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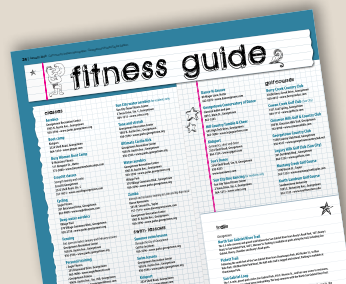
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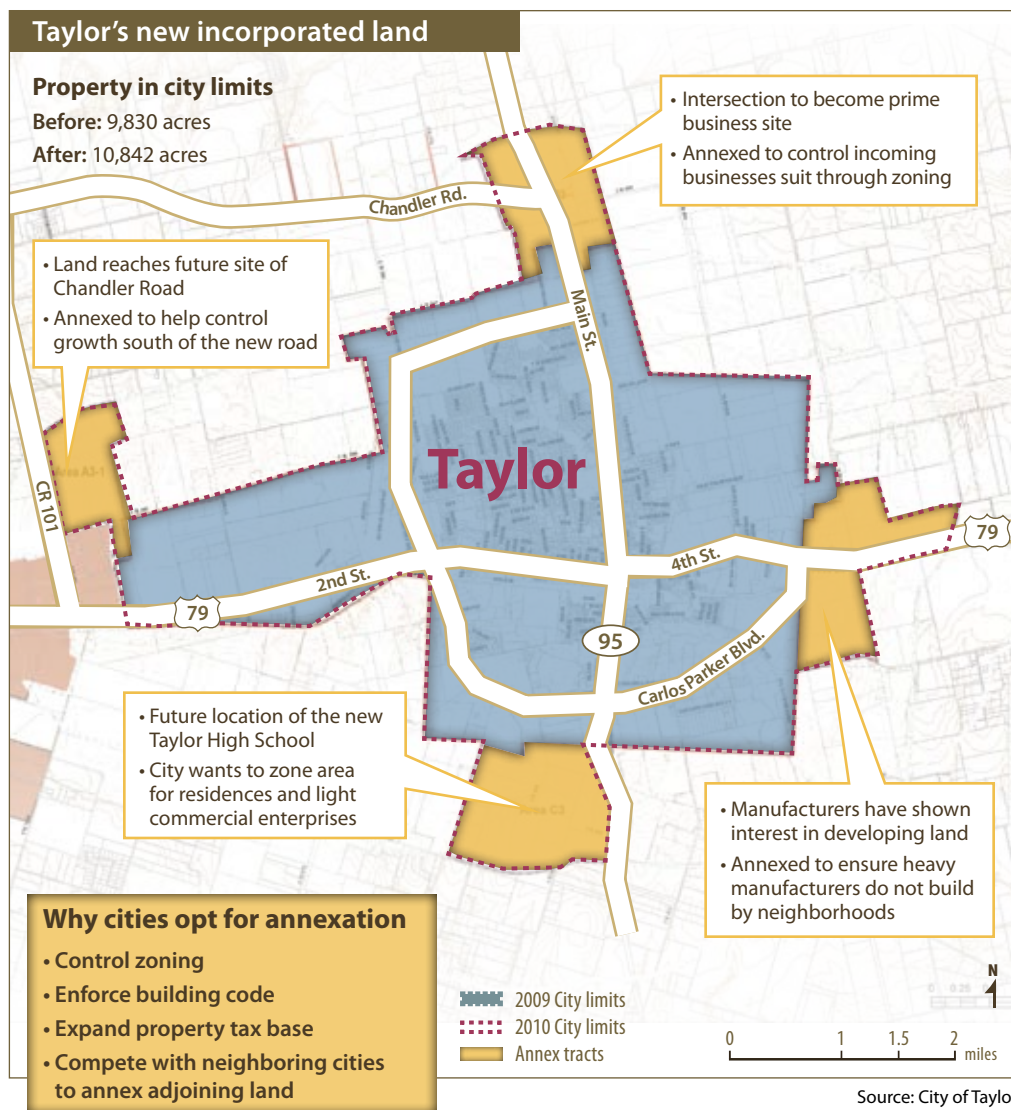
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The City of Hutto announced last month it is looking for three new council members and a new mayor, all slots up for election (or re-election) May 8. Residents can submit their intent to run for a vacant position in February. more.impactnews.com/6687

