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## TAYLOR WATER

### Treatment plant offers residents superior water

BY BETH WADE

After a recent \$17.3 million expansion of the Brazos River Authority Regional Water Treatment Facility, Taylor water quality is superior, according to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

TCEQ rated Taylor's water quality as superior in June, just one month after residents began drinking water treated in new portions of the plant.

"There were a number of improvements that needed to be made to the treatment plant in order for this to happen," Taylor spokeswoman Jean Johnson said, adding the city had set a goal several years ago to earn a superior water quality rating.

TCEQ monitors all public drinking water in the state. When a city believes it has a superior system, officials contact TCEQ, which then inspects the plant with higher standards. To be considered safe, a water supply must meet TCEQ's minimum standards, but to be superior, the supply must be in accordance with every rule and standard, including chemical, operational, maintenance and capacity standards.

The city of Taylor built the original water treatment plant in 1992 when the city switched from well water to surface water. The city operated the plant until TCEQ mandated improvements.

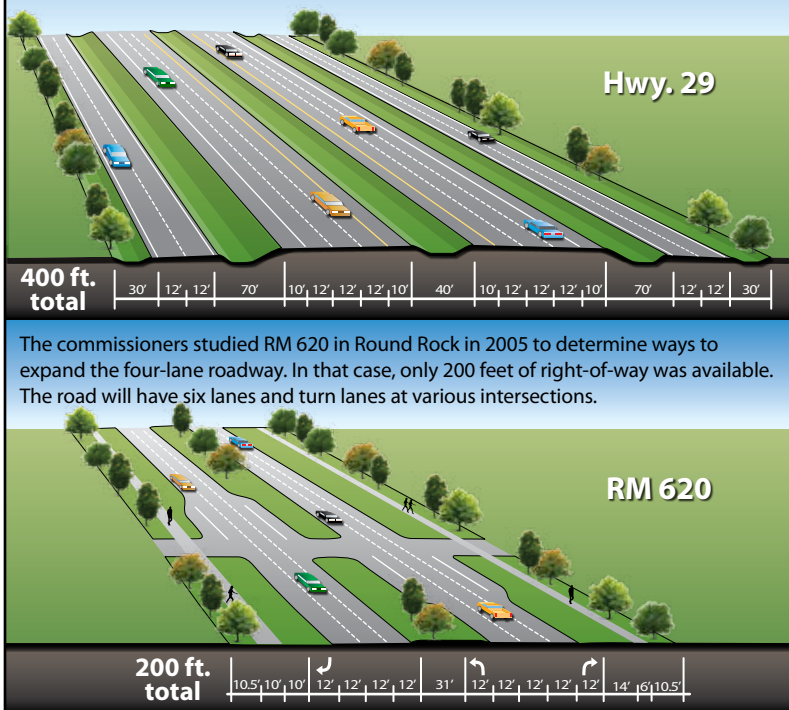
Faced with the decision of spending money on plant improvements or spending money to create a new upper pressure plane on the west side of Taylor, the city put the issue to a vote. Voters approved the sale of the plant, and in July 2004, the Brazos River Authority purchased the plant with a 50-year contract that guarantees Taylor all the water the city needs, Assistant City Manager Jim Dunaway said.

Once BRA purchased the plant and took over operations, it was able to expand the plant, which helped the city

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## Corridor cross sections

Plans to expand Hwy. 29 from Georgetown to the Burnet/Williamson county line are being studied. The county's corridor study calls for the road to be built in 400 feet of right-of-way with up to six lanes of expressway and frontage lanes in sections. Other roads with 400 feet of right-of-way include sections of Toll 183A and Toll 45.



Source: Chiang, Patel & Yerby, Inc. and Halff Associates

## Possible hospital tax district

### ● STORY HIGHLIGHTS

- HEALTHCARE LEADERS CONSIDER NEW WILLIAMSON COUNTY TAX DISTRICT
- PROPERTY TAXES AN OPTION TO FUND MEDICAL CARE FOR UNINSURED, UNDERINSURED PATIENTS

BY KARA VAUGHT

In 2004, Travis County voters approved the creation of a hospital district to provide health services to uninsured and underinsured residents. It was later named the Travis County Healthcare District.

At the time, the creation of a hospital district that would serve multiple Central Texas counties was considered, but the single-county strategy prevailed. Some involved in that effort now work in Williamson County health-care settings, and the idea of a hospital district here is being informally discussed.

### What is a hospital district?

As defined by Chapter 281 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, a hospital district

is an entity with the ability to levy property taxes to establish a hospital or hospital system to furnish medical aid and hospital care to indigent and needy persons residing in the district.

The law obligates such facilities to serve people at or below 21 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, a ridiculously low standard, said Christie Garbe, chief communications officer of the Travis County Healthcare District. TCHD chooses to provide varying levels of services to residents making up to 200 percent of the poverty level.

The most recent U.S. Census Bureau poverty statistics for Williamson County indicate that 19,663 residents — 6 percent of the county — were living in poverty in 2005. For that year, the poverty threshold for a family of two parents and two children was \$21,027. For a single person younger than 65, the level was \$13,884, and for a single person older than 65, the level was \$12,533.

Williamson County fares better than the state average of residents living in poverty,

## The future of Hwy. 29

### County commissioners study corridor expansion options from Georgetown to Burnet county line

BY BETH WADE

Williamson County commissioners Valerie Covey, precinct three, and Cynthia Long, precinct two, are studying ways to expand Hwy. 29 from D.B. Wood Drive to the Burnet/Williamson county line.

The road is the northern most east-west corridor in the county. Expected growth in the area has the commissioners concerned the four-lane road might not have capacity for future traffic.

At the time of the first corridor study meeting in October, approximately 20,000 residences were planned or under construction, which did not account for projected growth, Long said.

"That [20,000 plats] could equate to 60,000 or more people along that corridor," she said.

With Williamson consistently being one of the fastest growing counties in the state for the last six or seven years, Long said the commissioners were worried they could miss their chance to properly plan the road's expansion.

The expansion could include 400 feet of right-of-way and up to six lanes of expressway.

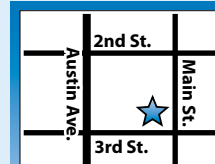
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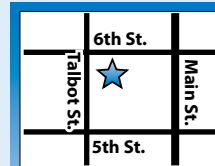


Williamson County has an existing health district, and though the name is similar to Travis County's Healthcare District, the function is different. First organized as the Williamson County Health Department in 1943, the WCCHD was reformatted into its current state as a health district in 1989.

A health district is a government entity funded by member cities, Texas Department of State Health Services contracts, client fees, Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program reimbursement, grants, contracts and contributions.



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**Taylor clinic**  
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## General Manager's Note

Matt Painter



There's a slight change to the front cover of our newspaper this month, and it's one that we are excited to make. Under our logo we replaced "Volume 1" with "Volume 2," signifying the one-year anniversary of *Community Impact Newspaper* in the Georgetown, Hutto and Taylor areas. I have a unique perspective on the growth of the newspaper in our communities: I spent the first half of the first year as an admiring reader and the second half of the year as a proud employee.

While reflecting on this first year, I couldn't help but think about the growth that has occurred in our areas during the same period of time. In Georgetown, the north side of the Square on Austin Avenue has been transformed by the addition of

Tamiro Plaza and the new Monument Café. Hutto now has a Lowe's in addition to The Home Depot (hard to imagine given the Hutto I drove through 10 years ago). Taylor has a new look downtown on Main Street with the addition of new sidewalks and street lights. The city also gave Murphy Park a face lift.

A year seems like a long time until you get to the end of one and look back. Despite the "doom-and-gloom" economic and residential housing news on the national level, our area has fared well. New businesses are opening and existing ones are expanding. Almost all of the local merchants I speak with are upbeat and tell me that business is good. Call me an optimist, but our local economy appears healthy. Our team is proud to be a part of your community, and we look forward to another great year of providing you local, useful information.

*Matt Painter*

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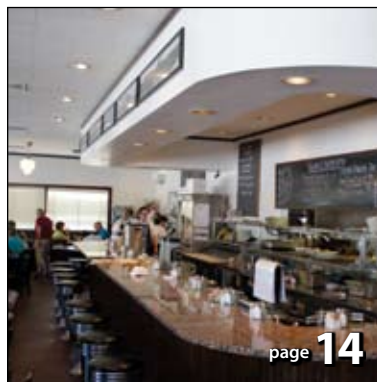
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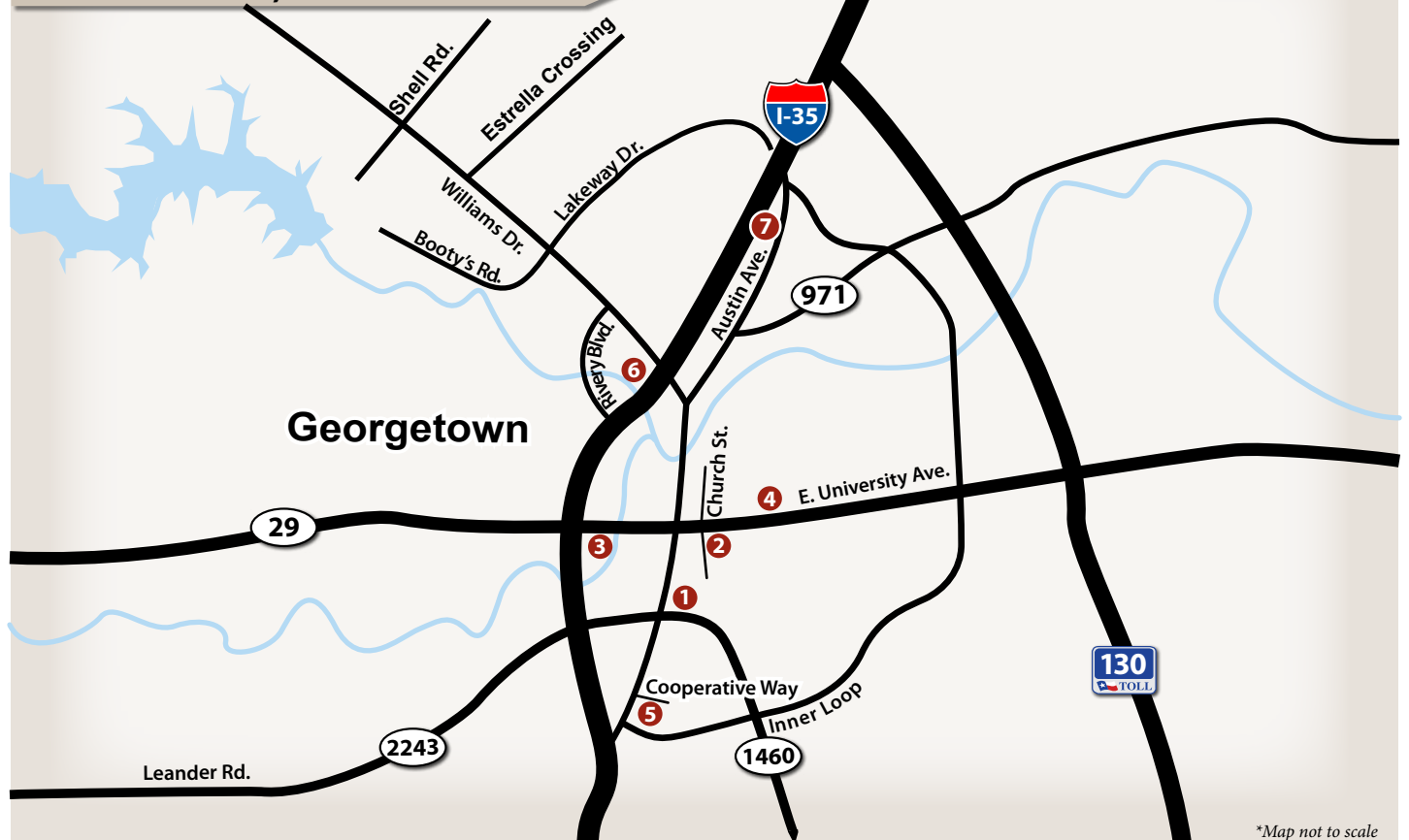


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### GEORGETOWN, HUTTO & TAYLOR



#### Georgetown

##### Money smarts

A+ **Federal Credit Union** offers free on-line, interactive education for children, teens and adults. Subjects include basic money concepts, debt and credit management, and financial planning. Their website includes calculators and educational games for children. Visit [www.aplusfcu.org/education/member-education](http://www.aplusfcu.org/education/member-education).

##### In vino veritas

The **Vineyard at Florence**, 8711 W. FM 487 in Florence, is opening its wine tasting villa in August. The Villa Firenze is accessible to visitors and residents and includes a tasting room, event space, a café, spa and gallery. An event Aug. 14, will feature local artist CJ Carlig and New Hampshire's Toni Garland. Call 254-793-3363 or visit [www.thevineyardatflorence.com](http://www.thevineyardatflorence.com).



Photo courtesy The Vineyard at Florence

##### New Seton board members

Pat Berryman, Melissa Dietz, Nancy Pena, Mary Rodriguez and Kristi Stephens were named members of the **Seton Women's Development Board**, which supports Seton Medical Center Williamson. Call 324-4061 or visit [www.setonwilliamsonfdn.org](http://www.setonwilliamsonfdn.org).

##### Home services company

Jerome Morales opened the **Spectrum Home Services of Central Texas** franchise. The company specializes in housecleaning, handyman services, yard care, senior care and senior relocation. Call 930-3956 or e-mail [ctx@spectrumhomeservices.com](mailto:ctx@spectrumhomeservices.com).

##### Adopt A Unit: Georgetown

The **Georgetown Chamber of Commerce** and **city of Georgetown** are selling T-shirts to support the 2nd Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment "Mustangs," serving in Iraq. The shirts are \$10 and are available at the chamber office, 100 Stadium Drive, and the city of Georgetown visitors center, 101 W. Seventh St. Call 930-3535 or visit [www.georgetownchamber.org](http://www.georgetownchamber.org).

##### Waste company recognized

**Texas Disposal Systems** received the top **Landfill Management Award** for 2008 from the Solid Waste Association of North America. The association will honor TDS during its national convention Oct. 23 in Tampa, Fla. Visit [www.texasdisposal.com](http://www.texasdisposal.com).

##### 1 Needlework

Licensed acupuncturist Kenichi Nishiya opened **Georgetown Acupuncture and Herbs** at 1915 S. Austin Ave., Ste. 102. It is the city's first full-service acupuncture and herb clinic. Nishiya specializes in Japanese acupuncture and Kampo-style herbal treatment. Call 868-2757 or visit [www.georgetownacupuncture.com](http://www.georgetownacupuncture.com).



Georgetown Acupuncture and Herbs owner Kenichi Nishiya

##### 2 Buon appetito

**Tony and Luigi's Italian/Mediterranean Restaurant** is being built at 1201 S. Church St. Owners Nezira and Frank Zulcic hope the restaurant will open the beginning of September. They plan to hire 20 to 30 employees. Call 864-2687.

##### These old houses

*This Old House* magazine has named Georgetown as one of the **Top 12 Best Places to Buy an Old House**. Visit [www.thisoldhouse.com](http://www.thisoldhouse.com).

##### 3 Nail salon

**Pretty Nails**, a full-service nail salon, opened in June at 950 W. University Ave. The salon is open Mondays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sundays noon to 5 p.m. Call 868-0850.

##### 4 New health clinic hours

**Lone Star Circle of Care's Georgetown Community Clinic**, 701 E. University Ave., is now open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The clinic is a full-service doctor's office offering all levels of primary care for uninsured and underinsured people. Call 868-1124 or visit [www.lscctx.org](http://www.lscctx.org).

##### 5 Biotech agreement

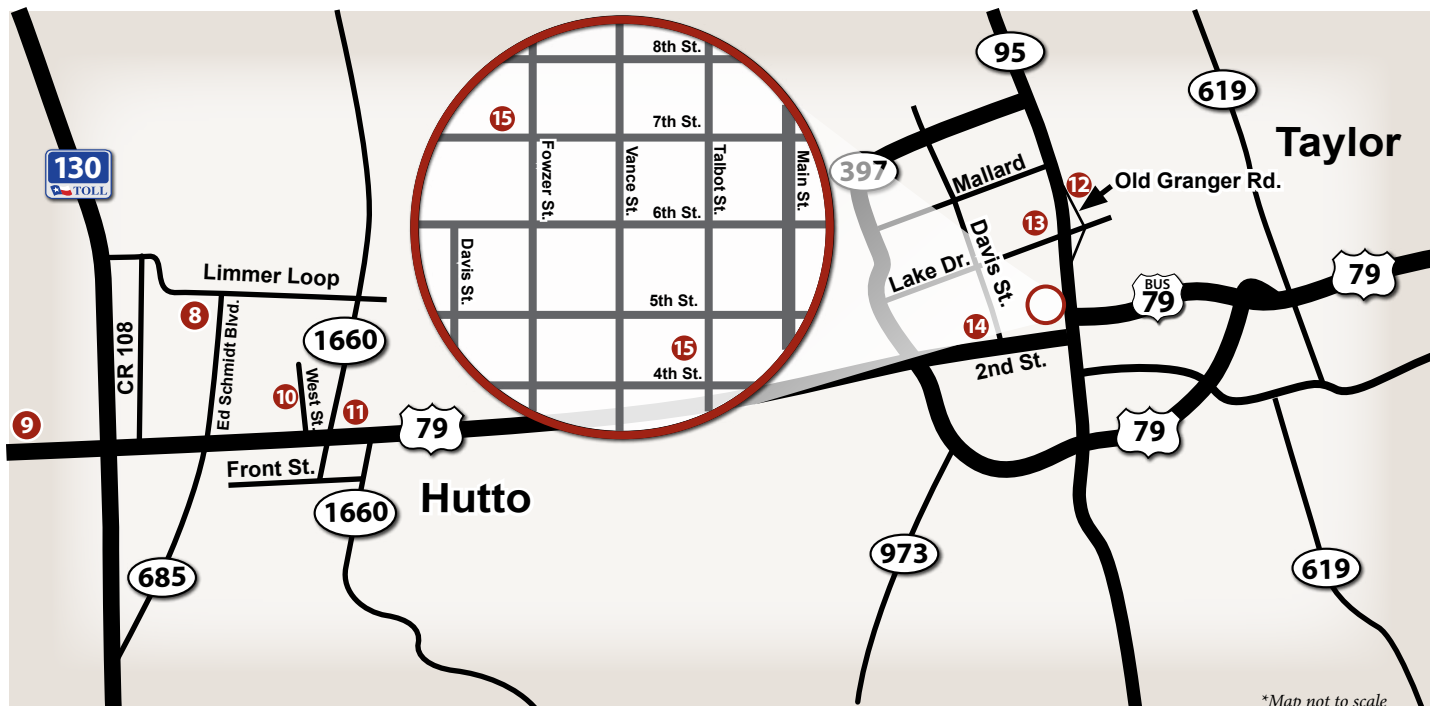
**Texas Life-sciences Collaboration Center** and **Texas A&M University** have signed an agreement to commercialize technology developed at Round Rock's future medical school. The TLCC, 111 Cooperative Way, Ste. 200, is a nonprofit collaboration among the city of Georgetown, Georgetown Chamber of Commerce, Southwestern University and other entities. Call 864-1891 or visit [www.texaslifesciences.com](http://www.texaslifesciences.com).

