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**State Rep. Dan Gattis** announced that he is running for the Texas Senate seat currently held by state Sen. Steve Ogden, who announced his retirement in September. [more.impactnews.com/5643](http://more.impactnews.com/5643)

**The Hutto Economic Development Corporation** earned accreditation from the International Economic Development Council. The EDC was one of 25 organizations nationally to become accredited. [more.impactnews.com/5685](http://more.impactnews.com/5685)

**Capital Metro** announced at a board meeting Sept. 28 that the delayed MetroRail project from Leander to downtown Austin will not be ready to launch this year. [more.impactnews.com/5789](http://more.impactnews.com/5789)

# City councils approve budgets, tax rates for fiscal year 2009-10

Despite drop in property values, tax rates stay stable

By Beth Wade

The Georgetown, Hutto and Taylor city councils had the same idea when approving tax rates for the 2009-2010 fiscal year: keep them the same as last year.

"Unfortunately our total values

were down, so we are not generating as much money," Taylor City Manager Jim Dunaway said. "It is going to be a tight year. This will probably be the tightest year [the city has] had in generations."

For the City of Taylor, maintaining the same tax rate is not a new concept. This is the third year in a row the city has kept the rate

at 79 cents per \$100 valuation.

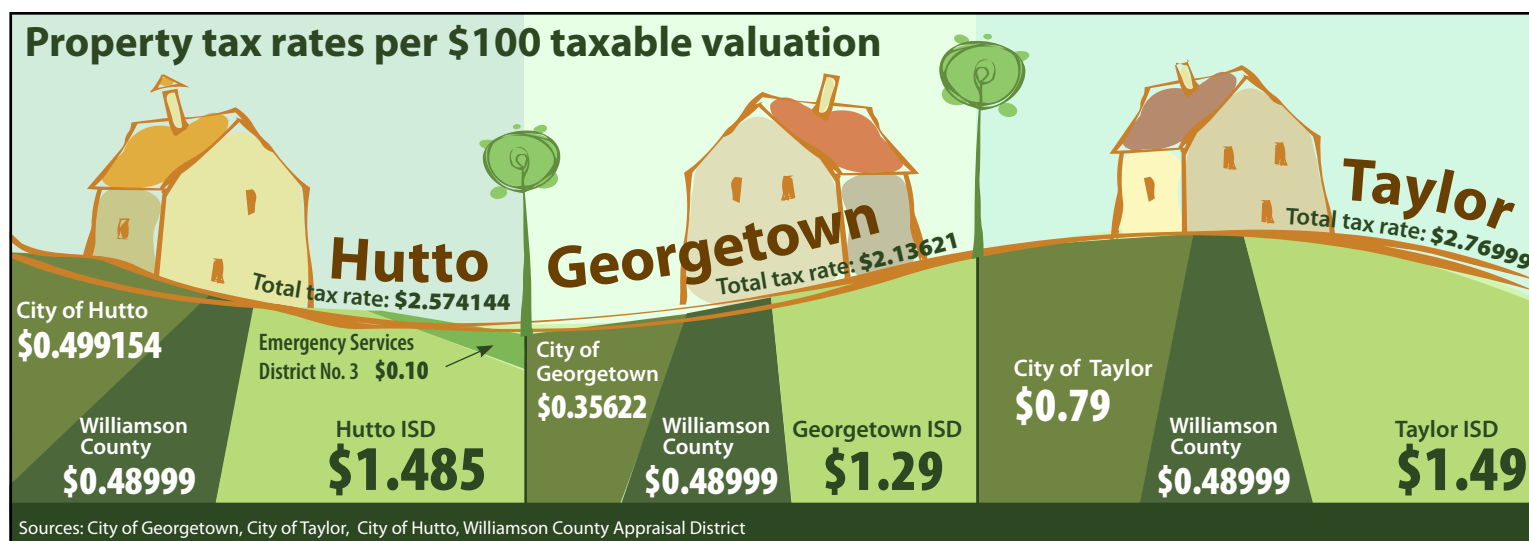
"[The council] is trying to hold it down as low as possible," Dunaway said. "It is very easy to go to that [effective rate]. It is not politically driven; it is just for the good of the public."

In Georgetown, however, there was a debate among council members between raising the

tax rate approximately 1 cent and keeping it the same as last year. At the July 27 city council meeting, the council approved a proposed 36.37 cents per \$100 valuation before lowering it back to the previous 35.622-cent rate.

Hutto City Council members

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## TxDOT aviation grants support airport, city traffic

### Story Highlights

- Airports receive funds from TxDOT Aviation Division to make improvements and meet FAA standards
- Viable airports support local economy

By Suzanne Haberman

Recently approved grant-funded projects at the Georgetown and Taylor municipal airports could help the cities land economic traffic.

Like roads, airports require constant maintenance, operation and adherence to safety regulations to keep visitors traveling through. And like interstate highways, airports usher people into cities where they support local businesses

on and off airport property.

"While they're here, sometimes they may have their plane tuned up, or they'll stop and grab a bite to eat, and occasionally, they'll spend the night. So it does have a direct economic impact," Taylor Economic Development Corporation President Jason Ford said.

### Grant money

This summer the Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Division awarded federal and state grants to the Georgetown and Taylor municipal airports to make improvements that

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## Newspaper recognized with 11 national awards

*Community Impact Newspaper* earned 11 awards at the National Newspaper Association's Annual Convention Sept. 26.

The NNA is made up of more than 2,400 community newspapers. The Better Newspaper Contest and the Better Newspaper Advertising Contest recognize achievement in writing, advertising and design.

From the Georgetown/Hutto/Taylor edition, writer Patrick Brendel won first place for best agricultural story and Shannon Colletti won first- and third-place honors for best business story and business feature story.

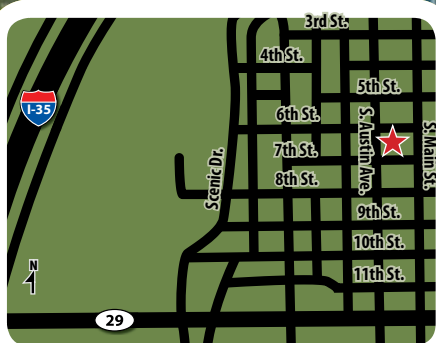
### Other staff recognitions included:

- Amy Stansbury**, Best business story, second place; Round Rock/Pflugerville edition
- Eric Pulsifer**, Best business story, third place, Round Rock/Pflugerville edition
- Tiffany Young, Heather Wills**, Excellence in typography, third place, Northwest Austin edition
- Advertising contest winners**
- Ellie Burke**, Best use of local photography, first place, Southwest Austin edition
- Elizabeth Janson**, Best small-page ad, third place, Leander/Cedar Park edition
- Tiffany Knight**, Best single ad idea, honorable mention, Southwest Austin edition
- Alison Lyons**, Best single ad idea, second place, Round Rock/Pflugerville edition
- Lisa Rehbein**, Best use of ad color, third place, Round Rock/Pflugerville edition

Read more at [more.impactnews.com/5828](http://more.impactnews.com/5828)



A Cessna 340A on the taxiway in front of the Georgetown Municipal Airport terminal



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Dr. Choi, of Georgetown, has been designated as a participant in the 2005 White House Conference on Aging. This conference, instrumental in developing recommendations for the future of aging policy in the United States, was held in Washington, D.C. She was also appointed by Governor Rick Perry to the Texas Health and Human Service Commission Council for a term through 2011. Additionally, the Austin Business Journal honored Dr. Choi as the 2007 Physician Healthcare Hero.

Dr. Choi's medical background includes residencies in Internal Medicine at St. Agnes Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland and at New Rochelle Hospital in New York. She completed a fellowship in Geriatrics at The Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City where she worked as an Instructor of Medicine at Albert Einstein Medical College and later as Clinical Instructor of Medicine at Yale University School of Medicine. She is board-certified in Internal Medicine, Geriatric Medicine and ABHPM certified in Hospice and Palliative Medicine. Dr. Choi is also a Certified Medical Director. Dr. Choi also holds a Master's in Public Health from the Texas A&M School of Rural Public Health and a Masters in Computer Science from Hofstra University. Prior to joining SunStar Geriatrics Healthcare, Dr. Choi was Director of Geriatric Clinical Services, Institute of Aging, with Scott & White Hospital in Temple, Texas and Assistant Professor at Texas A&M University.

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## General Manager's Note

I recently helped facilitate a 12-week personal finance course that utilized material from a popular, credit card-destroying radio personality. Our

participants discovered that the most painful exercise—creating a budget—was also crucial to their long-term success.

Over the past few months our local officials and representatives have been hard at work on budgets of their own. I attended several city council meetings and heard not only the debate among council members but also the input offered from citizens. The rationale behind the citizen input seemed to have a common theme: At a time when businesses and individuals are watching every penny and cutting back in order to make ends meet, government should be doing the same.

The final outcome in the cities of Georgetown, Hutto and Taylor reflects the citizen input: All three cities carried the same 2009 tax rate into 2010. As a taxpayer and homeowner, I appreciate the fiscal restraint by our councilmembers.

While our local officials have been hashing out their budgets, the Community Impact team has been hard at work on our own in-depth project: *Connected*.

Inserted in this month's newspaper you will find the most comprehensive community guide available. Our core motivation is to provide you with a useful tool that can serve as a year-round source for local information about your community. We also carried the price over from last year—free.

*Matt Painter*

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### "Businesses petition to change liquor laws" (September 2009)

*"It is about time we realized we are growing and if you want business to succeed and grow, being able to serve liquor, beer and wine are all part of it. It is usually taken for granted. People should have the right to enjoy a drink with their meal if they like. We can't do that if businesses are not allowed to provide it."*

— "Vicki"

### "State Rep. Dan Gattis announces run for Texas Senate" (Online)

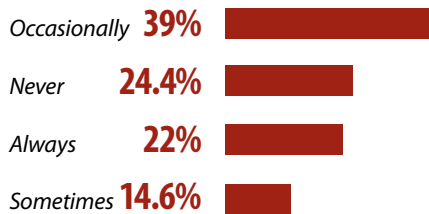
*"I wonder if this campaign will require him to answer questions regarding House Bill 4815 and why he feels people should be forced to join Homeowners Associations of his choosing. Perhaps he should focus on tightening the leash on government meddling rather than revoke the property rights of his constituents."*

— Reagen Ward



## Online poll

### How often do you order beer or wine with dinner in a restaurant?



Results from unscientific web survey Sept. 12 to Oct. 1  
See more poll results at [impactnews.com/polls](http://impactnews.com/polls)

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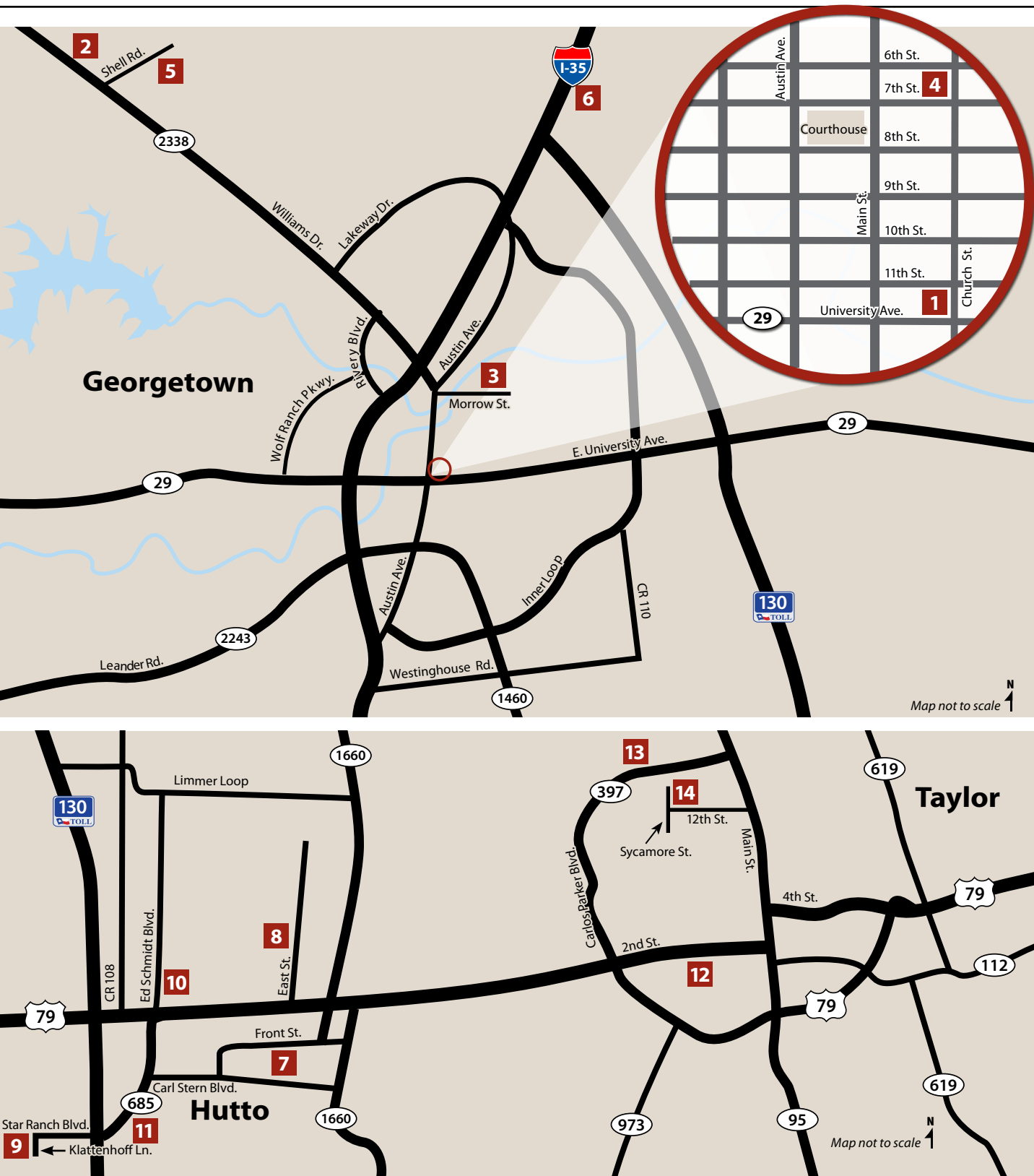


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### Georgetown

#### 1 Clean energy pays

Georgetown-based propane energy and alternative fuel company **CleanFUEL USA**, 1104 S. Church St., received \$12.9 million in stimulus grants from the Department of Energy. The funds will help the company establish about 100 liquid propane fueling stations in major U.S. cities. Call 864-0300 or visit [www.cleanfuelusa.com](http://www.cleanfuelusa.com).