Rep. Diana Maldonado, D-Round Rock, held a community forum discussing area parks and recreation at the Taylor Public Library Dec. 9. One main focus was the impact of parks and recreation on citizens' quality of life. more.impactnews.com/6567

Taylor increases city limits by 10 percent, spurs debate



City staff followed due process, but residents organize protest

By Suzanne Haberman

Taylor city limits expanded to include an additional 1,012 acres after its city council voted to annex adjoining land during the Dec. 17 city council meeting. While officials have said the motion was approved to help the city manage future growth, the decision has upset some property owners who are now an incorporated part of Taylor.

Annexation debate

Plans for a possible annexation began in September when Taylor officials identified four areas outside city limits that they wanted to annex by the end of 2009. During the four stages that followed—two public hearings, the first reading and the council vote—residents in the annexed areas expressed disapproval over several aspects of the annexation. They contested the process, the reasoning and the prospect of paying taxes to the city.

Other residents opposed to annexation, like Nancy Stimach, who purchased 11 acres in the Texas Blackland Prairie south of Taylor five years ago, wanted to preserve their agrarian lifestyle.

"I wanted to live out in the country," Stimach said. "I wanted to live out on the prairie. I wanted to live in the black dirt."

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Georgetown Chamber takes aim at planned growth for future population

Story Highlights

- Four cornerstones see improvement
- City prepares to double size in five years

By Andrea Leptinsky

While many are still ironing out their resolutions for 2010, the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce is looking ahead and making plans for 2015, when the city population is expected to hit 100,000—twice the number it is now.

To prepare for the increase, the chamber began work on an unofficial growth plan—the Georgetown 100,000 initiative—in 2002 to bring information, progress and concerns to light for the public.

"Clearly we're not that large yet, but we are growing and we're growing rapidly," said Mel

Pendland, chamber president. "And it's getting larger—the projection is that as many as 330,000 people will live in Georgetown in 40 years."

The initiative came out of thoughts voiced by residents, said Bob Brent, then president of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce.

"It was more of a way to catch the community's attention, that we have a strong quality of life," he said. "It's the realistic approach of 'we're going to grow,' and there's not anything that's going to stop that. Let's create the quality of growth the community wants."

At the same time, the initiative is not on a schedule, nor is it moving toward a specific goal line, Brent said. "It's an attitude of each one of us, and collectively

as a community. A city of excellence isn't just a future event and obtainment, it is a state of mind each and every day."

Four steps to success

As the initiative gathered momentum, Brent and the chamber leadership named four cornerstones they knew were going to be key to a successfully planned growth for Georgetown: education, health care, public safety and economic development.

"These four cornerstones were built on a foundation of trust and respect," Brent said. "We can have different opinions in Georgetown, but we all trust that most people come from a point of view of wanting to make Georgetown an even greater community."



"As we grow as a community, we can achieve a level of excellence through our growth, and that means we have to grow intentionally. It would be easy to let sprawl overtake us and make us look like everywhere else, but that's not our intention."