##### 6 Old meets new

The **Summit at Rivery Park** developer LedgeStone Group has given exhibit space at its conference center to **The Williamson Museum**. In return, the museum will help the developers incorporate historical elements throughout the Summit, a 32-acre mixed-use complex that will be located on Rivery Boulevard, west of IH 35 between Williams Drive and Hwy. 29. Call 943-1670 or visit [www.wchm-tx.org](http://www.wchm-tx.org).

Photo courtesy Georgetown Acupuncture and Herbs





## Storm water training

Christina Frankenfield has started **Stormtrainer**, a storm water training business. She offers ground-level storm water training for the construction industry. After completing the program, participants will be “qualified” storm water inspectors. Visit [www.stormtrainer.com](http://www.stormtrainer.com).

## 7 Changing terrain

A 43,500 sq. ft. facility for **Central Texas Power Sports** is under construction at 2534 N. Austin Ave. Owner Steve Littlefield hopes to move by early September to the new location, which is more than four times larger than the current facility. Call 948-9922 or visit [www.ctpowersports.com](http://www.ctpowersports.com).

## Hutto

### 8 St. Patrick's dedication

**St. Patrick Catholic Church** will hold its first masses at 2500 Limmer Loop Aug. 9 at 5 p.m. and Aug. 10 at 10 a.m. A church dedication will take place Aug. 24 at 10 a.m., followed by mass and refreshments. Call 670-3400 or visit [www.stpatrickhutto.org](http://www.stpatrickhutto.org).

### 9 Looking for a car?

A pre-owned car dealership had a ribbon-cutting ceremony July 11. **Maverick Motors Inc.** is at 6345 Hwy. 79. Call 642-3264 or visit [www.maverickmotorshutto.com](http://www.maverickmotorshutto.com).



## Getting the green light

**Waste Management** launched an online service allowing consumers to recycle universal household waste like compact fluorescent lamps, batteries and eventually other household electronics. Individuals can order a kit to mail in recyclables. Visit [www.ThinkGreenFromHome.com](http://www.ThinkGreenFromHome.com).

## Nonprofit launches

The **Hutto Education Foundation** will begin its Founding Drive Aug. 9 at the **Hutto Business Showcase** at Hutto Middle School. Members of the new nonprofit, which supports Hutto ISD and various student organizations, will be available for questions. Visit [www.huttoeducationfoundation.org](http://www.huttoeducationfoundation.org).

### 10 Library donation

**Waste Management** donated \$4,000 to **The Friends of Hutto Library**. The money will go toward purchasing children's books, book carts, television, DVDs, children's furniture and bike racks. The library is located at 205 West St. Call 759-4008.

## Support our troops

The city of **Hutto** will sell T-shirts to support the 1st Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment as part of the **Adopt A Unit** initiative. The shirts are expected to be \$15 and will be available for order at the Hutto Business Showcase Aug. 9. They should also be available at the Hutto Chamber of Commerce. Call 759-4034.

## Power struggle

**Hutto City Council** members allocated an additional \$5,000 for legal fees and professional consultation regarding the proposed placement of electrical transmission lines. The city has spent more than \$100,000 arguing for smaller transmission towers and for the lines to be routed along Toll 130 rather than through Hutto. A public hearing will take place in front of the **Public Utilities Commission** in Austin Aug. 14.

### 11 Eye opening

Optometrist Sara Johle is opening **Hutto Family Eye Care** Aug. 11 at 202 Hwy. 79. Hours of operation will be Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Call 846-1004 or visit [www.huttofamilyeyecare-visionsource.com](http://www.huttofamilyeyecare-visionsource.com).

## Vote for tree

Residents can go online to vote for the city's official tree and flower. The **city of Hutto** and **Keep Hutto Beautiful Commission** ask that people vote before Aug. 31. Call 759-4000 or visit [www.huttotx.gov](http://www.huttotx.gov).

## Taylor

### New resource

Williamson County has a new County Extension Agent-Natural Resources. **Dustin Coufal** has been a County Extension Agent in Bell County and a 4-H county agent in Washington County. In Williamson, Coufal will focus on 4-H livestock projects and new landowner education. Call 943-3300 or e-mail [dwcoufal@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:dwcoufal@ag.tamu.edu).

### 12 Tax help

**H&R Block** is expanding and relocating to 2004 Old Granger Road in mid-August. To schedule an appointment, call franchisee Sue Gray at 352-6645.

### 13 New YMCA director

The Taylor Family YMCA, 106 W. Lake Drive, welcomed new Branch Executive Director **Jennifer Bullock** at an Aug. 1 event at the YMCA. Call 365-9622 or visit [www.ymcagwc.org](http://www.ymcagwc.org).



### 14 Back in business

July 7 marked the opening of **Weber Chiropractic** at 602 W. Second St. Business hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. On Thursdays, it is open from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Call 365-2225.

### 15 Senior center activity

The **United Seniors of Taylor** will open the **Taylor Resource Center** Sept. 1. Meals on Wheels and a food pantry for needy families will also be located at the 10,000-sq. ft. facility at 410 W. Seventh St. in the old middle school cafeteria. The center will offer lunch and wellness session activities and will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The **Interagency Council of East Williamson County**, which will manage the center, also has been given space in the Williamson County Annex, 403 Vance St., for group therapy and one-on-one psychiatric sessions for school-age children and their families. Call 352-9898 or visit [www.interagencyeast.org](http://www.interagencyeast.org).

News or questions about Georgetown, Hutto or Taylor? E-mail [pbrendel@impactnews.com](mailto:pbrendel@impactnews.com).

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## August

### 9 Mac Haik Ford Lincoln Mercury BBQ Benefit

Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society and families affected by cancer. Mac Haik Ford Lincoln Mercury, 7201 S. IH 35, Georgetown 10 a.m.-6 p.m. • \$8 per plate 930-3673 • [www.machaikflm.com](http://www.machaikflm.com)

### Hutto Chamber of Commerce Business Showcase

Featuring 75 booths, free giveaways, entertainment, door prizes and children's activities. Hutto Middle School, 1005 Exchange Blvd. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. • Free • 759-4400 • [www.hutto.org](http://www.hutto.org)

### 12 Pride and Joy Band

Concerts in the Park. Fritz Park, 400 Park St., Hutto 7 p.m. • Free • 759-4000 • [www.huttotx.gov](http://www.huttotx.gov)

### 13 Free Youth Concert

Straight Gate Fellowship hosts a free youth concert featuring Bread of Stone. Nadine Johnson Elementary School Cafeteria, 955 Carl Stern Blvd., Hutto 7-8 p.m. • Free • 426-2564 • [www.insidethegate.org](http://www.insidethegate.org)

### 15-16 31st Annual Taylor International Barbeque Cookoff

Featuring food from approximately 100 teams and arts and crafts. Murphy Park, 1600 Sycamore St. Friday at 5 p.m.-Saturday 6 p.m. Saturday judging at noon, results announced at 5 p.m. \$5 • 803-5855 • [www.taylorjaycees.org](http://www.taylorjaycees.org)

### 15-17 Tax Free Weekend

Texas shoppers get a break on state and local sales tax. For a full list of tax-free items, visit [www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us).

### 16 Personal Reflections on Desegregation in Georgetown

Panel discussion among five community members touched by Georgetown's struggle to desegregate its schools. Georgetown Public Library, 402 W. Eighth St. 2-4 p.m. • Free • 930-3552 • [www.library.georgetown.org](http://www.library.georgetown.org)

### 23 The Brett Family Singers

Performing at the Back to School Extravaganza, benefiting The Georgetown Project. Georgetown Performing Arts Center, 2211 N. Austin Ave. Performances at 2 and 7 p.m. \$30/preferred seating, \$25/general admission, \$15/students • 943-5198 • [www.georgetownproject.com](http://www.georgetownproject.com)

### Gospel Fest

Sponsored by New Revelation Baptist Church. Music provided by various Christian groups. Fritz Park, 400 Park St., Hutto 11 a.m.-10 p.m. • Free 759-3706 • [www.new-revelationbc.org](http://www.new-revelationbc.org)

### 3rd Annual Family Festival

Sponsored by Taylor ISD family services. Free immunizations, school supplies, information booths, door prizes and refreshments. Northside Early Childhood Center cafeteria, 1004 Dellinger St. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. • Free • 365-7114 • [www.taylorisd.org](http://www.taylorisd.org)

### Hands-On History

Back to School Fun. The Williamson Museum, 716 S. Austin Ave., Georgetown 10 a.m.-3 p.m. • Free • 943-1670 • [www.wchm-tx.org](http://www.wchm-tx.org)

## September

### 6 Harvest Moon Dance and Silent Auction

Sponsored by Faith in Action Caregivers — Georgetown to benefit Georgetown area senior citizens. Sun City Ballroom, 2 Texas Drive 7-10 p.m. • \$15/person • 868-9544

### 11 Patriot's Day Celebration

Parade and memorial program to commemorate the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Heritage Square Park, 400 N. Main St., Taylor 7 p.m. • Free • 352-3463 • [www.ci.taylor.tx.us](http://www.ci.taylor.tx.us)

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## BUSINESS PROFILE

BY PATRICK BRENDL

### QUENAN'S JEWELERS • GEORGETOWN



**Quenan's Jewelers**  
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Owners Kyra and Steve Quenan

The freshly painted façade and immaculate interior of Quenan's Jewelers complement the jewels sparkling within its glass cases.

But do not let the new digs fool you — the employees at Quenan's Jewelers have about a century's worth of combined experience working with gemstones and precious metals, co-owner Steve Quenan said.

That knowledge is a resource for customers seeking the perfect stone for a special someone.

"It's not like buying a refrigerator," he said. "Every diamond is different. Each has a different personality, even though they might look the same on paper."

The store opened in Georgetown in 1999, but his family has been in the business for more than 60 years. His parents, William and Lillian, opened the original Quenan's Jewelers in Bastrop, La., in 1947.

While growing up, Quenan helped out in his family's store. He has done everything from sweeping floors to polishing rings to managing the business.

At his father's insistence, Quenan studied geology at Louisiana Tech University, though he really wanted to join the family business right away.

"I studied things like mineralogy, optical mineralogy. You're learning about gemstones the same time you're learning about limestone," he said.

However, Quenan said his practical experience in the family business prepared him much better than his formal schooling.

In 1985, Quenan took over the store from his parents. He and Kyra, his wife of 13 years, relocated to Central Texas from north Louisiana.

"The economy's a lot stronger here than there," he said.

The Quenans have friends in Austin, but they chose to settle in Georgetown, where they didn't know anyone, because of its small-town atmosphere.

"We came through here, and I had a good feeling about it after seeing the courthouse and the Square," Quenan said.

Two months ago, the Quenans moved their business into a black-and-beige brick building on the Square, following a year-and-a-half-long renovation project. The first structure on the site dated back to the

late 1800s but burnt down in the 1930s, Quenan said.

The edifice built to replace it housed a hardware store at one time, but it was vacant when the Quenans bought it. He said the building was in such bad shape that they gutted the entire structure and rebuilt it.

"We took it down to just the shell of the building," Quenan said.

The result of the renovation is a two-story, 6,600 sq. ft. building, with 4,100 sq. ft. of professional office space for lease.

Now, Quenan's Jewelers has five employees, three with 25 years of experience in the trade. Quenan said the longevity of the business and the staff's experience help put his customers at ease. He credits the trust between the employees and customers for the success of the store.

"What makes us stand out is our attention to personal service. We want people to feel comfortable," he said. "Jewelry's kind of a blind item. You have to trust the people you're buying from, because you don't know exactly what you're buying."

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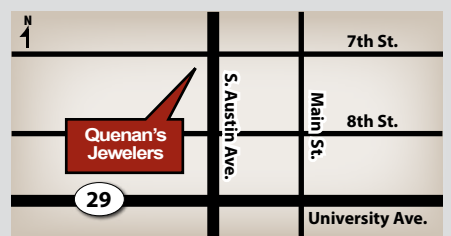
**Cut:** evaluates how skillfully the diamond was cut and polished to maximize manipulation of light.

**Color:** evaluates how near the diamond is to truly colorless. Most diamonds are somewhat yellow or brown. Others can have a fancy color other than colorless, yellow or brown.

**Clarity:** evaluates how flawless the diamond is. The jeweler uses a binocular microscope to identify blemishes, inclusions or other flaws.

**Carat:** is one-fifth of a gram or 1/142 of an ounce. Having a greater weight does not necessarily increase the value of a diamond.

Source: American Gem Society,  
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# BUSINESS PROFILE

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## CREATIVE TOUCH • HUTTO



Designer Catherine Sakewitz and owner Janet Widmer

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After raising three children, Janet Widmer was ready for a new challenge. Capitalizing on a passion for decorating, she started Creative Touch, an interior design company.

Widmer is a self-taught designer. She specializes in draperies and window treatments, but can help with the entire house. No project is too small or too big for Widmer, from picking out paint colors to remodeling entire homes from floor to roof.

"It's something I love. I delved into it and went to a lot of seminars and classes," she said. "I got brave and started a business."

She worked from home for five years

before moving into the old Hutto City Hall about 15 years ago. At the time of purchase, the building had dirt floors. Sitting inside was an old fire truck, which Widmer said she did not get to keep.

Since then, Widmer's three kids have returned to the nest, in a way. The whole family works in the same building.

"Initially, it was a matter of being able to work when I wanted to work that got me to start the business. I could take as many jobs as I wanted and work as hard as I wanted," Widmer said. "The family was kind of a bonus that came along after the fact."

Her son Matt has a company called Point

Design, which he founded in 1997. That company contracts to design and build commercial and residential structures.

Sometimes mother and son team up on projects. For example, Matt designed the building for the new Pecan St. Station Deli & Grill in Pflugerville, while Creative Touch decorated it inside and out.

Chris, her other son, is in the process of taking over his father's business, Capital Graphics Inc., which provides election supplies to counties in Texas.

Meanwhile, daughter Kim Kubala works part-time for Creative Touch in the retail portion of the business. A gift shop dominates the first floor of the building, featuring stuffed animals, collectibles and presents for birthdays, weddings and other occasions.

Widmer obtains her merchandise from the Dallas Market Center. Sometimes she takes clients with her to help them pick out furnishings or accessories for their projects.

Amid rising prices and an unsure national economy, many people are investing additional resources into their homes, interior designer Catherine Sakewitz said.

"People are probably spending more on their homes to make it more like a vacation home, so they don't have to go anywhere," she said.

Widmer and Sakewitz pride themselves on providing personal service to their customers. They receive most of their design business through referrals and repeat customers.

"Every project is different because every situation is different. Every client has their own likes and dislikes," Sakewitz said. "It's

kind of a challenge to get the client's personality into the design. No two kitchens are alike."

Though their building is in downtown Hutto, Widmer and Sakewitz have worked on projects throughout Central Texas, including Austin, Georgetown, Sun City, Luling, Bastrop and Rockdale.



### DESIGN DOS AND DON'TS

- Buy the rug first. It's easier to find furniture that matches a rug, than vice versa.
- Paint the room last. With so many shades to choose from, finding a color to match the rest of the room is easy.
- Be careful when selecting materials for a roof or façade. They dictate the feel of the building.
- Do not be shy. Designers can help even with the smallest projects, like picking a paint color or being an information resource.

Source: Creative Touch owner Janet Widmer and interior designer Catherine Sakewitz



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## BUSINESS PROFILE

BY PATRICK BRENDL

### SCHWENKER PHARMACY • TAYLOR



**Schwenker Pharmacy**  
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Owner Al Wendland

Manor native Al Wendland would come to Taylor for family reunions in the 1960s and '70s. As he drove by the old Schwenker Pharmacy, then located downtown, he would think, "Someday I'd like to own that pharmacy."

Stanley Schwenker and business partner Bill Needham opened the Needham-Schwenker Pharmacy in Taylor in the early '50s, Wendland said. After a few years, Needham moved to Llano.

"Schwenker continued here with the little pharmacy downtown. It used to have a fountain. They did hamburgers, ice cream, fountain drinks," Wendland said.

On Labor Day 1979, Schwenker Pharmacy changed its location to the 2400 block of Main Street, where it is today.

In the early '90s, Schwenker hired Wendland to work for him at the pharmacy. Their relationship grew into a partnership, and Wendland took over when Schwenker died in 2002.

Wendland grew up in Manor and attended pharmacy school at the University of Texas. He spent 12 years as an independent pharmacist in Fort Worth. In 1977, he bought the old White Pharmacy at Sixth Street and Congress Avenue in downtown Austin. It is not a pharmacy anymore, but Wendland still operates the business as the Congress Avenue Card & Gift Shop.

He returned to Manor with his wife of 43 years, Elizabeth, when he joined Schwenker Pharmacy.

There's no soda fountain at Schwenker Pharmacy anymore, but testaments to the store's history remain in the form of an old glass case containing model trucks and metal lunchboxes, and a big, brown scale that Wendland said has always been in the pharmacy. Customers can also weigh themselves for a penny on a white antique scale that formerly belonged to a competing pharmacist.

Wendland and his eight employees try to provide the kind of customer service he said is missing from modern pharmacy chains and big-box stores.

"We still operate the old-fashioned way," he said. "We still answer the telephone. We still try to know all our customers. We still try to excel at giving good service."

Wendland offers personalized services to people with special needs, like hospice patients who require topical pain medicine because they cannot swallow, or pediatric patients who need partial doses of uncommon medications. Wendland also advises nursing homes and does home deliveries.

"To get to practice pharmacy in that way is very rewarding," he said.

The pharmacy has been in Taylor for more than five decades and in its current location for almost 30 years, but thanks to computers, Wendland and his team are able to work more efficiently than ever. They strive to outperform corporations and online stores that have entered the pharmaceutical field over the years.