#### 2 Go west

Grace Episcopal Church was awarded \$50,000 from the Quinn Foundation of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas to open **Grace West**, 4701 Williams Drive, Ste. 4. Services are held at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Call 863-2068 or visit [www.graceepis.org](http://www.graceepis.org).

#### 3 30 years of business

Bob and Susan McMinn celebrated 30 years of business at their seafood restaurant, **Bob's Catfish-N-More**, 305 E. Morrow St., Sept. 15. In a rustic atmosphere where credit cards are not accepted and alcohol is not available, the couple serves up home-style staples from catfish to chicken fried steak. Call 863-6219 or visit [www.bobscatfishnmore.com](http://www.bobscatfishnmore.com).

#### 4 Pink cupcakes

Cherri Gilbert, owner of **Galaxy Cupcakes**, plans to move from 1501 Park Lane, Ste. 105 to 113 E. Seventh St. on the Square in late October. Also during October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Galaxy Cupcakes is participating in Pink Cupcakes for the Cure, donating 25 percent of sales from

cupcakes made pink by Georgetown Winery's port wine to the Austin affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Call 868-0996 or visit [www.galaxycupcakes.com](http://www.galaxycupcakes.com).

#### 5 Live well

The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for a new, certified Alzheimer's assisted living facility, **Georgetown Living**, at 2700 Shell Road Oct. 9. The 16-bed facility incorporates social interaction, physical activities and mental stimulation in a controlled environment designed to reduce distress. Call 254-535-7584 or visit [www.gtownliving.com](http://www.gtownliving.com).

## 6 Artful move

**Windberg Art & Frame** moved from the Square to its corporate headquarters at 7100 N. IH 35 in early October. The new location houses a fine arts school, digital printing facility and gallery. Call 819-9032 or visit [www.windberg.com](http://www.windberg.com).

## Web kudos

The **City of Georgetown's website** earned recognition from the National Association of Government Webmasters, a professional organization of local governments dedicated to improving website communication. The city website was one of the top three finalists nationwide for medium-sized cities. Call 930-3690 or visit [www.nagw.org](http://www.nagw.org).

## Communications provider

Troy Davis, former owner of Davis Roofing, recently started **Davis Enterprise Inc.** As an independent representative for the direct sale, telecommunication company ACN Inc., Davis' home-based business provides services for phone, internet, TV and home security and sells related products and accessories. Call 671-0917 or visit [www.data.acnrep.com](http://www.data.acnrep.com).

## Generous Georgetown

**Convio Inc.**, a company that provides technology to nonprofit organizations, reported in September that Georgetown was the third most generous small city in the nation. Georgetown earned the recognition as a city with a population of less than 100,000 who gave more than \$1 million to charities through Convio's online donation software. Visit [www.convio.com](http://www.convio.com).

## Hutto

## 7 Frozen treats

Mike Ernst opened Hutto's first frozen yogurt shop, **Pink Penguin**, 409 W. Front St., Ste. 240, Sept. 15. Six flavors of self-serve, frozen yogurt and more than 50 different toppings are sold by weight. Four of the flavors change every Wednesday while chocolate and vanilla are always available. Call 846-1441.

## 8 Hello Hutto

Owners Richard Kaleta and Teresa Hawkes opened **Howdy's** at 205 East St. Sept. 21. The menu offers steak, seafood, hot dogs, appetizers, and beer and wine. Entertainment includes live music, tarot card readings, caricature drawings and sports on two, 50-inch TVs. Call 300-1788.

## 9 Food drive

During the month of October, **Alexan Star Ranch**, 105 Klattenhoff Lane, is sponsoring a food drive to benefit The Storehouse of Austin. Nonperishable food items can be donated at the apartment complex's office where bins will be accessible during office hours. Call 215-9173 or visit [www.alexanstarranch.com](http://www.alexanstarranch.com).

## 10 X-ray prep

The **Scott & White Hutto Clinic**, 120 Ed Schmidt Blvd., Stes. B, E and F, recently expanded the facility's lobby and added an X-ray suite. The staff expects be able to take X-rays in spring 2010. Expansion was necessary to accommodate growth. Call 352-4000 or visit [www.sw.org](http://www.sw.org).

## 11 Animal care

Veterinarian Vijay Gudipally opened the **FM 685 Animal Hospital** at 695 FM 685 in early September. The clinic offers veterinary services as well as boarding and grooming. Call 846-1901 or visit [www.fm685animalhospital.com](http://www.fm685animalhospital.com).

## Board representation

The **Hutto Area Chamber of Commerce** welcomed a new board member, Steven Phillips, Sept. 1. Phillips, a native Texan who has lived in Hutto for two years, brings experience as Time-Warner's Business Operations Manager for Central Texas. Call 759-4400 or visit [www.hutto.org](http://www.hutto.org).

## Taylor

## 12 Dance lessons

Mallory and Brad Robbins recently opened **Dance Xpressions**, 501 W. Second St. The instructor offers nightly classes in tap, jazz, cheerleading and tumbling, and ballet, including pointe, at the 1,600 sq. ft. studio. Call 757-7519 or visit [www.dancexpressionstx.com](http://www.dancexpressionstx.com).

## 13 Countdown to kickoff

On Oct. 3, local Boy Scout troops and volunteers helped plant trees, wildflowers and habitats for native birds at the 75-acre **Taylor Regional Park and Sports Complex**, 210 Carlos Parker Blvd. The city expects the park, with ball fields, hike and bike trails and a 6-acre lake, to open to the public in mid-November and be ready for sports tournaments in spring 2010. Call 352-3633 or visit [www.ci.taylor.tx.us](http://www.ci.taylor.tx.us).

## 14 Scout house

Texas Skies, the Girl Scout service unit in Taylor, Granger, Coupland, Thrall and Hutto, reopened the **Taylor Girl Scout House**, 1206 Sycamore St., after refurbishing the 1950s building. Renovations brought safety improvements, wheelchair accessibility and decorations made by the Girl Scouts. The building is available for Girl Scout activities and to the public by reservation. Call 269-9658 or visit [www.gsctx.org](http://www.gsctx.org).

## New city website

The **City of Taylor's website** will be changing from [www.ci.taylor.tx.us](http://www.ci.taylor.tx.us) to [www.taylortx.gov](http://www.taylortx.gov) in early October. Visitors to the old site will be rerouted to the updated address. Call 352-5448.

## Decade of improvements

**Taylor's Main Street Program** celebrated its 10-year anniversary Sept. 27 with a reception during which U.S. Rep. John Carter and Williamson County Commissioner Ron Morrison read proclamations honoring the work of the advisory board. Call 352-5448 or visit [www.ci.taylor.tx.us](http://www.ci.taylor.tx.us).

## Closings

## Forever Homestyle Cooking

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Steven Phillips joined the Hutto Area Chamber of Commerce board of directors Sept. 1.



Dance Xpressions recently opened in Taylor and offers a variety of dance classes.

## Halloween events

### 16-17 | Main Street jail tour

Tour the 121-year-old jail with Williamson County sheriff's deputies and volunteers  
Old Williamson County Jail, 312 Main St., Georgetown  
Oct. 16, 5-9 p.m.; Oct. 17, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. • \$5 (adults); \$2.50 (children 12 and under) • 943-1313  
[www.wilcobrownsanta.com](http://www.wilcobrownsanta.com)

### 23 | Special Needs Dance and Costume Party

Dancing, food, photos and prizes for individuals with special needs ages 15 and older  
Georgetown Community Center, 445 E. Morrow St.  
6-8 p.m. • \$5; Family member or caregiver is free  
930-8459 • [www.parks.georgetown.org](http://www.parks.georgetown.org)

### 23-24 | Nightmare on Jail Hill

Haunted house sponsored by Williamson County Brown Santa  
Old Williamson County Jail, 312 Main St., Georgetown  
6-11 p.m. • \$8 (adults); \$5 (children 9-12); children 8 and under not admitted 943-1313 • [www.wilcobrownsanta.com](http://www.wilcobrownsanta.com)

### 24 | Boo Run Halloween 5K family fun run/walk

Rivory Park, 1448 Rivory Blvd., Georgetown • 5-10 p.m.  
Early registration: \$25 (adults); \$8 (children); Day of event: \$35 (adults); \$10 (children 17 and under)  
864-2828 • [www.exceptionalgeorgetown.org](http://www.exceptionalgeorgetown.org)

### 29 | 15th Annual Haunted Hayride and Carnival

Georgetown Community Center, 445 E. Morrow St. • 6-9 p.m.  
Hayride: \$2 (ages 5-12); \$3 (ages 13 and older); carnival: free  
930-8459 • [www.parks.georgetown.org](http://www.parks.georgetown.org)

### 31 | Hutto Treats on East Street

Costume contest, games and activities for children  
Downtown Hutto • Free • 759-4000 • [www.huttotx.gov](http://www.huttotx.gov)

### Taylor's Halloween Spooktacular

Games, a costume contest, candy and photos  
Heritage Square and Main Street • 6-9 p.m. • Free • 352-3463

## Community Events

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## October

### 10 | Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser

Pancake breakfast benefiting homeless youth in Georgetown sponsored by the Georgetown Project  
Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, 350 S. IH 35  
8-10 a.m. • \$6 • 863-4762  
[www.georgetownproject.com](http://www.georgetownproject.com)

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Recycle household, yard and automotive products  
Williamson County Central Maintenance Facility,  
3151 S.E. Inner Loop, Georgetown • 8 a.m.-1 p.m. • Free  
846-2756 • [www.wilco.org](http://www.wilco.org)

### 16-17 | 24th Annual Olde Tyme Days

Two-day event featuring music, 5K run, car show, softball game and children's activities sponsored by the Hutto Area Chamber of Commerce  
Hutto Co-op, 420 Hwy. 79 • Oct. 16: 7 p.m.-midnight;  
Oct. 17: 9 a.m.-midnight • \$10-\$15 • 759-4400  
[www.huttooldetymedays.com](http://www.huttooldetymedays.com)

### 17 | Taste of Georgetown

Food and wine from local restaurants and wineries organized by the Downtown Georgetown Association  
Williamson County Courthouse, 710 Main St., Georgetown  
4:30-6:30 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. • \$25 • 868-8675  
[www.thegeorgetownsquare.com](http://www.thegeorgetownsquare.com)

### 18 | Art for Animals

Live and silent auction of artwork and handcrafts benefiting the Georgetown Animal Shelter  
Georgetown Community Center, 445 E. Morrow St.  
2-5 p.m. • \$5 • 930-3592  
[www.artforanimals.georgetown.org](http://www.artforanimals.georgetown.org)

### 21 | Pink Heals Tour

Sponsored by the Georgetown Fire Department and Firefighters Association to raise breast cancer awareness  
The Square, Georgetown • 4-8 p.m. • Free  
[www.pinkribbontour.com](http://www.pinkribbontour.com)

### 24 | 5th Annual Archeology Day

Hands-on activities celebrating Archeology Awareness Month hosted by The Williamson Museum  
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# Business Profile | Georgetown Sleep Center Georgetown



Neurologist C. Keilty Darnall and Georgetown Sleep Center owner Dr. Jim Curlee

By Suzanne Haberman

Through years of experience as a board-certified doctor of sleep, internal medicine and pulmonology, Georgetown Sleep Center's founder, Dr. Jim Curlee, testified that helping people sleep well changes lives.

"It is such a life-changing specialty," Curlee said.

Curlee opened the center in August 2005 after a 28-year military career. After completing medical school at the Texas College

of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Worth, Curlee lived in Georgetown while stationed at Fort Hood's Darnall Army Community Hospital. During his service, he was instrumental in establishing a sleep medicine center for soldiers and veterans in Temple.

But Curlee saw a need for sleep medicine outside of the military barracks.

"The real vision for this area was to come in and build a really nice, state-of-the-art facility where

patients would want to come in a safe environment, in an out-of-the way location, strategically located for other areas," he said.

Patients go to the Georgetown Sleep Center not necessarily because they recognize that they do not sleep well; they often go because they cannot stay awake during the day, Curlee said. But besides the obvious effect of feeling tired during waking hours, not sleeping well decreases concentration and productivity while increasing depression, irritability and health risks, he said.

