

ANALYZING LISD'S

DEMOGRAPHICS

The lawsuit alleges trustees living in predominantly white areas do not represent the entire district.

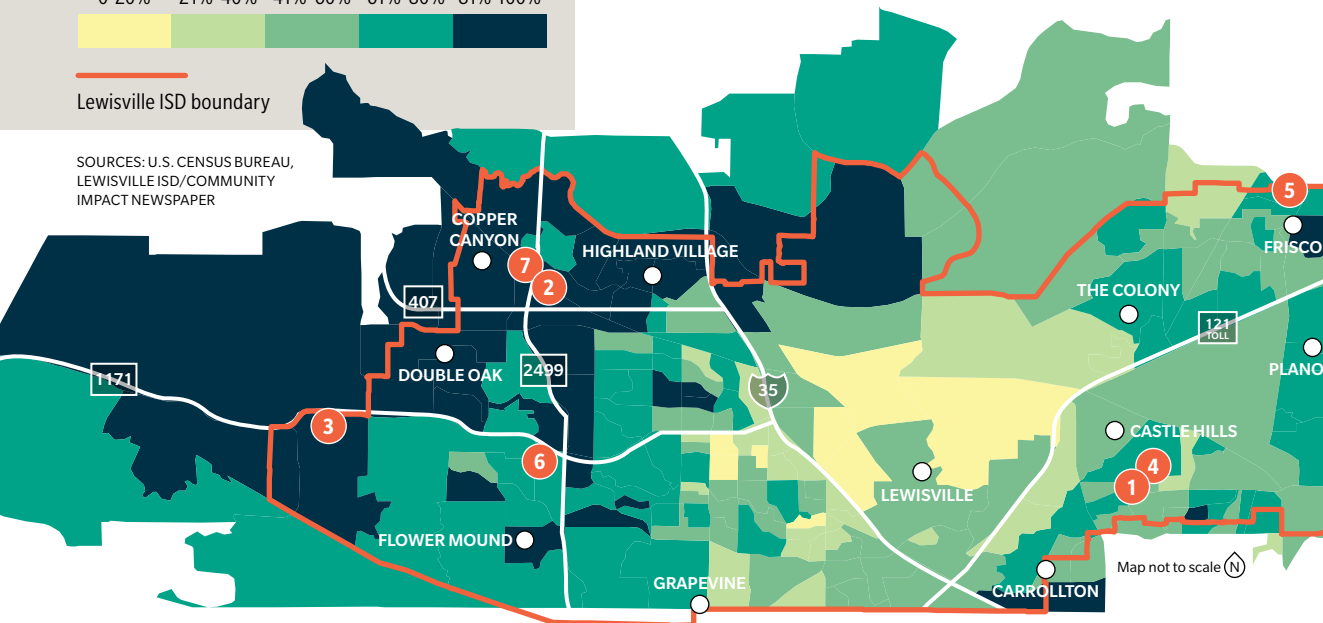
CONCENTRATION OF WHITE RESIDENTS

0-20% 21%-40% 41%-60% 61%-80% 81%-100%



Lewisville ISD boundary

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IN ORDER BY
DISTRICT SEAT
(PLACES 1-7)



1 Kronda Thimesch
Term expires 2021



2 Allison Lassahn
Term expires 2021



3 Angie Cox
Term expires 2019



4 Katherine Sells
Term expires 2019



5 Jenny Proznik
Term expires 2019



6 Kristi Hassett
Term expires 2020



7 Tracy Scott Miller
Term expires 2020

BY **SHERELLE BLACK**

A lawsuit filed against Lewisville ISD claims the school district's at large voting system denies Hispanic, African-American and Asian voters a fair opportunity to elect school board members of their choice.

Law firm Brewer Storefront filed suit in federal court Feb. 12 on behalf of Frank Vaughan against LISD and its trustees. The suit alleges the school district's election system violates the Voting Rights Act of 1965 because it denies fair representation to

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Proposed bills seek to allow breweries to sell beer to-go

BY **SHERELLE BLACK**

One Lewisville craft brewery owner is pushing for lawmakers to pass bills that will allow him to sell his beer to-go.

Bill Shaw, owner of Old Town Brewhouse—the only craft brewery in Lewisville—said beer brewers across the state have been fighting for years over what can be bought and sold at breweries.

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Bill Shaw is the owner of Old Town Brewhouse and one of the brewers in support of Senate Bill 312 and House Bill 672.



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MCL Grand

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Old Town Wine House

Mar. 8 | David Christian
Alkeys Lounge & Eatery

Mar. 16 | St. Paddy's Texas Style
Wayne Ferguson Plaza

Mar. 22 | JL Sablick
The Perc Coffeehouse

Mar. 29 | Richard Maas
The Perc Coffeehouse

Mar. 29-Apr. 14 | "Dear Brutus"
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Mar. 30 | BettySoo Songwriting Workshop
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OLD TOWN BREWHOUSE | 146 WHATLEY

Old Town Brewhouse is having their annual St. Patrick's Day 5K run on March 16 with over 600 runners participating. After the race, enjoy the party featuring The Selkie Girls performing from 1-4 p.m. Join in this family event with a food truck for dining and lots of games, including Giant Jenga, ping pong, giant

checkers, giant badminton, football games and a variety of board games. When St. Paddy's Texas Style in Wayne Ferguson Plaza is over, stop by Old Town Brewhouse for their "after party". For delicious craft beer and live music, check out their weekend schedule throughout the year!



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State legislative session in full swing

For years, I've heard tales of the goings on at our state Capitol. My mom worked for a state legislator for 13 years, so I would get the scoop on some of the bigger bills working through the chambers.

This month, we're taking a look at two bills affecting a few businesses in the area and many beer-drinking consumers. Those bills will allow breweries across the state to sell their own beverages to the general public without using a distributor, similar to the rights afforded to wineries and distilleries. For a detailed look at the breweries and brewpubs in the area, turn to Page 16.

We'll continue to cover relevant useful

news monthly on these pages, but when news breaks, we'll cover it online as well.

This month, you would have been alerted when we broke the news that Lewisville ISD had been sued for allegedly violating the Voting Rights Act of 1965. On Page 14, we go deeper into the story to analyze the demographics of the district, and how they've changed over time.

In between issues, you can follow along with news from the Capitol and this community by signing up for newsletters at www.communityimpact.com/newsletter and on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/communityimpact_lfh.



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When will cell phone service improve in the Flower Mound area?

AT&T and Verizon have permits approved for the installation of several small cell sites in Flower Mound that will improve cell phone reception.

AT&T will install 10 new small cells in the Lakeside DFW area. The installation is expected to be complete in the first quarter of 2019.

Verizon customers may have already noticed improved reception in Lakeside DFW in the past several months due to Lakeside DFW business account owners purchasing network extenders.

Verizon is also in the planning process for a cell tower on Spinks Road, which should also help improve coverage in the area, if approved.

Sprint customers may also be receiving improved cell phone reception.

Sprint has plans to construct two small cells and a collocation on the new Verizon tower off of Skillern Road that was approved earlier this year. They are also hoping to collocate on the planned Verizon tower off of Spinks Road, if approved.

As service providers provide updates, the town will share news on its website: www.flower-mound.com.