Since the vast majority of people use insurance plans and co-pays to buy prescription medicines, the price of drugs should be the same at every store, big or small, Wendland said. He said his store is quicker and offers better service than bigger stores, at the same price.

In addition to prescription drugs, the store also sells over-the-counter medicines, candy, toiletries, greeting cards, bed pans and other items. Wheelchairs, crutches and walkers are available for rent or sale.

### TRUST YOUR PHARMACIST

"Choose a pharmacist who really and truly has the welfare of the patient at heart," said Al Wendland, owner of Schwenker Pharmacy. "Obviously experience is important."

Wendland cautioned against buying medications on the internet. "You can buy anything over the internet. But you may get anything. It may not necessarily be what you wanted," he said.

"Counterfeit drugs are everywhere," he said. "People are getting more sophisticated in their counterfeiting techniques and in their advertising techniques."



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which was 17.5 percent in 2005, according to the census bureau, and better than Travis County's 15.5 percent.

## Too wealthy to worry

Williamson County's relative affluence combined with the area's strong conservative foundation would make creating a hospital district here a hard sell, said Mark Hazelwood, president and CEO of Seton Medical Center Williamson.

He was involved in advocacy and communication efforts for Travis County's hospital district before voters approved it.

"Up here, one of the big challenges we have is for people to appreciate that this is an issue we need to start working on," Hazelwood said. "There's an assumption that all these new hospitals will take care of the problem, and, in fact, they probably will help alleviate the problem in the near term, but in the long term, this is going to be a real issue."

Ernie Bovio, CEO of Scott & White University Medical Campus Hospital, said that while a hospital district could be part of the solution to what is going to become a growing concern for the county, the current demographic is such that the concept is not on the public's radar.

## Bootstraps, not taxes

If it was on the radar, Hazelwood said, residents would likely not take to the idea of creating another taxing authority.

"It's going to get them into discussions of, 'Why should I have to pay for somebody else?' although there's a lot of people up here who are very generous, and this is a very faith-oriented area. This area is viewed as so fiscally conservative, but faith-based people give [charitably], on average, more than non-faith-based people."

Another thing that may sour voters on paying a tax to fund indigent health care is that in Texas, 80 percent of uninsured people have jobs, and of that number, 80 percent have insurance available to them that they choose not to take, Hazelwood said.

"That doesn't square very well with people who think philosophically that you need to be more self-reliant and step up and be more accountable for taking care of yourself."

In 2005, the Texas Data Center estimated 59,020 — 17.7 percent — of Williamson County residents were uninsured.

The bottom line, Bovio said, is that taxpayers are already funding indigent care through their insurance premiums.

"Would [a hospital district] benefit the hospital? Yes, ultimately I think it would help close the gap that exists. Specialty care and hospital care is not funded through federally qualified health centers," Bovio said.

## What are FQHCs?

In 2004, the Lone Star Circle of Care applied for and was granted federally qualified health center, or FQHC, status to serve Williamson County, which at the time was designated as a medically underserved area. Once granted, an organization retains its status as an FQHC regardless of changes in the number of healthcare providers.

LSCC provides primary care as well as dental, psychiatric and women's services through its clinics, which are located on

the eastern side of the county. Through its designation as an FQHC, Lone Star receives a higher reimbursement rate from the government for the Medicare and Medicaid patients it serves than a hospital or physician lacking the designation. In return, an FQHC agrees to focus its efforts on serving the underinsured and uninsured population.

Pete Perialas, who was involved in the marketing of Travis County's healthcare district, is now CEO of Lone Star. He said his organization would be an ideal implementer of a Williamson County hospital district.

"We would be the core provider of pri-

mary care services. We would not just have 9-to-5 clinics. We would have clinics open seven days a week for 12 to 14 hours a day so that people who needed [basic care] would have some place to go other than the emergency room."

## Competitive care?

With five hospitals now located in Williamson County, it is possible those healthcare providers might see a hospital district as extra competition, Perialas said.

"Though it's not optimal to have someone in your ER who just needs [basic care], hospitals have sort of evolved [into] this dysfunctional economic model that accounts for that," he said. "They will need

to know that a hospital district is permanent before they will let go of that model. The only thing worse than having someone come into the ER that only needs hydration is having nobody come in."

The reality of the hospital industry, said Alfred Knight, president and CEO of Scott & White Hospital System, is that it takes between three and five years for a new hospital to become profitable. Three of the five hospitals in Williamson County are less than three years old.

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# Travis County Healthcare District provides care for indigent Services at series of clinics funded through residents' property taxes, client fees

BY CHRISTI COVINGTON

Just a few years ago, the city of Austin owned the University Medical Center at Brackenridge. Anyone from anywhere, whether in need of emergency assistance or not, could come for help and the city, or Seton, which operated the hospital, might be stuck with the bill. Many patients did not live in the city and did not pay city property taxes.

It was largely that situation that led to the creation of a taxing entity, known as the Travis County Healthcare District, which was designed to bring more residents into the revenue base and provide more uniform care, remembers Pete Perialas, who helped campaign for the district.

"There was no question," said Perialas, a former board member of People's Community Clinic, which receives funding from TCHD, "the political and central force of that idea [of the Healthcare District] emanated out of Austin."

TCHD formed in 2004 by voter approval to serve the local uninsured and underinsured in the county, including Austin residents within the county. The city and county each took a portion of its tax and designated it for the district. The city was estimated to give \$31 million and the county \$8.6 million in the first year, both numbers that represented how much would have been spent without the district. The county also provided an additional \$1.7 million as a one-time resource.

## Current status

This last fiscal year, TCHD had revenue

of almost \$90 million with around \$58 million of that coming from property tax revenue paid by Travis County property owners. Approximately \$83 million went to healthcare services.

Along with taking over Brackenridge, which it leases to the Seton Family of Hospitals to operate, TCHD is responsible for the Community Health Centers in Pflugerville and Austin, where patients can receive clinical help.

Similar to the situation with Brackenridge, the Healthcare District does not manage the clinics. It acts more as a funding and oversight mechanism. The CHCs are still operated by the city — although that will change next year when a nonprofit organization is scheduled to take over management.

## Who receives care

Before the district formed to provide health care, the city and county each funded their own services with money embedded in the general tax revenue.

Travis County then contracted with the city to provide the actual assistance to its residents. The city of Austin estimated from 1980 to 2005, it spent more than \$650 million from the general fund for city and Travis County residents' health care.

"Texas has one of the highest rates of uninsured. When you have 25 percent uninsured, the best thing you can do is get them covered by a plan in a clinic to get them care, preventive care, so they don't have to go to a hospital," said former Austin City Councilwoman Betty Dunkerley, who also promoted the district's inception and

would like to work with it in the future.

Often, patients needed more clinical-type help or could have prevented the severity of their situation with prior health care, but each county and city provided a different level of service, Perialas said.

That is why at first organizers wanted a regional district with Travis, Williamson, Hays and other counties involved, but Perialas said it was soon obvious that Travis was the only likely county to approve a new taxing district, so the effort was isolated to that area.

By state statute, each entity was already required to serve those residents who had an annual income of 21 percent or less of the Federal Poverty Level.

Using FPL's standard for this year, a county or city would have to provide health care to someone earning \$2,184 or less annually.

By board decision, the Healthcare District helps Travis County residents earning 100 percent of the FPL through the Medical Assistance Program, including primary health care, pharmacy benefits and hospital care at Brackenridge without co-pays. For this year, that means a family of four qualifies if it has an annual income of \$21,200 or less.

Those individuals making between 100 and 200 percent of the FPL can receive primary care at Community Health Centers and pharmaceutical services, but will not get their hospital bill paid.

## Travis County Healthcare District: How local dollars provide for local healthcare funding for uninsured and underinsured

When voters created the Travis County Healthcare District in May 2004, the City of Austin and Travis County no longer had the authority to levy taxes for hospital purposes or indigent medical care, according to state law.

For fiscal year 2005, which started in fall 2004, the city and the county were also required to take into account the decrease in the amount they would have spent for healthcare purposes. Both entities reduced their property tax rates in accordance with the amount. These two tax rates combined to create the first tax rate for TCHD. Rates are based per \$100 valuation.

	Tax rate estimated for healthcare service	Amount estimated for healthcare spending
City	0.0635	\$31,112,553
County	0.0144	\$8,695,117
Total	0.0779	

	TCHD	Travis	Austin
FY '04	N/A	0.4872	0.4430
FY '05	0.0779	0.4993	0.4430
FY '06	0.0779	0.4499	0.4126
FY '07	0.0734	0.4216	0.4034
FY '08	0.0693	0.4216	0.4034

## Tax trends

The fiscal year 2005 budget for the city was approved at the effective tax rate minus the reduction designated for TCHD. The county budget was calculated the same way with the addition of the debt tax rate included. An effective rate is determined by how much tax revenue is needed for a budget to have around the same provision as the previous year's budget.

**Example:** In Austin's fiscal year 2005 budget, the effective tax rate was 0.5065 per \$100 valuation. The approved reduction to the tax rate for TCHD was 0.0635, which, when subtracted, created the 0.4430 rate that was ultimately adopted by the city for fiscal year 2005. It was the same rate as the previous year.

Sources: Travis County, City of Austin





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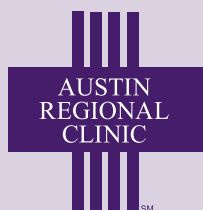
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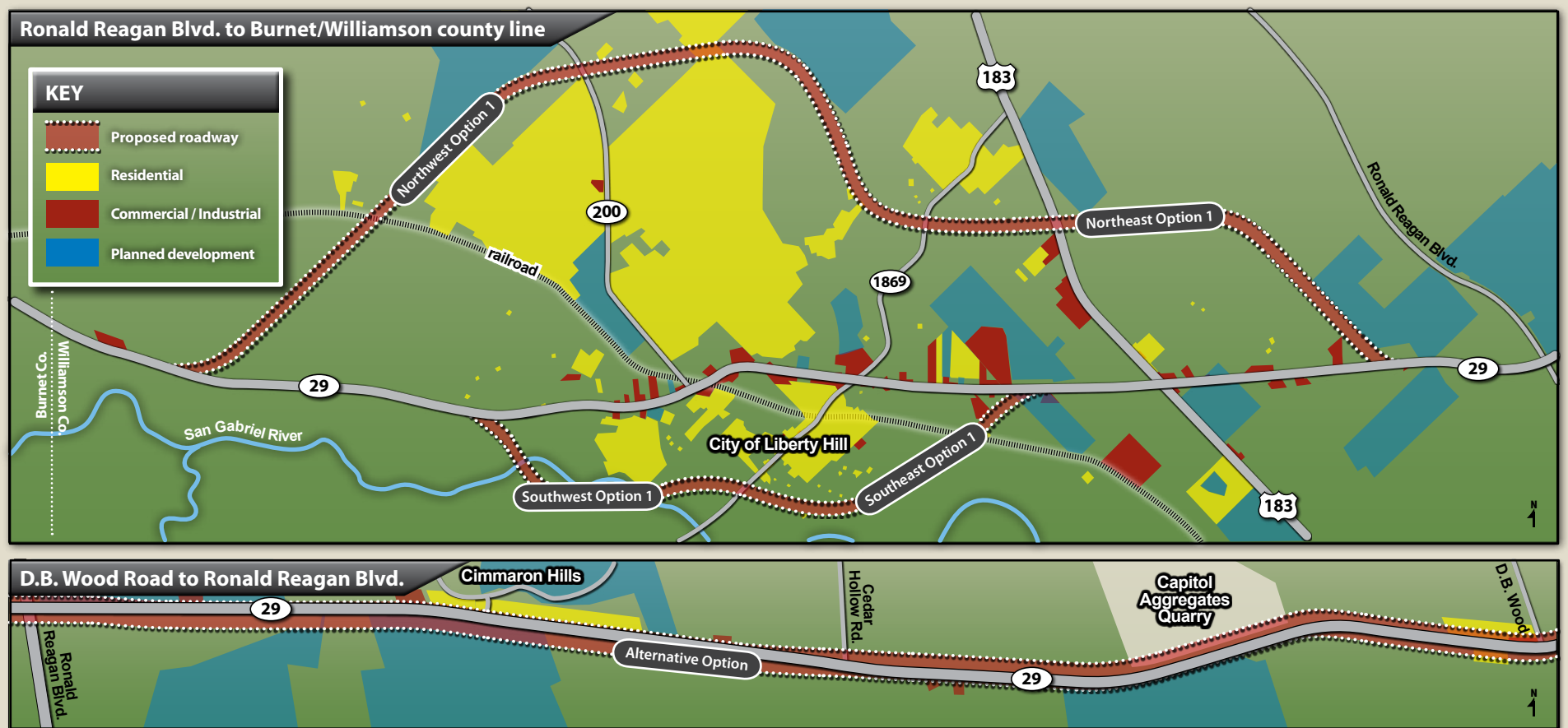


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## Probable Hwy. 29 expansion options



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## Hwy. 29 study

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### Why now?

Although Hwy. 29 is a state road and any construction on the roadway would most likely occur in the distant future — 10 to 20 years from now — the commissioners decided to pursue the corridor study now. This is because of a large number of developments planned and under construction along the highway and the importance of purchasing right-of-way while it is still largely undeveloped, Long said.

“We felt that we really should have done this 10 years ago, but we can’t start it 10 years ago; we can only start it today,” Long said.

“From a purely planning perspective, we are looking at the widest scenario, but that is not to say that is what it will ultimately be in every area,” she said. “Right now it is a planning study. Until you get to the actual design — once we get to a preferred alignment, based on all the input and the constraints — then you do a more detailed schematic. At that point in time, we would know more about what that footprint will look like.”

The commissioners announced a plan to remove 13 possible routes July 17, but do not plan to announce the preferred path until September. Once the route is chosen, the engineers will design a schematic, and the court will begin land purchase options with interested sellers.

Several landowners in Georgetown declined to comment on the corridor study, saying they were concerned it could affect their negotiations with the county.

The court has approved approximately \$2.7 million towards the project, but has not designated any specific amount for right-of-way purchases.

Not everyone on the court agrees with the study’s 400-foot path. Commissioner Lisa Birkman, precinct one, said the court has to prove the need for the project to residents.

Birkman did vote for the study, but said she does not believe purchasing right-of-way or any subsequent construction should be the county’s priority.

“The point I made in Commissioners Court is that given the numbers, I’m questioning the need for 400 feet of right-of-way,” Birkman said. “It may be less, but I’m just saying they are going to need to justify it because, obviously, you can build six lanes in 200 feet of right-of-way.”

### Round Rock’s RM 620

Although Birkman’s precinct does not include any part of the Hwy. 29 study, she has experience with corridor

studies. In 2005, the court did a similar study on RM 620 in Round Rock to improve mobility and increase safety.

During that study the court was limited in expanding the road because businesses had built up to the existing road’s right-of-way. Plans for the RM 620 corridor now include a six-lane roadway in 200 feet of right-of-way.

Long hopes to avoid a similar situation along Hwy. 29 by studying the road now instead of 20 years from now.

### Right-of-way purchase

The county has a limited budget to buy right-of-way now and will focus its spending on willing sellers, Covey said. At this time, because construction of the project is not intended to begin soon, eminent domain will not be used, Long said.

Others agree that if the county is going to designate the road’s route, now is the time to buy the right-of-way.

“The positive side of buying right-of-way now is it will be way cheaper today than it will be in the future,” state Rep. Dan Gattis said. “The negative side of it is that if you say, ‘This is where our corridor is going,’ and don’t actually purchase that property, then really you’ve harmed those property owners. Then they can’t ever sell their property. You can’t do that to people.”

### Texas Department of Transportation

Recent troubles at TxDOT have spurred the county into doing the study, which normally would have been done by the state. However, Long said more and more counties are taking the lead on state projects.

“TxDOT should be out here designating and buying right-of-way and everything else,” Gattis said. “The county shouldn’t have to do it, but the county can’t wait for TxDOT to get its business in order.”

The commissioners agree that TxDOT should be in charge of this project, but even with the cutbacks, this project was not on the agency’s list, Long said.

“This is not one [of the projects] they had planned, but northern Williamson County has been largely underestimated in terms of population growth,” she said. “We live it and see it every day, and that is why we took the lead on this — so that we could do this study and identify where the road alignment needs to be in the future.”

The commissioners voted 5-0 to approve a contract with Chiang, Patel & Yerby, Inc. to complete the corridor study.

“We said in October, when we had our first meeting, that we would try to move forward with this as fast as we could because we realize that people’s lives are interrupted as a result of this study,” Covey said. “We are not trying to drag this out. In fact, we have sped it up, but this is the process we have to go through.”

### Residential developments near Hwy. 29

Subdivision	Approximate number of lots	Status
1. Cimarron Hills	700	Under construction
2. Estancia	13	Under construction
3. Highland Meadows	838	Proposed
4. Lively Tract	780	Proposed
5. Malanger Tract	100	Proposed
6. Middle Brook	997	Proposed
7. Pinnacle	5,000	Proposed
8. Rancho Sienna	1,472	Under construction
9. Santa Rita Ranch	2,800	Proposed
10. Shadow Canyon	480	Proposed
11. Sierra Springs	36	Under construction
12. Stagecoach Ranch	41	Under construction
13. Stonewall Ranch	600	Under construction
14. Summerlyn	800	Under construction
15. Water Oaks	3,500	Proposed
16. Water Oaks at San Gabriel	848	Proposed
<b>Total Lots</b>	<b>19,005</b>	

### Eminent domain

Before a county can seize private property for public use, officials must attempt to contact the landowner and purchase the property. If the landowner refuses to sell or counteroffers with an amount too high, the county can step in and condemn the property.

#### The process

1. A county court-of-law judge selects three representatives, who typically are familiar with real estate, to serve as special commissioners. (Note: This is not the Commissioners Court.)
2. Both sides present their case at a special commissioners hearing.
3. The commissioners determine the land’s value, and the money is put into the registry of the court. The land is then county property.
4. The property owner has the option of accepting the valuation or appealing to district court with a trial before the court or a jury.
5. If the jury says the property is worth more, the county will pay more. If the jury believes it is worth less, the owner gets less.

Source: Charlie Crossfield, Williamson County right-of-way attorney

### What is happening with Williams Drive?

The county and the city of Georgetown have formed a partnership to widen Williams Drive from D.B. Wood Road to 0.3 miles west of FM 3405 to four lanes with a center turn lane. The road will also receive grading, drainage improvements, asphalt paving, signage, signalization and striping. The road improvement was a TxDOT project that was cut after the agency’s budgeting problems.

The project’s total cost is approximately \$22 million, including \$15.2 million for construction and \$7 million for utility improvements.