"Sleep is a function, not only for restoration, healing and rest, it's also an active process," center neurologist C. Keilty Darnall said. "That's where you submit memories. That's where learning takes place, so it's important for all sorts of cognitive issues."

At the custom-designed and accredited sleep center, Curlee and his team of doctors and technicians help patients obtain normal sleep by conducting detailed studies.

Curlee's method consists of an on-site physical exam, consultation and a possible overnight stay

during which registered technicians chart an individual's sleep habits and physical functions, including heart rate, respiration, brain waves, eye movement and muscle tension. Patients are also visually and audibly recorded.

"The model of how we do sleep medicine is so comprehensive that we feel this is the last stop for a patient," Curlee said.

With the information acquired, Curlee and Darnall can diagnose one or more of the approximately 80 known sleep disorders. Some problems can often be identified in one night's stay.

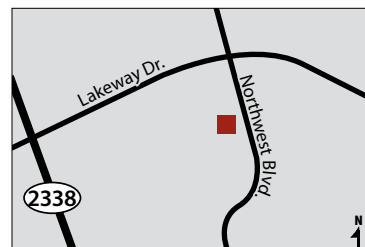
Doctors analyze the charts and make recommendations to the patient usually within two days or sometimes immediately if the diagnosis reveals a threatening problem. Treating sleep disorders can be as simple as making lifestyle changes or as complex as using medical devices. The company, Georgetown Durable Medical Equipment, which operates at the center, fit patients for the devices on-location. Patients, who are sometimes desperate for change, leave encouraged knowing that the Georgetown Sleep Center can

help them achieve normal sleep and an improved waking life.

"We've had patients cry just walking out the door from the first time that we see them because they're so happy that something is going to change in their lives," Curlee said.

## Sleep center expands

The Georgetown Sleep Center is a 6,500 sq. ft. facility custom built to serve as a stand-alone sleep medicine center. Because patient demand has outpaced capacity over the past four years, Dr. Jim Curlee began construction on an additional 6,400-sq. ft. building with space for six more beds. He expects construction to be complete in November.



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## Operation Call Home Returns

Army Private First Class Richard Vincent snaps to attention when he hears money will be collected at the 15 Lamb's Tire and Automotive locations around Austin on Nov. 13 for the 6th annual Operation Call Home to raise money for calling cards given to soldiers.

Just last year, Vincent, 22, spent hours every day on lookout for enemy fire from his tank in Mosul, Iraq, inching along exposed dirt roads, looking into foothills for danger in searing heat while a special "sniper platoon" from Fort Hood's 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment would locate and remove roadside bombs.

When Vincent's day was done, when the muscles in his neck and back finally relaxed from flexing with tension for 12 hours while helping remove the bombs and then disposing of them with a controlled detonation, all he could think about was his wife, Melissa, and her pregnancy with their first child.

Vincent found out weeks after being deployed to Iraq in the fall of 2007 he was going to be a father. He would miss her entire pregnancy with the exception of a brief leave to go home before the baby was born. He was back in Iraq when Melissa gave birth to a son, Nathaniel, on - of all days - July 4, 2008.

Thanks to calling cards purchased for members of the military with donations from Operation Call Home, Vincent was able to reassure his wife repeatedly during her pregnancy that their child's father was still alive and well.

"When you're over there, it's like night and day," said Vincent, who returned home to Fort Hood from Iraq six months after his son was born. "You appreciate the phone card so much more because phones are not readily available and getting access to a phone can be very time consuming."

"Sometimes you have to walk a couple miles on a base to reach a PX (convenience store) to buy a phone card late at night after a long day out on patrol. A lot of times, all you want to do when you get back from a day like that is call a loved one and go to bed. You should see the faces of the soldiers when they are given a phone card. It just changes their outlook."

Operation Call Home was created by Austin resident Col. Ladd Pattillo six years ago. And thanks to the efforts of 590 KLBK-AM, which will use its airwaves for a radiothon on Nov. 13, and Lamb's Tire

& Automotive, an Austin owned and operated business, Operation Call Home has raised more than \$250,000 for calling cards for soldiers.

"It means a lot to the loved ones" said Col. Pattillo, who is retired from the Army but still serves as a reserve officer and was called to duty in Iraq in 2005. "It does mean a lot to the soldier to be able to call home, if for no other reason than to relieve the anxiety of the people back home."

"The people back here just imagine it to be the worst thing in the world every day. And when you're over there, like I was in 2005, you're just doing your job. Sometimes your job calls for an operation that can be pretty dangerous, and rockets do hit bases, so people can be killed on the bases just doing their job. But the people the calling cards help the most, I think, are the soldier's family because they hear from him or her and know they are OK."

The easiest way for folks to help out is simply to visit one of the 15 Lamb's Tire and Automotive locations around Austin on Nov. 13 and donate whatever they can. You can find the Lamb's closest to you at [www.lambstire.com](http://www.lambstire.com). The headquarters for Operation Call Home will be at the Lamb's located at 10740 Research, at the intersection of 183 and Braker (next to the McDonald's). That's where 590 KLBK-AM will set up its radiothon for the day.

"We consider it a great privilege and an honor to help our Third Armored Cavalry Regiment soldiers and their families," said Lamb's chief executive officer Ron Meredeth, a lifetime Austin resident. "These are our families, friends, and local neighbors who protect our freedoms. These phone cards allow families to stay connected and gain some comfort."

Col. Pattillo said he is proud his hometown of Austin has been such a driving force in raising money for soldiers overseas.

"Ever since we sent troops over to Iraq, so many people want to know, 'What can I do? What can I do?'" he said. "Well, here's an easy way they can do something that will directly impact a soldier, and it's as easy as stopping by one of those Lamb's locations and dropping off some money. That's a way people can directly impact a soldier's life. Some young man or woman is going to be able to make some calls home that they wouldn't be able to otherwise."

Vincent said people currently going about their daily lives with all the creature



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comforts in America have no idea how much a calling card can change a soldier's morale while fighting a war. Vincent said he received three phone cards ranging from 100 to 500 minutes during his 15 month stay in Iraq. Vincent said he used an entire 100-minute phone card talking to Melissa the day Nathaniel was born. Neither of them could stop crying with joy.

"If I could say one thing to the people donating money for the phone cards,

Please remember how each and every man and woman serving our country overseas is making a sacrifice and devoting their time away from their family and giving up all the things we in America take for granted - things like a cell phone. Over there, phone cards are the kinds of things that keep us going to be successful in our mission."

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## Business Profile | Texas Fixtures & Interiors Inc. Hutto



Texas Fixtures & Interiors Inc. co-owner Randy Russ

By Suzanne Haberman

Randy Russ and Bobby Castle's mill shop, Texas Fixtures & Interiors, applies precision tools and handcrafts to create wooden store and office fixtures for local and national clients.

"[Once a client signs the contract], it's like a Play Doh fun

factory. They do the cut list that goes to the saw, and from the saw it goes to the various stations, and then it goes out the back door to be installed," Russ said.

Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas contracted Texas Fixtures & Interiors Inc. to craft all of the facility's

carpentry, including nurse stations, cabinets and reception desks, a project that took the company almost a full year to complete. Other local jobs have included Scott & White Healthcare, Jack Brown Cleaners and A+ Federal Credit Union. National customers include Kool Smiles dental clinics and The Hilton Family hotels.

For nearly eight years, Cost Plus World Market has hired Texas Fixtures & Interiors Inc. to manufacture its store fixtures and specialty displays for approximately 30 stores a year.

"We pride ourselves on working for the same customer over and over," Russ said.

Before Russ and Castle established Texas Fixtures & Interiors in Round Rock in 1994, they worked as contractors. When they relocated the business to Hutto in 2008, they built their approximately 20,000-sq. ft. custom facility, which was smaller and more manageable than the previous location. In addition to the millwork shop, the team still operates a construction company, but builds mainly on the

West Coast.

"You're born to be a contractor, I think," Russ said. "I was buying tools when I was working summer jobs, and my dad used to joke at me and say, 'What are you going to be, a contractor?' And it turned out I did."

Like contracting, woodworking requires keen attention to detail because the mill shop's clients demand perfection. The staff works to ensure the quality of all the tasks, including cutting decorative trim, affixing moulding or placing thin sheets of veneer that curve around the skirts of desks. Computer programmable precision saws are trusted for producing large quantities of cutouts, but Russ knows when to apply a personal touch.

"The high-end stuff is done more by hand than by machine," he said.

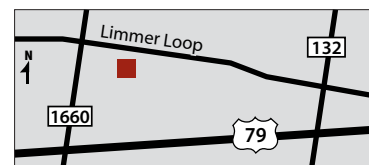
Russ also takes pride in the quality of the wood the business uses. The storeroom is filled with a combination of not only domestic woods such as oak and hickory, but also foreign exotics including mahogany and the African wood called ribbon

sapele, which lends itself to high-end fixtures.

The majority of the company's business is for commercial enterprises, as the owners of Texas Fixtures & Interiors Inc. prefer to avoid residential millwork such as making kitchen cabinets for homes. Russ said they would, however, consider taking on jobs for some smaller, local ventures such as law offices.



The Hutto Area Chamber of Commerce recognized Texas Fixtures & Interiors as the Large Business of the Year in 2008.



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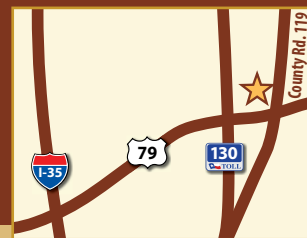
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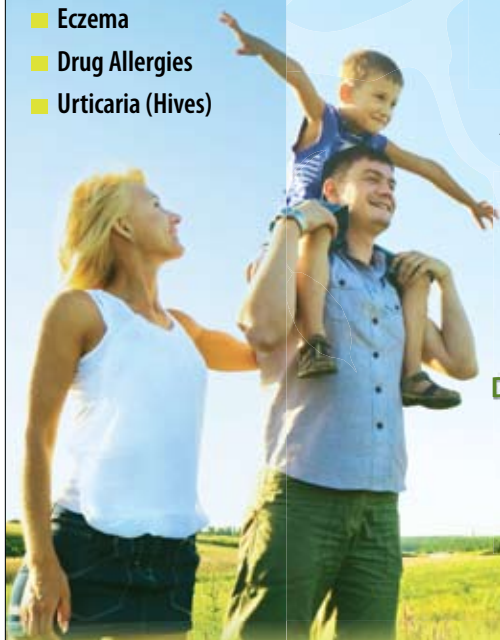


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## Business Profile | Stockade Companies Taylor



Stockade Companies CEO Tom Ford inside the Taylor Sirloin Stockade, 3607 N. Main St.

By Beth Wade

Tom Ford worked as a dishwasher in the first Sirloin Stockade in Oklahoma City. He eventually bought the restaurant, and in 2004 he bought a majority share of the restaurant's management company, Stockade Companies.

"[The company] has transformed and been bought out by different people at different times," Vice President of Marketing Pat Patterson said.

William Keele opened the first restaurant in 1966, and after 33 years the company has expanded to include Montana Mike's and Coyote Canyon. With three other partners and 19 corporate employees, Ford manages 89 restaurants throughout eight states and Mexico.

Stockade Companies was headquartered in Hutchinson, Kan., until 2008 when Ford decided to move it closer to his home in Thrall, where he owns a ranch.

"He didn't want to interrupt [the company's operations]," Patterson said. "We had people hired that lived in Hutchinson or moved to Hutchinson, and it was like, 'Don't screw it up.' Over time they decided that they would like to have the company closer to home."

Another factor for the move was that Ford was in the process of building the newest Montana Mike's in Georgetown and had just built a new Sirloin Stockade in Taylor.

"It made sense for us to be here, so if we invited potential, new franchisees [we could] showcase our newest restaurants or those two new concepts, rather than up in Kansas where we ... had converted old Mike's [restaurants] and old Sirloins that weren't like what we are doing today," Patterson said.

Over several months in 2008 the company's employees began making the transition to Taylor. While most work from the Taylor office, some employees are still in Hutchinson and others work from their homes traveling to various restaurant locations.

Along with Stockade Companies, Ford, and his son, Monte, own eight Sirloin Stockades and seven Montana Mike's restaurants in Texas through T. Ford

Enterprises and Ford Tex Operating.

The original Stockade opened as a steak house. Over time the salad bar concept became popular, and what started as a salad bar, Patterson said, led to the buffet with entrées and sides. Each restaurant varies what it offers, he said.

As the company grew to include other franchised Sirloin Stockades, it passed through different owners' hands, and in 1998 the company opened its first Montana Mike's. The vision of Montana Mike's was to take the company's knowledge of steak and create a full-service, sit-down restaurant.

The idea to offer an all-inclusive buffet, where the price includes all-you-can-eat steak, drink and buffet, was later suggested, and Coyote Canyon began in 1999 to test the concept. The all-you-can-eat steak idea worked and was incorporated into the Stockade concept in various forms.

The company has continued to grow, but Ford and his partners are not in a hurry to do so, Patterson said.

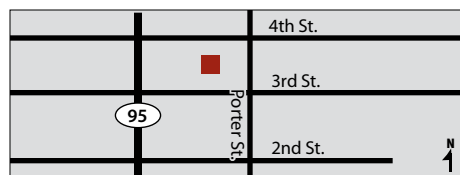
"We are not trying to build 50 restaurants in the next year," he said. "We would be incapable of supporting the franchisees to do that. We don't have enough people here. We are not going to do any more than three or four a year. If we do, we would not be doing justice to the franchisees. And that is important."