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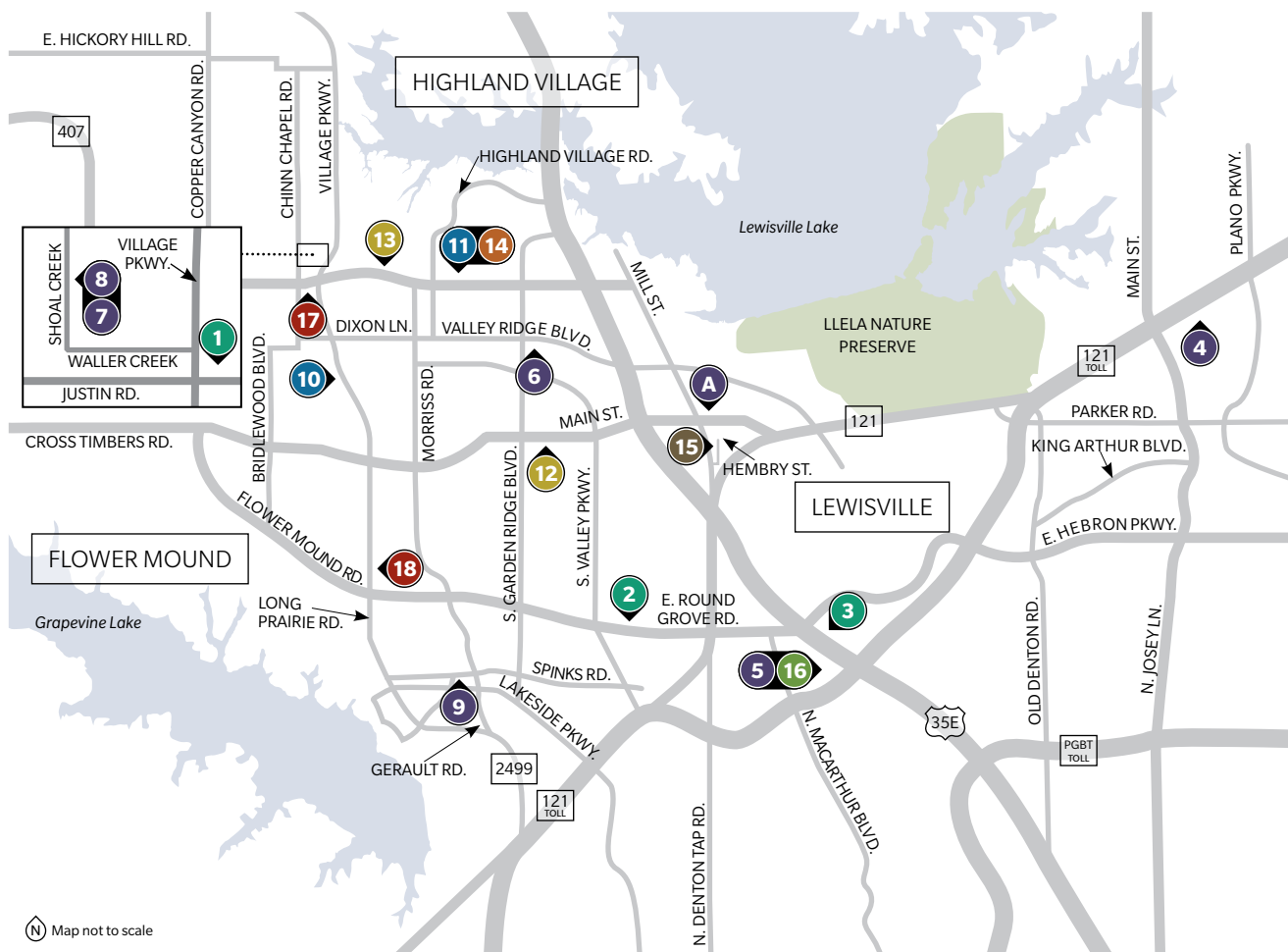
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NOW OPEN

1 One Stop Nutrition opened in February at 3196 Justin Road, Ste. 203, Highland Village. The business offers healthy food products and nutritional supplements as well as a smoothie bar. 940-295-4448. <https://onestopnutrition.com>

2 Chante Mexican Grill & Cantina opened Feb. 11 at 951 W. Round Grove Road, Lewisville. Menu items include chimichangas, burritos, chipotle shrimp, chile lime salmon, sangrias, margaritas and desserts. 214-870-2011. www.chantemexicangrill.com

3 Ollie's Bargain Outlet opened Feb. 13 at 2412 S. Stemmons Freeway, Lewisville. The retailer sells closeout merchandise and excess inventory at reduced prices. 214-488-0549. www.ollies.us

COMING SOON

4 Medical City Specialty Care Castle Hills will open in April at 4820 SH 121, Ste. 400, Lewisville. The 1,250-square-foot facility will feature three exam rooms and an X-ray machine. www.medicalcitylewisville.com

5 Minnie Minors will open inside Music City Mall Lewisville, 2401 S. Stemmons Freeway, Lewisville. The retailer will

sell clothing for children of all ages. An opening date has not been announced. 972-315-0660.

<https://minnie-minors.business.site>

6 Fetch will open in the spring at 1490 Valley Ridge Blvd., Ste. 106, Lewisville. The business will offer dog-grooming services using show dog-quality products made in Texas. The business will also offer day care and boarding in which dogs will be boarded in individual rooms. 469-230-1962

7 A permit is under review for **Tiff's Treats**, which, if approved, will be located at The Shops at Highland Village, 1701 Shoal Creek, Highland Village. The business sells warm cookies in flavors such as

chocolate chip pecan, snickerdoodle, oatmeal raisin and peanut butter. Brownies and ice cream are also sold.

214-702-4960. www.cookie-delivery.com

8 Academy Mortgage will open at The Shops at Highland Village at 1401 Shoal Creek Drive, Highland Village. The business will offer direct-lender services, which means all loan processing, underwriting, closings and funding are handled at the branch. An opening date has not been announced. 800-660-8664. <https://academymortgage.com>

9 Iron Den, located at 1401 Spinks Road, Flower Mound, will have a soft opening in March with a grand opening scheduled for May 11. The 5,000-square-foot fitness facility will offer personal training and feature equipment originally owned by Lou Ferrigno, the original Incredible Hulk. www.iron-den.com

RELOCATIONS

10 Family Hearing Practice relocated in February to 4491 Long Prairie Road, Ste. 400, Flower Mound, from 2913 Corporate Circle, Ste. 300, Flower Mound. The practice administers hearing tests for adults and children as well as offers hearing aids and earmolds. 817-997-4084. www.flowermoundfamilyhearing.com

11 Salerno's Italian Restaurant relocated in February to 2250 FM 407, Ste. 130, Highland Village, from 3407 Long Prairie Road, Flower Mound. The restaurant is part of the Salerno Pizza Co. owned by Morris and Michael Salerno. The restaurant serves pastas, breads and pizza. 972-539-9534. www.salernositalian.com

NAME CHANGE

12 In January, 22 Texas Health Emergency Rooms, including the location at 1596 W. Main St., Lewisville, were renamed to **City Hospital Emergency Care Center**. The freestanding emergency rooms are equipped with a full radiology suite, including a CT scanner, digital X-ray and ultrasound as well as an on-site laboratory. 469-312-3660. <https://cityhospital-emergencycarecenter.com>



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COURTESY TIFFS TREATS



COURTESY CITY HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CARE CENTER

13 Goodyear Auto Service, located at 2350 Justin Road, Highland Village, will be closed for a short time as the location is remodeled and rebranded to **Just Tires**. Services include oil changes, brake services and tire repairs. 972-317-3424. www.justtires.com

EXPANSIONS

14 **The Painted Tree Marketplace**, located at 2240 Justin Road, Highland Village, will expand to include a tea room. An opening date for the tea room has not been announced. The marketplace features hundreds of vendors selling home decor, boutique clothing and accessories, and art. 214-432-0306. www.paintedtreemarketplace.com

ANNIVERSARIES

15 **Northside Air Conditioning** is celebrating 15 years of business in March at 619 Hembry St., Lewisville. The company offers routine maintenance, new construction installation and repairs.