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization awarded \$8.8 million for the project in June. The city is planning to call a bond election in November that could ask voters to approve \$1.7 million for the project.

The court has approved contracts with Cobb Fendley Associates for utility relocations, and Kellogg, Brown and Root Services, Inc. for engineering of the road. Construction is expected to begin in the fall and take 18 to 22 months.



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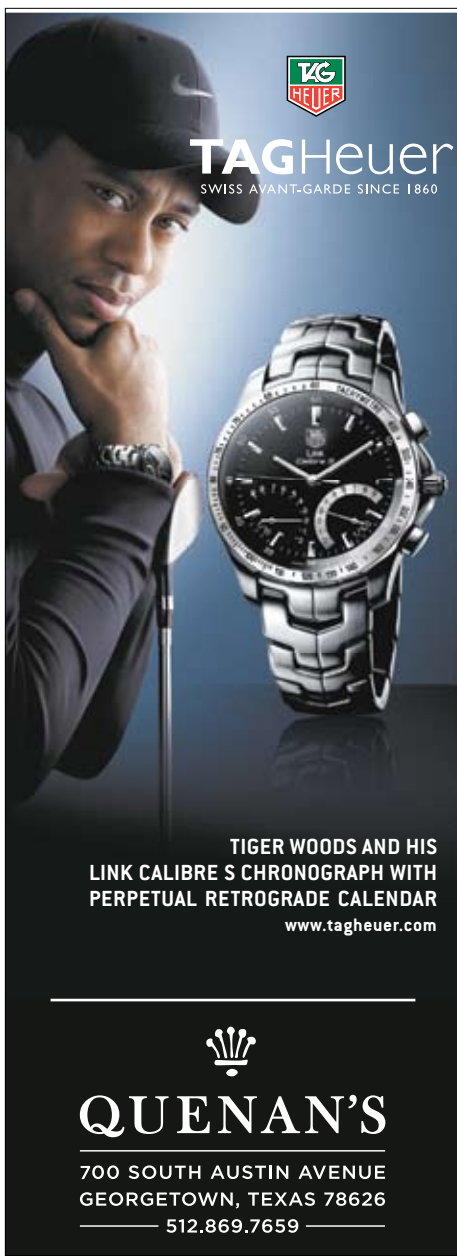
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Customers are greeted from the start with a warm biscuit and a friendly smile, and the hospitality continues throughout the meal with attentive service from the entire wait staff.

The chicken fried steak (\$13.95) is the most popular item on the menu, according to my waitress, and is made with 100 percent Kobe beef that is never frozen. The quality of the meat shined through the expertly prepared breaded crust. The gravy was the ideal "icing" on the steak.

Customers should jump on the opportunity to sample the Southwestern Quesadilla (\$8.95) — not a regular menu item — when it is a featured special. Filled with corn, squash, mushroom and green chiles, the quesadillas can be improved only by dipping them in the accompanying poblano pepper sauce.

"I've had quesadillas before," one diner chimed, "but I've never tasted anything like this."

As appetizing as the main course is, the real hidden treasures are the sides. Each entrée is served with a choice of three sides, each of which is a meal in itself.

A unique twist on standard black-eyed peas, the Texas Caviar (\$1.95 a la carte) is a blend of black-eyed peas, poblano peppers, tomatoes and onions that has a hidden spiciness and cilantro flavor.

The Green Chile Squash Casserole is served in a warm cup and may remind diners of a simple green bean casserole until the green chiles kick in and give the dish a distinct Southwestern flavor.

The fried eggplant with marinara provided another vegetarian dining option that is fit to be served over a bed of pasta.

The rare customer that still has room left after the meal can treat himself to one of the desserts made fresh daily.

Warm pecans made for a simple crust to a decadent chocolate cream pie (\$3.95) that may require multiple mouths to finish. Diners who opt for a simpler dessert

can try the molasses cookie (\$1.75), which was executed perfectly.

Monument Café is also open for breakfast. Diners can choose from a wide variety of breakfast items, including the traditional bacon and two eggs (\$7.95), pancakes (\$5.95-6.95), waffles (\$6.50) and Mexican dishes like migas (\$8.25).

Be sure to come early for breakfast on the weekends because the dining room fills up fast.

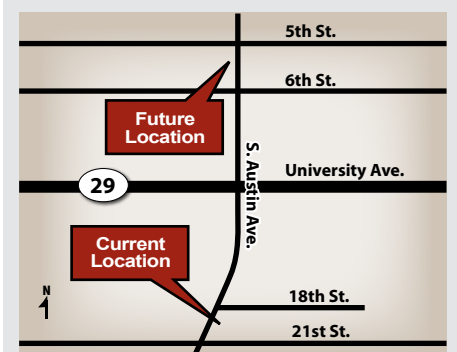
### NEW LOCATION

Despite the success experienced at its current location, which has been open since 1995, Monument Café is planning to move downtown into a new building on Austin Avenue between Fifth and Sixth streets. The new structure will give the restaurant more room to operate and new equipment that will allow the staff to do more outside catering.

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Architect's rendering of the new Monument Café development



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# COMMUNITY ICON

BY PATRICK BRENDEL

## CHARLES E. HANSTROM • HUTTO

The Community Icon feature recognizes the lives of individuals who have distinguished themselves as local leaders.



Clarice and Charles Hanstrom

In the mid-1950s, a contractor's mistake set off a series of ruptures to Hutto's new sewer system. Broken pipes all over the city spewed their contents, turning the earth into a soup of mud and ooze. The only plumber in town, Charles E. Hanstrom, dove right in.

"I worked all night long digging and fixing pipes," recalled Hanstrom, now 88 years old. "I had a bunch of sightseers watching me, until finally one guy climbed

down and started helping me."

For much of the last century, Hanstrom was the man to call for help with anything related to Hutto's water system. From 1939 to 1978, he ran the city's waterworks established by his father. He was the only resident to wield a wrench and plunger for profit until he retired in the late '80s.

Hanstrom remembers walking around town, collecting payments for water service. The monthly charge: \$2.25.

"Some farmers who also lived in town would just pay me once a year when they'd gather their crops," he said.

With some fluctuation, Hutto's population stayed around 600 people from when Hanstrom started working until his retirement. During the 50-odd years in between, he installed and took care of

the plumbing for just about every building in town.

Hanstrom is the son of Swedish immigrant Charles Evale Hanstrom Sr., who moved to Hutto with his family in 1893 when he was 13 years old. In 1910, Hanstrom Sr. and a business partner drilled the town's first well and installed the water system.

"The partner he had was a single man. After the well was drilled and the water was going, the partner sold out

and left town with the money," Hanstrom said. "He was never heard of again."

In addition to the waterworks, Hanstrom Sr. also owned an ice factory, was half-owner of a cotton gin and had a stake in the electric utility, all in Hutto. He died when Hanstrom was 8 years old.

In 1939, a 19-year-old Hanstrom (fresh from Nixon-Clay Business College in Austin and with zero practical experience) took over Hutto Waterworks for his mother and another widow who was a partner in the company.

"I had no idea I was going to do that. I was just running around Austin at the time," he said, smiling.

Except for a break during World War II while he served in Alaska as a mechanic with the Army Air Corps, Hanstrom ran Hutto Waterworks by himself from 1939 until 1956, when the city bought the business, installed the sewer system and hired Hanstrom to be the boss of the new public utility.

Hanstrom kept the city position until 1978, all the while running Hanstrom Plumbing and Electricity on the side. After leaving the waterworks, he focused on his business until retiring fully in the late '80s. In 1990 the Hutto Chamber of Commerce named him Citizen of the Year.

Around the same time, wife Clarice retired from her position as senior vice president at a Round Rock bank after a 28-year career. She was also named Citizen of the Year in 1993.

The couple, married for 62 years, sold the old office building at 122 East St. to the Hutto Chamber. In 2005 the chamber formally named it the Hanstrom Building. Charles Hanstrom was one of the original chamber board members, is a charter member of the Hutto Lion's Club and was on city council for six years "way back," he said.

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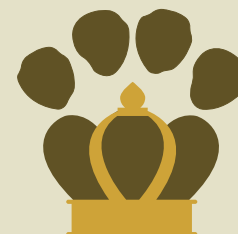


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**4 Mike Green and Associates** moved to the Taylor Airport in 2001. Owner Mike Green oversees the business, which buys, refurbishes and sells aircraft all over the world. It deals exclusively in turbine-powered helicopters, most of which Bell Helicopter manufactures. Many of the acquired aircraft come from Japan, the Philippines, New Zealand, South Africa and Sweden. Approximately 95 percent of all aircraft are sold to clients outside of the United States. The company is located at 303 Airport Road. Call 365-5720.



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6. Former Intercraft building



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On Sept. 27 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., a "Fly-In" is planned at the Taylor Airport in honor of Larry Hagerman, founder of Aircraft Certification Services. On April 10, 2008, Hagerman lost his life in a tragic accident at the Taylor airport. The Fly-In will feature classic cars from two area car clubs, a live band, an inflatable moonwalk for children and "discovery flights" in both fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters. The event will attract as many as 200 aircraft from around the state. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks for sale. Proceeds from the event will be used to erect a memorial on the airport grounds in honor of Hagerman. For more information, call Mark Winter at 352-6525.





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I drove a 2009, all-wheel drive model provided by Bobby Ward at Round Rock Nissan. The Murano is a five-door hatchback that can comfortably seat five adults. It is powered by a standard 3.5 L V6 that produces 265 horsepower.

An interesting feature of the transmission is that it never shifts. Yes, you read that correctly. The “CVT,” or continuously variable transmission, adapts to the speed of the engine and does not shift like a conventional automatic transmission. The result is a smooth and powerful driving experience.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency rates the Murano’s gas mileage at 18 miles per gallon in the city and 23 mpg on the highway. I averaged close to 20 mpg during my time behind the wheel, which was evenly split between city and highway driving.

The Murano had a solid, quality feel. While it certainly does not sit as high as a large SUV or truck, it does offer a better view of the road than a car. While stopped at a red light in Cedar Park, I noticed that I could just see over the roof of a BMW 325i in the lane next to me, an indication that the ride height is approximately 4 to 6 inches taller than that of a typical car. I was impressed that this added height did not have a negative impact on handling; there was very little body roll in hard turns. Speaking of turns, the Murano is maneuverable with a tight turning radius. Getting around a crowded parking lot was not a problem.

Other highlights included a power rear hatch, power rear seats that can be raised and lowered remotely, a large LCD radio/navigation screen, a useful backup camera and a Bose stereo that was, without a doubt, the best stock audio system I have ever heard.

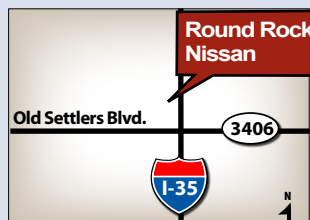
My only gripe — and a minor one at that — is that rear visibility was less than ideal. The shoulder belt for the middle rear-seat passenger is mounted to the ceiling, making for a constant, annoying obstruction in the rearview mirror. There is also a strange protrusion in the rear headliner that hides the motor for the rear hatch. This aside, I was impressed by my first “crossover” experience.

### 2009 Nissan Murano LE

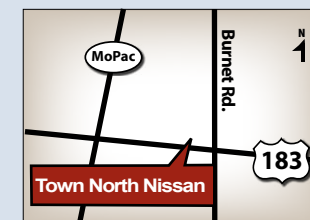
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# Taylor water

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acquire the superior rating.

## Improvements to water quality

The plant could originally treat up to 5.5 million gallons of water a day, and with the additional 7.5 million gallon output, the city could now access up to 13 million gallons if needed. The original plant and expanded portion can treat water separately or together.

Currently, the city is using approximately 3.5 million gallons of water a day.

One addition to the plant was a 20 million gallon terminal storage facility that looks similar to a giant swimming pool. If the intake facility is not operational, the storage can supply water to the city for up to 30 days.

Once water is taken from an intake facility at the mouth of the San Gabriel River in Lake Granger, it is pumped to the storage facility, which adds water treatment time that allows turbidity, or sediments, to begin settling out of the water, even before treatment.

The terminal storage is kept at one-third capacity, but if needed, it could be filled to capacity in 1.5 days with two intake pumps running at full power, said Dean Grant, Brazos River Authority water superintendent.

As water travels through the plant, chemicals are added to help control organics in the water and remove sediment. After passing through the final filtration stage, water is pumped into a 2 million gallon clear well and then is distributed to area water towers.

"Each water treatment plant operates differently depending on [where the water is coming from]. Taylor has good water. There is not a lot of iron or magnesium, which will make a plant go crazy," Grant said.

## Taylor water's troubled past

In June 2007, heavy rains in Central Texas led to flooding in the San Gabriel River. The flooding brought sediment down the river, which clogged the intake facility and cut off Taylor's water flow.

In order to maintain water flow to residents, the city purchased 2.75 million gallons of water back from the city of Hutto, which purchases a portion of its water from Taylor. The city paid \$13,144.22 for the emergency supply of drinking water, Dunaway said.

Other problems occurred in April, when a boil water notice was sent out to area resi-

dents after the water level in the tower that supplies water to the north, central and west portions of Taylor dropped, causing water pressure to fall below 20 pounds per square inch (PSI). TCEQ mandates that a water boil notice be in effect when water pressure goes below 20 PSI, Dunaway said.

Each tower has sensors at different points to monitor the water level. When water reaches a certain level, the sensor sends a message to the main computer, which then turns on the pumps and fills up the tank.

What was thought to be a glitch in the system turned out to be operator error. Dunaway said an operator making rounds at the plant turned off the pump's automatic turn-on feature and failed to turn it back on once he left the plant.

Cities store water in elevated towers to increase water pressure. The downward force of gravity allows the city to turn off pumps that would otherwise be needed to keep water pressure at state-required levels.

"We never lost water; we lost water pressure," Dunaway said.

## The future in terms of water

BRA will construct a new intake facility at the deepest point of Lake Granger.

"Part of the reason for the new intake facility is so that we don't have to worry about changes in sediment when it floods, and we don't have to worry about trees taking out the intake station," Grant said.

The new intake could take three years to construct and is being designed by Freese and Nichols, Inc., he said.

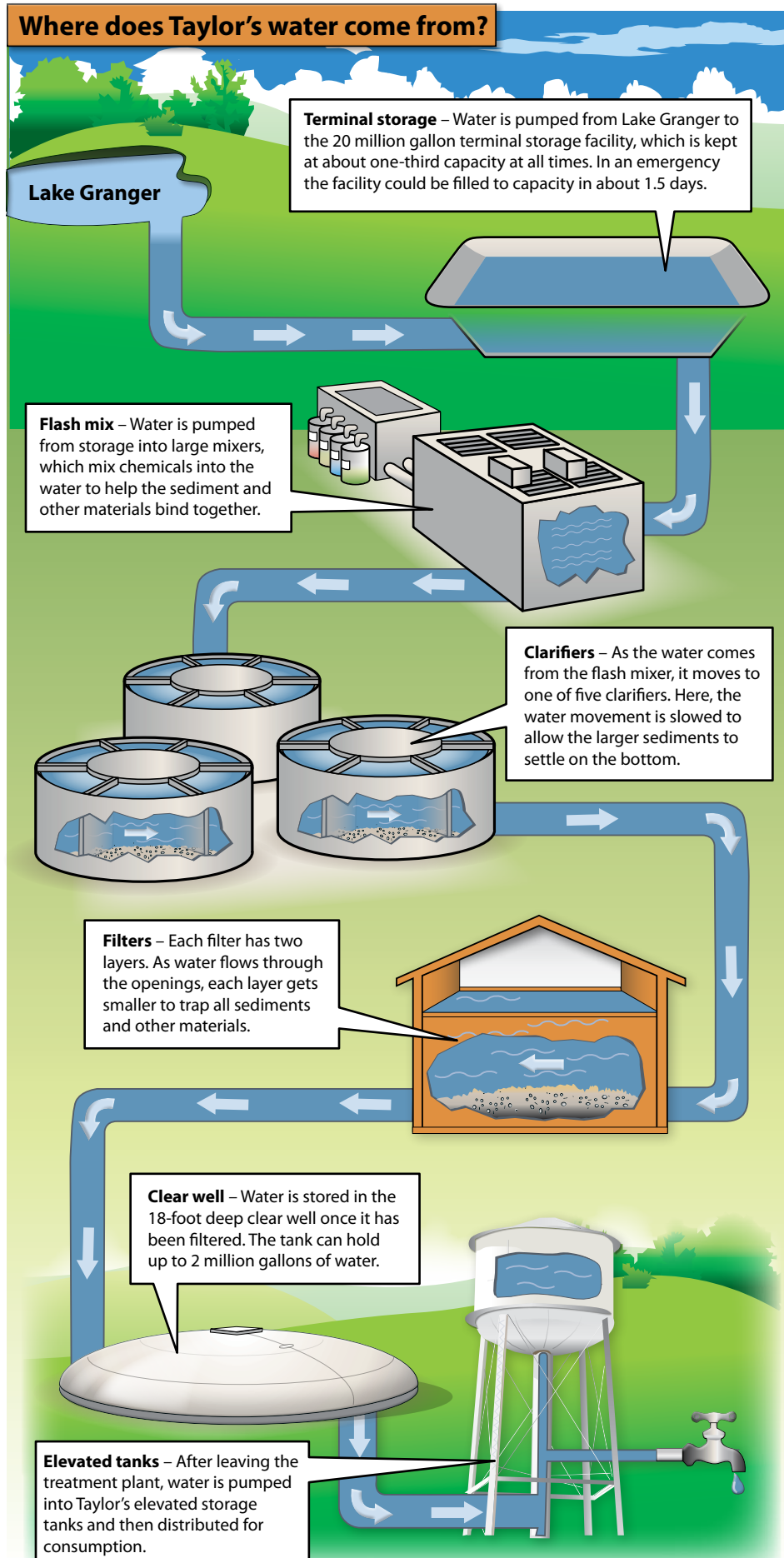
The city's public works department is creating a new pressure plane. As water flows away from the elevated towers, water pressure lowers. When that happens, the city must build a new tower, which pressurizes water to new areas, Dunaway said.

The new tower will be located on CR 373 just north of Hwy. 79 and provide water pressure to the west and north. City officials will also replace the Murphy Park tower, which will increase the tower's capacity from 400,000 to 750,000 gallons. Construction is expected to last one year and cost approximately \$9 million.

City crews will also install their own water-level sensors in the new towers to monitor levels and ensure water pressure is maintained.

For more information on Taylor utilities or how to sign up for emergency notification, call 352-3675 or visit [www.ci.taylor.tx.us](http://www.ci.taylor.tx.us).