—Mel Pendland

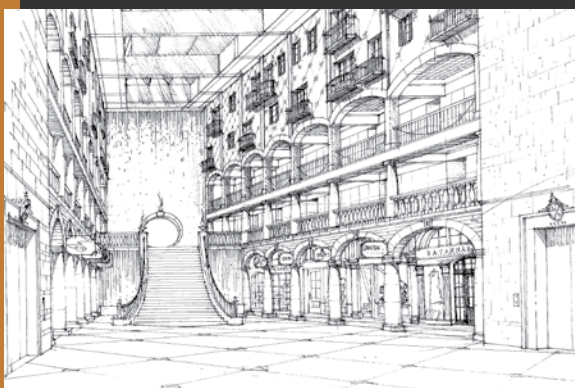
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General Manager's Note

January marks my two-year anniversary at *Community Impact Newspaper*. Not long after I started with the company in 2008, it became apparent that I was the last person on earth not to be on Facebook. Well, maybe not, but that's what my staff told me. Nearly two years later I continue to find it useful, both personally and professionally.

In the spirit of full disclosure, one of the things that intimidated me at first about social media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.) was the sheer amount of available information. What I have found, however, is that social media is sort of a digital buffet—you can take as little or as much information as you want.

Whatever your appetite for information, I can confidently say this year you will have more options than ever before to stay connected to your community. Starting this month, for example, you can visit our

website for staff-hosted video recaps of city council meetings. These will be short summaries of items you should know about.

We also will be utilizing Twitter to provide updates on breaking news, local issues and stories we are working on. I am excited about Twitter, not only because we can share local information with you instantly, but also because it promotes dialogue between you and our editorial staff.

Technology isn't the only thing that is changing. Beth Wade, a founding member of the Georgetown/Hutto/Taylor edition, transitioned to our Northwest Austin newspaper. Taking her place is Andrea Leptinsky, who, along with reporter Suzanne Haberman, will continue to provide you with quality, hyperlocal news.

Matt Painter

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— Nancy

Georgetown's The Escape Fine Crafts & Gifts

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—Michael Smith, owner of Beyond the Limits, on why he opened his facility



"If the growth continues there will probably be another bond election next year, and we're working on that now."

—Bradley Smith, GISD school board president, on Georgetown's population growth

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Georgetown

1 Ex marks the spot

Ash Mareidya opened **Copper Ridge Exxon**, a gas station, truck stop and deli at 7500 W. Hwy. 29, Dec. 4. The gasoline station has 16 pumps, including diesel service, and the deli offers a variety of sandwiches, hamburgers and breakfast tacos. Call 864-0101 or visit www.exxon.com.

2 Ring the bell

A **Taco Bell** is projected to open at 2941 Williams Drive in early January, pending completion of construction. This location will be the restaurant chain's second location in Georgetown. Call 327-4654 or visit www.tacobell.com.

3 Emergencies only

First Choice Emergency Room began renovating suite 150 at 3316 Williams Drive late 2009. When the facility opens in April, it will be the first of the Dallas-based companies in Central Texas. Call 866-993-4778 or visit www.fcer.com.

4 Jam sessions

Dave and Carla Kemkaran, owners of Georgetown Music Studio, opened a second studio in early January. Music instructors at **Georgetown Music Studio 2**, 3700 Williams Drive, offer group and private lessons for an array of instruments, including strings and brass. Call 863-5330 or visit www.georgetownmusicstudio.org.

5 Kick the name

Georgetown Family Martial Arts, formerly Kuk Sool Won of Georgetown, located at 2534 Shell Road, Ste. C, recently changed its name. The facility will hold the same classes with the same instructors. Call 630-5237 or visit www.kuksoolwonofgeorgetown.cmasdirect.com.

6 Bistro goes West

Ralph Acquaro, owner of Down the Alley Bistro on the Square, recently took over management of **City Grill**, 440 Del Webb Blvd., in Sun City. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, the restaurant offers traditional grilled foods, as well as specialties popular at the downtown location. Call 864-0528.

7 Restore downtown

An ownership group, **Bucking Bronco LLC**, recently purchased three buildings on the Square with plans to renovate and/or sell them. At **a** 703 Main St. and 705 Main St., architect Ken Horak will soon install modern infrastructure. The third building is located at **b** 704 S. Austin Ave. Call 508-4737 or visit www.urbanhomesandland.com.