972-996-6511. www.northsideair.com

IN THE NEWS

16 **Dillard's** inside Music City Mall Lewisville, 2401 S. Stemmons Freeway, Lewisville, is transitioning to a clearance store. The transition is expected to be complete by May. 972-315-3333. www.dillards.com

CLOSINGS

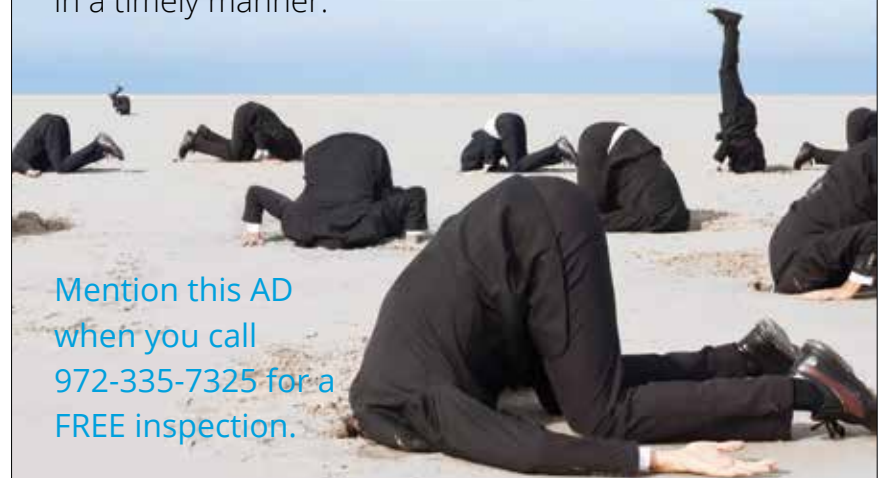
17 After opening Aug. 15, **The Catch** at 3651 Justin Road, Flower Mound, closed in February. The restaurant served a variety of seafood dishes, such as grilled catfish, boiled shrimp, oysters and fish tacos. Coupons and gift cards can still be used at the remaining locations. www.thecatchusa.com

18 **Red Hot & Blue** announced Jan. 24 the closing of its location at 2608 Long Prairie Road, Flower Mound, after 19 years of business. The barbecue restaurant served pulled pork, chicken, ribs, brisket and wings. www.redhotandblue.com

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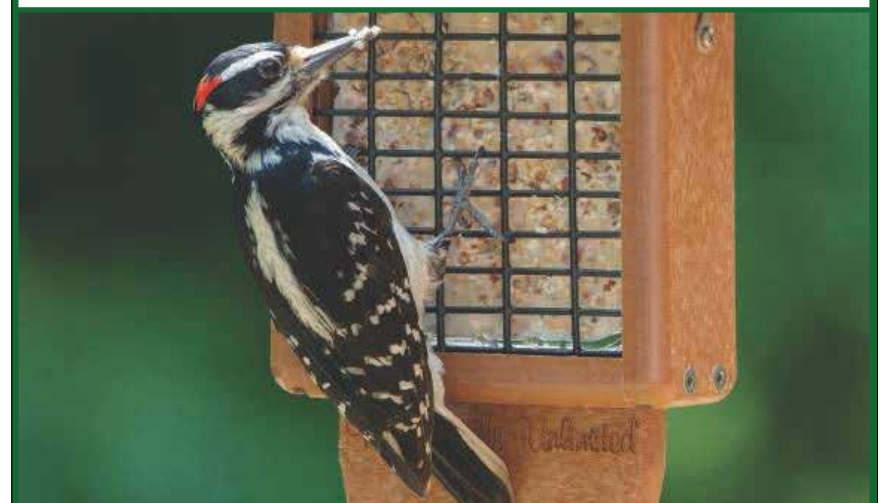
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MARCH 16

Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day Texas Style in Lewisville

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COURTESY CITY OF LEWISVILLE

MARCH 21

Lewisville hosts home repair grants workshop

The city of Lewisville’s Neighborhood Services invites residents to learn more about home-repair resources and grant opportunities as well as countywide resources. 7 p.m. Free. Lewisville Public Library, 1197 W. Main St., Lewisville. 972-219-3400. www.cityoflewisville.com

MARCH 23

Learn about area summer camps and programs

Businesses and organizations that offer summer camps, programs or activities to Flower Mound residents are on hand to distribute information. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. Flower Mound Public Library, 3030 Broadmoor Lane, Flower Mound. 972-874-6200. www.flower-mound.com

MARCH 23

Flower Mound to host father and daughter prom

Fathers and their daughters partake in an evening of dancing, entertainment and food. Registration is required by March 15. 6 p.m. \$75. Courtyard by Marriott Flower Mound, 4330 Courtyard Way, Flower Mound. 972-874-6281. www.flower-mound.com

MARCH 24

Learn more about girl scouting in the area

Hosted by the Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas, the event allows guests to learn more the new Girl Scout troops that are forming for girls K-12th grade. 1:30-5 p.m. Free. Flower Mound Public Library, 3030 Broadmoor Lane, Flower Mound. 972-349-2400. www.gsnetx.org

 **To-do list**

Your local guide for events, business openings, meetings and more in the month of March

Find more or submit Lewisville, Flower Mound or Highland Village events at communityimpact.com/lfh-calendar.

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

MARCH 30

Dress like a rock star at the daddy/daughter dance

Dress like a rock star at Lewisville’s “Rock On!” daddy-daughter dance. The event includes light appetizers and refreshments, a DJ and photos. 6-9 p.m. \$20 (per person). Frederick P. Herring Recreation Center, 191 Civic Circle, Lewisville. 972-219-3560. www.cityoflewisville.com

MARCH 30

BettySoo to host songwriting workshop

BettySoo, who has won multiple song-writing awards, pulls apart songs of great writers as well as goes through the process of creation. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$50. Medical City Lewisville Grand Theater, 100 N. Charles St., Lewisville. 972-219-8446. www.mclgrand.tix.com

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Main Street reconstruction

The contractor, HQS Construction, is demolishing pavement on the south side of Main Street from Mill Street working eastward toward Railroad Street. Traffic has been reduced to one lane immediately west of Mill and then opens up to two lanes about 200 feet east of the Mill intersection. In general, the southernmost lane is blocked east of Mill. Access is being maintained to all properties. The project includes adding on-street parking; bicycle lanes; wider sidewalks; traffic signal modifications; and adding amenities, such as benches, bike racks, trash cans and recycle bins on Main and Mill.