## Where does Taylor's water come from?



## Water sources for other cities

### Hutto

The city of Hutto gets its drinking water from three sources. The Manville Water Supply Corporation provides 500,000 gallons of water per day from a mix of surface water from Austin lakes and Lake Pflugerville and ground water from several aquifers, including the Edwards Aquifer, River Alluvial Aquifer and the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer. Heart of Texas Water Suppliers provides 800,000 gallons of water per day from the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer Hooper Formation. The city also buys 175,000 gallons of water a day from the city of Taylor.

**Updates:** Hutto Public Works crews are constructing a 1 million gallon elevated water tower and a 1 million gallon ground water storage tank at the southwest corner of Limmer Loop and Ed Schmidt Boulevard. Both are expected to be completed in early 2009.

### Georgetown

Georgetown residents receive their water from both ground and surface water. The city gets approximately 6 million gallons a day from Lake Georgetown. This is treated at the Lake Georgetown water treatment plant. Another 4 million gallons is pumped from ground water wells in the Edwards Aquifer and is treated at the Park, Southside and Berry Creek water treatment plants.

**Updates:** Georgetown crews are expected to begin construction on a new, elevated storage tank in the Escalera Ranch subdivision off Leander Road and a ground water tank at the Park water treatment plant in late summer. Pump station improvements to increase pumping capacity at the Leander pump station are also expected to begin in late summer.

## Superior water quality rating

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality manages all public drinking water supplies in the state. Out of the approximately 4,600 community water systems it monitors, 10 percent are rated superior.

A superior rating means the supply meets all minimum standards for water quality and is in accordance with every rule and standard, including chemical, operational, maintenance and capacity standards. The system must also have two certified operators on staff.

### Superior rating procedure

- The city contacts TCEQ to request a superior rating.
- TCEQ notifies the regional office of the interest.
- On the next inspection, the regional inspector uses the superior rating standards.
- If the regional inspector recommends a superior rating, TCEQ reviews the report and the city's files.
- TCEQ sends a letter to the city saying it is qualified for the superior rating.

Source: Mike Lannen, natural resource specialist with TCEQ





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## INSIDE INFORMATION

BY TIFFANY YOUNG

### E3 ALLIANCE

At the end of the school year, E3 Alliance, which stands for Education Equals Economics, presented The Blueprint for Educational Change, a comprehensive regional plan based on two years of research and input from more than 1,000 community members. It is the first of its kind for Central Texas.

According to E3 Alliance, The Blueprint is Central Texas' commitment to building the most successful educational pipeline in the country by setting priorities and detailing strategies so all Central Texas children start school ready to learn, have an equal opportunity to reach their academic potential and are fully prepared upon graduation for college, career and lifelong success.

"Our schools are getting better, but incremental change is not enough. We need systemic change. We all have a responsibility to commit ourselves to the future of our children," state Sen. Kirk Watson said at the presentation.

More than 60 Central Texas business leaders are participating in The Blueprint for Educational Change, along with Austin, Round Rock, Leander and Pflugerville school districts, seven colleges and numerous nonprofit organizations.

E3 Alliance Executive Director Susan Dawson said while there are many districts working toward similar goals, the districts keep their identities through their elected school board officials. Since participation is free for the districts, E3 Alliance is still working to bring on more districts and add private schools.

"It is critically important that we all work toward the success of our students," said Dr. Jesus Chavez, superintendent of Round Rock Independent School District, in his opening remarks at The Blueprint presentation.

E3 Alliance was created in 2006 to develop a regional plan to help each child in Central Texas become a qualified employee and citizen.

The idea came from years of conversations among Austin Area Research Organization's business community, Dawson said.

"If we want to build the kind of sustainable economy that we want to see in the future, we have to vastly change the

system and the outcomes we see from the system in terms of reaching the potential of every student," she said.

In January, more than 150 regional leaders gathered at The Blueprint for Change – 2008 Leaders Summit to set educational priorities to drive systemic change over the next decade.

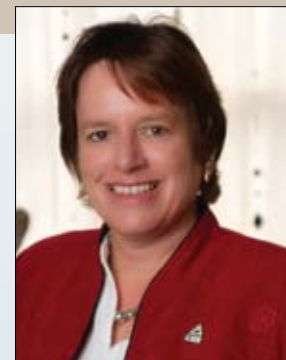
After the summit, meetings were held with school districts, colleges, organizations and regional experts to gain feedback and share ways to measure progress toward these goals.

Leaders, including Dr. Ed Fuller of the College of Education at the University of Texas, Cathy Doggett of the Region XIII Education Service Center and Dr. Susan Millea of Children's Optimal Health, then reviewed research from E3 Alliance and feedback from the community and identified and prioritized four strategic goals as the basis for The Blueprint.

"It is unprecedented," Dawson said. "No region in the state of Texas has ever had a blueprint for change. Student performance has gotten better, but population is changing. We simply cannot afford anyone not to reach his or her full potential. We cannot afford for anyone to drop out. It's a work in progress — it's not finished. The responsibility belongs to Central Texas, not any one district."

According to Dawson, the launch brought 150 leaders and community members together to say these are the priorities they are going to base their work around, and it launched the public campaign "Graduates Are Made Not Born."

To learn more about The Blueprint, visit [www.theblueprintforeducationalchange.org](http://www.theblueprintforeducationalchange.org). The website not only tells about the goals and action strategies, but allows users to indicate what priorities they are interested in and how they would like to be involved.



Susan Dawson, E3 Alliance executive director






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### The Blueprint for Educational Change goals

**Goal 1:** By 2015, 70 percent of children enter kindergarten "school ready" and 95 percent by 2020.

**Now:** Forty percent of Central Texas kindergartners have up to an 18-month delay in skills for their age, according to data by United Way's Success by 6 program.

**Goal 2:** By 2015 have all eighth graders across all subpopulations achieve 20 percent higher on state assessments in meeting standard and commended performance.

**Now:** English Language learners and low-income students, the students with the highest population growth, traditionally have the lowest performance in the region.

**Goal 3:** By 2010, Central Texas graduation rates hit 95 percent or more, and by 2015, college-and-career ready students double.

**Now:** According to E3 Alliance's "The Problem with Too Many Names: Defining and Identifying Central Texas Dropouts 2008," high school dropouts cost Central Texas a minimum of \$425 million in increased social services and lost income each year.

**Goal 4:** Ensure Central Texas, as a community, prepares children to succeed.

**Now:** "We're not pointing at each independent school district and saying, 'They are the solution.' They are only a percentage of the solution," said David Balch, president of United Way Capital Area.

United Way Capital Area is aligning many of its programs with The Blueprint. The organization has been focused on education since an assessment by the University of Texas showed the No. 1 thing people were worried about was disparity in education.



## Project areas include

Education  
Government/Municipal Facilities  
Fire Stations/Emergency Service Districts  
Medical Facilities  
Retail/Commercial Projects  
Community Projects

## RRISD Projects include

### New Schools

- Cedar Ridge High School (Currently under construction)
- RRISD Athletic Complex
- Caldwell Heights Elementary School
- Great Oaks Elementary School
- Berkman Elementary School
- Hopewell Middle School
- Gattis Elementary School

### Additions and Renovations

- Round Rock High School
- Dragon Stadium
- Central Facility
- Round Rock High School New Band Hall
- Gattis Elementary School
- C.D. Fulkes Middle School
- Cedar Valley Middle School
- Grisham Middle School Multi-purpose Addition
- Chisholm Trail Middle School Multi-purpose Addition

## AISD Projects

### Additions and Renovations

- Blanton Elementary
- Blackshear Elementary
- Walnut Creek Elementary
- Pecan Springs Elementary Renovations
- Ridgetop Elementary Renovations
- Reilly Elementary Renovations
- Bowie High School Renovations

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# Hutto ISD

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## Slowed growth prompts budget cuts at HUSD

BY BETH WADE

For the past five years, Hutto ISD has gained approximately 600 new students a year, which is roughly the size of a full elementary school campus.

Although the school district is still growing, it has slowed from 20 to 13 percent this year, which equals about 500 new students.

In 2007, demographers projected the district would reach a population of more than 5,050 students for the next school year, but with the economic slowdown, current projections indicate only 4,835 students will be attending Hutto ISD in the fall. There were 4,450 students in 2007-2008.

The state gives money to school districts based on student attendance. In Texas, that amount is fixed at \$5,128 per student. In the worst case scenario, the district is expecting to have a \$1.7 million shortfall in this year's budget, but the final number will not be available until the end of the school year when student attendance for the year is finalized, said Ed Ramos, assistant superintendent of finance.

To overcome this budgeting shortfall, the district has made a 10 percent cut in all department budgets across the district, which saves the district approximately \$600,000, he said.

"The board knows [about the shortfall], and we are looking for areas to create budget cuts," Ramos said.

The board also opted to leave some jobs unfilled, including administrative, clerical and maintenance positions. Eighty percent of the district's budget is spent on payroll.

While the budget cuts are expected to limit the amount of supplies teachers and other staff can purchase, Ramos said the administration is hoping it does not affect learning in the classroom.

"I hope it won't, but it may hurt learning and what supplies the district can afford," he said. "We are making strides as far as improving test scores. I hope the district can find a way to do more with less."

The school board asked that the demographers bring updated statistics each quarter to avoid this situation in the future.

## First year of alternative learning academy "a success"

While his concerns for the growing Hutto ISD student population are at the forefront of his thoughts, Superintendent David Borrer is proud of a group of seven who were the first to graduate from the school district's River Horse Academy.

"It is a true alternative school in the sense that we have students there that don't function in the traditional classroom," Borrer said. "We understand that if we don't capture them in some form or fashion, they are likely to become dropouts. Quite honestly, we have recovered some dropouts because of the academy."

Housed in the old middle school building on College Street, River Horse Academy is the first of its kind in Hutto. Borrer and other administrators first started planning the alternative high school in winter 2006.

"We started to research what other school districts in the area were doing as far as alternative education is concerned," he said. "We picked what we thought was a good curriculum from those. We looked at policies and guidelines that other districts were using that we felt would work here."

The district pays for the program with compensatory education money as well as the district's special education budget.



"We feel like it has been a great value to our educational system here in Hutto," Borrer said. "We don't put a dollar value on that, and I'm not sure I could tell you what the whole budget was. It is minor compared to the successes we see from the students."

Four teachers and an administrator make up the school's staff. The small staff and use of the old middle school helped save the district money in start-up costs for the academy.

"We had the facilities, and we had the funding toward additional staff," Borrer said. "It just made sense to be able to reach an audience, that was very likely to not graduate and become a dropout if we didn't do something."

## Little Hippos

Hutto ISD employees will have access to a licensed child development center for their children, infant to 4 years, for the first time.

The district is in the process of setting up the center named The Little Hippo, which is expected to open Aug. 18 when staff reports back to work.

The center, licensed for 60 children, has 16 enrolled now, Center Director Mary Riley said. She said she expects enrollment to pick up once district staff sees the center open.

Three portable buildings, once used at Hutto Elementary School,

will have two rooms each, with space for infants, 12 to 18 month olds, 18 to 24 month olds, 2 year olds and 3 to 4 year olds.

Riley said she is in the process of hiring support staff. The center will be open for days that staff is required to be on campus, but not during summer or winter breaks, she said.

"This is a really good thing for the district to provide for its employees," Riley said.

A curriculum providing an emphasis on language and literacy development will be in place at the center.

Georgetown and Taylor ISD have similar programs for employees.

## Q & A

David Borrer

**Hutto ISD Superintendent of Schools**

**Hired:** May 2005

**Background:** Government/political science teacher and head football coach at Bosqueville and Rochelle ISDs; assistant principal, principal and superintendent at Aransas Pass ISD, assistant superintendent at Calallen ISD

**Education:** Bachelor's degree, East Texas State University, Master's degree, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi

**Contact:** 759-3771, david.borrer@hutto.txed.net



### Q. What are your goals for the upcoming school year?

**A.** The foremost thing we want to do is to improve on the year past. We want to take some big steps in our curriculum, and that is what we are trying to do across the district. We are opening two campuses next year — our second middle school and our fifth elementary. We are certainly hoping that we can have successful openings for each. We want to staff appropriately and ensure that we have quality staff for all of our campuses, but especially our two new ones.

### Q. What is the biggest challenge for the school district right now?

**A.** It is certainly managing our growth. We are still one of the top five fastest growing school districts in the state. Even with an economic slowdown, we are growing considerably fast. Our projected growth is still at about 13 percent next school year. That is down from 20 percent this past year. We are still growing at a rate that is conducive to needing a new elementary school a year. That equates to about 600 to 650 students or more a year coming into our district.

### Q. What would you do with an unlimited budget?

**A.** I would like to pay teachers their true worth. I think they are the saints of education. Quite honestly, I think we don't pay them nearly enough, and I don't mean just Hutto ISD, I mean across the state in general. Then if there were a second thing, it would be to ensure that we have the best programs available to our students. We want to ensure that there is absolutely no child left behind, and there is no monetary reason why a student cannot be successful. That is a question I've never considered because we don't ever have unlimited budgets.

### Q. What is the most important lesson you learned in school?

**A.** The most important lesson, and it was probably from a variety of people, is working hard and perseverance. There is certainly something to be said about just surviving and being able to pick yourself back up when you get knocked down. I think school in a big form and fashion

does that for everybody. It knocks you down, picks you back up and makes you believe that with a true understanding of education, you can be successful.

### Q. Did you have a favorite teacher?

**A.** There were a whole lot of favorites. I had a counselor who was very encouraging, and I had a high school principal who was very encouraging. My football coach, who was also my government teacher, was someone who was very influential and helped me decide that education was something that I wanted to do.

### Q. Did you always want to be a superintendent?

**A.** I just really wanted to be a teacher. To narrow it down, I just wanted to go to college. I was the only one in my family that went and the only one who finished. I was a teacher and a coach for a number of years and thought that was what I always was going to do. Administration began to appeal to me, so I started taking classes and worked on my administration certification. I felt like, ultimately if you are going to be successful in anything you do in a career, [you want] to be at the top of it, and being a superintendent became a goal of mine for a number of years.

### Q. What about your job excites you?

**A.** There are so many things that we do in Hutto that make the job so vibrant and so alive. There is never a day that goes by that I am doing the same thing. I am moving from construction meetings to attendance zone meetings to curriculum meetings to board meetings. There is always something that is different about my workday, but the true excitement about what I do is seeing our students succeed in a lot of different areas. We are successful academically, and to a certain extent, we have been successful athletically. Our kids are competing in [University Interscholastic League] very well. I enjoy seeing our district grow and the success that we are seeing as a result of that.

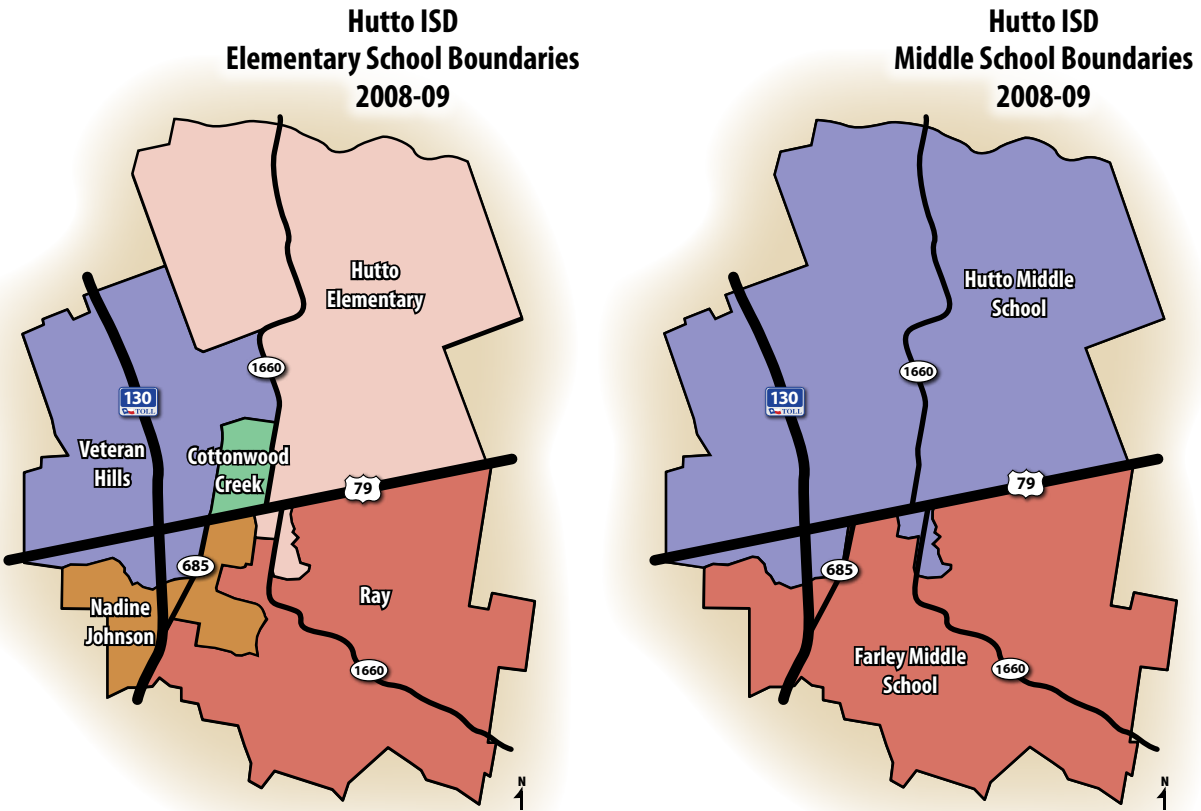






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2007 TAKS RESULTS	STATE	DISTRICT
Reading	89%	87%
Math	77%	76%
Writing	92%	87%
Science	71%	65%
Social Studies	89%	88%
2007 STATISTICS	STATE	DISTRICT
Economically disadvantaged:	55.5%	35.3%
Limited English Proficient (LEP):	16%	7.7%
Number of students per teacher:	14.7	14.9
Average years experience of teachers:	11.3	8.1
Average teacher salaries:	\$44,897	\$41,738
TOTAL STUDENTS: 3,699		
2008 DISTRICT SCORES BY GRADE		
2008 Preliminary TAKS scores		
3: Reading 89% • Math 79%		
4: Reading 79% • Math 76%		
5: Reading 88% • Math 85%		
6: Reading 91% • Math 71%		
7: Reading 88% • Math 80%		
8: Reading 98% • Math 84%		
9: Reading 88% • Math 53%		
10: English Language Arts 85% • Math 58%		
11: English Language Arts 96% • Math 83%		
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#### HUTTO HIGH SCHOOL


