foster drive to get animals foster homes for the holidays.

Volunteer requirements: Volunteers ages 12-15 must be accompanied by an adult over 21.

1855 SE Inner Loop, Georgetown 512-943-3322

http://pets.wilco.org

COMMUNITY SUPPORT



3 CHASCO Family YMCA volunteers assist in many programs that are geared toward building stronger families and communities, including assisting with youth sports.

1812 N. Mays St., Round Rock 512-246-9622

www.ymcagwc.org/round-rock

4 Habitat for Humanity of

Williamson County builds strength and self-reliance through homeownership and repair programs. Volunteers assist in construction, office tasks and the ReStore, a home-improvement store open to the public that sells new and gently used building materials, appliances, furniture and home decor.

Upcoming events: First Friday and second Saturday each month: ReStore 50 percent off sales

Volunteer requirements: Volunteers must fill out an application. Opportunities are available for ages 14-17 and ages 18 and older.

2108 N. Austin Ave., Georgetown 512-863-4344

www.williamsonhabitat.org

5 Hutto Resource Center works to provide resources to improve the wellbeing of Hutto citizens. The organization operates a food pantry serving area residents.

Volunteer requirements: Children must be accompanied by an adult. All volunteers ages 17 and older must complete a background check. Orientation is provided. 350 Ed Schmidt Blvd., Hutto 512-759-0784 www.huttoresourcecenter.org

6 Round Rock Area Serving Center

is a nonprofit that serves families in crisis in Round Rock and surrounding areas by providing financial assistance for rent, utilities, transportation and other necessities. The organization also provides a food pantry, thrift store and social-work case management. Volunteers are needed to help pick up and sort donations, restock food pantry shelves,

unload trucks and data entry.

Volunteer requirements: Attend new volunteer orientation at 4 p.m. on the first or third Tuesday of the month. 1099 E. Main St., Round Rock 512-244-2431

www.rrasc.org

United Way of Williamson County

advocates for the health, education and financial stability of every person in every Williamson County community.

Upcoming events: Jan. 21: MLK Day of Service: Individuals, families and groups are invited to remember the legacy of Dr. King by volunteering on this national holiday. Projects will be available across Williamson County. 9 a.m.-noon.

Volunteer requirements: Income tax preparation volunteers are needed for late January through April 15, 2019. Tax preparers, translators and greeters are needed at tax-preparation sites in Georgetown, Hutto, Leander and Taylor. Free training is provided. IRS certification must be completed before preparing taxes.

1111 N. I-35, Ste. 220, Round Rock 512-255-6799

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8 Alzheimer's Texas seeks to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through research advancement and to enhance care and support for those with the disease, their families and caregivers. Volunteer opportunities vary but include advocacy, office support, special events and support group leadership.

Upcoming events: March 2, 2019: GPS: A Road Map for Family Caregivers Workshop; April 3, 2019: Alzheimer's Awareness Day 7719 Wood Hollow Drive, Ste. 157, Austin 512-241-0420 www.txalz.org

9 Breast Cancer Resource Center

is a nonprofit organization with offices in Central Austin and Round Rock. The organization provides guidance, education and assistance to thousands of local women whose lives have been disrupted by breast cancer.

Volunteer requirements: Volunteers must complete an online volunteer form and attend orientation.

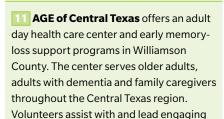
306 E. Main St., Ste. 100, Round Rock 512-248-2645 www.bcrc.org

10 **Kindred Hospice** works with endof-life patients in Williamson County. Volunteers help comfort clients, run errands or assist with office tasks.

Volunteer requirements: Volunteers must be ages 16 and older, complete a comprehensive training, submit to a criminal background check and drug screening and an annual TB test. 2913 Williams Drive, Ste. 320, Georgetown 512-868-0505

www.kindredhealthcare.com

SENIOR RESOURCES



activities for participants.

Volunteer requirements: Volunteers are required to complete an application and individual screening. There are opportunities for youth volunteers.

475 Round Rock West Drive, Ste. 120, Round Rock
512-255-4865
www.ageofcentraltx.org

12 Meals on Wheels-Round Rock makes and delivers meals to homebound members of the community, including those age 60 and older. Volunteers deliver meals by car.

Volunteer requirements: Volunteers must complete an application and background check. Volunteers to deliver meals must have a vehicle and drivers license.
301 W. Bagdad Ave., Bldg. 2, Round Rock 512-255-4970

www.mealsonwheels-williamsonburnet.org

13 Senior Access assists adults ages 60 and older in Round Rock, Pflugerville, Hutto and East Austin. Volunteers provide transportation, home repairs, light yard work and companionship to clients in need of assistance.

Upcoming events: Dec. 16: Mistletoe Magic annual choral concert

Volunteer requirements: Volunteer drivers must be ages 18 and older with a valid in-state driver's license and proof of automobile insurance. They also must be able to pass a background check and driver record check. Volunteers must also attend an orientation and training session.

2498 E. Palm Valley Blvd., Round Rock 512-310-1060 www.senioraccesstx.org

YOUTH/FAMILY SERVICES



14 CASA of Travis County speaks up for children who have been abused or neglected by empowering the community to volunteer as advocates for them in the court system. Volunteers get to know children, their families and their situation; communicate with other parties on the case and participate in case meetings; and prepare best-interest recommendations they present to a judge in a courtroom.

Upcoming events: Feb. 2, 2019:

CASAblanca Gala featuring a live auction and casino after-party

Volunteer requirements: Volunteers must be at least 21 years of age and able to pass extensive reference, Child Protective Services, sex offender registry and criminal background checks. Once accepted, CASA volunteers complete a 39-hour training program prior to being assigned a case.

7600 Chevy Chase Dr., Ste. 200, Austin 512-459-2272

www.casatravis.org/volunteer

15 CASA of Williamson County

provides trained, court-appointed volunteers who advocate for the best interests of abused or neglected children on their journey to a safe, permanent home. Training is provided for volunteers.