Timeline: January-September

Cost: \$8.5 million (total project cost)

Funding source: city of Lewisville



Firewheel Drive improvements

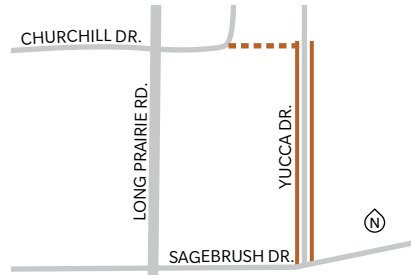
In February, crew workers completed the remainder of the pavement for the additional lanes. Following paving, work began on final grading and sidewalks. In March, panel replacements will begin on the southbound lanes. Weather permit-

ting, final completion will be in April. The project includes the completion of 340 feet of a four-lane section of Firewheel Drive in Flower Mound.

Timeline: October 2018-April 2019

Cost: \$393,734

Funding source: town of Flower Mound



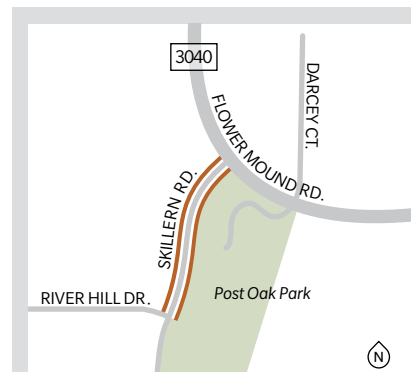
Yucca and Churchill drives Phase 1

Atmos has finished its relocation of the gas main, and several other franchise utility relocations are underway. The contractor began Phase I of the project in February. Phase I consists of the extension of Churchill Drive to Yucca Drive, including underground storm and water facilities. Work on Yucca Drive will begin following work in Phase I. Weather permitting, final completion will be in December. The project consists of reconstructing Yucca from Sagebrush Drive to approximately 700 feet south of Cross Timbers Road and extending Churchill approximately 400 feet to connect to Yucca.

Timeline: February-December

Cost: \$2 million

Funding source: town of Flower Mound



Skillern Road improvements

The road opened to traffic in February. The project consisted of widening Skillern Road from a two-lane asphalt section to a two-lane concrete rural collector section between River Hill Drive and Flower Mound Road. The project also included a southbound right-turn lane on Flower Mound Road and a northbound right-turn lane on Skillern Road.

Timeline: October 2018-February 2019

Cost: \$562,559

Funding source: town of Flower Mound

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Watermere at Flower Mound gets OK from council

FLOWER MOUND On Feb. 18, Flower Mound Town Council approved a developer's request to rezone property to allow for Watermere at Flower Mound, a senior independent-living housing project.

The request was to rezone 15.8 acres at the southeast intersection of Dixon Lane and Long Prairie Road from agricultural to planned development.

The property will be divided into two tracts: One tract will include three two-story office buildings; the second tract will include Watermere at Flower Mound, an age-restricted multifamily development for age 55 and up.

Watermere at Flower Mound would include a total of 224 senior housing units. All of the units will be for rent only. It will contain one three-story building with 114 one-bedroom units, 84 two-bedroom units and 12 three-bedroom units. The development will also feature 14 villas. Five elevators are planned for the three-story building.



Watermere at Flower Mound will feature a total of 224 housing units.

The development was met with some resistance from residents in the Waterford Park Estates subdivision, who stated the housing project will add traffic in the neighborhood.

The homeowners association president Adam Schiestel said the project puts the neighborhood residents' "quality of life at risk." He also noted the neighborhood has a problem with traffic as its roads connect FM 407 with Dixon Lane, a road that already is used by nearby Marcus High School students.

There were also several seniors at the meeting who spoke in support of the development.

Property tax revenue cap opposed by leaders

HIGHLAND VILLAGE Council received a presentation and discussed the ramifications of the proposed Senate Bill 2 and House Bill 2 property tax legislation under consideration by the state Legislature at the Feb. 12 City Council meeting.

The proposed bills would reduce the rollback rate from 8 percent to 2.5 percent for taxing entities that collect more than \$15 million a year in property tax and sales tax revenues. An election with approval by 60 percent of voters would be required for entities to exceed the cap.

Staff said while the state-required rollback rate calculations are complicated, the simplified explanation for Highland Village and its residents is the potential ongoing loss of \$500,000 in annual revenue to fund city services to provide an average of \$85 in annual savings for each residential property. Staff said to put the lost revenue into perspective, four departments have an annual budget of less than \$500,000.

CITY HIGHLIGHTS

FLOWER MOUND Town Council voted to send four charter amendments before voters during the May 4 election. Voters will decide if the mayor shall receive a monthly stipend of \$300 and if members of Town Council shall receive a monthly stipend of \$200. If passed by voters, council would begin receiving compensation June 1. Other propositions on the ballot may be found online at communityimpact.com/lfh.

LEWISVILLE ISD On Feb. 11, the Lewisville ISD board of trustees approved a resolution designating 11 properties as surplus and authorized district staff to take any action in regard to the sale of the properties. District staff said LISD does not anticipate using any of the properties for future educational purposes, and they are no longer necessary for district operations. Additionally, the sale of these properties will provide additional revenue to the district and eliminate the need to maintain the properties. Any offers on the properties must come before the board of trustees.

Class A office buildings, townhomes approved for Lakeside Center property

FLOWER MOUND Approximately 10 acres of land located just south of Lakeside Parkway between FM 2499 and Northwood Drive were rezoned to planned development district use to allow for residential and nonresidential uses at the Feb. 4 Flower Mound Town Council meeting.

Realty Capital plans to build Lakeside Center, which will contain two Class A office buildings totaling 138,000 square feet facing FM 2499 and eight townhomes that face Northwood.

Mayor Pro Tem Jason Webb said he believes this is the highest and best use for the property.

"We want this kind of project in the Lakeside area," he said. "[FM] 2499 is the entrance into our community, so it is

a special area. And to me this project—although it's going to be a four-story office building—is going to have a Flower Mound feel, and it's going to make me feel like I'm still in Flower Mound when I'm driving by."

The mixed-use development will feature a four-story office building with 120,000 gross square feet and a two-story office building with 18,500 square feet.



Lakeside Center will be located between FM 2499 and Northwood Drive.

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WHAT'S ON TAP

The Market at Lakeside offers several craft beers on tap including:

- Deep Ellum Brewing Co.'s Dallas Blonde
- Breckenridge Brewery's Avalanche Amber Ale
- Real Ale Brewing Co.'s Moon Walk IPA
- Manhattan Project Beer Co.'s Half-Life



The specialty market's shelves are stocked with local and regional as well as national brands.

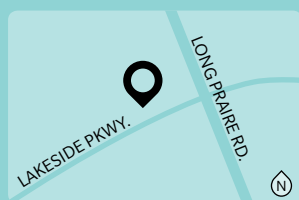
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Talitha Ledet (right) and her daughter Madeleine both operate The Market at Lakeside.