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<b>Principal:</b> Manny Lunoff <b>Open since:</b> 1999 <b>Grades:</b> 9-12 <b>2007 Accountability rating:</b> Academically Acceptable <b>2007 TAKS results:</b> Reading 87%, Math 67%	<b>2007 Total students:</b> 927 <b>2007 Economically disadvantaged:</b> 25.8% <b>2007 Number of students per teacher:</b> 16.5	<b>2008 preliminary TAKS scores:</b> <b>9th Grade:</b> Reading 88%, Math 53% <b>Grade 10:</b> English/Language Arts 85%, Math 58% <b>Grade 11:</b> English/Language Arts 96%, Math 83%
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#### FARLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

303 CR 137 • 759-2050

<b>Principal:</b> Dorothy Struble <b>Opening:</b> Fall 2008 <b>Grades:</b> 6-8	
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#### HUTTO MIDDLE SCHOOL

1005 Exchange Blvd. • 759-4541

<b>Principal:</b> Dale Mitchell <b>Open since:</b> 2006 <b>Grades:</b> 6-8 <b>2007 Accountability rating:</b> Academically Acceptable <b>2007 TAKS results:</b> Reading 87%, Math 78% <b>2007 Total students:</b> 797	<b>2007 Economically disadvantaged:</b> 36.8% <b>2007 Number of students per teacher:</b> 14.8  <b>2008 preliminary TAKS scores:</b> <b>6th Grade:</b> Reading 91%, Math 71% <b>7th Grade:</b> Reading 88%, Math 80% <b>8th Grade:</b> Reading 98%, Math 84%
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#### NADINE JOHNSON ELEMENTARY

955 Carl Stern Blvd.  
759-5400

<b>Principal:</b> Tammy Jordan <b>Open since:</b> 2003 <b>Grades:</b> PreK-5 <b>2007 Accountability rating:</b> Academically Unacceptable <b>2007 TAKS results:</b> Reading 89%, Math 80% <b>2007 Total students:</b> 692 <b>2007 Economically disadvantaged:</b> 39% <b>2007 Number of students per teacher:</b> 14.4
<b>2008 Preliminary TAKS scores:</b> <b>Grade 3:</b> Reading 90%, Math 81% <b>Grade 4:</b> Reading 76%, Math 63% <b>Grade 5:</b> Reading 86%, Math 82%

#### RAY ELEMENTARY

225 Swindoll Lane  
759-5450

<b>Principal:</b> Janet Reichardt <b>Open since:</b> 2007 <b>Grades:</b> PreK-5
<b>2008 Preliminary TAKS scores:</b> <b>Grade 3:</b> Reading 94%, Math 82% <b>Grade 4:</b> Reading 84%, Math 93% <b>Grade 5:</b> Reading 90%, Math 93%
Ray Elementary is a newly opened school and does not have 2006-2007 data.

#### COTTONWOOD CREEK ELEMENTARY

3160 Limmer Loop  
759-5430

<b>Principal:</b> Jacque Tealer <b>Open since:</b> 2006 <b>Grades:</b> PreK-5 <b>2007 Accountability rating:</b> Academically Acceptable <b>2007 TAKS results:</b> Reading 85%, Math 79% <b>2007 Total students:</b> 648 <b>2007 Economically disadvantaged:</b> 52.5% <b>2007 Number of students per teacher:</b> 14.2
<b>2008 Preliminary TAKS scores:</b> <b>Grade 3:</b> Reading 86%, Math 74% <b>Grade 4:</b> Reading 79%, Math 77% <b>Grade 5:</b> Reading 88%, Math 80%


#### HUTTO ELEMENTARY

100 Mager Lane  
759-2094

<b>Principal:</b> Sherri Rector <b>Open since:</b> 1988 <b>Grades:</b> PreK-5 <b>2007 Accountability rating:</b> Academically Acceptable <b>2007 TAKS results:</b> Reading 88%, Math 90% <b>2007 Total students:</b> 632 <b>2007 Economically disadvantaged:</b> 25.8% <b>2007 Number of students per teacher:</b> 14.0
<b>2008 Preliminary TAKS scores:</b> <b>Grade 3:</b> Reading 88%, Math 84% <b>Grade 4:</b> Reading 82%, Math 76% <b>Grade 5:</b> Reading 95%, Math 93%

#### VETERAN'S HILL ELEMENTARY

555 Limmer Loop, Round Rock  
759-3030

<b>Principal:</b> Michele Bischoffberger <b>Opening:</b> Fall 2008 <b>Grades:</b> PreK-5


Source: Ben Carson, HISD assistant superintendent of curriculum; [www.hutto.txed.net](http://www.hutto.txed.net); Texas Education Agency, [www.tea.state.tx.us](http://www.tea.state.tx.us)

Information compiled by Akeem Williams and Beth Wade



# HISTORICAL IMPACT

BY SUSAN KOMANDOSKY

## Taylor flood of 1921 deadliest in Texas

With most of the Central Texas area experiencing extreme drought conditions, it is hard to imagine more than 20 inches of rain falling in a 24-hour period. That is what happened on Sept. 9-10, 1921, when Taylor received 23.11 inches of rain, a national single day rainfall record second only to Thrall's 38.21 inches.

Every railway entry to the city of Taylor was cut off. Some bridges were washed away, and others were too damaged to use, according to Ruth Mantor in her book, "Our Town: Taylor." Bull Branch Creek carried away five houses and put the Texas Power and Light substation out of operation. Another normally quiet stream, Mustang Creek, rose with such force that several steel rails of the International and Great Northern Railroad (I&GN) were curled around a large cottonwood tree.

Mantor, who was 14 years old at the time of the flood, is quoted by Linda Scarbrough in her book "Road, River, and Ol' Boy Politics" as saying, "It didn't sound like rain. It was a roar. It sounded like fire hoses turned on."

Even with all of the destruction caused by the small streams swollen to many times their usual size, the San Gabriel River was the biggest problem. Miles wide, it carried people, livestock, houses and everything else in its path downstream. Mantor reported that the county death toll was 92 (some sources say 93); 25 of those bodies

were recovered near Taylor.

Among the bridges washed away was the Circleville Bridge on Hwy. 95. The contract for rebuilding it was given to Brown and Root, Inc. Engineers and Constructors, which was the predecessor of contractor KBR. (KBR, formerly Kellogg, Brown and Root, holds many contracts with the military in Iraq.) Taylor-area residents Herman Brown and his brother-in-law, Dan Root, founded Brown and Root. Rebuilding the bridge was one of their first contracts.

Media coverage of the event started immediately. Despite the flooding, *The Taylor Daily Press* still managed to print an edition of the paper on Sept. 10, and explained it was only able to do so because of the efforts of a Texas Power and Light employee, who hooked up a special power generator for the press run.

Coverage of the flood did not end with those 1921 stories. KXXV-TV, Channel 25 in Waco, recently included information about the 1921 Taylor flood in a story on flood safety. "On Sept. 9-10, 1921, South Central Texas saw a flood event that still holds the national 24-hour rainfall record ... Two hundred fifteen people drowned in Texas with 93 of those in Williamson County alone. This remains the deadliest flood in Texas history."

*Komandosky is the chairman of the Moody Museum board, a 33-year Taylor resident and a retired journalism teacher.*



Flood waters could be seen cutting off Taylor's access to the westbound Austin-Hutto Road (now Hwy. 79) during the 1921 flood.

A 2001 U.S. Geological Survey report summary of the 1921 flood showed that 38.2 inches of rain fell in 24 hours in Thrall. Rainfall amounts were recorded at a U.S. Weather Bureau station at Thrall ending at 7 a.m. Sept. 10, 1921.

### Death tolls:

Statewide - 215

Taylor - 87

Williamson County - 93

The confluence of the San Gabriel River and Brushy Creek was 10 miles wide.



A view of South Washburn Street after the flood

### 24-hour precipitation records

#### United States

Alvin, Texas 43.00" July 25-26, 1979

Thrall, Texas\* 38.21" Sept. 9-10, 1921

#### West Indies

Bowden Pen, Jamaica 41.06" Jan. 22-23, 1960

#### Canada

Ucuelet, British Columbia 19.26" Oct. 6, 1967

\*The 38.21 inches of rain that fell in Thrall during the 1921 flood still comes close to the record currently held by another Texas city.

Source: www.extremeweatherguide.com

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# COMMUNITY PROFILES

INTERVIEWS BY MARK COLLINS AND KARA VAUGHT

**Dan Gattis**

## TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 20 CANDIDATES

**Q. What would your priorities be for the 81st session?**

**A.** Some of the main things that are a concern to my constituents are appraisal district reform and property tax reform. I'm serving on a select committee to address and deal with those things. We're going to have to come up with a package of changes for how we deal with [them] from a transparency and accountability standpoint.

**Q. How would those changes come about?**

**A.** I think the appraisal district board of directors should be elected positions the way our commissioners and constables are elected. The appraisal board of directors does three things: sets the budget for the appraisal district, hires the chief appraiser and sets basic policy guidelines for the appraisal district. It is not the board that deals with the review process. If taxpayers' concerns were not being addressed or if there was an incorrect technique [in appraising] or if they just felt they were being treated rudely, then there would be someone accountable to the voters. Some of the people who talk against that say, "That's putting

politics into the appraisal process." The people who select those positions now are the taxing districts. So the people who are getting the money get to select them but the people paying the money do not. That doesn't make sense.

On the property tax side, I don't know of anybody who doesn't want their home to increase in value; it's the biggest asset most of us have. Then why do we get upset when the appraisal goes up? Because it means an automatic increase in our taxes — but it shouldn't. If the appraisals of a property increase 20 percent, shouldn't the tax rate decrease 20 percent? If it doesn't, that means that taxing entity has raised your taxes. Instead, what happens is appraisals increase 20 percent, they cut the rate 5 percent and say, "We cut your taxes." No, you didn't. You raised it 15 percent. That's not transparency, and that's not accountability. We have to fix that part of the system so that if appraisals go up, the tax rate must go down the same amount. If a [taxing entity] says, "We need more money from you this year than we did last year," they ought to have to take a vote that says, "We're raising your taxes, and here's why." Just tell me what you're doing and why you're doing it.



**Hometown:** Austin

**Education:** Bachelor's in agriculture economics, Texas A&M University; Juris Doctor, South Texas College of Law

**Political background:** First elected as District 20 representative in 2002, re-elected in 2004

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REPUBLICAN (INCUMBENT)

## Jim Dillon

DEMOCRAT



**Hometown:** Liberty Hill

**Education:** Described his education as "a Ph.D. in the 9/11 truths"

**Political background:** Candidate for Liberty Hill ISD school board in 2004 and Texas governor in 2006

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**Q. Why should people vote for you?**

**A.** Because I'm of the attitude that a fight is necessary. There are a lot of candidates who would like to do well and solve some of the issues and problems that face us, but without the passionate commitment to an actual fight — and I'm talking in terms of fight for our survival, [like] the fight our soldiers are in and the fight poor people are in every day for their very existence and survival. I'm committed to that level and to solving problems that face our country because I have young daughters who are going to be impacted by these problems if we don't solve them now.

**Q. What is your platform and why?**

**A.** As a candidate for the Democratic Party, I'm supposed to adhere to their platform by and large. But I stray from it in the most important areas, which irritates them. My platform consists generally of personal liberties, individual freedoms, because our country was founded on the notion that independence and rugged individualism were what was required to win the West and survive under harsh conditions. Defeat the British, defeat Mexico, defeat the Indians — that was more of a genocide thing. The official formal platform of the Democratic Party includes a love of abortion, wide open

borders and uncontrolled spending, extraordinary rights for homosexuals and pretty much unrestricted drug use. So in those areas, my platform is uniquely customized to myself in that I have my own deeply held convictions on what the solutions need to be. In general, the two most important issues to me are the Second Amendment — gun rights — and ending abortion.

**Q. What prompted you to be associated with the Democratic Party even though you don't agree with some of their positions?**

**A.** They're the underdogs in Texas. They're the underdogs in Williamson County, which is where District 20 primarily is. The Democratic Party is only a label — not even a good fitting label. The Republican Party is not the solution. My association with the Democratic Party is very limited. They've disowned me 100 percent officially. The leadership of the party has ostracized me and ignored me to the point of invisibility. It doesn't hurt my feelings at all. I needed a position on the ballot, and the Republican Party already had their candidate, a three-term incumbent. I could have run against him in the primary, but it would have been futile. I needed the Democratic Party, and they need me and candidates like me in order to mount a winning campaign for office and literally to save America.

## Craig Weems

**Q. Why should people vote for you?**

**A.** I think people should vote for me to send a message to the two major parties in Texas. That message is: "You're more concerned about being re-elected and being a Republican or a Democrat than doing what's best for the people of Texas." I really feel that this needs to change and that people need to start putting people in office who reflect that feeling.

**Q. What is your platform and why?**

**A.** There are three things I'm focusing on. I'm focusing on education because I'm a teacher, and I was in business for 20 years, so I've kind of seen both sides of the coin here. Our education system in the United States and in Texas is, at the very best, mediocre. We have more than enough money. It is just so grossly misused, it is not getting to where it needs to be spent. We need to have competition and choice for parents and students. We need to reward our teachers and get rid of the bad ones. Communism, I think, is how they based the pay system for teachers. It's based on how long you've taught, not on how good you are or how many hours you've taught or what you've achieved.

Second is taxes. We pay imbedded taxes: your driver's license is a tax, your safety inspection sticker on your car is a tax, your license renewal for your car [is a tax]. [There was a] property tax decrease last year. Well, they turned around and raised the value of the houses so much that, yeah, you're paying a lower percentage, but you're paying almost the same thing in property taxes that you were before.

The last thing is less government and government that is responsive to the people. I'm tired of going in to renew a driver's license, get a vehicle registration sticker or go protest my property tax and be[ing] treated like I'm their employee or a criminal or whatever. Do you wait in line for two hours when you go to renew your driver's license? Do you wait for anything in free enterprise for two hours? We need competition and we need free businesses handling these [governmental functions, where] they're rewarded for doing a good job and they're penalized for doing a bad job.

**Q. Why did you get into politics?**

**A.** There was no choice on the ballot. There's a Democrat candidate and a Republican candidate, and I'm really fed up with both parties.



**Hometown:** Cedar Park

**Education:** Bachelor's in education, University of North Texas; master's in education, University of Houston-Clear Lake  
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**Political background:** First-time candidate  
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# REGIONAL REPORT

ABRIDGED STORIES FROM OUR OTHER EDITIONS

## Crime consistent with population

**Leander/Cedar Park** Police departments in Leander and Cedar Park are evolving to meet the changing and increasing demands of the communities.

"Our single biggest challenge is to keep up with the population so we don't get behind the growth curve," Cedar Park Police Chief Henry Fluck said. "As the population grows, the number of crimes grows with it."

The Cedar Park Police Department is in the third year of a five-year hiring plan

to acquire 18 new officers by 2010, which would help the department reach its goal of 1.63 officers per 1,000 citizens. CPPD currently has 72 sworn officers, or 1.43 officers per 1,000 citizens.

Officers per 1,000 citizens is a statistic used by police departments across the nation to monitor staffing levels. Adequate staffing ensures officers will be available to respond to calls while maintaining enough of a presence in the community to deter crime.

### Officers per 1,000 citizens in local police departments

Department	Current population	Sworn staff	Ratio
Cedar Park	50,220	72	1.4
Georgetown	47,627	78	1.6
Leander	25,000	25	1.0
Pflugerville	40,003	64	1.6
Round Rock	93,732	141	1.5
San Marcos	50,371	89	1.8
Hutto	17,500	20	1.1
Taylor	17,200	27	1.6

## BUSINESS PROFILE



**Apricot Lane**  
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**Round Rock** Apricot Lane is the only locally owned retailer at the Round Rock Premium Outlets, according to Assistant General Manager Jana Griswold. Laura Michaelson and Tammy Grad, a mother/daughter team, opened the store when the outlets opened Aug. 4, 2006.

Michaelson said she and Grad began discussing opening a store more than 10 years

ago when they lived in California. They had already worked together at a few different companies. Four years ago, Grad moved to Texas, and Michaelson followed just six months later.

"We knew we worked well together, and we finally had the opportunity to open a store together," Michaelson said. "We really like clothes, fashion and home décor, and we wanted a really fun place for women to come and just gather and have a really good time. So, we said, 'Let's think about mixing something that has gifts and clothing.'"

The pair researched franchise opportunities and found a store in Napa Valley where they had shopped before. Country Clutter was in the process of evolving from a casual, country store that carried home décor into what is now Apricot Lane, a boutique that sells fashion accessories, clothes, purses and gifts.



## NONPROFIT PROFILE



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**Northwest Austin** At the Assistance League of Austin, women mill about, hanging up clothing, redecorating window arrangements and organizing lightly used garments and furniture for the Thrift House, an upscale thrift shop that raises funds for the nonprofit's six programs. Though the Assistance League

of Austin is a nonprofit organization, President Suanne Roueche boasts that it is run like a business. After all, last year the Thrift House brought in more than \$600,000.

About 380 members make up the nonprofit, most working at least one four-hour shift at the Thrift House each month as well as volunteering multiple hours in one or more of the six programs. Some spouses are members of the PALs, or Partners of Assistance League. Women who would like to join the organization, but cannot volunteer the required 90 hours per year, can become limited service members and volunteer 45 hours per year.



## NEIGHBORHOOD DINING

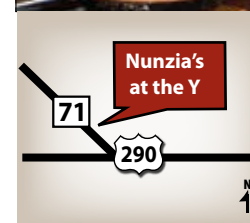
### Southwest Austin

When in Austin, I hardly ever try a new restaurant, preferring to stick to reliable favorites. However, this visit was different because I found Nunzia's at the Y, and I am glad I did.

I visited Nunzia's early on a weekend afternoon and found the service timely and friendly. The menu provided a variety of choices, ranging from seafood and steaks to pasta and even a good selection for a vegetarian diner.

For a main entrée, the Balsamic Pan Seared Quail (\$22) served with collard greens was delicious. The quail was extremely moist and tender, smothered in a balsamic wine sauce. Collard greens usually do not impress me in any form, but after this experience, the vegetable has climbed to my list of favorites.

The vegetarian diner with me tried the Tofu Napoleon (\$13), a dish comprised of grilled vegetables, tofu, miso sauce, basil puree and chive oil.



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The Dulce de Leche (\$7.50) for dessert might best be described as a little piece of heaven on a plate. Although we did not think we had any room left after our large meal, we certainly did not leave any of this dish behind.