Upcoming events: Feb. 16, 2019:
The Soiree: A night of dancing, dining and games benefitting local nonprofits.

Volunteer requirements: Volunteers must be able to commit approximately 10 to 15 hours of service each month for a minimum of 18 months. Volunteers must

complete an application and provide three

references as well as participate in an in-

person interview, pass an FBI fingerprint

background check and a Department

Senior Access provided

13,500

rides to seniors in 2018.



Q&A: Jean Childs

Event coordinator at Senior Access

What does Senior Access do?

We provide free transportation to seniors in the Round Rock,

to seniors in the Round Rock, Pflugerville, Hutto and East Austin area. We are expanding to Manor next year, too.

What is your greatest need at Senior Access?

A Volunteers. There is a need for rides to medical appointments, banking and things like that that our clients need to get to pretty often. Our client base has gone up, but our volunteer count has gone down, we aren't exactly sure why.

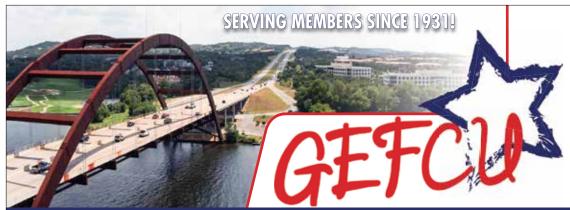
What do clients enjoy about the program?

A Oftentimes our clients live by themselves, so whenever they can be with others in the community they are happy. They love making relationships and like it if the same person comes to pick them up more than once.

How can people get involved?

You can go online to fill out an application. Volunteers are able to work when they want whether it's once a week, once a month or once a year. They can pick their location, too.

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16 Children at Heart Ministries provides specialized support and resources for ministries that care for children and families in crisis. Volunteer opportunities range from providing meals and maintenance to assisting with special events.

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512-255-3668 www.cahm.org

17 Footprints Children's Grief

Ministry is a free program serving children ages 6-18 and their families who are experiencing loss due to death or divorce. Volunteers are needed for special events. 402A W. Palm Valley Blvd., Ste. 335, Round Rock 512-705-5194 www.fpcgm.org

18 Hope Alliance provides services and counseling to victims of family and sexual violence. Volunteers answer crisis calls and assist in a variety of programs.

Volunteer requirements: Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and willing to submit to a federal background check. In order to work directly with clients, volunteers must complete a 32-hour victim's advocacy training certified by the

Office of the Attorney General of Texas. 1011 Gattis School Rd., Ste. 106, Round Rock 512-255-1212 www.hopealliancetx.org

community health, safety and well-being by preventing substance use disorders, providing education and early intervention and supporting long-term recovery. Volunteers can help with a variety of tasks including clerical duties or supporting community events.

Volunteer requirements: Background check and drug test. 2021 N. Mays St., Ste. 500, Round Rock 512-246-9880 www.lifestepscouncil.org

20 **Project Linus** provides handmade blankets for children going through a difficult time. Volunteers are needed to make homemade blankets and get together monthly between January and October to process the blankets. 512-448-1851 www.orgsites.com/tx/austinlinus

21 STARRY provides shelter and foster care to abused and neglected children as well as family counseling. Volunteers are involved in a variety of projects, including providing meals and child care programs following training. Respite care and foster parents are also needed.

Volunteer requirements: Some volunteer opportunities may require background checks. There is no age limit to volunteer, but some volunteer activities are limited to ages 16 and older.

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single mothers and children last year.

22 Texas Baptist Children's Home

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Volunteer requirements: Some volunteer opportunities may require background checks. There is no age limit to volunteer, but some volunteer activities are limited to ages 12 and older.

1101 N. Mays St., Round Rock
512-3255-3682
www.tbch.org

23 Williamson County Children's
Advocacy Center provides assistance
to abused children; non offending
family members; and the professionals
dedicated to the intervention,
investigation, prosecution and treatment

options related to child abuse cases. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks including front desk support, help entertaining siblings, administrative support and toy sanitization. The group said they are also always in need of individual snacks, juice boxes and small waters for children.

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Upcoming events: Feb. 16: SOIREE: A Coming Together for Children **Volunteer requirements:** Volunteers

must be ages 21 and older and participate in a volunteer interview and background check. Training is provided to volunteers once all requirements have been met.

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NEWS

Eminent domain lawsuits see slight uptick in 2018

LEANDER/CEDAR PARK In the past five years Williamson County has acquired nearly 450 parcels of land to build, expand or improve 29 roads while filing nine condemnation lawsuits in that time, including four in 2018.

Charlie Crossfield, the county's right of way attorney, said the recent uptick in lawsuits is due in part to lower road construction costs that have county commissioners pushing for quicker resolutions with landowners, leaving less time for negotiations.

Crossfield, who is responsible for the legal side of condemnation—the process in which governing entities

acquire land for a negotiated price, also known as eminent domainsaid county officials choose where new roads or road expansions and upgrades are needed, and he does the negotiating with the landowners.

"[The condemnation process is] just about money; it's not about whether the road is going to be built or not," Crossfield said.

Although all initial offers the county presents are under the threat of condemnation, Crossfield said lawsuits are rare and primarily occur when the county and a landowner cannot agree on a price.

"I'm not going to say everyone is really thrilled with us knocking on their door, but I think, in the end, most people feel like they are treated fairly not only by us but also the

county commissioners," he said.

With those acquisitions and funding from a \$275 million road bond approved by voters in 2013, the county has initiated a number of road projects, including the completed expansion of Hero Way West in Leander. The projects, county officials say, will accommodate future development.

Valerie Covey, Williamson County commissioner of Precinct 3, said she does not want Williamson County to face traffic issues similar to those Austin residents now deal with.