### Restaurant locations

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Local History | "The Ties That Bind" Georgetown

**By Beth Wade**

More than a century ago, Southwestern University student Early Price was planning to marry and preparing for her school's first homecoming, which was held April 21, 1909. Now, as the school welcomes alumni back for its 100th annual Homecoming and Reunion Weekend in November, Price's granddaughter will make the trip to Georgetown to honor her memory.

Louise Walsh is the author of "The Ties That Bind: A Georgetown Texas Memoir—1904-1909," which is based on more than 500 letters saved by Price. The book chronicles the lives of six children of an affluent Georgetown family. The letters, found by Walsh while cleaning her aunt's home, have been incorporated with other materials from family members.

The book was intended to be a gift to Walsh's mother, but as the pieces came together it evolved from a tribute to her family to a tribute to Southwestern, Georgetown and the state of Texas.

Price, who attended Southwestern from 1901 to 1908 as a student

in the fitting school and as a music student at the university, was the youngest daughter of a family whose ancestors arrived in Georgetown in the 1870s. Price's uncle, Frank L. Price, helped get Georgetown selected as the site for the university.

While the book presents the love story between Price and her fiancé, Morris Fleming, it also depicts the university's first homecoming, which Price described in her letters as "magnificent" and "full of revelry."

"The entire town was draped with 'Welcome' banners in Southwestern's colors. Everywhere you went, there were greetings between long-lost friends and well wishers exchanging news of their lives since leaving school," she wrote in a letter to Fleming dated April 23, 1909.

In the same letter, Price describes attending an orchestra and glee club concert that lasted until midnight and closed with the crowd singing "Blest Be the Tie." Price said it was a moment she would remember forever, and the song was the inspiration

for the book's title.

Along with the letters, Walsh has included period photographs, postcards, newspaper and magazine clippings, greeting cards, invitations, letterhead, telegrams and announcements. The memoir is laid out similarly to a scrapbook that could have been kept in the early 1900s.

The Price family home, built in the 1880s, still stands at 209 E. 10th St. across from a house that was once owned by Price's aunt and served as a boarding house for male Southwestern students.

Walsh will be at The Williamson Museum Nov. 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. for a book signing. The limited edition, signed books will be on sale at that time.

During homecoming, Walsh will present her book, along with a number of artifacts from Price's collection, to the Georgetown Heritage Society Nov. 7 at 9:30 a.m. at the Grace Heritage Center, 811 S. Main St. The book will be available for purchase at Hill Country Bookstore, 719 S. Main St., Georgetown, and the Southwestern University Book store, 1001 E. University Ave.



Author Louise Walsh

Early Price attended Southwestern University between 1901 and 1908.

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## Neighborhood Dining | Biên Hòa Vietnamese & Chinese Cuisine Hutto



Owners Trung and Thao Pham

By Joseph M. de Leon

When Trung Pham was 22, he moved with his family to Texas from Vietnam, shortly before enrolling at the University of Texas. While he studied computer science, he worked odd hours coding firmware for IBM and washed dishes, cooked noodles and waited tables at his brother, Minh's, restaurant Dong Nai in South Austin.

When he graduated, rather than sit at a computer poring over lines of code, he and his wife, Thao,

decided to open their own restaurant in Hutto.

"The restaurant business is very difficult, lots of hard work. You spend a lot of time there, but it's also a lot of fun," Pham said. "It's very, very interesting because you see people every day and everyone has different ideas. If I stay home, I really miss it because I like to talk to customers. I like the kitchen."

The couple opened Biên Hòa Vietnamese & Chinese Cuisine, 560 Hwy. 79, Ste. A-600, June 28,

2005, a couple of years after helping a relative move to Hutto.

Pham believed the area had great potential for business and no one offered Asian food.

Popular appetizers include the egg roll (\$1.25), which is served with a tangy sweet and sour sauce. Others prefer steamed or fried dumplings (\$4.99), which are filled with minced vegetables and pork.

Weekday lunch specials start at \$6.25 and come with soup, an egg roll and rice. Entrées include a wide range of Vietnamese and Chinese dishes.

Phở tái chín (\$6.99) is a traditional Vietnamese soup of beef broth, vermicelli noodles and thinly sliced round steak cuts served with a side of fresh vegetables.

Those who like bold, spicy flavors can try basil shrimp (\$9.25), a Chinese stir-fry of steamed shrimp, snow peas, sprigs of fresh basil, mushrooms and sliced jalapeños in a brown garlic sauce. A double portion of steamed rice is served on the side.

Pham picked a combination Vietnamese-Chinese restaurant because it's what he knows

best—his mother is Chinese, his father is from Vietnam.

"We know both cultures, so that's why we decided to offer both foods," Pham said. "The restaurant is named for my dad's hometown city where I grew up."

The Dong Nai River cradles Biên Hòa in the south of Vietnam. During the Vietnam War, the Biên Hòa Air Base and Long Binh military base were major centers for U.S. forces. Today, the city of about 3 million people is also known for its global manufacturing industry and waterfront.

As a child, Pham heard the roar of military jet engines every day and spent a lot of time near the river. And even now, family is not far away.

Pham meets with his brother at least once a week to talk shop. They discuss food quality, supply problems and share successes.

"The cost of food, cost of retail space [are] my top concerns today, it's a tough one to deal with inflation," he said. "We discuss and help each other decide on things we don't know. We depend on family, so we always stick together."

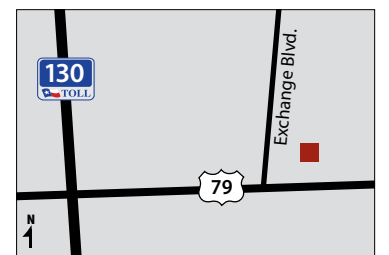
### A guide to traditional foods and condiments

Some diners avoid some Vietnamese dishes because they are unfamiliar with them or don't know how to eat them.

**Bun** is a Vietnamese dish of hot vermicelli noodles layered over a bed of lettuce and topped with a choice of stir-fried meat or spring rolls.

**Cà phê sữa đá** is a Vietnamese iced coffee drink. A shot of chicory coffee is poured into a drip filter over condensed milk in a short glass. Diners remove the filter, mix the coffee and milk, then pour it into a tall glass filled with ice.

**Phở**, a traditional Vietnamese soup, is a beef broth served with vermicelli noodles, choice of meat and a side of fresh vegetables, usually bean sprouts, sliced jalapeños and sprigs of mint and cilantro.



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At the Capitol | Constitutional amendments on the Nov. 3 ballot

By Patrick Brendel

Texas legislators proposed 11 amendments to the Texas Constitution for voters to consider in the Nov. 3 election. Each amendment was approved by at least two-thirds of the House and Senate.

The constitution has been amended 456 times since 1876. In 2007, voters passed all 16 of the amendments on the ballot.

County officials said they expect voter turnout to be very low this fall, as there are no public offices up for election. Williamson County Deputy Elections Administrator Kay Eastes said this election may have an especially low turnout because in most areas there are not even bond issues up for consideration.

Different cities and school districts often have their own ballot issues, but this November, all of Williamson County—with the exception of the City of Hutto, which has bond items and charter amendments on its ballot—will have the same ballot with the 11 proposed amendments to the state constitution.

Information for voters

What do I need to vote?

Registered voters can vote with a voter registration card, driver's license or any official photo ID, birth certificate, United States citizenship papers or passport, a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement or other official document that shows the name and address of the voter.

Do I need a voter registration card?

Bringing the card will help both you and others in line by speeding the process. If you do not have your card, you will be asked for a driver's license or other form of positive identification.

What if I'm not sure if I am a registered voter, or I don't know my precinct number?

Williamson County voters should visit [www.wilco.org/elections](http://www.wilco.org/elections) for information on registration status, precinct number or the voting process.

How much will this election cost the county?

The election will cost Williamson County approximately \$232,000.

Early voting locations

Oct. 19-24 • 8 a.m.-6 p.m.  
 Oct. 26-30 • 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

**Main location**  
 Williamson County Inner Loop Annex,  
 301 SE Inner Loop, Georgetown

**Georgetown**  
 Parks and Recreation Administration Building,  
 1101 N. College St.  
 Sun City Social Center, 2 Texas Drive

**Hutto**  
 Hutto City Hall, 401 Front St.

**Taylor**  
 Taylor City Hall, 400 Porter St.

Amendment 1

Allow cities and counties to issue bonds or notes to buy land to create buffer zones around military bases. (State lawmakers would have to pass subsequent legislation enabling the act to take effect.)

**Ballot language:**  
 "The constitutional amendment authorizing the financing, including through tax increment financing, of the acquisition by municipalities and counties of buffer areas or open spaces adjacent to a military installation for the prevention of encroachment or for the construction of roadways, utilities, or other infrastructure to protect or promote the mission of the military installation."

Amendment 2

Require home appraisals to be based on the current value of the property, rather than the potential value of the property if used for a different purpose. Current law pegs appraisals on the "highest and best use" of the property.

**Ballot language:**  
 "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the ad valorem taxation of a residence homestead solely on the basis of the property's value as a residence homestead."

Amendment 3

Give the state authority to enforce uniform property appraisal standards and procedures. (The State Legislature has not enacted enabling legislation.)

**Ballot language:**  
 "The constitutional amendment providing for uniform standards and procedures for the appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes."

Amendment 4

Establish the National Research University Fund to encourage the development of more Tier One universities. A total of seven schools would be eligible for funding.

**Ballot language:**  
 "The constitutional amendment establishing the national research university fund to enable emerging research universities in this state to achieve national prominence as major research universities and transferring the balance of the higher education fund to the national research university fund."

Amendment 5

Allow the consolidation of appraisal review boards. Most Texas counties have a single appraisal district, but some counties share districts.

**Ballot language:**  
 "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to authorize a single board of equalization for two or more adjoining appraisal entities that elect to provide for consolidated equalizations."

Amendment 6

Renew the Veterans' Land Board bond authority. More than \$2 billion in funding would become available.

**Ballot language:**  
 "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue general obligation bonds in amounts equal to or less than amounts previously authorized."

Amendment 7

Allow members of the Texas State Guard to hold civil office. It would take effect Jan. 10.

**Ballot language:**  
 "The constitutional amendment to allow an officer or enlisted member of the Texas State Guard or other state militia or military force to hold other civil offices."

Amendment 8

Authorize the state to contribute resources to veterans' hospitals. Similar legislation—not contingent on this amendment—already took effect June 19.

**Ballot language:**  
 "The constitutional amendment authorizing the state to contribute money, property, and other resources for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of veterans hospitals in this state."

Amendment 9

Establish a constitutional right to use and access public beaches. It would not change current practices, but would put the Texas Open Beaches Act into the constitution.

**Ballot language:**  
 "The constitutional amendment to protect the right of the public, individually and collectively, to access and use the public beaches bordering the seaward shore of the Gulf of Mexico."

Amendment 10

Allow elected commissioners of emergency service districts to serve four-year terms instead of two. It would affect Harris County and boards located in more than one county. Commissioners of Travis County ESDs are appointed rather than elected.

**Ballot language:**  
 "The constitutional amendment to provide the elected members of governing boards of emergency services districts may serve terms not to exceed four years."

Amendment 11

Restrict the use of eminent domain to taking property for public purposes.

**Ballot language:**  
 "The constitutional amendment to prohibit the taking, damaging, or destroying of private property for public use unless the action is for the ownership, use, and enjoyment of the property by the State, a political subdivision of the State, the public at large, or entities granted the power of eminent domain under law or for the elimination of urban blight on a particular parcel of property, but not for certain economic development or enhancement of tax revenue purposes, and to limit the legislature's authority to grant the power of eminent domain to an entity."

Election Day Voting Nov. 3 • 7 a.m.-7p.m.

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Pct. 421 • Taylor City Hall, 400 Porter St.

Pct. 427 • First United Methodist Church, 907 W. Lake Drive

Pct. 428 • Trinity Lutheran Church, 3505 N. Main St.

Pct. 429 • 10th Street United Methodist Church, 410 W. Tenth St.

Pct. 456 • Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 113 Dickey St.

**Hutto**

Pct. 420 • Hutto Elementary School, 100 Mager Lane

Pct. 424 • Forest Creek Elementary School, 3805 Forest Creek, Round Rock

Pct. 426 • Hutto City Hall, 401 W. Front St.

**Georgetown**

Pct. 142/367 • First United Methodist Church, 410 E. University Ave.

Pct. 168 • Calvary Christian Center, 1351 FM 1460

Pct. 301/371 • Georgetown ISD Administration Building, 603 Lakeway Drive

Pct. 302 • Georgetown Country Club, 1500 Country Club Road

Pct. 305 • Ford Elementary School, 210 Woodlake Drive

Pct. 308/369 • County Central Maintenance Facility, 3151 SE Inner Loop

Pct. 311 • Jonah Community Center, 40 CR 126

Pct. 314 • San Gabriel Community Center, 445 E. Morrow St.

Pct. 332 • Georgetown Airport Terminal Building, 500 Terminal Drive

Pct. 343/345 • First Baptist Church, 1333 W. University Ave.

Pct. 357 • Parks and Recreation Administration Building, 1101 N. College St.

Pct. 370 • Grace Episcopal Church, 1314 E. University Ave.

Pct. 379 • Berry Creek Country Club, 30500 Berry Creek Drive

Pct. 381/394/396/399 • Sun City Social Center, 2 Texas Drive

Pct. 392 • Village Elementary School, 400 Village Commons Blvd.