The Market at Lakeside

Flower Mound store aims to give residents big-city conveniences

BY SHERELLE BLACK

After living in Flower Mound's Lakeside DFW area for a couple of weeks, Talitha Ledet noticed something was missing from the development: a grocery store.

"I was sitting on my balcony one day and thought, 'I just need a place here that I can walk to and get coffee, milk, eggs or something simple,'" she said. "I started walking around and talking to my neighbors and learned they felt the same way, too."

Ledet and her husband, Billy, launched The Market at Lakeside in 2017 to meet those needs.

"We carry a lot of the staple products," she said. "We sell a lot of vegan and plant-based products as well because we have people that come in that have dietary restrictions or preferences."

Ledet said the specialty market not only attracts the Lakeside DFW residents but also those outside of the Dallas city limits who are looking for local brands. Ledet partners with several of them, such as Mother Beverage, Pudding on Smiles, Cookies

Crumbs and Crust, and Deep Ellum Brewing Co.

"We are able to bring big-city conveniences to a suburban, smaller storefront and make it easier for our customers so that they don't have to drive to Dallas to enjoy some of their favorite local brands," she said.

Being a locally owned and operated business, the Ledets are able to talk to their customers to learn what they should be stocking on their shelves.

"We bring in new products every week to every other week," Madeleine Ledet, Talitha's daughter, said. "I also stay on top of trends and do product research so that I can bring in products that people don't really know about but products that I know in the next four to five months will be a really big hit."

Besides food products, the market also offers wine by the glass, kombucha and craft beer on tap as well as catering services.

Ledet said customers will soon be able to order online and pick up in the store.

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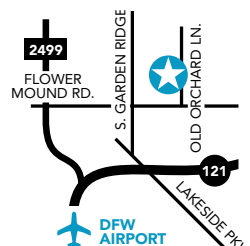
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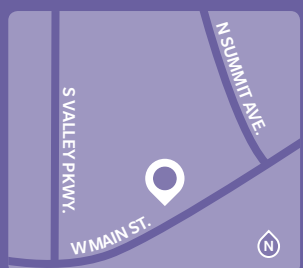




1: The Salmon Benedict (\$10.59) features capers, poached eggs and smoked salmon. 2: The catfish and shrimp meal (\$10.99) features one catfish and three large coconut shrimp with fries. 3: Mirna McCormack is the owner of Korner Cafe.

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Rum Raisin Bread Pudding

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Korner Cafe

Lewisville staple serves good food at a reasonable price

BY SHERELLE BLACK

After being a stay-at-home mom for several years, Mirna McCormack decided she wanted to go back to work in 2012.

Having previously owned a restaurant in Oklahoma before making Texas her permanent home in 2007, she knew she wanted nothing more than to open another one in Lewisville.

"I knew it would be a lot of work, but I wanted to do it," she said. "I already had the experience of the restaurant business, and I really liked it."

McCormack said her restaurant, Korner Cafe, is unique in that it serves typical diner food such as sandwiches and salads in addition to seafood dishes, Tex-Mex, pizza and gyros.

The restaurant also serves breakfast all day and offers an early bird special from 7-9 a.m.

She said although the restaurant is mostly known for its breakfast dishes, such as the Chicken Fried Steak Skillet, which is piled with homemade fries and chicken-fried steak and topped with white gravy and two eggs, the cafe also serves lunch

and dinner.

"People love our breakfast menu," she said. "It's definitely a staple in the community. We also see a lot of people come in on Fridays for our all-you-can-eat catfish special."

Dinner menu items include chicken parmesan, slow cooked beef sirloin tips, hamburger steak, pork loin cutlets and the Sizzling Chicken Skillet.

For those who enjoy finishing up their meal with something sweet, the diner also offers creme brulee, fried ice cream and homemade Rum Raisin Bread Pudding.

The restaurant also has a party room where guests can hold a birthday party, office meeting or a special-occasion dinner for up to 50 guests.

McCormack said she works almost every day at the restaurant but does not mind because she enjoys interacting with her customers.

"This restaurant is really like my home away from home," she said. "Everybody is so friendly and always so happy with a smile on their face."



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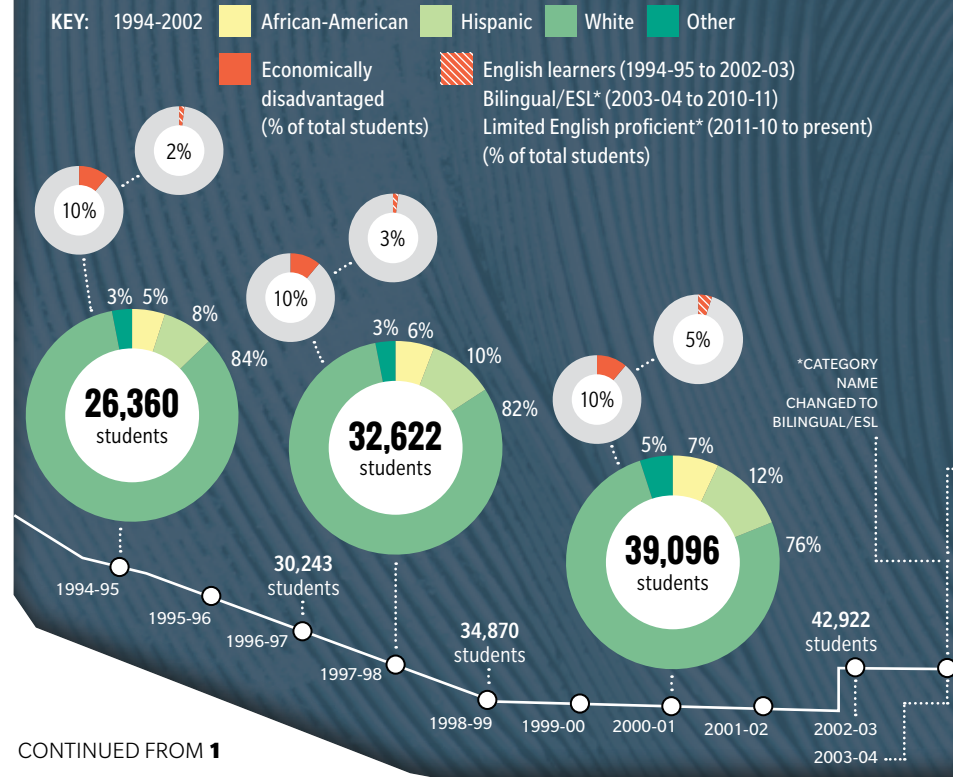
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INSIDE THE DISTRICT: A HISTORIC SHIFT

The timeline shows the racial and economic breakdown of the student population in Lewisville ISD from 1994-95 to 2017-18. The once predominately white district is now made up of mostly nonwhite students.

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minority voters.

It is unclear what the suit means for the school district’s May 4 election. Three seats are on the ballot. All three seats—places 3, 4 and 5—have incumbents running for re-election. Only Place 4 has a challenger.

As of *Community Impact Newspaper’s* Feb. 26 press deadline, LISD could not say whether the May election would be postponed. The district also declined to comment about the merits of the suit.

William A. Brewer III, partner at Brewer Storefront and lead counsel for Vaughan, said he is asking LISD to hold off on any board elections until the suit is resolved.