"We don't need to look any far-

ther than to our neighbors to the **EVERYONE IS REALLY THRILLED** south in Austin." WITH US KNOCKING ON THEIR she said about why the county needs to plan for more roads. "Growth **NOT ONLY BY US BUT ALSO THE** happened, and now [Austin] can't afford to build - CHARLIE CROSSFIELD, WILLIAMSON COUNTY RIGHT OF WAY ATTORNEY roads because it's

too expensive,"

Covey said. "The idea that if you don't build [roads], [new residents] won't come didn't work, and now you have an unenjoyable experience driving in Austin most of the time. We don't want to be like that. We want to be proactive and plan for growth."

Williamson County continues to grow as rising home prices send Austin residents north.

Covey said in order to be proactive the county has purchased land in places officials believe future roads will be needed while land prices are less expensive.

FULL STORY BY ALI LINAN

Traffic planners set path for new freeway overpass

GEORGETOWN City transportation planners have started initial planning work for a new I-35 overpass bridge at Northwest Boulevard, a project set to begin after crews finish an extension of Rivery Boulevard that broke ground in August.

Both projects, which are the next to be funded through Georgetown's \$105 million road bond approved by voters in 2015, are designed to help alleviate traffic along Williams Drive and support development growth along Rivery and Wolf Ranch Parkway that the city expects to continue into the future, said Ed Polasek, the city's transportation planning coordinator.

"While it will have some immediate benefits, it's also a long-term investment in the development potential in this area," Polasek said.

The extensions of Rivery and Northwest are two of eight road construction projects the city will fund with voter-approved bond sales, with work scheduled to continue through 2026, Polasek said.

Along with roadway construction the bond includes millions of dollars set aside for design work on future projects as well as sidewalk and

intersection improvements.

BUILDING THE EXTENSIONS

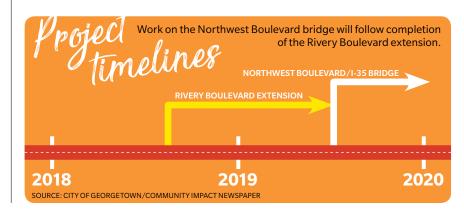
The half-mile extension of Rivery will extend the roadway from its north terminus at Williams to a new intersection with Northwest. The new roadway segment will include four traffic lanes with a divided median as well as a traffic circle at the intersection of Park Lane.

Completing the \$5.1 million project, which is expected by next summer, will pave the way for the new overpass bridge. An additional traffic circle at Northwest will mark the future northern terminus of Rivery.

The overpass bridge construction, along with several related road projects, will start following the completion of the Rivery extension. The overpass project is estimated to cost about \$12.4 million.

Georgetown will manage construction of the overpass, but the project requires approval of site plans and inspection reports by the Texas Department of Transportation for the portion of the project that crosses I-35, Polasek said.

FULL STORY BY EVAN MARCZYNSKI



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BUSINESS FEATURE

Skull Island Studios

GEORGETOWN Todd Pettengill started working in the radio business in a small town in upstate New York when he was 13, getting paid with vinyl records.

"I've been mixing music for pretty much my whole life," he said, adding that opening his own business was a natural fit.

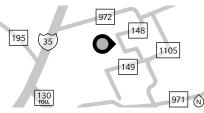
Pettengill Productions opened in New York City in 1994 as the parent company to Skull Island Studios. Pettengill relocated to Georgetown in May to be closer to his oldest daughter, Amanda.

Skull Island Studios—Pettengill said the name is inspired by his love of skulls and how the shape of a skull looks similar to a microphone—is located in Georgetown near Walburg. Pettengill said the studio is a one-stop shop for video and music production.

"If you come in and record your album, we can also record your music video. So it's hand-in-hand," he said.

He said producing music can be a tedious process, sometimes taking 25-30 hours to produce a song from scratch. But he does not do it alone.





241 CR 148, Georgetown 512-464-1231 https://petprodinc.com Hours: Mon.-Thu. 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Fri.-Sun. 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Pettengill said he gets a lot of help from his youngest daughter, Hayley, who is the vice president of the company.

FULL STORY BY ALI LINAN

DINING FEATURE

Basil Thai

NORTHWEST AUSTIN Rachel Su, co-owner of North Austin restaurant Basil Thai, said she sometimes has to encourage her regular customers to try something new.

"They already know what they like, and they always pick the same thing," she said. "Sometimes I recommend they change it and order something different."

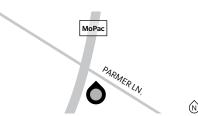
After a decade of owning a Thai restaurant in San Diego, California, husband-and-wife duo Su and Henry Ma moved to Texas and opened Basil Thai in August 2017.

Su said the restaurant's specialties include traditional Thai dishes such as tom ka soup and tom yum soup made with coconut milk broth or lemongrass broth.

"Even in California the customers said we make the best tom ka and tom yum soup there," she said.

Some of Basil Thai's most popular menu items are the personal hot pots, which come served over a small flame with a side of rice, Su said.





2501 W. Parmer Lane, Ste. 550, Austin 512-599-5372 www.basilthaiaustin.com Hours: Sun. noon-9 p.m.; Mon., Wed.-Sat. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; closed Tue.

In addition to hot pots, Basil Thai offers noodle dishes, fried rice and Thai curries, which Su said are thinner and less spicy than Indian curries. FULL STORY **BY EMMA WHALEN**



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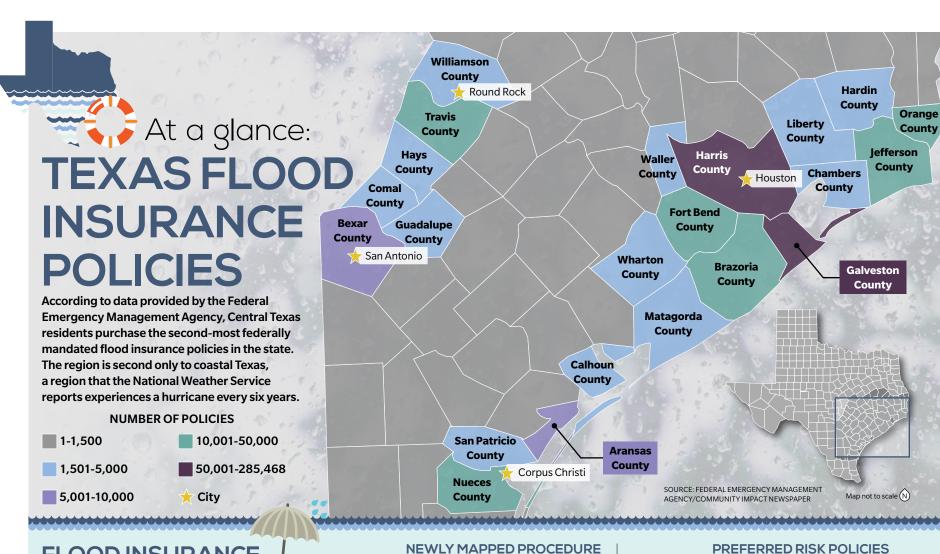
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FLOOD INSURANCE buzzwords