Pct. 395 • Wellspring United Methodist Church, 6200 Williams Drive

For more information on voting locations, visit [www.wilco.org/elections](http://www.wilco.org/elections).

## City of Hutto bond propositions

### Proposition 1

#### \$8.5 million for transportation projects

- Farley, Taylor, East, West and Metcalf streets will be widened by installing a curb-and-gutter system. The change will make room for on-street parking, sidewalks, and landscaping.
- Mager Lane will receive curb and gutter, sidewalks and a continuous turn lane.
- Center turn lanes will be added to Front Street at the intersection of Jim Cage Lane and Front Street.
- Sidewalks will be installed on FM 1660 near Farley Middle and Ray Elementary schools.

### Proposition 2

#### \$3.3 million for Fritz Park, future parks, park facilities and open space acquisition

- Fritz Park would receive new internal walking paths, a concession stand, fan seating, press boxes and restroom facilities. Existing football and baseball fields would be reoriented so visitors can access different parts of the park easily.
- The money would also fund new picnic pad sites, playground equipment, trails, park entrance, road, concession stand, bleachers and press boxes. The existing tennis courts, now used to store parks and recreation department equipment, would also be reopened for game play.

### Proposition 3

#### \$6 million for a sports complex

- City officials are reviewing several potential sites for the six soccer and five baseball/softball fields proposed, including one site adjacent to the Williamson County Landfill that could be donated or favorably leased to the city by the county, said Mike Hemker, parks and recreation department director.

### Proposition 4

#### \$5 million for a recreation center

- The YMCA of Williamson County approached the city about a recreation center partnership, said city finance manager Micah Grau. The terms of the agreement have not been finalized, he said, but could include a situation in which the city builds the proposed 25,000 sq. ft. facility with an indoor swimming pool then leases it to the YMCA to operate.



Rendering of proposed baseball field improvements

## City charter amendments

### Proposition 2

- Currently, Hutto's charter does not allow family members of the mayor or council members to serve in unpaid positions for the city, such as on an advisory board. This amendment would change the language to read that family members may not be employed by the city.

### Proposition 1

- This amendment would change council member and mayor terms from two years to three years and provide a method for the transition.
- Council members in Places 1, 4 and 5 will draw lots to determine which member will serve until 2012. The other two members will be up for election in 2011.
- Places 2, 3 and 6, which are up for election in 2010, will also draw lots to decide one place that will serve a two-year term—from 2010 to 2012.
- The position of mayor will begin three-year terms with the 2010 election.

### Proposition 3

- The final charter amendment proposes that the city carry blanket crime coverage for any city employee who handles money, meaning the city would have insurance against theft by the covered employees.

Source: Debbie Chelf, Hutto city secretary/records management officer



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Michael J. Smith was sworn in to city council place 4 June 18.

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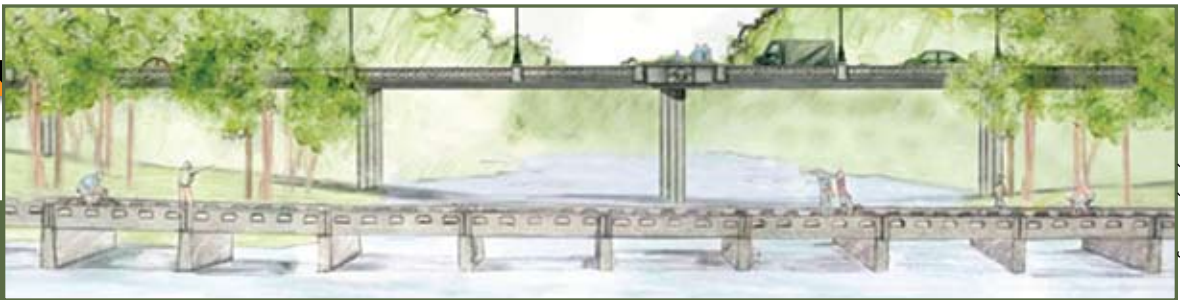
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# Transportation Report | Georgetown bridge projects

By Beth Wade

## College Street Bridge



Courtesy City of Georgetown

A rendering of College Street Bridge and the low water crossing

The city of Georgetown is building a new bridge to replace the Morrow Street low water crossing in San Gabriel Park. The low water crossing could become part of the city's trail system once the project is completed.

- Timeline: Expected completion in July
- Cost: Approximately \$5 million; TxDOT is providing approximately \$5 million in funding, and the city has provided approximately \$500,000 in matching and engineering funds.
- Funding sources: City of Georgetown; Texas Department of Transportation



Courtesy Aguirre & Fields LP

Workers erect the beams on the College Street Bridge in August

## Oak Tree Drive Bridge



The city is also building a new bridge over Berry Creek to replace the Oak Tree Drive low water crossing. While the bridge is under construction, traffic has been detoured to Shell Spur and Logan Ranch road.

- Timeline: Expected to be complete in January
- Cost: \$1.2 million
- Funding source: City of Georgetown



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## Community Corridor | Second Street Taylor



Second Street is the portion of Hwy. 79 that lies inside the loop in Taylor. Also referred to at the state level as Business Hwy. 79, it intersects Main Street (Hwy. 95) near downtown and is lined by a variety of businesses, restaurants, industrial companies and automobile dealerships. The city is scheduled to take over maintenance of the road from the Texas Department of Transportation when a major construction project concludes in mid-2011. When construction is complete, the road will no longer be called Business Hwy. 79.

### Businesses

**1 Burrows Cabinets** has been in business since 1971 and moved to Taylor in 2006. The company manufactures and sells cabinets from a 140,000 sq. ft. warehouse located at 1353 W. Second St. Call 352-8600 or visit [www.burrowscabinets.com](http://www.burrowscabinets.com).

**2 Floyd's Glass Company** has been serving Central Texas for more than half a century. Owner Floyd Zuehlke Sr. purchased the Taylor Glass Company in 1954 and runs the company with his son, Floyd Zuehlke Jr. The company specializes in projects ranging from commercial and residential glass installation to automobile glass

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**3 Taylor Bedding Company** is located at 601 W. Second St. The company employs approximately 80 people and makes more than 1,000 mattresses every day. Mattresses manufactured in Taylor are sold in Texas and in five surrounding states. Call 352-6334 or visit [www.taylorbedding.com](http://www.taylorbedding.com).

**4 Taylor Meat Company** has been in Taylor since 1947 and at its current location since 1974. This USDA-inspected facility is open to the public and offers brisket, ham, ribs, smoked hams and turkeys, cheeses, jerky and more than 50 types of sausage. Deer processing is also available. The retail counter—which also features a variety of dry rubs—is open from 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday. Call 352-6357 or visit [www.taylormeats.com](http://www.taylormeats.com).

### Restaurants

**5 Randy's Ice House**  
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**6 Louie Mueller Barbecue**  
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**7** The former Mikeska's Bar-B-Q building, 300 W. Second St., is undergoing renovations and will be home to **El Corral Lozano**. The local Mexican food restaurant is currently located at 221 W. Fourth Street. The relocation is planned for early October. Call 352-3728.

### Transportation

The City of Taylor and Williamson County are planning improvements to Second Street. The total cost estimate is \$18 million to \$20 million, of which \$14.2 million will be contributed by Williamson County. Improvements to Second Street will include upgrades to utilities, drainage, and the addition of turn lanes at Sloan and Howard streets.



**5 Randy's Ice House**



**7 New location of El Corral Lozano**



**2 Floyd's Glass Company**



**4 Taylor Meat Company**

## Nonprofit Profile | Humane Society of Williamson County



Moose, a 5-year-old Beagle mix, has been in the shelter since June.

By Kathryn Eakens

Founded in 1979, the Humane Society of Williamson County began with a foster home program and a small group of volunteers with the vision of a community where every pet has a lifetime home.

Thirty years later, HSWC is still working to improve the lives of pets and people in Williamson County—now with more than 300 volunteers, eight full-time and six part-time employees, and a facility situated on 22 acres in Leander.

In celebration of the organization's anniversary, HSWC is planning a free, family-friendly party and adoption reunion Oct. 25 that will include music, food and activities for both humans and canines.

"We would love for all our adopters to come back and bring their pets," HSWC Director Juliana DeRosa said, "and, of course, anyone who's interested in adopting."

A nonprofit organization, HSWC receives no government funding and is supported entirely by donations, grants and fees for services.

"We performed 158 adoptions in August, which is amazing considering how small our staff is," DeRosa said. "The volunteers really make this possible."

DeRosa has served as HSWC director since December 2008, but she began her association with the organization two years prior as a volunteer.

"This is my true passion. When the position of director opened, I felt I could finally have that marriage between what I love to do and making a living," DeRosa said. "I also think it was important that I knew the organization from a different perspective. I was a volunteer during the 'darker days' when we were charged with euthanizing animals if we could not find homes for them. So that really cemented my passion to be part of a no-kill organization."

A no-kill shelter since early 2007—when the Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter took over the county's

animal control contract—HSWC works to reduce the burden on the area's municipal shelters by transferring animals into its adoption program.

"We work closely with the Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter, which brings in phenomenal numbers of strays, as well as owner surrenders," DeRosa said. "We pull animals from the regional shelter as well as Town Lake and Pflugerville and Georgetown—all the surrounding areas. We try to get out and help as many animals as we can, but our main focus is on the Williamson County area."

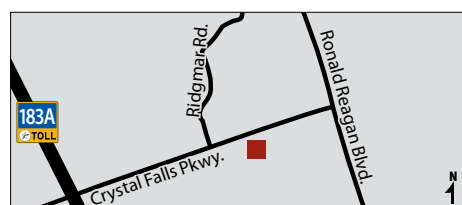
In addition to conducting adoptions and offering temporary shelter for homeless dogs and cats, HSWC also runs low-cost vaccinations and spay and neuter clinics for the public and gives educational tours and presentations to area schools and community groups.

"No one has to suffer through a single unwanted litter," DeRosa said. "No animal needs to be in a shelter—mine or anyone else's."



Tiger, a 3-year-old Tabby, has been in the shelter since February.

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## Community Profiles | Airport managers

Interviews by Suzanne Haberman

### What are the key responsibilities of an airport manager?

An airport manager is a property manager. The airport is 600 acres of city-owned property with city-owned buildings and leased buildings on it. I maintain the grounds, make sure the runways are properly maintained, keep up with all the ground leases and maintain the buildings the city owns. We also operate the terminal building and the fuel sales.

### How has the airport changed since you started?

The commercial airport was at Mueller in downtown Austin, and there was a large general aviation airport in Pflugerville called Austin Executive. Most of the general aviation business activity took place in those two airports.

But in about 1990, they decided to move the Austin Mueller to the [Austin-] Bergstrom [International Airport] and within six months, Austin Executive was bought and the airport was closed. So within a

six-month period, 300 to 400 general aviation airplanes were displaced. They had no home because when the City of Austin made the move to the Bergstrom site, they made no provisions for general aviation airplanes. So we grew rather rapidly.

### Are you a pilot or would you want to become one?

I've thought about it, but I guess you really have to have a desire to fly and I never have. I enjoy what I do on the ground, and that's enough for me.

### Are there features of the airport that are moneymakers for the city?

The [Federal Aviation Administration] grant assurances stipulate that any revenue generated on the airport must be used on the airport. So we couldn't take excess revenues and put it in the city's general fund.

The city has no problem doing it because it helps them keep the airport maintained and well run.

### What businesses survive because the airport is here?

None of those businesses [such as flight schools] would be possible without an airport because their businesses depend on airplanes. The only way their customers can get here is [to] fly in. They're called fixed-base operators because they are businesses that have a permanent base of operation on the airport.

### Has the weak economy affected the airport?

Our fuel sales are down as much as 20 percent. They've come back up, but sales tax revenues are down just like they are anywhere else. But so far, we have still managed to operate in the black.

### How many flights are there a day?

First of all, an operation is either a take off or a landing. Airports talk about operations and it can be either/or. And we do about 64,000 operations a year. It is about 180 operations a day.



### Travis McLain

**Georgetown Municipal Airport manager**

**Became airport manager:** Sept. 18, 1985

**Previous work experience:** Owned and operated a truck stop in El Paso

**Education:** Bachelor of Science in agricultural engineering from Texas Tech University

**Contact information:** 930-3666  
tmclain@georgetowntx.org

### Why are you, as director of public works, also the airport manager?

Public works deals with all of the amenities that the airport would have, or all the maintenance parts that make up that airport.

Due to the demand [of that facility] you need multiple divisions to address it, and public works is a multiple conglomerate.

### What makes the Taylor Municipal Airport unique among comparable airports?

You're right there at 130, the toll way, and then IH 35 and Highway 79. It's just a really handy, sizable airport that can be used for a number of different usages out there. Plus we have the cheapest gas around.

### What is the biggest challenge of the airport today?

Right now, it's getting a GPS. The penetrations [obstructions surrounding the

runways] will have to be addressed. Once we get the clearance from the TxDOT Aviation Division and the FAA, we'll be able to get the GPS. Then the pilots will basically be able to fly blindfolded.

### Has the weak economy affected the airport?

We've seen a little bit of the fuel sales being down. But other than that, it seems like it's held up. We haven't experienced a great deal of bad fuel sales. We're still averaging, around every 28 to 32 days, a load of fuel coming in and out of there. It hasn't had that great of an impact.