“Our client believes the voting scheme utilized by Lewisville ISD unfairly denies people of color a fair opportunity to elect candidates of their choosing—trustees that represent their interests, schools and communities,” Brewer stated in a news release. “We believe the school board should adopt a more representative electoral process to serve this multiracial and ethnically diverse school district.”

Under the current electoral system, candidates run for specific places but do not represent a specific geographic area. The lawsuit claims the at large

system allows white residents to vote as a block and deny political opportunity to nonwhite voters.

A similar suit against Richardson ISD was settled in January with the district moving its May election to November. As part of the settlement, RISD agreed to have five board members elected to represent specific geographic areas. Two others will be elected at large to represent the district as a whole.

Brewer Storefront successfully resolved similar Voting Rights Act cases with Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD in 2015 and Grand Prairie ISD in 2014. It also won at trial in similar suits involving Irving ISD and the cities of Irving and Farmers Branch.

Former LISD board trustee Brenda Latham is not involved with the lawsuit. But she said she believes LISD should have moved away from the at large voting system years ago.

“There are areas in the district that aren’t represented,” she said. “They don’t have a board member on the board looking out for them.”

Latham said when she was first elected to the school board in 2010, she was the only trustee from Lewisville.

“I had to get the voter bloc out of Flower Mound to support me,” she



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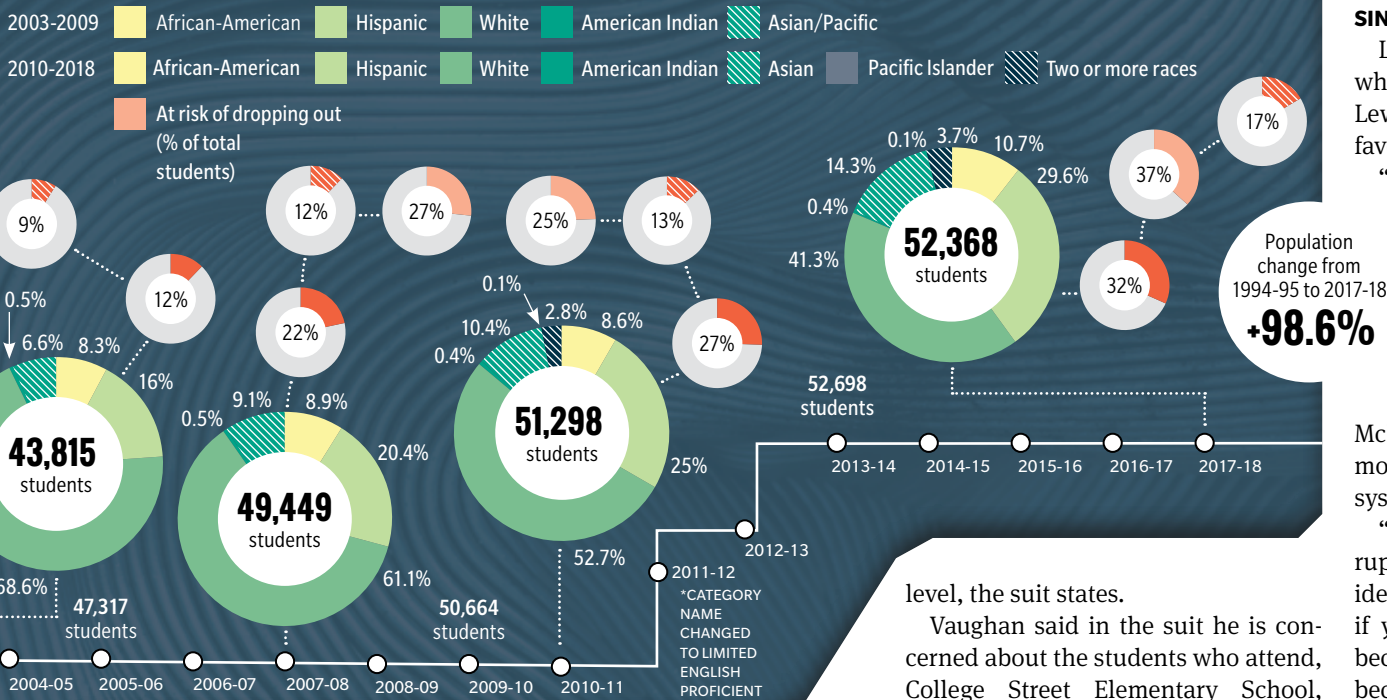


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+522% The number of economically disadvantaged students grew from about 2,715 students in 1994 to 16,878 students in 2017.

+1,536% English language learners grew from about 527 students in 1994 to 8,625 students in 2017.

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predominantly affluent schools at the expense of the rest of the community,” the suit alleges.

SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICT DEBATE

Lewisville resident Tamela Bowie, who had two children graduate from Lewisville High School, said she is in favor of single-member districts.

“This can only help; it can’t be hurtful,” she said. “Nobody is going to lose representation, but it’s going to give some of the other municipalities a chance to have someone on the board represent them.”

Flower Mound resident Don McDaniel said he has some concerns moving away from the at large voting system.

“It can become an avenue for corruption and cronyism,” he said. “The idea of, ‘I’ll vote for your thing today if you vote for mine next week’ can become a real issue. At that point, it becomes more about trading favors and protecting power than serving the constituents.”

Bowie said in the past, Lewisville has suffered from not having a board member who lives there. She cited several major decisions, including closing Hedrick Elementary School at the end of this school year and dividing Lewisville High School into three campuses.

Those decisions might not have changed even with a board member from Lewisville, she said.

“But someone from Lewisville who had a child that went to those schools could have given them an angle that the other board members who don’t live in Lewisville don’t have,” she said. “This has nothing to do with gender or race.”

“It’s all about having someone who lives where you live represent you.”

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level, the suit states.

Vaughan said in the suit he is concerned about the students who attend, College Street Elementary School, which is in his neighborhood. Only 32 percent of the school’s students met grade-level requirements across all grades and subjects tested on the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness exams in 2018.

That year, about 67 percent of the school’s children enrolled were economically disadvantaged, and about 65 percent were minorities, according to the suit.

An economically disadvantaged student is defined by the TEA as a student who is eligible for free or reduced-price lunch meals or eligible for other public assistance.

The district’s highest-performing elementary school is located in the affluent Castle Hills subdivision. About 84 percent of Castle Hills Elementary students met grade level across all grades and subjects tested.

“The board consistently prioritizes this cluster of high-performing,

said. “You just don’t have the voter turnout in Lewisville that you need to win that election.”

None of the current trustees live in Lewisville, which is where most of the minority population lives, according to Census data. Two of the trustees have a Lewisville address but live in Castle Hills, an area set to be annexed by the city in 2021.

ACHIEVEMENT GAP

LISD’s seven-member school board is all white. So is the district’s eight-member leadership team, which includes Superintendent Kevin Rogers.

That compares with more than 58 percent of the student body last school year made up of minority children, according to the Texas Education Agency. During the 2017-18 school year, the student population was 41.3

percent white, 29.6 percent Hispanic, 14.3 percent Asian and 10.7 percent African American.