FEMA officials recommend purchasing flood insurance whether your property is located inside or outside of the Special Flood Hazard Area, or SFHA, in its upcoming updated flood insurance rate map. These are some helpful terms to bring up with your insurance provider to make sure you get the best coverage at the best rate.

SOURCE: FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

NEWLY MAPPED PROCEDURE

The National Flood Insurance Program offers this savings program for houses that were previously outside of the SFHA and are now located inside of it.

To take advantage homeowners must purchase a policy that becomes effective within 12 months of the map change.

The National Flood Insurance Program's preferred policy can be purchased if your property is located in one of FEMA's lowrisk flood zones.

Created in 1968, the National Flood Insurance Program allows homeowners to buy flood insurance protection from the federal government.

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and Williamson County residents as their properties move in or out of the dictated flood risk zone.

FEMA's flood insurance rate zone map is used by insurance companies to determine if flood insurance is legally mandated for a property. This map shows the flood plain information for the Upper Brushy Creek WCID watershed, which covers most of southern Williamson County, and the San Gabriel River watershed that runs through the rest of the county.

In Round Rock alone city engineers estimate that approximately 300 of 500 total structures that are on the existing flood insurance rate map will be removed from the upcoming FEMA map. Those structures are now likely to be relieved of federally mandated flood insurance policies.

Structures, according to Round Rock flood plain administrator Danny Halden, are likely houses, though it is impossible for the city to determine if they are elevated off the ground to make them safer from floodwater. The city additionally cannot determine if the structure is a storage building or a shed.

Only federally backed mortgages are mandated to purchase flood insurance if the property is located

inside the flood insurance rate area. If a house is already paid off or is paying a mortgage that is not backed by a federal lender then the legal mandate does not apply to that property.

Hutto city officials found that more properties are poised to move into the amended flood risk area. According to the city of Hutto, 110 platted lots that were previously not in the flood plain are now in the area of mapped flood risk, as opposed to 38 platted lots that are set to leave the flood plain. It is unclear if there are any structures located on those lots.

The Upper Brushy Creek WCID Flood Protection Plan published in June 2016 identified a total of 927 structures inside the district's 500-year flood depth grid. That included 824 single-family homes, 10 multifamily properties, 10 public facilities and 83 commercial properties. The 500-year flood has a 0.2 percent chance of occurring during any given year.

Williamson County is reporting a similar trend in its unincorporated areas. According to numbers provided to Community Impact Newspaper, 228 structures in unincorporated areas in Williamson County will leave the flood plain-more than the identified 143 structures previously outside of the flood plain that are soon expected to be within its boundaries.

"As we're studying it and keeping an eye on it we're letting folks know when they're coming in for a permit where [the flood plain] is and how we expect it to impact their property," said Terron Evertson, flood plain administrator for Williamson County.

INSURANCE IMPACT

Property owners that are about to be moved into the new flood insurance rate map flood plain will likely have to buy some form of flood insurance. According to the FEMA website, Congress mandates identified flood-risk properties purchase flood insurance if their corresponding mortgages are federally backed.

A vast majority of mortgages are federally backed. If one's mortgage is financed through Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae or the Federal Housing Authority, it is federally backed and subject to Congressional mandate.

FEMA officials say the map is expected to become official by fall 2019, though local officials caution the process has already been delayed several times. At the time of the map's official adoption, affected property owners will be required to carry flood insurance.

If property owners have not yet already been contacted by their insurance carriers, FEMA and local officials urge residents to reach out to their city or

How to ASSESS AND ADDRESS FLOOD RISK



Speak with a homeowners insurance provider about flood insurance.



Research flood-mitigation methods for private property, such as berms, French drains and pump sumps.

HELPFUL LINKS:

PREVIEW FEMA FLOOD PLAIN CHANGES: https://gis.wilco.org/maps/?viewer=study

INSURANCE INFORMATION:

www.fema.gov/national-floodinsurance-program

FLOODED ROAD CLOSURES:

www.atxfloods.com

PREPAREDNESS:

www.weather.gov/safety/flood-before

SOURCES:WILLIAMSON COUNTY, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE, CITY OF AUSTIN/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM



Local communities can participate in this program. Depending on participation and actions taken by the community, flood insurance premium rates can be reduced up to 45 percent.

As of October 2016, Round Rock and Hutto did not participate in this program.

county flood plain administrator to see if their property may be affected.

"The more that communities and homeowners know about this process, the better we can work together to make sure that we build safely and resiliently and are prepared for flooding and other natural disasters," Larry Fordham, acting regional insurance liaison for FEMA Region 6, wrote in an email.

Fordham outlined several cost-mitigating options for property owners now under mandate to purchase flood insurance, such as the Preferred Risk Policy. The policy is the National Flood Insurance Program's preferred policy for homeowners and, according to Fordham, provides the best coverage for the lowest cost if purchased before the new map becomes official.

None of the governing bodies or agencies involved in this mapping have an estimate on how much this may cost property owners as a whole across Williamson County.

Across the board FEMA and local officials recommend flood insurance even for those outside of the identified flood plain, warning that flood damage-however unlikely-can be extremely costly for a homeowner.