### What do you want residents to know about the airport?

That it's a really great place for the community just to watch the flights [as] various types of planes come in and out of there. It's a very interesting, educational training ground for children to bring them out there and let them come out and see.

### What is the role of the airport advisory board?

They make recommendations to [the city] council on a more, hands-on level. At this time, no one on council is an aircraft pilot. All these guys either fly or they are aircraft mechanics.

They understand the desires and the needs of that airport because they're familiar with the day-to-day demands or needs.

### Since you started, what accomplishment are you most proud of at the airport?

The new hangars, for one thing—they were more than \$1 million [each]—and the construction on that. Fuel sales were showing a negative before I got here, and now it's in the positive. Overall, filling all the hangar rentals. We have a list of more than 30 people right now. If I had another 60 hangars, I guarantee I could fill them, too, with no problem.



### Danny Thomas

**City of Taylor director of public works**

**Hired:** June 12, 2007

**Previous work experience:** Employed by the cities of Corsicana, Cockrell Hill, McKinney and DeSoto

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Inside Information
 | Flu prevention

By Suzanne Haberman

The seasonal flu vaccine became available Sept. 1, and the H1N1, also known as swine flu, vaccine will be available in mid- to late October. The Texas flu season typically runs from November to May, but the Texas Department of State Health Services is encouraging citizens to prepare by staying informed and taking preventative measures.

As for concerns regarding H1N1, health officials assure that most people will be able to deal with the infection in the same way as the seasonal flu.

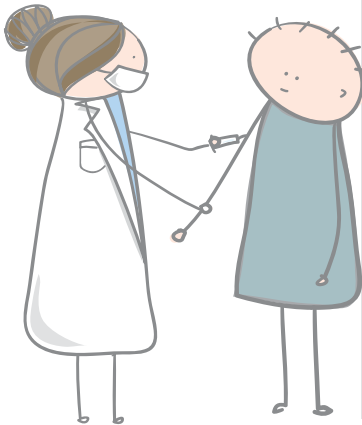
“I think it’s important that people not panic about this,” said Dr. Jim Donovan, chief medical officer at St. David’s Georgetown Hospital. “This is very much like the seasonal flu that we see every year.”

Scope of H1N1

Official reports that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention gathered between April 15 and July 24 indicated that there were 47,333 confirmed and probable cases reported in the United States.

The virus mostly affected individuals between the ages of 4 and 24 years, the group historically least affected by seasonal influenza. Out of the U.S. Census Bureau’s estimated population of people between the ages of 4 and 24 years, an average of 24.6 people out of 100,000 reported being affected by H1N1.

Nationwide, 302 individuals died after contracting H1N1, though an analysis showed that underlying conditions were prevalent among those who were hospitalized and ultimately died.



*“It doesn’t matter whether you have H1N1 or seasonal flu. It is still the flu.”*

— Jennifer Jackson  
 WCCHD director of nurses

Symptoms of seasonal flu and H1N1

- |                       |                       |
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| • Vomiting            | • Fatigue or weakness |
| • Diarrhea            | • Muscle pain         |
| • Fever               | • Runny nose          |
| • Cough               | • Headache            |
| • Shortness of breath | • Wheezing            |
| • Sore throat         |                       |
| • Chills              |                       |

*“From a clinical point of view, most clinicians would be really hard pressed to see any difference at all between [the symptoms of seasonal flu and H1N1].”*

— Dr. Jim Donovan  
 Chief medical officer at St. David’s Georgetown Hospital

Seek medical help

- When symptoms last for more than seven to 10 days
- When there are underlying health conditions
- When symptoms are accompanied by increasing, extreme weakness

*“Most people recover and do fine completely on their own without seeking medical help.”*

— Jennifer Jackson  
 WCCHD director of nurses

Vaccinations

Influenza

- One vaccination per year available as of Sept. 1

H1N1

- Vaccinations may be available in mid- to late October

*“Anyone who is comfortable taking a regular seasonal flu vaccine ought to be comfortable taking the H1N1 vaccine.”*

— Dr. Jim Donovan  
 Chief medical officer at St. David’s Georgetown Hospital



First candidates for vaccinations

Influenza

- Children 6 months to 18 years
- Adults 50 years or older
- Women who are pregnant
- Individuals with medical conditions or weak immune systems
- Health care providers and caregivers of infants to children 5 years

H1N1

- Children 6 months to 18 years
- Adults 19 to 24 years
- Adults between 25 and 64 years with medical conditions or weak immune systems
- Women who are pregnant
- Healthcare providers and caregivers of children younger than 6 months

Universal precautions

- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing and throw it away after use, or cough or sneeze into the crook of the elbow.
- Wash hands with soap and water or use alcohol-based hand cleaners.
- Avoid touching the eyes, nose and mouth where germs spread.
- Stay home from work or school for seven days after the onset of flu symptoms.

Flu seminar

Scott & White Memorial Hospital’s Dr. Bob Fader presents information and question and answer sessions regarding H1N1 and seasonal flu.

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Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Dr. Jim Donovan, chief medical officer at St. David’s Georgetown Hospital; Jennifer Jackson, director of nurses at the Williamson County and Cities Health District

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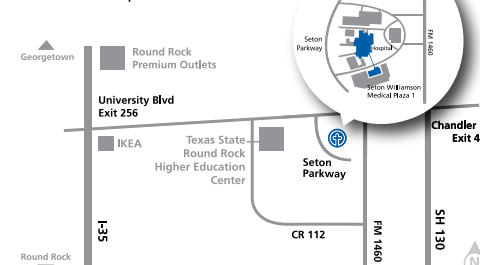
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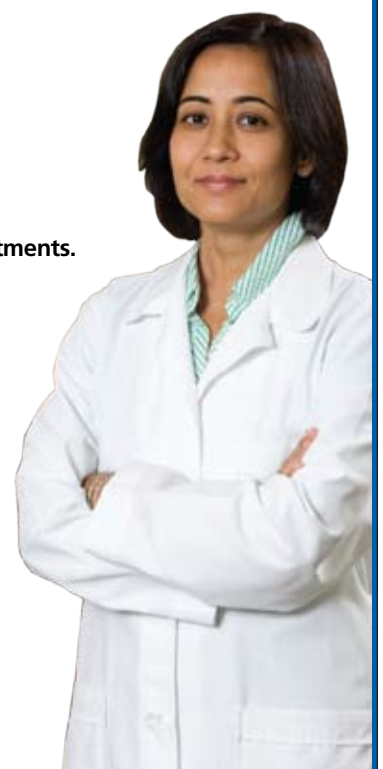
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## Regional Report | Abridged stories from our other editions

### Top Stories

#### Leander ISD, Williamson County consider waiving tax on certain inventory

**Cedar Park/Leander** From a business standpoint, the economic development teams in Cedar Park and Leander want to make sure their cities are attractive to businesses.

One factor that might be a hindrance is a tax paid by companies that manufacture or process goods for export out of the state.

As it stands, both cities are often left out of the running when such businesses are examining prospective sites. But Williamson County officials and the Leander ISD board of trustees will likely decide this fall to change that by waiving a tax on inventories.

Freeport exemption would lower the amount of property taxes that several existing businesses in LISD now pay on

certain types of inventory, said Phil Brewer, economic development director for Cedar Park.

Though Cedar Park and Leander offer the exemption to these companies, the county and school district do not. That can make it tougher to recruit businesses, and thus jobs, to the area, Brewer said.

Triple Freeport exemption—in which city, county and school district all waive the tax—would make the region much more appealing to new businesses. It would also eliminate a tax for existing businesses that very few states still collect, said Cynthia Long, Williamson County precinct 2 commissioner.

Though eliminating the tax would initially mean lower revenue for LISD and the county, the

difference would be made up in a couple of ways. For the district, a mix of state funding and direct payments from the existing companies would fill the gap.

The county would phase in its exemption gradually. Its tax revenues would return to former levels as new businesses move to the county and development increases. In time, tax revenue for all of the entities would likely increase as a result of a more business-friendly environment.

Brewer is in negotiations with a company whose president wants to move its operation to Cedar Park. But the other location the company is considering offers triple Freeport exemption.

Full story at [more.impactnews.com/5589](http://more.impactnews.com/5589)

#### Waterpark to slide into Pflugerville, could bring 300,000 guests yearly

**Pflugerville** Pflugerville could soon be home to a major entertainment destination for Central Texans. A large waterpark called Blu Bambu is proposed for the southwest corner of Pecan Street and Toll 130. It could open as soon as summer 2010 and is expected to attract more than 300,000 visitors annually.

Much larger than Volente Beach Waterpark but smaller than Schlitterbahn, Blu Bambu waterpark will feature a large wave pool, a stage for after-hours and off-season concerts, an action river, a longer lazy river, eight to 10 large water slides, activity areas for young children, sand volleyball courts and covered pavilions.

Texas-based entrepreneurs Jim Brisco and Steve Hanvey plan to

begin construction on the \$16 million project in November and hope to open the waterpark in May 2010. The project timeline is still being finalized.

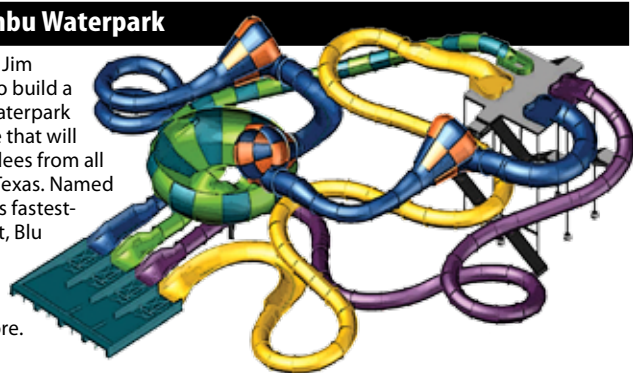
In the late 1990s, Brisco founded a nonprofit organization and helped secure state grants to fund the construction of Splashway Waterpark in Sheridan, Texas. It opened in

June 1998, but after operating the waterpark for three years, Brisco and his wife, Carolyn, left to focus on growing their Kyle, Texas-based business, Boulder Pools. Brisco and Hanvey met when Brisco built Hanvey's backyard pool and soon began discussing plans to build a waterpark together.

Full story at [more.impactnews.com/5457](http://more.impactnews.com/5457)

##### Blu Bambu Waterpark

Entrepreneur Jim Brisco plans to build a \$16 million waterpark in Pflugerville that will attract attendees from all over Central Texas. Named for the world's fastest-growing plant, Blu Bambu will feature water slides, wave pools and more.



### Business Profiles

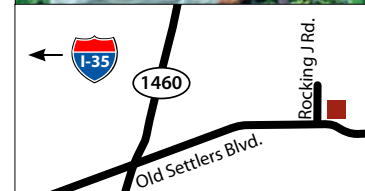
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**Round Rock** It is surprising to Ted Staub how little most people know about the plant life surrounding them every day. Luckily, he is always there to help.

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Staub has been sharing his knowledge of plants with those in the Austin area for 30 years.

"I think everyone that's in a business has his or her niche," Staub said. "I see strange plants and want to find out whether I can grow it or not. I like taking



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Snoopers first began at the intersection of IH 35 and Braker Lane as a companion to one of four pawnshops Staub owned at the time.

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Permenter's first published work involved a dog. *Reader's Digest* printed her story about how Peanut the dachshund—her childhood pet that became paralyzed—learned to walk again with the help of a duck.



Now, Permenter and Bigley's family includes Irie and Tiki, who inspired their human companions' website, [www.dogtipper.com](http://www.dogtipper.com).

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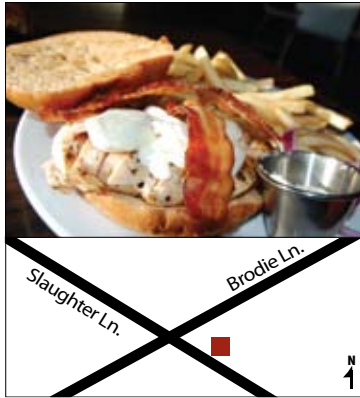
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**Southwest Austin** With a hip, modern vibe and a menu loaded with affordable, reimagined homemade classics, Galaxy Café has proven popular with locals, becoming a landmark of Austin casual dining over the past five years in business.

Founders Kelly Chappell and Chris Courtney worked together in management at Chuy's Comida Deluxe Inc., the company behind Chuy's, Hula Hut and Shady Grove, before leaving the company in 2004 to open the original Galaxy Café in south Austin at the intersection of Brodie and Slaughter lanes. Their former Chuy's colleague, Jay Bunda, joined as co-owner in 2006 with the opening of the Clarksville location.



All three locations have a minimalist Ikea chic feel, a far cry from the knickknack-laden look of the dining rooms in which the trio previously worked.

Galaxy has plenty of tempting offerings in the way of sandwiches, wraps and burgers.

Full story at [more.impactnews.com/5695](http://more.impactnews.com/5695)

**Morelia Mexican Grill** 920 Palm Valley Blvd.  
255-0511

**Round Rock** Israel Arreola has been working in restaurants since he was 13 years old, but his history in the kitchen began much earlier. His mother taught him how to make homemade tortillas, sauces from scratch and fajita meat so tender it can be cut with a fork. Arreola puts this knowledge into practice as owner of Morelia Mexican Grill.

At the original Morelia Mexican Café, which opened in Elgin in 2005, Arreola's parents have been serving up original recipes with the hands-on effort that makes their Mexican food pop with flavor. Everything is made to order, restaurant manager Joe Fuentes said.