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**Northwest Austin** Many Texans have disagreed over the differences between Mexican and Tex-Mex — and throwing the variations served in California and New Mexico into the mix only makes matters more confusing.

But Francisco Cortez, Manuel's general manager, said there is no argument about the entrées at his restaurant. Manuel's serves authentic interior Mexican cuisine, using fresh ingredients and original recipes from Mexico.

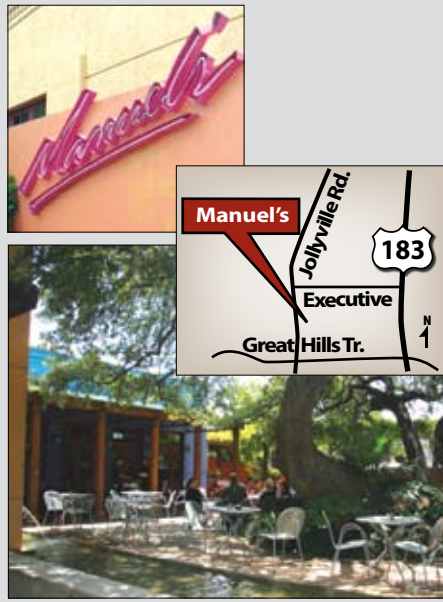
"There are different dishes from all over the country," Cortez said. "We don't buy anything from outside, and that's the key:

We prepare everything fresh every day."

Regardless of how it's classified, the food at Manuel's is exceptional. Be it the attention to detail in the presentation or the complex flavors that fill the dishes, drinks and desserts, the experience at Manuel's is a welcome relief from typical Mexican dining.

### HAPPY HOUR

Seven days a week, happy hour is from 4 to 6 p.m. and features drink specials, including \$4 house margaritas and half-price appetizers. Live music is presented on the patio Thursday nights starting at 6:30 p.m. and for Sunday brunch starting at 11:30 a.m.



## HISTORICAL IMPACT

**Cedar Park** The citizens of Cedar Park and the surrounding area can be thankful that the Henry family has greatly reduced the number of rattlesnakes here due to an unusual hobby: snake hunting.

Artie Henry was the foreman for Will Wilson and his family on land covering about 1,800 acres. He also hunted and leased some tracts on about 500 acres of land closer to US 183 owned by the Loeschman family, the Pegge family and others. His brother J.O. Henry was the foreman for C.N. Avery and his family on land covering about 2,200 acres. The boundary dividing the Avery Ranch from the others is Brushy Creek.

The snake hunting began in 1950 and continued until the mid-1970s. As soon as spring arrived each year, the men went out to visit all of the dens previously located — usually holes in the ground or rock crevices.



J.O. Henry on a snakehunt in 1956

## IMPACTS

### Nursing program

**Leander/Cedar Park** Concordia University Texas announced in June that it is developing a Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing program. Students may enroll in prenursing courses starting fall 2008 and, pending Texas Board of Nursing approval, can register for professional nursing courses fall 2010. Concordia University relocated to Northwest Austin this summer. To learn more about the program, e-mail joy.penticuff@concordia.edu or call 313-5510.

### WilCo Democrats

**Round Rock** The **Williamson County Democratic Party** opened the doors of its new campaign headquarters last month. The office, located at 110 S. IH 35, is for local candidates Diana Maldonado, Jaime Lynn, Brian Ruiz, Mike Grimes and Gregory Windham. Call 413-6953 or visit [www.williamsoncountymocrats.org](http://www.williamsoncountymocrats.org).

### Get creative

**Northwest Austin** The **City of Austin Cultural Arts Division** is launching a new summer workshop series, "Taking it to the Next Level: Business and Professional Development Workshops for Creatives." The series runs between July and October and features workshops for all types, including individual artists, nonprofit arts and culture organizations, for-profit creative industries businesses and public art enthusiasts. Call 974-7860 or visit [www.cityofaustin.org/redevelopment/cad.htm](http://www.cityofaustin.org/redevelopment/cad.htm).

### A great place to live

**Round Rock** Round Rock is one of the **top 10 places to live**, according to *Money* magazine. It was ranked seven out of 100 cities across the country. The magazine lists minor league baseball team Round Rock Express; Dell, Inc.; shopping and 800 acres of open space as reasons for the city's inclusion in the top 10. Round Rock previously made the magazine's annual list in 2006 with a ranking of 48. The list is available online at [www.cnnmoney.com/bestplaces](http://www.cnnmoney.com/bestplaces) and in the August issue of *Money* magazine.

### No more cash

**Leander/Cedar Park** The **Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority** voted in June to eliminate cash toll collection along Toll 183A by the end of the year. Customers who choose not to enroll in TxTag can still drive on the road by using the pay-by-mail program. The transition to cashless toll collection is expected to take place as early as November. Drivers can pick up a TxTag at all mainline toll plazas in Central Texas, online at [www.TxTag.org](http://www.TxTag.org) or via phone at 1-888-Go-TxTag.

### Get on the bus

**Southwest Austin** The new **South Congress Transit Center** will open Aug. 24 to coincide with Capital Metro's scheduled service change. Instead of a Park & Ride, the facility will primarily serve as a transfer destination for customers, but 30 parking spaces will be available to customers with room for additional parking if needed. The initial routes that will serve the transit center include the highest ridership Route 1L/1M N. Lamar/S. Congress and the Route 101 N. Lamar/C. Congress Limited. The transit center is located on the west side of S. Congress Avenue between Ben White Boulevard and Radam Lane. For more information, call Capital Metro at 474-1200 or visit [www.capmetro.org](http://www.capmetro.org).

### Which Wich?

**Pflugerville** Sandwich shop **Which Wich?** is expected to open this month in the Pflugerville West shopping center near Tinseltown at 15424 FM 1825, Ste. 240. The Dallas-based restaurant is known for its unique ordering system in which customers mark their orders on sandwich bags with pre-printed menus. Visit [www.whichwich.com](http://www.whichwich.com).

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## August 2008

### How a real estate agent prices a home to sell

BY HELEN EDWARDS

In general, property owners want the appraisal district market value to be as low as possible for taxing purposes, but want the market value to be as high as possible if they are actually attempting to sell their property. Unfortunately, the "market value" system does not allow for a property owner to make those types of distinctions in the process.

#### Market value

The market value of real estate is known to be the value that a ready, willing and able buyer is willing to pay for a property that has been adequately marketed for an appropriate length of time, in an arms-length transaction, with a ready, willing and able seller.

That definition is a mouthful, so let's run through it statement by statement.

A "ready, willing and able" buyer is someone who can purchase — has the money or credit to get a loan — and who wants to purchase the property.

The property must be marketed through the same process (e.g. in the Multiple Listing Service) as other properties.

The property should also be available to the "general" market of potential buyers

for the average length of time that other properties are marketed before a successful sale.

The arms-length transaction is important because that will allow for the true "market system" to function. If there are other factors in play, such as a child purchasing from a parent or one investor buying out his or her partner, the value could be skewed based on the relationship.

Finally, the seller must be ready (have the motivation to sell now), willing (have the desire to sell) and able (have the ability to consummate the transaction).

#### List price

There are multiple real estate agents who recommend the "list price."

- They prepare a comparative Market Analysis on the property. It should include information about other nearby properties with comparable amenities, size and condition that have

recently sold, are currently on the market or currently under contract. Condition is one of the most difficult issues to compare. There could be two houses that are side by side and one has been totally updated and the other has had no updating. They might seem comparable, but analysis of condition does not allow for them to be considered a mirror of the other.

- They address the average days on market, or DOM.

- They take into account the absorption rate in the area.

- They also consider the subsequent supply of inventory in the area.



supply of inventory as an estimation of it will take for all of comparable properties to be absorbed, based on many properties are currently on the market and the monthly rate those comparable properties have sold in the past

#### Examples of real homes sold between January and July in 78628.

	List Price	Sold Price	Days on Market	Tax Appraised Value
Home A	\$239,500	\$230,000	4	\$222,343
Home B	\$230,000	\$220,000	34	\$208,777
Home C	\$185,000	\$170,000	105	\$165,839

few months. The absorption rate has one key factor: It uses historical data to forecast the time it will take to absorb inventory. For this reason, agents and appraisers prefer using comparable sales within the last six months because older data is no longer applicable to the current market.

#### Why selling?

Following all of the data analysis, the most important question to ask is, Why is the seller contemplating selling? Is there a time frame for selling the property, such as has the seller been transferred to a new city and must be at work in one month? If the time frame is not equal to the average days on the market of the comparable sales, then the market value will be lower to get the property sold more quickly.

Real estate agents know that the very best time to generate excellent activity for a property is within the first 30 days on the market. The property must be priced competitively and conditioned above the competition on the first day it goes on the market to take full advantage of the initial market exposure. Remember that the competition for a seller's home is always new construction.

Helen Edwards is the president and chief operating officer of the Austin region of Coldwell Banker United, REALTORS. Contact Coldwell Banker United at 1-800-531-7667 for assistance or visit [www.cbunited.com](http://www.cbunited.com).

### On the Market (July 1 - 31)

Price range	No. of Homes for Sale			Avg. Days on Market		
	Georgetown	Hutto	Taylor	Georgetown	Hutto	Taylor
Less than \$100,000	7	1	17	78	37	96
\$100,000-\$149,900	80	78	24	89	57	78
\$150,000-\$199,900	136	63	12	90	59	173
\$200,000-\$299,900	179	28	11	81	58	157
\$300,000-\$399,900	105	9	1	117	73	453
\$400,000-\$499,900	68	5	1	131	108	113
\$500,000-\$749,900	62	5	-	156	134	-
\$750,000-\$999,900	23	1	-	137	320	-
\$1 million +	15	-	-	155	-	-

### Monthly home Sales

Month	No. of sales			Average price		
	Georgetown	Hutto	Taylor	Georgetown	Hutto	Taylor
July 2008	116	37	19	\$219,535	\$145,570	\$111,747
July 2007	130	53	41	\$262,700	\$143,286	\$110,170
June 2008	107	43	15	\$227,306	\$153,483	\$137,393
May 2008	92	38	17	\$225,436	\$148,124	\$102,131
April 2008	90	45	14	\$199,046	\$163,628	\$117,575
Mar. 2008	69	40	20	\$229,201	\$156,511	\$109,678
Feb. 2008	64	29	8	\$223,089	\$148,954	\$135,268
Jan. 2008	70	18	17	\$232,670	\$135,737	\$139,941
Dec. 2007	66	54	11	\$238,454	\$136,865	\$114,514

### Key Statistics

#### Georgetown

Change in average selling price during last year

**-\$43,167**

Change in number of homes sold during last year

**-14**

#### Hutto

Change in average selling price during last year

**+\$2,284**

Change in number of homes sold during last year

**-16**

#### Taylor

Change in average selling price during last year

**+\$1,577**

Change in number of homes sold during last year

**-22**

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30108 Torrey Pine Circle  
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 \$379,500



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 \$175,000



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 Estates of Westlake  
 \$459,000



7825 Squirrel Hollow Dr  
 New Listing  
 \$198,200



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 \$489,900



210 Gann St  
 Parkview Estates  
 \$179,950



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### NEIGHBORHOODS AT A GLANCE

#### GEORGETOWN - 78626

##### University Park

- Located on Southwestern Boulevard (CR 110) just south of Hwy. 29
- About half-way between IH 35 and Toll 130
- Amenities include a large community park, playscape, picnic tables and gazebo

##### Schools

- Jim Mitchell Elementary
- Tippitt Middle School
- Georgetown Ninth Grade Center
- Georgetown High School



#### Featured Homes



##### 2323 Boulder Run

4 Br./2.5 Ba. \$183,500  
 2,572 sq. ft. 934-0130

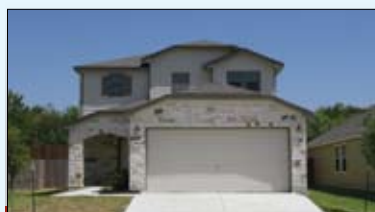
Agent: Misty Daniels



##### 2349 Brookhollow Terrace

4 Br./2.5 Ba. \$176,000  
 2,666 sq. ft. 698-8690

Agents: Lindsay Wilson and Ashly Wilson



##### 2714 Perkins Place

3 Br./2.5 Ba. \$188,091  
 2,368 sq. ft. 863-8363

Agents: Patricia Bates and Tanya Lepley



##### 75 Jan Lane

3 Br./2.5 Ba. \$129,965  
 1,671 sq. ft. 844-3254

Agent: Stuart Sutton

#### TAYLOR - 76574

##### W. Lake Drive area

- Older, established neighborhood
- Large, mature pecan trees
- Easy walking distance to shopping and schools

##### Schools

- Pasemann, Northside and Johnson elementary schools
- Taylor Middle School
- Taylor High School