"Weird events happen, and events that happen

outside of the FEMA limit occur," Halden said. "If [property owners] live closer to a creek they need to delve into things and understand their risk. ... Sometimes people think a line on a map is a line that is never going to be crossed."

'AN INCREDIBLE COLLABORATIVE EFFORT'

The area's flood insurance rate map was last updated in 2008, according to Evertson, and even then it used old, spotty data.

"There really hasn't been new analysis done since 1991," Halden said. Per Halden the flood insurance risk map currently on the books is based off data that was collected nearly 30 years ago.

"Round Rock is such a fast-growing community we're dealing with, [and] we've got the old maps that are effective," Halden said. "[Now] we have this preliminary information, which seems like better information."

The new flood insurance rate map is built off new watershed data collected and compiled by Upper Brushy Creek WCID. The WCID received grant funding from the Texas Water Development Board in 2011 to develop a flood protection plan and more accurately map the area's watershed. The watershed study was also partially funded by FEMA itself.

Williamson County and multiple municipalities, including Round Rock and Hutto, participated in compiling data. For the first time in three decades, the floodplain maps were developed using recent development information, detailed topographical data and modern technology, creating the most accurate and technologically advanced watershed study the region has ever had.

"It has been an incredible collaborative effort. I don't know if there's been an effort like this. I think we're really fortunate. We're going to have one of the best products out there," said Alysha Girard, general manager of Upper Brushy Creek WCID.

Local officials reached out to FEMA to use the WCID's watershed data to build Williamson County's newest flood insurance rate map, a request FEMA granted.

"[Williamson County] is a rapidly growing area," said Larry Voice, civil engineer for FEMA Region 6. "When a lot of the data was being developed there it wasn't a highly populated area. ... As you have more people in there it becomes important to really get a precise answer there."

FEMA will soon release revised maps based off flood plain appeals. According to FEMA no public comments were received, though at least one developer appealed to the agency through the city of Round Rock.

The city of Round Rock itself filed "four or five" appeals, per Halden.

Local agencies will receive the revised preliminary map sometime this spring, according to Voice, and the agency will then file a letter of final determination. Within six months of that action the new flood insurance rate map will become effective and the majority of properties located inside the flood plain will require flood insurance.

"We strongly encourage [residents] to look at this new data and understand it," Voice said. "We caution them not to be overconfident if they're not in the flood area and not get insurance anyways."





ROADWAYS at risk

The Flood Protection Plan published by Upper Brushy Creek WCID in 2016 identified 50 roadways that will see significant flooding during the event of a 50-year flood, or a flood that has a 2 percent probability of happening annually. Listed below are the five roadways in Round Rock that are expected to experience the worst flooding.



BRUSHY BEND ROAD

10.7 FT. depth of flooding



SPANISH OAK TRAIL

9.3 FT. depth of flooding



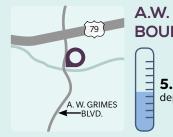
CHISHOLM TRAIL ROAD

6.1 FT. depth of flooding



HAIRY MAN ROAD

5.7 FT. depth of flooding



A.W. GRIMES **BOULEVARD**

5.7 FT. depth of flooding

SOURCE: UPPER BRUSHY CREEK WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT WATERSHED FLOOD PROTECTION PLAN/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

manager for the Round Rock Area Serving Center, said the center sees a monthly average of 1,100 families seeking food and financial assistance.

While many clients are working poor, some do not have a permanent residence. According to the most recent data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 9.6 percent of Round Rock residents are living below the poverty line.

"Homelessness looks different in Austin than it does in our communities," Flores said. "What we forget is the majority of people in our area have a different definition of homelessness."

In downtown Austin people line up outside the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless for a place to stay the night. In Williamson County, though, there is no conventional homeless shelter. Those experiencing homelessness may live in their car or temporarily stay with family or friends.

"Everybody sees the people on the street and that type of homelessness, but [homelessness] is so much deeper than that," said Jodee O'Brien, CEO of United Way of Williamson County, which provides resources and financial guidance to area residents. "A lot of these people have been working, and one medical bill or flat tire and they get evicted and become homeless, living in their cars. Being homeless doesn't mean they're necessarily out on the street; they might be couch-surfing or living with different people, but they don't really have a permanent home."

O'Brien said with the area's rapid population growth there has been an increase in homeless residents or those in need of immediate assistance to avoid losing permanent housing.

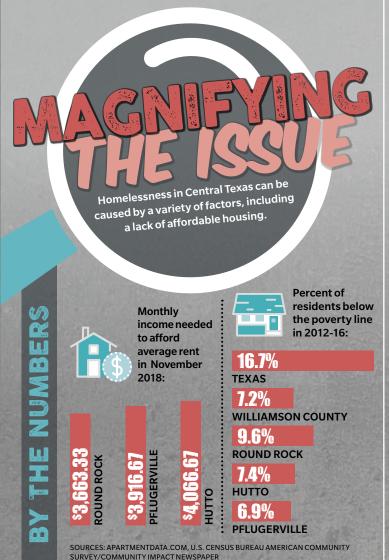
According to U.S. Census Bureau population estimates from March, Williamson County is the fifth fast-est-growing county in Texas. That population growth has led to a jump in property values.

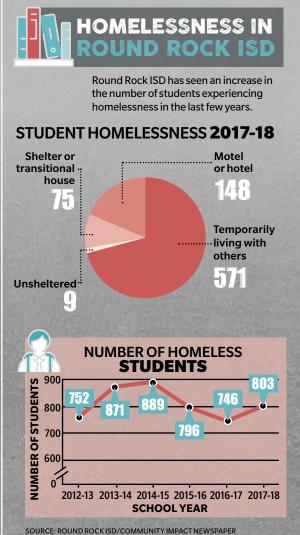
Along with rising property values, Flores said she has seen cases in which residents are unable to find housing due to past evictions or debt.

Flores and O'Brien said both of their organizations as well as other community nonprofits work closely with the Round Rock ISD Families in Transition program, which identifies and aids students without a permanent home.