With more than 50,000 students drawing from parts of 13 cities, it’s one of the largest school districts in North Texas. LISD has also become one of the most diverse. In the mid-90s, LISD’s student body was 84 percent white. Minorities now make up a majority of the student population.

The suit also notes an achievement gap between the district’s schools that have a majority of white students and the schools that educate mostly non-white students.

Less than a quarter of non-white students are performing at grade level. That compares with at least two-thirds of students in the majority white, predominantly affluent elementary schools who are performing at grade

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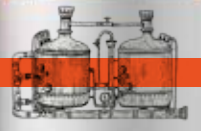
THE Brewery BILLS



State Sen. Dawn Buckingham, R-Lakeway, and state Rep. Eddie Rodriguez, D-Austin, have introduced Senate Bill 312 and House Bill 672.



The companion bills would make Texas the final state in the country to legalize beer-to-go sales from breweries.



Currently, manufacturing breweries can sell beer only for consumption in their taprooms.

Stats

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Shaw said if the law does not change, he will more than likely have to leave the Old Town Lewisville area and switch to a brewpub. In order to become a brewpub in Lewisville, Shaw said he would have to sell food, which is not feasible for him.

“We can’t survive with just selling beer in our taproom in Lewisville,” he said. “It’s a great city, but the demographics and night life are not suitable for craft breweries.”

James Kunke, Lewisville Community Relations & Tourism Director, said city staff recognized Old Town Brewhouse was struggling due to not being able to sell off-premise. So after meeting with Shaw several times to talk about ways to help him, staff approached the council to pass a resolution in support of the proposed legislation.

The resolution approved at the Jan. 28 meeting allows the mayor and city manager to sign all letters, petitions and/or documents in support of the two bills on behalf of the city.

“We think it’s a fairness issue,” Kunke said. “Not being able to sell off-premise is a noncompetitive hardship for small breweries. It hurts them, and that in turn hurts the towns where small breweries are a part of the culture.”

Charles Vallhonrat is the executive director of Texas Craft Brewers Guild, which represents more than 200 Texas

breweries and brewpubs.

Vallhonrat said to his knowledge no other craft brewery in the state has worked with its city council to have a formal resolution passed.

“We are excited that Lewisville did this,” he said. “We are planning to communicate this to all of our members and have them approach their city councils as well.”

WHAT THE BILLS WOULD DO

A pair of bills introduced to the state Legislature in January—Senate Bill 312, in concert with House Bill 672, seeks to allow craft breweries the same off-premises selling parameters as wineries and distilleries.

Vallhonrat said manufacturing breweries in Texas can only sell their beer for consumption in their taprooms.

“However, if you go to a brewpub in the state of Texas, you can take beer home, or if you go to a winery you can take wine home,” he said. “So the only alcoholic beverage producer in the state that you can’t buy their product to-go is this one class of breweries, and we would like to address that.”

A local brewpub allows guests to bring a refillable container to fill up

Breweries



Brewpubs



- Breweries can sell beer on-site at the brewery but not for off-site consumption (limited to 5K barrels/year on site).
- Breweries essentially have no major obstacle on production limits for their location (unless they go over 225K barrels/year, in which case, they cannot sell for on-site consumption).
- Breweries can self-distribute or distribute through a distributor (if self distributing, there is a limit of 40K barrels/year and requires another additional license).
- Breweries can only sell their own beer on site (no other beers can be sold there).



- Brewpubs can make beer on-site to sell off and on-site. This means a local brewpub can fill a growler, can and keg beers to sell from their brewery. Visitors can also drink at their location.
- Brewpubs can sell other breweries’ beers at their location.
- Brewpubs can growler other breweries’ beers on site only if they do not sell liquor on site. If they have a liquor license, they only sell their beer to go. They can still sell other breweries’ beer for on site consumption, but only their own beer to go.
- Brewpubs are limited to 10K barrels a year in production.
- Brewpubs can self-distribute to stores and bars.

SOURCE: TEXAS CRAFT BREWERS GUILD/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

with their beer as well as can and keg beers from the brewery. Customers can also drink at their location. However, brewpubs are limited to 10,000 barrels a year in production while manufacturing breweries essentially have no production limits unless they go over 225,000 barrels a year, in which case they cannot sell for on-site consumption.

BENEFITS OF TO-GO SALES

Cory Kuckinsky, co-owner of TKO Libations in Castle Hills, said he purposely decided to open as a brewpub versus a brewery because of the current law.

“We are a very small craft brewery, and part of the business plan was to sell to-go beers at our taproom,” he said. “To-go sales for us are quite meaningful to our success.”

Vallhonrat said the ability to sell beer to-go carries extra marketing potential for breweries.

“It’s economically very beneficial for breweries,” he said. “Customers coming in and being able to take the brewer’s beer with them builds greater awareness for that brand.”

He added to-go sales are also beneficial for distributors and retailers.

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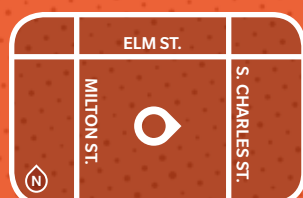
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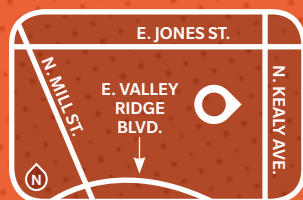
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brewery to get that beer,” he said. “They might get it at a restaurant or a six-pack at the grocery store.”

OPPOSING THE LEGISLATION

While most craft brewers are in favor of being able to sell their product to-go, not everyone sees the benefits.

Rick Donley is president of the Beer Alliance of Texas, which represents distributors. He said he is against the proposed bills as they are written.

Allowing sales for off-premises consumption in craft breweries not only disrupts the three-tier system of manufacturing, distribution and retail sales, but it also potentially harms businesses such as bars, convenience stores and grocery stores, Donley said.

It is not fair to other businesses, which are limited to how they can operate within the three-tier system, he said.

In February, The Texas Craft Brewers Guild, which represents the interests of local breweries, and the Beer Alliance of Texas, which represents the interests of beer distributors, came to an agreement proposing that Texans be allowed to buy up to two cases of beer

per person, per day in places where beer is brewed.

THE INDUSTRY MOVING FORWARD

Vallhonrat said if the bills do not pass, he believes some breweries will make the switch to brewpub.

“But if the bill passes, we might see some adjustments back the other way,” he said. “It’s a decision that each brewer has to make, but we want to make sure that it’s known that it is not just a simple choice to switch to being a brewpub. There are a lot of restrictions to where some breweries can’t.”

Although similar bills filed in previous sessions have failed, Vallhonrat said he believes there is a better chance of the bills passing this session.

“I’m very pleased with our momentum and public awareness this time around,” he said. “Adding our political action committee has allowed us to get an additional public voice, and that has been very helpful.”

Community Impact Newspaper editor Brian Rash contributed to this story.