When Arreola brought Morelia to Round Rock in January, he



decided to stick to the Mexican fare he learned to cook early in life. An eight-page menu—not including the separate wine list and dessert menu—shows how Arreola spices up the traditional.

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## Nonprofit Profile

**Youth Partnership for Change**  
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**Northwest Austin** Juan Garcia-Davis has seen firsthand what alcohol can do to a family. He lost a relative to liver failure and has seen marriages end and children separated as their parents battled alcoholism.

To do so, Garcia-Davis went to the offices of Youth Partnership for Change, a youth leadership and alcohol prevention program located in northwest Austin.

The program started in 2005 and is part of the nonprofit agency YouthLaunch, which has programs that address topics such as teen pregnancy prevention and youth development in east Austin.

Youth Partnership for Change



recruits students ages 16-21 to educate their peers on everything from how alcohol negatively affects brain development to the laws regarding underage drinking. The mission of the program is to build young leaders and to inform students of alcohol's consequences, said Myra Constable, the program coordinator of YPC.

Full story at [more.impactnews.com/5670](http://more.impactnews.com/5670)

## Community Icon

**Heather Long**

**Cedar Park** After graduating from Leander High School in 1990, Cedar Park resident Heather Long dreamed of one day becoming a lawyer. In 1997, she met her future husband, Cody. They married in 1998 and started a family. But her plans of finishing school to further her career changed after she and husband Cody lost their 5-year-old son to an undiagnosed disease.

Long is working with U.S. Rep. John Carter, R-District 31, to establish House Resolution 2538, the Charles August 'Cal' Long Undiagnosed Diseases Registry Act of 2009. The Act would provide for the establishment and maintenance of an undiagnosed diseases registry to facilitate the early recognition, prevention, treatment, cure and control of such diseases.



The bill was introduced to Congress May 21 and has been referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. Long is in constant contact with Carter's office and will continue campaigning for the bill.

For more information on HR 2538, visit [www.carter.house.gov](http://www.carter.house.gov).

Full story at [more.impactnews.com/5580](http://more.impactnews.com/5580)

## Community Impact

**Hoops consultant**

**Cedar Park** Rick Castle—a former men's and women's professional basketball coach in Australia and New Zealand—started **Coach Castle Basketball** in early September. Castle works in various recreation centers to offer a basketball skill development program for players of all ages and skill levels, including beginners, high school- and college-level coaching. Call 739-7844 or visit [www.coachcastlebbball.com](http://www.coachcastlebbball.com).



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# Budgets

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also considered the effective tax rate of 53.6358 cents per \$100 valuation before approving the same rate as last year.

## Taylor

New costs incurred this year, including a 29.6 percent increase in healthcare insurance costs, made for a tighter budget, said Taylor's finance director, Rosemarie Dennis.

The council approved the city's approximate \$10.65 million budget Sept. 3.

"We actually had to sit down two or three times and cut the budget back," Dennis said. "[The departments] give you their numbers and then you start whittling back."

Property values for the average homeowner decreased in Taylor from \$95,464 to \$93,712, which means the average city tax bill decreased \$13.85.

Along with the decrease in values, the city also saw a decrease in sales tax, Dennis said. To avoid decreasing city services, staff and council opted to freeze five positions and eliminate pay raises across the board.

To make up for increased utility costs, the city raised water rates by 10 percent, which is about \$350,000 of increased revenue. Some money from the utility fund is transferred to the general fund to cover utility-related costs.

"That was not unanticipated," Dunaway said. "Rosemarie gave [the council] a projection three years ago when we were

going to have to have water rate increases based on the issuance of debt for [water-related utility projects]. It came time to do so. The debt came online, and I guess it appears we did it to balance. More particularly it happened because of debt coming online."

## Hutto

City of Hutto residents could also see an increase in their utility bills. The council approved the increased revenue in the budget; however, the final reading of an ordinance for a 10 percent increase in water rates and a 20 percent increase in wastewater rates will be Oct. 15. The average water user consuming 7,000 gallons a month could pay approximately \$10 more a month.

While some utility rates may be increased, the approved tax rate could actually decrease the average homeowner's city tax bill. Average home values in 2009 fell from \$136,000 to \$132,000, equaling about \$24 less in city taxes per home, Finance Manager Micah Grau said.

After the city completes its audit of the past fiscal year, there is expected to be approximately \$700,000 that will be added to the 2010 budget.

"That money doesn't get thrown away; it gets rolled forward to the next year," Grau said. "You can see this every year. Looking back at fiscal year '08, you can see our revenues were less than our expenses, but we do the transfer and there is pretty much always money that rolls forward."

To make up some administrative costs,

the city transfers money from the utility fund to the general fund. This helps pay for utility billing and some salaries related to utilities, Grau said.

This year, the city will transfer approximately \$650,000, which will create a balanced budget, he said.

Some budget highlights include an average 2 percent merit pay increase, a 12 percent increase in health insurance costs and an increase from 18 to 19 percent for general fund reserves.

"That is a pretty big deal for us considering the way that the economy is," Grau said. "You see a lot of cities dipping into their reserves in times like this. We are still able to increase it slightly. We are trying to get up to 25 percent. That's our goal."

## Georgetown

Georgetown saw an approximate \$4,000 decrease in its average home value. The city council voted to maintain its 2008-2009 fiscal year tax rate, which means the average homeowner with a \$188,789 home could see a \$14.42 cent decrease on his or her tax bill, assistant finance director Laurie Brewer said.

The budget and tax rate went through several changes during the process, she said.

"The community is continuing to grow. It's always a challenge to balance the needs," Brewer said. "And we did have a bit of a decrease in our assessed valuations. Balancing that against the need to meet the service levels that our citizens expect was the biggest challenge."

The council approved using \$895,000 of

## Tax bill formula

To determine your tax bill

$$\frac{tr \times hv}{100} = \text{tax bill}$$

tr = tax rate  
hv = home value

For example, in Georgetown the average home value is \$188,789 and the tax rate for the city, school district and county equals \$2.13621. Using the equation, the average tax bill is \$4,032.93.

one-time money from existing funds to buy down debt service and keep the tax rate low.

"It was really a one-time fix," Brewer said. "It is really going to be another difficult budget year next year because we won't have the ability to do that again. It was one-time money—it wasn't excess revenues. It was just money we had in the bank, so we will have to look at how we are going to address that in next year's budget."

Like the other cities, Georgetown also increased a utility fee. The city will increase garbage rates by 30 cents for in-city customers and 45 cents for out-of-city customers. There will also be a 3.7 percent average commercial garbage rate increase.

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## Tax bills to go up under new Williamson County budget

By Melissa Mixon

Williamson County managed to keep a bare-bones budget while also adding eight new positions and giving more money to employees' retirement and health care, said Ashlie Koenig, the county's budget officer.

The county approved its \$121.2 million budget for 2009-10, along with an increased tax rate of 48.99 cents per \$100 of property value, Aug. 24. The tax rate is up from last year's rate of 46.83 cents—meaning that residents of average value homes could pay up to \$31.71 more this year on their tax bills.

The budget is about \$2 million less than last year's budget and is \$7 million less than what was

originally requested by county department heads.

"There were almost \$128 million in requests, and we cut those down substantially," Koenig said. "The major drivers were really on the employer's side. It was healthcare costs and retirement; things that were beyond their control."

Big cuts in the budget included: \$150,000 that would have gone toward constructing a building for an EMS vehicle at the Sam Bass Fire District fire station near Round Rock, \$50,000 in savings by dropping the county's membership to the Austin-San Antonio Intermunicipal Commuter Rail District, and \$133,000 in savings that would have been used for purchasing four new vehicles for the county's four constable offices.

## Breakdown:

- 2008-09 tax rate: 46.83 cents per \$100 of property value
- 2009-10 tax rate: 48.99 cents per \$100 of property value
- 2009-10 budget: \$121.2 million
- Impact to homeowners: The tax bill for owners of an average value home of \$183,548 will be \$899.38—\$31.71 more than last year's average tax bill.

## Where the money is going:

- \$7 million will go toward the county's retirement contribution to its employees. Last year, the county paid 10.9 percent and next year it will pay up to 11.4 percent, Koenig said.
- \$4 million will go to indigent care and health care for county employees
- \$530,258 will go toward filling eight new full-time positions. That amount includes costs of salaries and benefits.

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# Airports

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prime them to receive more funding and be attractive ports for business and tourism.

"Airports are expensive to maintain, and grants provide a great deal of money for capital projects and large maintenance and improvement projects at the airport," Travis McLain, Georgetown airport manager, said.

The Georgetown Municipal Airport received a \$660,000 federal grant to improve Runway 18/36. Two phases of renovations will help bring the runway to Federal Aviation Administration standards, which require purchasing approximately 3 acres of vacant land along each side of the runway to widen the south end of the field. The design project for phase one was bid in late September, McLain said.

The second phase, planned for 2011, requires an additional grant of \$2 million to rehabilitate the runway by removing obstructive trees and fences, refinishing the strip, improving access to hangars and adding lighting.

As a general aviation reliever airport, the Georgetown airport provides space for the privately owned and business aircraft that the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport cannot accommodate.

"The Georgetown airport has been critical to the aviation community after the closing of the Robert Mueller Airport because we lost so much of our general aviation capability," TxDOT Aviation Division Director

David Fulton said. "Many of the aircraft that were based at the old Austin airport relocated to Georgetown."

The Taylor Municipal Airport also received a \$250,000 TxDOT grant to remove obstructive power lines and trees from Runway 17/35. The city accepted the grant in July, and clearing has already begun. Upon completion, the airport could apply for a global positioning system.

"The GPS allows the pilots to fly in blind visually," said Bob van Til, director of community development in Taylor. "It's a level of sophistication at the airport that we need to be competitive."

Future grants could include \$5 million in funds to lengthen the runway to 5,000 feet, Danny Thomas, Taylor's public works director, said. The additional 1,000 feet would make it possible to land larger jets, such as those used by corporations.

"Extending the runway from 4,000 to 5,000 linear feet brings us up to a whole new class of aviation equipment that we can bring in here," Ford said. "That means that we can hopefully attract other types of investment in our community for companies that can afford that level of equipment."

## City match

Grants awarded by TxDOT Aviation Division require the city to match 10 percent of the grant's value. Both cities have met the match without tapping into city funds. In Georgetown, the \$33,000 required came from the airport's general fund, which is not the same as the city's general fund. The airport is a self-

sufficient enterprise and operates on funds collected from airplane fuel sales, leases and hangar rentals, McLain said.

"Our revenues exceed our expenditures each year so that when we have a large project come up that requires a match to a federal grant, we are able to pay the match," McLain said.

In Taylor, the 10 percent match totaled \$25,000, an amount that the TEDC stepped in to pay.

"That is one way for us to be able to help with offsetting the city's cost and provide matching funds," Ford said. "Our part in it is very small, but we hope at some point it will be very meaningful and significant [in attracting new businesses]."

## Economic impact

A study the TxDOT Aviation Division conducted in 2005 found that the Georgetown Municipal Airport's total economic activity—defined in the report as the sum of all direct and indirect economic activity, including benefits to on-site businesses

and visitor spending—equaled \$95.2 million annually. The Taylor Municipal Airport's total economic activity totaled \$4 million.

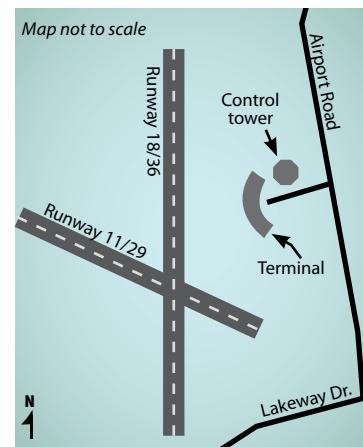
On-site spending takes place at Georgetown Municipal Airport's 22 fixed-base operators, or businesses that rent space on airport grounds. The Taylor Municipal Airport has four such businesses.

"The airport benefits directly from those [fixed-base operators] to help us maintain the airport so that it's viable and attractive and desirable so people would want to come here," McLain said.

Additionally, the economic benefits of airports extend beyond airport property in both Georgetown and Taylor.

"People fly into the airport, they do business in town, they stay in hotels, they eat in restaurants, they shop, and they go to Inner Space Caverns," McLain said. "So the city benefits in an indirect way from the airport."

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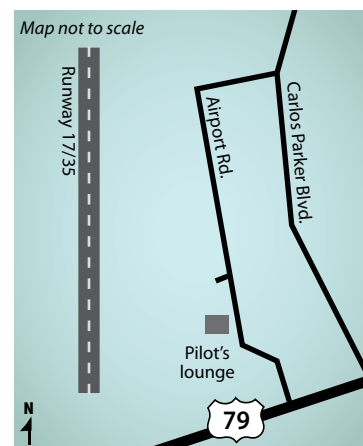
## Georgetown Municipal Airport

500 Terminal Drive  
930-3666

Acres: 600  
Runway 11/29 dimensions: 4,100 x 75 ft.  
Runway 18/36 dimensions: 5,000 x 100 ft.  
Primary use: General aviation  
Aircraft based on field: 216  
Average flights per day: 180  
Types of fuel sold: AvGas, jet fuel  
August monthly fuel sales: \$160,455  
Fixed-base operators: 22  
Source: Airport manager Travis McLain, [www.airnav.com](http://www.airnav.com)



An aircraft prepares to take off from the Taylor Municipal Airport in late September.