HOMELESS STUDENTS

Desiree Le serves as the coordinator for RRISD's Families in Transition program. In her role, Le identifies students without permanent homes and works to provide resources for them and their families.





Under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, a federal law that supports the rights of students experiencing homelessness, every district is required to assign a homeless liaison. The act is intended to ensure that any student lacking a fixed, adequate and regular nighttime residence is provided with resources.

The act provides five categories to identify homelessness: unsheltered; living in a hotel or motel; living in a shelter or transitional housing; awaiting foster care placement; or temporarily staying with friends or other families, which is commonly referred to as "doubled up."

In the 2017-18 school year, RRISD reported 803 students experiencing one of those forms of homelessness, accounting for 1.64 percent of the district's total enrollment of 49,086 students. The majority of those students, Le said, are doubled up.

One of the most vulnerable student populations, Le said, is those who are not living in custody of parents or other guardians.

"A quarter of the homeless population in a school district is usually unaccompanied youth," Le said.

One of the district's priorities with homeless students, Le said, is ensuring

they are able to continue attending their schools of origin, or the schools the students attended when they lost their housing.

"We have had some students that have gone to 10 campuses in one year," Le said. "It can be very difficult for families to keep their kids at a school."

Le said that a third of the student population she works with are transported to school, some from as far as Bastrop or Del Valle.

"They call it the invisible student population for a reason," Le said. "There are a lot of students that stay under the radar. For every homeless student identified in the state there are probably twice as many [who are homeless]."

Le, who has also worked in a similar role for Austin ISD and Dallas ISD, said the problem unique to RRISD is the lack of a traditional shelter or low-income housing in the area that is accessible to residents.

"People call my office, and they want housing solutions, and it's the one thing I can't provide for them," Le said. "I know families that are on a three- or four-month or yearlong waiting list to get a Section 8 housing voucher. ... That, to me, is probably the hardest thing. There is not a lot of housing solutions to offer."

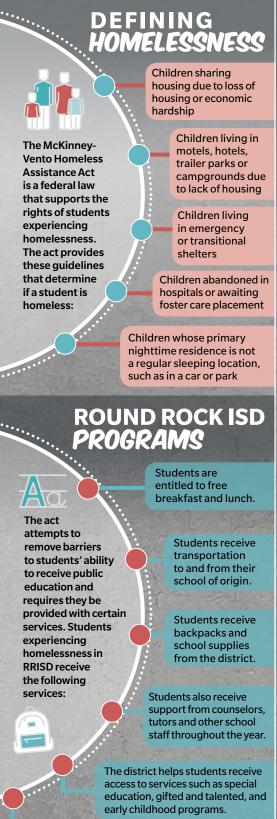
SEARCHING FOR SOLUTIONS

Connie Odom, Williamson County public affairs manager, said constructing a homeless shelter is not a core duty of the county, and homelessness is not something that has been discussed in Commissioners Court meetings. Odom said the county values the role that nonprofits and faith-based groups play in providing social services.

Funding homeless shelters happens in a variety of ways. In Austin, for example, the ARCH is owned by the city and run by a nonprofit. One of Austin's Salvation Army shelters, the Austin Shelter for Women and Children, is owned by the city, but the group's Downtown Shelter is not. It gets funding primarily from private sources, according to Kelly Perkins, director of development for Austin Salvation Army.

While Williamson County does not have specific programs for the homeless, Odom said it offers grant funds to efforts such as Hope Alliance, a shelter for victims of domestic and sexual violence, and Habitat for Humanity. The TBCH in Round Rock offers housing for children and single-parent families.

TBCH currently houses 79 children and 42 mothers and receives between 50 and 60 phone calls requesting assistance each month, Rippstein said.



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provides financial assistance and

counseling to residents in need.

www.huttoresourcecenter.org

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food pantry and thrift store as well

as consultation offices. Resources

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with area resources. 512-255-6700 www.unitedway-wc.org The Circle of Hope Community

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ROUND ROCK HOUSING AUTHORITY

The organization connects lowincome families with affordable housing. After meeting necessary requirements, applicants are selected by a lottery system. 512-255-9159 www.roundrockha.org 1505 Lance Lane, Round Rock

AUSTIN RESOURCE CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS

Located approximately 23 miles from Round Rock, the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless, or ARCH, has a night shelter available to single adults. The shelter also offers space for day sleeping and cold-weather shelter. 512-305-4100 http://frontsteps.org 4320 S. Congress Ave. Ste, 6108, Austin

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To see all Williamson **County resources** available by ZIP code, visit wilco.auntbertha.com.

This nonprofit works to help residents find access to housing, health care and education by connecting them SOURCE: GROUPS LISTED/ COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

The majority of those clients are from Round Rock with most of the remainder coming from Williamson County.

SOURCE: ROUND ROCK ISD/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

The district coordinates with programs

in the interest of families in transition.

such as Head Start and housing agencies

TBCH opened in 1950 as an orphanage and expanded in 1979 to work with single mothers and children.

"When we started the [family] program in 1979 we only had capacity for a couple of families," Rippstein said. "It has grown to the capacity we have today of 40-plus families, and the fact

that we are getting so many phone calls each month shows that there continues to be a high demand."

Lori Wiste, family care supervisor for TBCH, said TBCH sees an increase in families seeking shelter right before the beginning of the school year. The leading cause of homelessness that TBCH sees is financial strain, Wiste said.

"I think there are so many Americans that are just a paycheck or two away from homelessness that when something out of the ordinary happens like an unexpected expense or job loss ... things can slip apart pretty quickly," Rippstein said.

Rippstein said TBCH works closely with RRISD to make sure homeless students are able to attend school and are provided with necessary resources, such as counseling, which Rippstein said is very important for

that population of children.

"Kids that have been facing traumawhether it's a lack of a place to live or a lack of food—it's hard for them to go to school and focus," Rippstein said. "We try to help them get back up to where they need to be."