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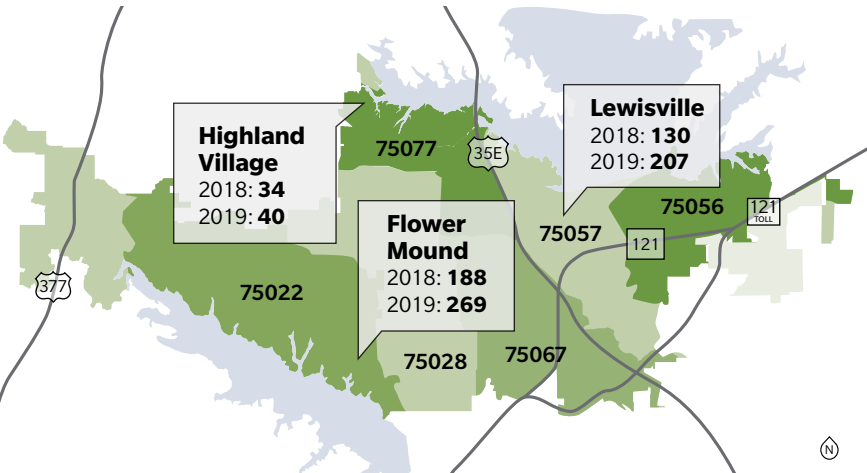
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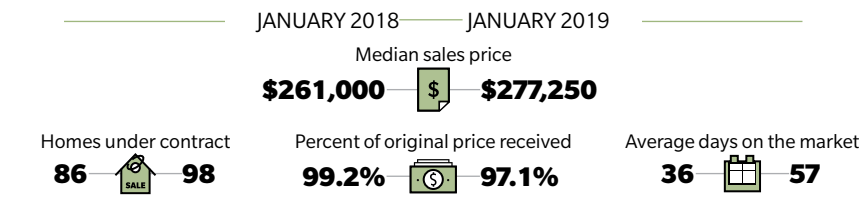
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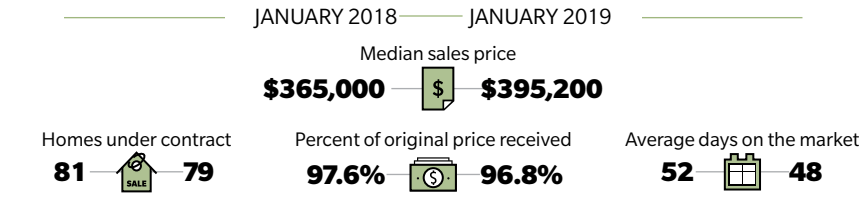


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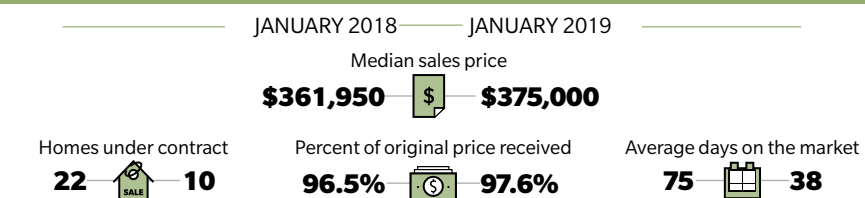
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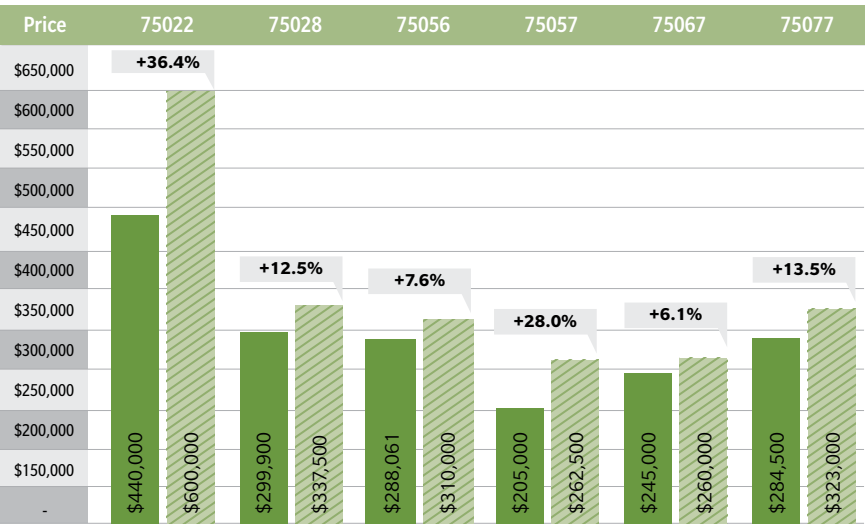


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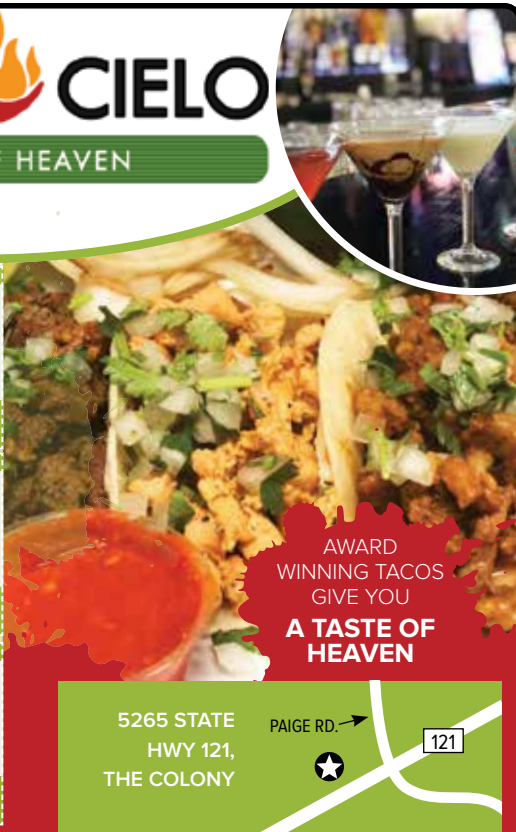
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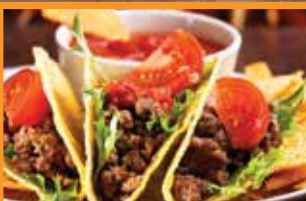


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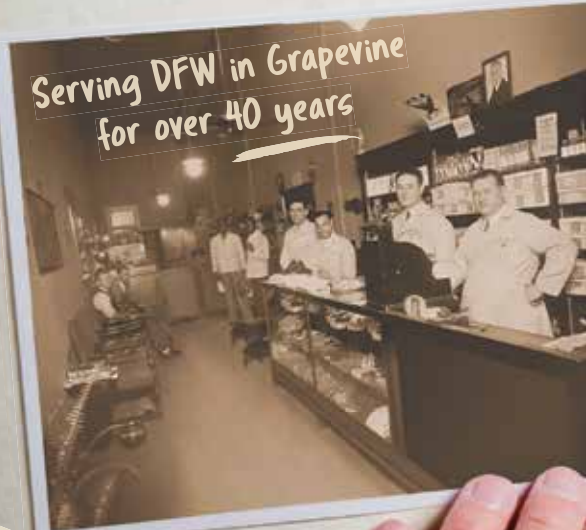
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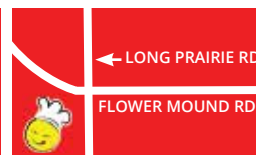


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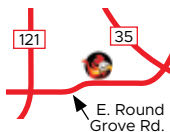
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