#### Featured Homes



##### 520 W. Lake Drive

3 Br./2 Ba. \$118,000  
 1,450 sq. ft. 656-4671

Agents: Steve and Judy Scott



##### 700 Gilmore Street

2 Br./1 Ba. \$64,500  
 778 sq. ft. 940-0192

Agent: Debbie Kovar



##### 700 W. Lake Drive

5 Br./3 Ba. \$239,500  
 3,057 sq. ft. 365-9548

Agents: Sharla or Gary Gola



##### 1706 Davis Lane

3 Br./2 Ba. \$160,900  
 1,957 sq. ft. 759-2210

Agent: Maureen Rooker



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## GEORGETOWN, HUTTO, AUSTIN, CEDAR PARK AND LEANDER

ZIP code	City	Subdivision	Address	Bed/Bath	Sq. Ft.*	Price	Agent	Realtor	Phone
78626	Georgetown	Chrystall Knoll	100 Hickory Tree	4br/2.5ba	2,161	\$139,900	Marie Wilson	Marie Wilson Real Estate	635-3500
78626	Georgetown	University Park	2203 Kuykendall	3br/2ba	1,981	\$172,900	Jim McLendon	Lackey Real Estate	930-8733
78626	Georgetown	Parkview Estates	101 Pecan Vista Lane	3bd/2ba	1,798	\$179,900	Steve McVean	IF Realty	785-3553
78626	Georgetown	Villages at Berry Creek	7745 Squirrel Hollow	4br/2.5ba	2,601	\$199,900	Don Dungan, Broker	Keller Williams Realty	439-3628
78626	Georgetown	Stonehedge	419 Keenland	4br/2.5ba	3,020	\$219,900	Edward and Nancy	Lone Star Properties	554-9594
78626	Georgetown	5 RM Ranch	189 Richard Road	3br/2ba	1,700	\$249,999	Krista Bachler	Keller Williams	657-7603
78626	Georgetown	Historic District	1708 Olive	4br/2.5ba	1,878	\$300,000	Nancy Knight	Lone Star Properties	818-4892
78628	Georgetown	San Gabriel Heights	303 Innwood	4br/2.5ba	1,650	\$167,500	Nancy Knight	Lone Star Properties	818-4892
78628	Georgetown	Oakcrest Estates	136 Spanish Oak	3br/2ba	1,702	\$168,900	Marie Wilson	Marie Wilson Real Estate	635-3500
78628	Georgetown	Thousand Oaks	300 Woodstone	3br/2.5ba	2,106	\$179,900	Lena Lansdale, REALTOR	Moreland Properties	512-635-0855
78628	Georgetown	Berry Creek	29015 Bay Hill	4br/2.5ba	2,250	\$235,000	Lena Lansdale, REALTOR	Moreland Properties	818-0229
78628	Georgetown	Serenada	4112 Sequoia	4br/2.5ba	2,531	\$249,500	Edward and Nancy	Lone Star Properties	554-9594
78628	Georgetown	River Ridge	303 Rim Rock Drive	4br/2.5ba	2,614	\$250,000	Kari Christ	SELLSTATE SUMMIT	930-7355
78628	Georgetown	Berry Creek	30003 Edgewood	4br/3ba	2,804	\$269,000	Marcy Urban	Urban Homes and Land	763-1500
78628	Georgetown	River Bend	2901 Gabriel View	4br/3.5ba	2,800	\$274,500	Krista Bachler	Keller Williams	657-7603
78628	Georgetown	Berry Creek	30229 St. Andrews Drive	4br/2.5ba	3,311	\$349,000	Janet Hewlett	Moreland Properties	635-0855
78628	Georgetown	Wood Ranch	138 DB Wood	4br/2.5ba	2,751	\$350,000	Edward and Nancy	Lone Star Properties	554-9594
78628	Georgetown	Berry Creek	125 Brentwood	5br/3ba	4,010	\$379,900	Marcy Urban	Urban Homes and Land	763-1500
78628	Georgetown	River Chase	209 Overlook Court	3br/3ba	2,983	\$399,500	Lena Lansdale, REALTOR	Moreland Properties	818-0229
78628	Georgetown	River Chase	111 River Chase	3br/2.5 ba	3,178	\$550,000	Don Hemingway	Crystal Falls Realty	789-3356
78628	Georgetown	Logan Plateau Estates	202 Laverne Terrace	4br/1.5ba	4,055	\$646,950	Katherine Reedholm	Keller Williams	964-3010
78628	Georgetown	Gabriels Overlook	308 Oak Meadow	4br/2.5ba	4,656	\$699,900	Edward and Nancy	Lone Star Properties	554-9594
78628	Georgetown	Logan Plateau Estates	240 Logan	4br/4.5ba	4,678	\$746,975	Katherine Reedholm	Keller Williams	964-3010
78628	Georgetown	Logan Plateau Estates	111 Lovie Lane	5/5/2half	5,694	\$898,785	Katherine Reedholm	Keller Williams	964-3010
78628	Georgetown	River Chase	308 River Chase Court	4bd/3ba	5,052	\$959,000	Steve McVean	IF Realty	785-3553
78628	Georgetown	Berry Creek	21 Meadows End	4br/4ba	4,770	\$1,250,000	Janet Hewlett	Moreland Properties	635-0855
78633	Georgetown	Sun City	317 Bonham Loop	2br/2ba	1,426	\$138,000	Marcy Urban	Urban Homes and Land	763-1500
78633	Georgetown	Sun City	106 Honey Creek	4br/2.5ba	1,397	\$142,500	Nancy Knight	Lone Star Properties	818-4892
78633	Georgetown	Georgetown Village	123 Village Park	4br/2.5ba	2,948	\$260,000	Edward and Nancy	Lone Star Properties	554-9594
78633	Georgetown	Ridgewood Estates	121 Ridgewood Cove	4br/2ba	1,955	\$269,900	Suzie Gabriel	SELLSTATE SUMMIT	930-7355
78633	Georgetown	Ashley Moore	209 Shirley	5br/3.5ba	2,917	\$299,000	Lena Lansdale, REALTOR	Moreland Properties	818-0229
78633	Georgetown	Fountainwood Estates	2011 Fountainwood Drive	4br/2ba	2,387	\$309,000	Suzie Gabriel	SELLSTATE SUMMIT	930-7355
78633	Georgetown	Mission Oaks	100 Casa Verde Cove	3br/2ba	2,870	\$413,665	Marcy Urban	Urban Homes and Land	763-1500
78633	Georgetown	Twin Springs	225 Landons Way	4br/2.5ba	3,543	\$450,000	Kari Christ	SELLSTATE SUMMIT	930-7355
78633	Georgetown	Mission Oaks	108 Casa Verde Cove	3br/3ba	3,114	\$460,890	Marcy Urban	Urban Homes and Land	763-1500
78633	Georgetown	Westlake of the Woods	105 Silverstone	4br/2.5ba	3,745	\$500,000	Nancy Knight	Lone Star Properties	818-4892
78633	Georgetown	Woodland Park	115 Shady Elm	4br/2.5ba	3,875	\$525,000	Edward and Nancy	Lone Star Properties	554-9594
78633	Georgetown	Tuscany Villas	105 Bella Vista	4br/3.5ba	3,685	\$543,900	Lena Lansdale, REALTOR	Moreland Properties	818-0229
78633	Georgetown	Woodland Park	206 W. Majestic Oak	4br/3ba	3,716	\$555,000	Lena Lansdale, REALTOR	Moreland Properties	818-0229
78633	Georgetown	Lake Georgetown Estates	1389 CR 262	5br/4.5ba	5,282	\$579,900	Lena Lansdale, REALTOR	Moreland Properties	818-0229
78633	Georgetown	Woods of Fountainwood	106 Hallie Court	4br/3.5ba	3,779	\$639,900	Janet Hewlett	Moreland Properties	635-0855
78633	Georgetown	Tuscany Villas	100 Tuscany	4br/2.5ba	3,628	\$750,000	Nancy Knight	Lone Star Properties	818-4892
78633	Georgetown	Sun City	231 Whispering Wind	2br/2ba	2,097	\$1,600/month	Marcy Urban	Urban Homes and Land	763-1500
78634	Hutto	Creek Bend	206 Peaceful Haven	3br/2ba	1,732	\$144,700	Krista Bachler	Keller Williams	657-7603
78634	Hutto	Star Ranch	525 Wilshire Drive	4br/2.5ba	2,765	\$230,080	Wilshire Homes	N/A	485-3316
78634	Hutto	Star Ranch	317 Wilshire Drive	4br/3ba	2,860	\$240,000	Wilshire Homes	N/A	485-3316
78634	Hutto	Windmill Ridge	410 Windmill Ridge Road	3br/3ba	4,794	\$859,000	Glen Cook	Team GMAC Real Estate	750-6062
78664	Hutto	Star Ranch	21004 Haddington Cove	4br/2ba	2,811	\$255,000	Faye Johnson	Joseph Realty	413-9643
78729	Austin	Milwood	13201 Humphrey Drive	5br/4ba	3,351	\$289,900	Brian Kerman	RE/MAX Austin Advantage	921-4490
78727	Austin	Milwood	4107 Harcourt	3br/2ba	1,779	\$222,500	Chuma Jerome	1% Realty	423-5507
78727	Austin	Ashton Woods	13705 Ashton Woods Circle	3br/3ba	2,660	\$285,000	Karen McCarty	Keller Williams	413-4788
78727	Austin	Scofield Farms	1512 Chasewood Drive	5br/3ba	3,108	\$285,000	Ruth Hso	Austin Evergreen Realty, INC.	784-8317
78727	Austin	Scofield Farms	1427 Tamar Lane	5br/4ba	3,390	\$299,950	Ruth Hso	Austin Evergreen Realty, INC.	784-8317
78758	Austin	Gracy Meadows	1509 B West Braker Lane	2br/1.5ba	988	\$104,900	Karen McCarty	Keller Williams	413-3788
78758	Austin	Quail Creek West	10201 Cripple Creek Cove	4br/2ba	2,078	\$182,800	Mike Green	Coldwell Banker United, REALTOR	585-7833
78758	Austin	Gracywoods	1415 Charolais Drive	3br/2.5ba	2,056	\$205,000	Les Sherman	RE/MAX Austin Associates	947-8333
78613	Cedar Park	Anderson Mill West	1811 Lobelia Drive	4br/2ba	2,072	\$185,000	Meta Rosen	Keller Williams Realty	694-9316
78613	Cedar Park	Ranch at Cypress Creek	1302 Chalk Lane	4br/2.5ba	2,731	\$199,999	Linda Bishop	Keller Williams Realty	794-6655
78613	Cedar Park	Huntlers Glenn Sec 2	1302 Old Mill Road	4br/4ba	2,102	\$213,000	Cissy Stasio	Austin City Living	751-4940
78613	Cedar Park	Ranch at Brushy Creek	201 Arrowhead Trail	3br/2ba	2,342	\$239,900	David Durham	Keller Williams Realty	695-7910
78613	Cedar Park	Ranch At Cypress Creek	2007 Simbrah Drive	5br/3ba	2,645	\$249,700	Olga Azios	Keller Williams Realty	431-1658
78613	Cedar Park	Forest Oaks	1010 Tallow Trail	4br/2ba	2,370	\$250,000	Chuma Jerome	1% Realty	423-5507
78613	Cedar Park	Cypress Canyon Vistas	814 Ripperton Run	4br/2.5ba	2,250	\$256,310	Standard Pacific Homes	N/A	401-0050
78613	Cedar Park	Buttercup Creek	508 Fern Court	4br/3ba	2,555	\$262,324	David Weekley Homes	N/A	821-8886
78613	Cedar Park	Cypress Bend	1608 Edelweiss Drive	5br/3ba	3,189	\$264,336	Chuma Jerome	1% Realty	423-5507
78613	Cedar Park	Oakwood Glen	2616 Oakwood Glen	4br/3ba	3,250	\$274,700	Olga Azios	Keller Williams Realty	431-1658
78613	Cedar Park	Ranch at Deer Creek	1906 Jojoba Drive	3br/2ba	2,542	\$279,995	Michele Lopez	Homecity Real Estate	825-2752
78613	Cedar Park	Cypress Canyon Vistas	605 Basie Bend	4br/2.5ba	2,654	\$291,637	Standard Pacific Homes	N/A	401-0050
78613	Cedar Park	Cypress Canyon Vistas	613 Basie Bend	4br/2.5ba	2,574	\$293,212	Standard Pacific Homes	N/A	401-0050
78613	Cedar Park	Cypress Canyon Vistas	608 Basie Bend	4br/3ba	2,961	\$301,630	Standard Pacific Homes	N/A	401-0050
78613	Cedar Park	Walsh Trails	1100 Williams Way	4br/3.5ba	3,068	\$311,008	David Weekley Homes	N/A	821-8877
78613	Cedar Park	Cypress Canyon Vistas	2726 Lovett Lane	4br/2.5ba	2,631	\$317,095	Standard Pacific Homes	N/A	401-0050
78613	Cedar Park	Buttercup Creek	2011 McIlwain Cove	4br/3.5ba	2,844	\$318,252	David Weekley Homes	N/A	821-8886
78613	Cedar Park	Twin Creeks	2606 Mingus Drive	4br/3.5ba	3,525	\$327,500	Nicole Hutmacher	Crosswind Realty	677-2355
78613	Cedar Park	Twin Creeks	2705 Mingus Drive	3br/2ba	2,294	\$328,802	David Weekley Homes	N/A	821-8872
78613	Leander	Heritage Park	1304 Mathias	3br/2ba	1,817	\$174,900	Cheryl Tucker	Best Agents in Texas	388-3313
78641	Leander	Trails End Road	17796 Chalet Circle	3br/2.5ba	1,504	\$129,000	Olga Azios	Keller Williams Realty	431-1658
78641	Leander	Lakeline Ranch	98 Verde Ranch Loop	3br/2.5ba	N/A	\$129,000	Mary Boatright	RE/MAX Capital City	416-1881
78641	Leander	Block House Creek	3207 Port Anne Way	3br/2ba	N/A	\$130,000	Mary Boatright	RE/MAX Capital City	416-1881
78641	Leander	Woods at Mason Creek	717 Honeysuckle	4br/2ba	1,444	\$133,950	Don Hemingway	Crystal Falls Realty	789-3356
78641	Leander	Horizon Park	2019 Garrison Drive	3br/2ba	1,730	\$147,500	Pat Gunter	RE/MAX Round Rock	750-0116
78641	Leander	Summerlyn	724 Kingfisher Lane	3br/2ba	1,783	\$151,990	Veronica Hamilton	Pulte Homes	778-5372
78641	Leander	Block House Creek	2805 Turtle River	4br/2.5ba	N/A	\$158,000	Mary Boatright	RE/MAX Capital City	416-1881
78641	Leander	Summerlyn	732 Kingfisher Lane	4br/2ba	1,955	\$159,990	Veronica Hamilton	Pulte Homes	778-5372
78641	Leander	Summerlyn	508 Kingfisher Lane	3br/2ba	1,783	\$167,290	Veronica Hamilton	Pulte Homes	778-5372
78641	Leander	Woods at Crystal Falls	1901 Overland Drive	3br/2.5ba	1,905	\$169,950	Don Hemingway	Crystal Falls Realty	789-3356
78641	Leander	Block House	17403 Bottle Springs	3br/2ba	1,744	\$172,500	Chuma Jerome	1% Realty	423-5507
78641	Leander	Ridgewood	1302 Yountville	3br/2ba	N/A	\$179,000	Mary Boatright	RE/MAX Capital City	416-1881
78641	Leander	Vista Ridge	317 Bonita Court	4br/2.5ba	2,764	\$179,900	Brian Kerman	RE/MAX Austin Advantage	921-4490
78641	Leander	Summerlyn	101 Purple Martin Cove	4br/2.5ba	2,604	\$180,000	Owner	N/A	492-5741
78641	Leander	Summerlyn	116 Hoot Owl Lane	4br/2.5ba	2,494	\$184,340	Veronica Hamilton	Pulte Homes	778-5372



303 Rim Rock Drive, Georgetown \$250,000



308 River Chase Court, Georgetown \$959,000



115 Shady Elm, Georgetown \$525,000



1509 B.W. Braker Lane, Austin \$104,900



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1906 Jojoba Drive, Cedar Park \$279,995



2606 Mingus Drive, Cedar Park \$327,500



2019 Garrison Drive, Leander \$147,500



101 Purple Martin Cove, Leander \$180,000



## REAL ESTATE LISTINGS

## PFLUGERVILLE AND ROUND ROCK

ZIP code	City	Subdivision	Address	Bed/Bath	Sq. Ft. *	Price	Agent	Realtor	Phone
78660	Pflugerville	Heatherwilde	17116 Ardisia	3br/2ba	1,680	\$139,000	Mitchell Gunter	RE/MAX Round Rock	560-1333
78660	Pflugerville	Windermere	16421 Framingham Circle	3br/2.5ba	1,498	\$139,900	Jolene Hall, Realtor	Turnquist Partners	633-3077
78660	Pflugerville	Gatlinburg	1201 Dove Haven	4br/2 ba	1,671	\$164,000	Linda Graves	N/A	784-3942
78660	Pflugerville	Mountain Creek Ranch Condominiums	1010 Immanuel Road #104	3br/2ba	1,284	\$169,777	Debbie Simmons	Keller Williams	659-7579
78660	Pflugerville	Springbrook	18209 Gantry Drive	4br/2.5ba	3,302	\$184,900	Debbie Simmons	Keller Williams	659-7579
78660	Pflugerville	Falcon Pointe	1902 Secluded Willow Cove	3br/2ba	2,132	\$189,900	David Durham	Keller Williams Realty	695-7910
78660	Pflugerville	Avalon Village	19421 Melwas Way	3br/2ba	1,981	\$205,065	Standard Pacific Homes	N/A	252-3657
78660	Pflugerville	Heatherwilde	1609 Purple Iris Cove	4br/2.5ba	2,608	\$209,990	Christy Taylor	Keller Williams	507-5632
78660	Pflugerville	Fairways of Blackhawk	19516 Vilamoura	4br/2 ba	2,592	\$235,000	Linda Graves	N/A	784-3942
78660	Pflugerville	Cambridge Estates	711 Stevenage Drive	4br/2.5ba	3,060	\$248,900	Linda Bishop	Keller Williams Realty	794-6655
78660	Pflugerville	Blackhawk	20201 Chayton Circle	4br/3.5ba	3,009	\$302,869	Wilshire Homes	N/A	485-3316
78660	Pflugerville	Fairways Blackhawk	19105 Sotogrande Drive	4br/2.5ba	2,821	\$309,784	Debbie Simmons	Keller Williams	659-7579
78660	Pflugerville	Highland Park	217 Gila Cliff	3br/2ba	1,350	\$149,500	Meta Rosen	Keller Williams Realty	694-9316
78613	Round Rock	Ranch at Brushy Creek	301 S. Frontier Lane	3br/2ba	2,536	\$279,000	Lena Lansdale, REALTOR	Moreland Properties	818-0229
78664	Round Rock	Forest Creek	1918 Mulligan Drive	N/A	N/A	\$55,000	Robert Fischer	Keller Williams Realty	791-0229
78664	Round Rock	Forest Creek	1916 Mulligan Drive	N/A	N/A	\$65,000	Rica Greenwood	Prudential Texas Realty	762-8697
78664	Round Rock	Sonoma	2613 Ravenwood Drive	4br/2.5ba	3,134	\$320,000	Wilshire Homes	N/A	485-3316
78664	Round Rock	Sonoma	2915 E. Piper Sonoma Court	5br/3ba	3,677	\$325,000	Wilshire Homes	N/A	485-3316
78664	Round Rock	Forest Creek	3610 Carnousty Cove	5br/4ba	3,690	\$359,900	Rica Greenwood	Prudential Texas Realty	762-8697
78664	Round Rock	Austin Addition	2531 Double Creek Drive	N/A	128,502	\$700,000	Kevin Bierwirth	Realtron Inc.	258-0909
78664	Round Rock	Amarron Park (land)	3001 N. IH 35	N/A	3.109 acres	\$1,889,221	Scott Niicholson	Keller Williams	439-6800
78664	Round Rock	Westview	3473-3525 Gattis School Road	N/A	92179.6	6.5 per sq ft.	Jerel Choate	Coldwell Banker United	689-7040
78665	Round Rock	Pioneer Crossing	1112 Kenneys Way	3br/2ba	1,722	\$148,000	Mitchell Gunter	RE/MAX Round Rock	560-1333
78665	Round Rock	Laurel Ridge	3711 Haley's Way	3br/2ba	1,742	\$159,900	Larry Lewis	Keller Williams Realty	659-3308
78665	Round Rock	Ryans Crossing	3409 Campanella Drive	4br/3ba	2,285	\$175,000	David Durham	Keller Williams Realty	695-7910
78665	Round Rock	Ryans Crossing	3436 Sandy Koufax	3br/2.2ba	2,256	\$178,000	Robert Fischer	Keller Williams Realty	791-0229
78665	Round Rock	Forest Ridge	1305 Crimson Clover Court	4br/2.5ba	2,203	\$189,900	Pat Gunter	RE/MAX Round Rock	750-0116
78665	Round Rock	Teravista	4327 Fairway Path	4br/2ba	2,201	\$200,000	J Rene Ward	Best Agents in Texas	388-3313
78665	Round Rock	The Hills at Paloma Lake	2828 Angelina Drive	4br/2.5ba	1,702	\$200,846	Standard Pacific Homes	N/A	246-7365
78665	Round Rock	Sonoma South	3452 Shiraz Loop	3br/2ba	1,898	\$219,900	Mary Ann Ramsel	Crystal Falls Realty	635-6550
78665	Round Rock	The Hills at Paloma Lake	2836 Angelina Drive	3br/2ba	1,981	\$223,670	Standard Pacific Homes	N/A	246-7365
78665	Round Rock	The Hills at Paloma Lake	2815 Angelina Drive	3br/2ba	1,981	\$226,170	Standard Pacific Homes	N/A	246-7365
78665	Round Rock	The Hills at Paloma Lake	2831 Angelina Drive	4br/2.5ba	2,518	\$227,110	Standard Pacific Homes	N/A	246-7365
78665	Round Rock	The Hills at Paloma Lake	2827 Angelina Drive	4br/2.5ba	2,250	\$237,220	Standard Pacific Homes	N/A	246-7365
78665	Round Rock	The Hills at Paloma Lake	2835 Angelina Drive	3br/2ba	2,746	\$242,105	Standard Pacific Homes	N/A	246-7365
78665	Round Rock	Teravista	1918 Kempwood Loop	3br/2ba	2,021	\$249,900	Wilshire Homes	N/A	N/A
78665	Round Rock	The Ridge at Paloma Lake	3432 Cortes Place	4br/2ba	2,292	\$260,945	Standard Pacific Homes	N/A	310-5948
78665	Round Rock	The Ridge at Paloma Lake	3427 Cortes Place	4br/2.5ba	2,418	\$267,335	Standard Pacific Homes	N/A	310-5948
78665	Round Rock	The Hills at Paloma Lake	2823 Angelina Drive	4br/2.5ba	2,980	\$269,905	Standard Pacific Homes	N/A	246-7365
78665	Round Rock	The Ridge at Paloma Lake	3440 Cortes Place	4br/2.5ba	2,418	\$275,465	Standard Pacific Homes	N/A	310-5948
78665	Round Rock	The Ridge at Paloma Lake	3423 Cortes Place	4br/3ba	2,961	\$297,035	Standard Pacific Homes	N/A	310-5948
78665	Round Rock	Teravista	4124 Green Vista	5br/3.5ba	3,637	\$297,500	Pat Gunter	RE/MAX Round Rock	750-0116
78665	Round Rock	The Ridge at Paloma Lake	3447 Cortes Place	5br/3ba	2,799	\$299,535	Standard Pacific Homes	N/A	310-5948
78665	Round Rock	Teravista	1915 Kempwood Loop	3br/2ba	2,662	\$299,900	Wilshire Homes	N/A	N/A

\*All square footage is approximate and per tax or appraisal district records.



16421 Framingham Circle, Pflugerville \$139,900



711 Stevenage Drive, Pflugerville \$248,900



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3436 Sandy Koufax, Round Rock \$178,000



3440 Cortes Place, Round Rock \$275,465

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