Jaymie Clark, independent living and after care coordinator for TBCH, said that one of the goals at TBCH is to help families reach a point at which they can live independently. Clark said she will regularly check on past clients and remains available to provide counseling and guidance when problems arise. One of the biggest resources for those clients to find that independence, Clark said, is affordable housing.

The Round Rock Housing Authority operates three public housing locations, one of which is available only to seniors. Applications for public housing are selected from a waitlist by way of a lottery system. According to RRHA, public housing is limited to individuals who are classified as low-income, and eligibility is based on annual gross income; whether the applicant qualifies as elderly, disabled or a family; and citizenship status. The estimated waiting period for housing is between 18 and 24 months, according to RRHA. Le said she works with families who have been on the waitlist for months and in some cases more than a year.

RRHA also administers Section 8 housing certificates, which allow a person to pay a subsidized rent according to his or her income.

O'Brien said residents in need of assistance are encouraged to call 211, a number that can connect them with area organizations able to help their specific situations. Williamson County also hosts the website http://wilco. auntbertha.com, which connects residents with area resources based on their ZIP codes.

In October Hutto nonprofits Hutto Has Heart and the Hutto Community Food Pantry merged to create the Hutto Resource Center, which provides food, clothing and financial assistance to families in need.

"There are a lot of great programs out there that are helping," O'Brien said. "It is important for residents to pay attention. ... There might be people they actually know who are homeless or couch-surfing, and they would never know it. There is the obvious homeless population, but there is homelessness that people generally aren't aware of."





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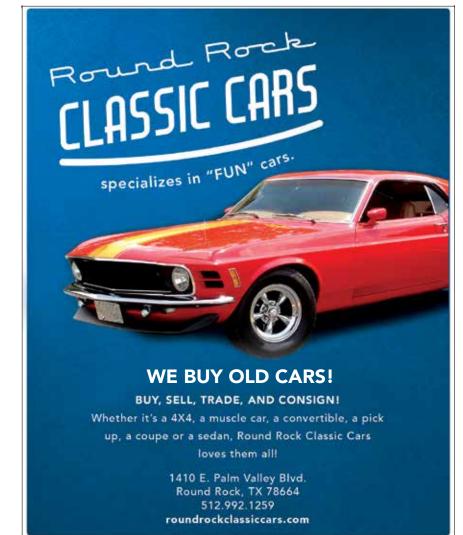


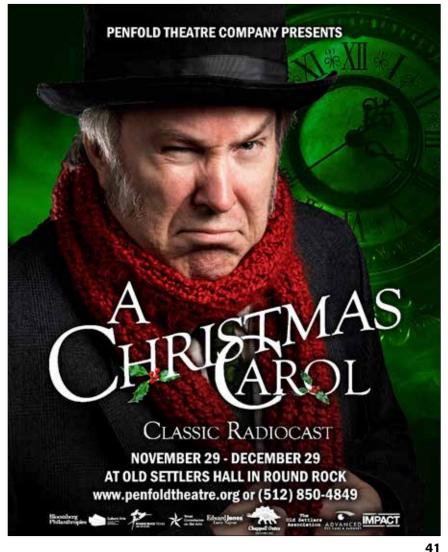
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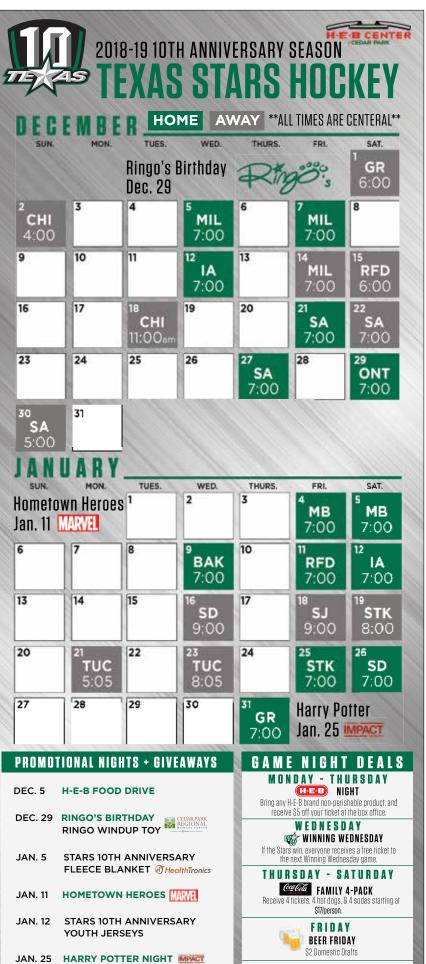
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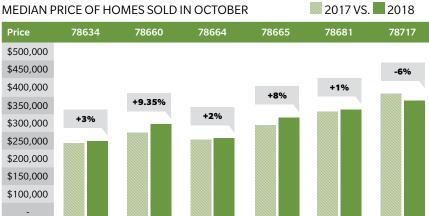




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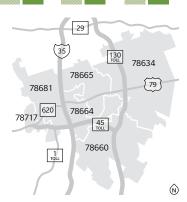
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RECENT PROPERTY LISTINGS