## Taylor Municipal Airport

303 Airport Road  
352-5747

Acres: 77  
Runway 17/35 dimensions: 4,000 x 75 ft.  
Primary use: General aviation  
Aircraft based on field: 11  
Average flights per day: 50  
Types of fuel sold: AvGas, jet fuel  
August monthly fuel sales: \$23,017.99  
Fixed-base operators: 4  
Source: Taylor public works director Danny Thomas, [www.airnav.com](http://www.airnav.com)

## Airport origins

### Georgetown

The Georgetown Municipal Airport opened in 1945 under the Army Corps of Engineers. Like many of the army-commissioned airports built during World War II, it was meant to serve as a training facility for military pilots; however, the war ended, and the army turned it over to the city soon after completion.

### Taylor

Owned by the city from the beginning, the Taylor Municipal Airport first opened as a grass landing strip in the late 1930s and was not paved until the 1970s. The first airport managers lived in the building that became the terminal while supervising day-to-day operations and running a business for aircraft maintenance and flight instruction.

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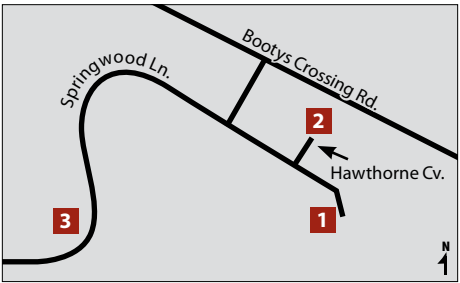
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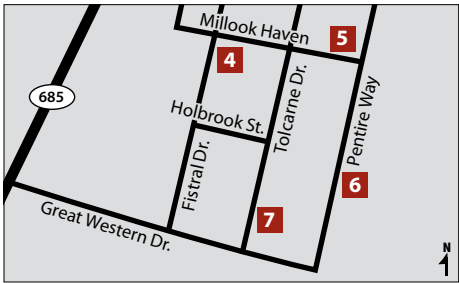
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Price range	No. of homes for sale			Avg. days on market		
	Georgetown	Hutto	Taylor	Georgetown	Hutto	Taylor
Less than \$100,000	8	6	28	141	114	81
\$100,000-\$149,900	83	73	40	89	73	86
\$150,000-\$199,900	140	43	11	100	101	92
\$200,000-\$299,900	148	18	7	85	80	103
\$300,000-\$399,900	95	6	3	138	162	112
\$400,000-\$499,900	55	2	-	145	122	-
\$500,000-\$749,900	43	4	-	130	130	-
\$750,000-\$999,900	8	3	-	205	102	-
\$1 million +	16	-	-	189	-	-

Monthly home sales

Month	No. of sales			Average price		
	Georgetown	Hutto	Taylor	Georgetown	Hutto	Taylor
Sept. 2009	81	45	19	\$212,878	\$143,601	\$98,555
Sept. 2008	75	36	13	\$218,189	\$152,839	\$112,584
Aug. 2009	92	36	12	\$227,333	\$144,234	\$88,616
July 2009	97	36	14	\$230,232	\$147,383	\$116,522
June 2009	76	31	10	\$268,404	\$143,418	\$123,560
May 2009	99	29	14	\$221,360	\$136,917	\$112,918
April 2009	64	30	16	\$218,163	\$153,741	\$105,759
March 2009	54	28	9	\$220,617	\$151,838	\$89,411
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78626	Georgetown	Crystal Knoll Terrace	105 Dogwood Drive	3br/2ba	\$134,900	1,588	Pat Crowley	Keller Williams Realty	635-6591
78626	Georgetown	East Lynn	1704 18th St.	3br/2ba	\$175,000	1,831	MaryEllen Kersch	J.B. Goodwin, Realtors	863-7174
78626	Georgetown	Glasscock	404 Ninth St.	3br/2ba	\$189,900	2,063	Patrick McGinley	Keller Williams Realty	784-2142
78626	Georgetown	Pinnacle	307 Precipice Way	3br/2ba	\$132,500	1,406	Susie Jones	ERA - Colonial Real Estate	818-7060
78626	Georgetown	Pinnacle	207 Avalanche Ave.	3br/2ba	\$129,900	1,357	Michelle Sheehan	Gaston & Sheehan Realty	251-4950
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78628	Georgetown	Berry Creek	30122 Saw Grass Trail	3br/2ba	\$287,500	2,963	Terri Butt	Keller Williams Realty	868-9839
78628	Georgetown	Berry Creek	117 Poppy Hills Drive	3br/3ba	\$435,000	3,726	Pete Martin	ERA - Colonial Real Estate	818-2015
78628	Georgetown	Logan Ranch	444 Logan Ranch Road	4br/2ba	\$600,000	2,751	Gary Cocanougher	ERA - Colonial Real Estate	773-3989
78628	Georgetown	Reata Trails	3411 Broken Spoke Trail	3br/2ba	\$114,965	1,334	Stuart Sutton	J.B. Goodwin, Realtors	844-3254
78628	Georgetown	Reata Trails	3317 Northwest Blvd.	3br/2ba	\$175,000	1,812	MaryEllen Kersch	J.B. Goodwin, Realtors	863-7174
78628	Georgetown	Reserve at Berry Creek	201 Cruden Cove	4br/4ba	\$714,000	4,983	Kiersty Lombar	Keller Williams Realty	439-3696
78628	Georgetown	River Bend	3028 Gabriel View Drive	3br/2ba	\$179,965	2,056	Stuart Sutton	J.B. Goodwin, Realtors	844-3254
78628	Georgetown	River Ridge	211 River Bow Drive	4br/2ba	\$230,000	2,308	Bill Morris	RE/MAX Capital City	744-4162
78628	Georgetown	San Gabriel Heights	504 Greenwood Drive	3br/2ba	\$242,500	2,713	Lauryl Kays	Urban Homes and Land	635-1001
78628	Georgetown	Sanaloma Estates	3209 Palo Duro Court	3br/2ba	\$169,900	1,413	Judith Copple	Keller Williams Realty	864-2500
78628	Georgetown	Serenada Country Estates	4004 Sequoia East Trail	4br/2ba	\$244,800	2,285	Diane Waters	Keller Williams Realty	657-4750
78628	Georgetown	Serenada East	704 Cavu Road	4br/2ba	\$199,000	2,200	Kiersty Lombar	Keller Williams Realty	439-3696
78628	Georgetown	Serenada East	1102 Serenada Drive	3br/2ba	\$128,000	1,054	Lena Lansdale	Keller Williams Realty	818-0229
78628	Georgetown	Serenada East	4204 Luna Trail	3br/2ba	\$189,900	1,975	Candi Smith	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	426-5958
78628	Georgetown	Serenada West	309 Las Plumas Drive	4br/3ba	\$279,900	3,206	Donald W. Dungan	Keller Williams Realty	439-3628
78628	Georgetown	Sierra Vista	403 Debora Drive	4br/2ba	\$178,500	1,957	Melissa McDonald	C&G Summit Realty	422-6332
78628	Georgetown	Texas Traditions	120 Sabine	2br/2ba	\$159,900	1,395	Pete Martin	ERA - Colonial Real Estate	818-2015
78628	Georgetown	Turtle Bend	102 Turtle Bnd	3br/2ba	\$169,000	1,672	Judith Copple	Keller Williams Realty	864-2500
78628	Georgetown	Whitetail	155 Deer Draw St.	3br/2ba	\$289,000	2,270	K. C. Whetstone	Keller Williams Realty	431-1222
78628	Georgetown	Whitetail	112 Faubion Drive	3br/2ba	\$339,000	2,070	Tommi Larrison	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	630-5777
78628	Georgetown	Williams	807 Garden Meadow Drive	3br/2ba	\$119,000	1,336	Annette Wilson	RE/MAX Centx Assoc.	930-4663
78633	Georgetown	Estates of Westlake	215 Whispering Springs Lane	4br/4ba	\$524,900	3,111	Paula Thomas	Prudential Texas Realty	818-1717
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78633	Georgetown	Georgetown Village	611 Westbury Lane	3br/2ba	\$229,000	2,358	Kiersty Lombar	Keller Williams Realty	439-3696
78633	Georgetown	Georgetown Village	122 Village Commons Blvd..	3br/2ba	\$169,900	1,972	Tim Kress	RE/MAX Capital City	719-5555
78633	Georgetown	North Lake	205 Harbor Drive	3br/2ba	\$193,500	1,456	Misty Daniels	RE/MAX Round Rock	934-0130
78633	Georgetown	Shady Oaks Estates	236 Oak Branch Drive	4br/3ba	\$445,000	3,141	Judith Copple	Keller Williams Realty	864-2500
78633	Georgetown	Shady Oaks Estates	209 Buena Vista Drive	4br/3ba	\$459,900	3,272	Lea Ann Dorsett	Keller Williams Realty	281-797-0917
78633	Georgetown	Sun City Georgetown	114 Larkspur Lane	2br/2ba	\$160,000	1,310	Freddy Nunnery	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	635-0909
78633	Georgetown	Sun City Georgetown	150 Portsmouth Drive	2br/2ba	\$135,000	1,397	Sherri Revier	ERA - Colonial Real Estate	769-6000
78633	Georgetown	Sun City Georgetown	212 River Rock Drive	3br/2ba	\$317,950	2,254	Pokey Delwaide	ERA - Colonial Real Estate	818-9300
78633	Georgetown	Sun City Georgetown	108 Whitewing Way	2br/1ba	\$123,000	980	Shawn Monshaugen	Keller Williams Realty	663-4686
78633	Georgetown	Sun City Georgetown	100 Montley Trail	2br/2ba	\$172,500	1,310	Judith Copple	Keller Williams Realty	864-2500
78633	Georgetown	Sun City Georgetown	104 Everest Court	3br/2ba	\$265,500	2,112	Bryan Webb	Keller Williams Realty	415-7379
78633	Georgetown	Sun City Georgetown	109 Bee Creek Court	2br/2ba	\$349,000	2,254	Derwood Crocker	Keller Williams Realty	818-9074
78633	Georgetown	Sun City Georgetown	405 Dawson Trail	3br/2ba	\$229,500	2,048	Pokey Delwaide	ERA - Colonial Real Estate	818-9300
78633	Georgetown	Sun City Georgetown	103 Peach Blossom Circle	2br/2ba	\$229,500	1,850	Pokey Delwaide	ERA - Colonial Real Estate	818-9300
78633	Georgetown	Sun City Georgetown	207 Cider Orchard Cove	3br/2ba	\$358,000	2,750	Charlotte Hohensee	RE/MAX Centx Assoc.	868-7248
78633	Georgetown	Woodlake	243 Woodlake Drive	3br/2ba	\$159,900	1,700	Vici MacIntosh	Goldwasser Real Estate	918-1045
78634	Hutto	Creek Bend	112 Whirling Eddy Cove	4br/2ba	\$160,000	2,340	Lisa Salinas-Gruver	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	423-5781
78634	Hutto	Creekside Estates	527 Meadowside Drive	3br/2ba	\$131,900	1,517	Monica DiSchiano	Best Agents in Texas	923-5242
78634	Hutto	Enclave at Brushy Creek	1313 Reagan Wells Drive	3br/2ba	\$189,000	2,697	Jacci Anders	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	784-1120
78634	Hutto	Garden Park	214 Spring Garden Drive	3br/2ba	\$79,000	1,370	Rina Peiffer	Keller Williams Realty	791-0212
78634	Hutto	Glenwood	1009 Steward Drive	3br/2ba	\$96,900	1,131	Charlotte Aceituno	Keller Williams Realty	439-6798
78634	Hutto	Huttoparke	108 Flinn St.	3br/2ba	\$92,000	1,320	Knolly Williams	Keller Williams Realty	732-3825
78634	Hutto	Huttoparke	224 Wegstrom St.	3br/2ba	\$138,900	1,924	David Durham	Keller Williams Realty	695-7910
78634	Hutto	Huttoparke	109 Phillips St.	4br/3ba	\$149,500	2,464	Gary Cocanougher	ERA - Colonial Real Estate	773-3989
78634	Hutto	Lakeside Estates	116 Little Lake Road	4br/2ba	\$129,900	1,528	Deborah Johnson	Keller Williams Realty	293-4228
78634	Hutto	Legends of Hutto	301 Legends of Hutto Trail	3br/2ba	\$144,250	1,873	Christopher Schepcoff	Keller Williams Realty	825-9177
78634	Hutto	Legends of Hutto	233 Kerley Drive	4br/2ba	\$132,000	1,977	Karen Robertson	Prudential Texas Realty	799-9017
78634	Hutto	Lookout at Brushy Creek	163 Brushy Creek Trail	4br/3ba	\$698,499	3,552	Yvonne Palmer	Goff Properties	569-9395
78634	Hutto	Rivers Crossing	121 Brazos Drive	3br/2ba	\$165,000	1,646	Kelli Roch	Marketplace Real Estate Group	627-3857
78634	Hutto	Riverwalk	1011 Creston Cove	3br/2ba	\$148,000	1,358	Mary Merrell	Keller Williams Realty	636-3699
76574	Taylor	Cuba John	1402 TH Johnson Drive	4br/2ba	\$219,900	2,585	David Money	Keller Williams Realty	426-2536
76574	Taylor	King	813 Cecelia St.	3br/2ba	\$90,000	1,406	Karen Robertson	Prudential Texas Realty	799-9017
76574	Taylor	Taylor City	702 Second St.	2br/1ba	\$39,900	704	Donna Brasfield	Brasfield Real Estate	940-3363



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