ZIP code	Subdivision	Address	Bed/bath	Price	Sq. ft.	Agent	Agency	Phone
78634	Brushy Creek Meadows	107 Wren Cove	3br/2ba	\$220,000	1,959	Christopher Riley	Lee Real Estate Services Inc.	512-587-6681
78634	Carmel Creek	603 Duroc Drive	4br/4ba	\$318,970	2,584	Matthew Menard	Austin Real Estate Experts	512-947-8787
78634	Carol Meadows	1101 Meagan Cove	4br/2ba	\$215,000	1,768	Ashley Brinkoeter	Keller Williams Realty-GT	512-966-4720
78634	Country Estates	501 S. Pauley Drive	4br/3ba	\$246,900	2,738	Benjamin Kinney	Keller Williams Realty	512-649-2048
78634	Creek Bend	418 Peaceful Haven Way	3br/2ba	\$219,900	1,683	Kay Keesee	Kuper Sotheby's Itl. Rlty.	512-750-2274
78634	Enclave at Brushy Creek	230 Wells Bend	3br/2ba	\$205,000	1,521	Megan Jarrard Bradshaw	RE/MAX Capital City	512-608-2882
78634	Hutto Square	402 Wimberley St.	3br/3ba	\$210,000	1,714	Michelle Visel	Keller Williams Realty-GT	970-903-8912
78634	Lakeside Estates	216 Cassandra Drive	3br/3ba	\$209,988	1,515	Tim Kress	RE/MAX 1	512-337-0202
78634	Park at Brushy Creek	115 Towan Way	4br/2ba	\$225,000	1,808	Evonne Gottsch	Realty Austin	512-810-3189
78634	Riverwalk	207 Creston St.	4br/3ba	\$240,000	2,324	Nicole Smith	Keller Williams Realty	512-785-7041
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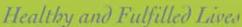
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78660	Bohls Place	1307 Poppy Pass	3br/2ba	\$268,788	2,112	Nicholas Landis	Keller Williams Realty	512-788-6991
78660	Carmel	17020 Lathrop Ave.	4br/3ba	\$317,620	2,513	Pamela Buske	RE/MAX 1	512-704-4672
78660	Park at Blackhawk	20117 Harrier Flight Trail	6br/4ba	\$389,997	4,128	Ricky Cain	Keller Williams Realty	512-794-6643
78660	Picadilly Ridge	17230 Tobermory Drive	3br/2ba	\$205,000	1,299	Paul Borman	Coldwell Banker United, Realtors	512-577-9928
78660	Settlers Ridge	407 W. Custers Creek Bend	4br/3ba	\$265,000	1,836	Linda Larson	Pacesetter Properties	512-517-3322
78660	Sorento	16416 Pallazo Drive	4br/3ba	\$315,000	2,828	Tyson Wynia	Realty Austin	512-791-4957
78660	The Park at Blackhawk	20616 Mouflon Drive	4br/3ba	\$400,990	2,900	April Maki	Sisu Realty & Associates	512-470-7979
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78664	Oak Bluff Estates	11 Hillway Drive	5br/4ba	\$429,500	3,365	Jo Carol Snowden	Moreland Properties	512-657-4441
78664	Turtle Creek Village	1851 Thompson Trail	3br/2ba	\$229,000	1,395	Jim Clark	RE/MAX Capital City	512-789-3085
78665	Chandler Creek	232 Chandler Crossing Trail	4br/2ba	\$249,500	1,823	Linda Bishop	Weichert-Barton Harris & Co.	512-784-4998
78665	Forest Ridge	3201 Dawn Mesa Court	4br/3ba	\$410,000	3,085	Mary Lynne Gibbs	Keller Williams-Lake Travis	512-431-2403
78665	Paloma Lake	3028 Angelina Court	4br/3ba	\$305,000	2,598	Andrew Constancio	JB Goodwin, Realtors	512-784-0852
78665	Ryans Crossing	707 Johnny Bench	3br/2ba	\$209,900	1,653	Shane Polach	Keller Williams Realty-GT	512-415-2386
78665	Siena	6831 Catania Loop	4br/3ba	\$322,935	2,715	April Maki	Sisu Realty & Associates	512-470-7979
78665	Sonoma	2629 Ravenwood Drive	4br/4ba	\$405,000	3,175	Amy Smith	RE/MAX 1	512-913-4916
78665	Vizcaya	2704 Mazaro Way	4br/3ba	\$379,900	2,627	Susan Truair	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	512-587-1125
78681	Brushy Bend Park	2105 Vivian Drive	4br/4ba	\$799,000	3,012	Kasey Jorgenson	Keller Williams Realty-RR	512-574-5484
78681	Preserve at Stone Oak	3462 Flowstone Lane	3br/3ba	\$280,000	1,880	Diane Vanlandingham	Keller Williams Realty	512-468-3083
78717	Parmer Crossing	14009 Eucalyptus Bend	3br/3ba	\$344,035	1,645	Matthew Menard	Austin Real Estate Experts	512-947-8787
78717	Presidio Station	10202 Erwin Trail	2br/3ba	\$344,716	1,520	Jimmy Rado	David Weekley Homes	512-821-8818
78717	Woods of Brushy Creek	8504 E. Potosi Cove	3br/3ba	\$290,000	1,719	Carmen Nichols	Realty Austin	512-412-0504





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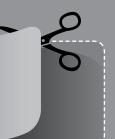
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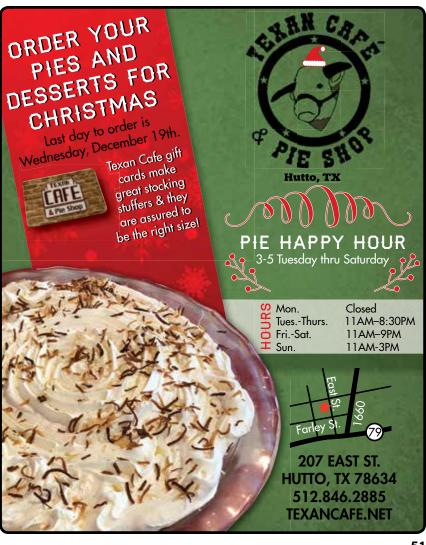
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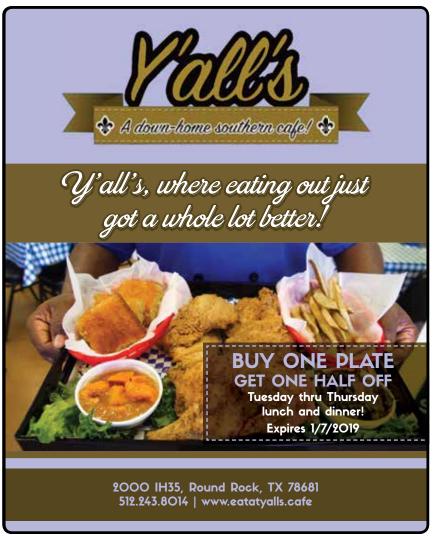
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