8 Spa expands

Under new, joint management, **a** **Novitá Spa on the Square**, 109 W. Seventh St., Ste. 110, opened a manicure, pedicure and couples' massage sanctuary Dec. 7 and plans to add restrooms and locker rooms in late January. **b** **Novitá Clinicals**, the manufacturing site for the skincare products used at the spa, is expected to open at 2325 N. Austin Ave. Call 864-2773 or visit www.novitaspa.com.

9 Hitched

The full-line trailer factory outlet **Big Tex Trailers**, 8646 N. IH 35, opened early January. With more than 200 units on display, the dealership sells utility trailers and parts, including horse and stock trailers. Call 869-0713 or visit www.bigtex trailerworld.com.

10 EMS investment

Central Texas Regional EMS recently received a \$1.4 million donation from the private investment group Whitecap Investments. The ambulance provider serves hospitals on the IH 35 corridor in Georgetown, 2540 Shell Road. The investment allowed the company to add additional ambulances and create new full-time jobs. Call 254-771-1513 or visit www.centraltexasems.com.

11 Bon appétit

French restaurant **La Maison** opened at 204 E. Eighth St. in mid-December. The restaurant offers authentic French cuisine and desserts from an in-house French bakery. Owner Francois Oudom was born in France and owned restaurants in Paris. Lunch prices range from \$5.95 to \$13.95, and dinner entrées peak at \$29.95. Call 868-8885.

12 Denture in a day

The general dentistry and denture specialists **Dentures & Dental Services** opened at 1103 Rivery Blvd., Ste. 300, Dec. 16. The dental office's on-site lab can construct a pair of dentures in one day. Call 868-0238 or visit www.dentalservice.net.

13 Cheers

Owner Joe Dowda opened **Landmark Tavern** Dec. 30 on the second floor of the Masonic Lodge building, 701 Main St., above Amante's. The jazz and blues club offers live music, drinks and appetizers. Landmark Tavern is Georgetown's first stand-alone bar. Call 819-0100.

14 Places to stay

The Holiday Inn Express at 600 San Gabriel Drive changed ownership and is undergoing renovations to reopen as **a** **Country Inn & Suites**. Two more hotels are being built along IH 35: **b** **Candlewood Suites**, 451 N. IH 35, and **c** **Holiday Inn Express**, 431 S. IH 35. Call 930-2550.

15 Sweet music

Owner Brenda Bedell opened **Dolce Music Studio** Jan. 4 at 1221 Leander Road. Instructors at the studio offer lessons to children and adults, specializing in group and private lessons for piano, violin and guitar. Call 591-7833 or visit www.dolcesmusic.com.

Hutto

16 Baby steps

HOPE Pregnancy Center relocated from 103 Jim Cage Lane to 623 W. Front St., Ste. 200, effective Jan. 1. The nonprofit organization offers aid to pregnant women and new mothers, providing free pregnancy tests, sonograms, maternity clothes and baby supplies. Call 846-1902 or visit www.hpchutto.org.

17 Preschool moves

Previously located at 80 Mager Lane, **Creative Kids Preschool** moved to 208 E. Hwy. 79 in late December. Offering programs for children ages 18 months to 5 years, the preschool directors use Frog Street Press' curriculum with song-based lesson plans. Call 846-2021.

Lowe's donation

Lowe's Home Improvement, 201 Ed Schmidt Blvd., in Hutto donated tile with a resale value of approximately \$2,000 to refloor a Hope Alliance women's shelter at an undisclosed location in Williamson County as part of its annual **Heroes Project** in December. Hutto Police Chief Harold Thomas was one of approximately 15 volunteers who dedicated an entire day to installing the new floors. Call 846-1620 or visit www.lowes.com.

Top librarian

Hutto Librarian Yasmeen Jehangir was elected to serve as chair of the **Texas Library Association**. Through her position she will represent approximately 30 counties, including Travis, Williamson and Bastrop. The association works to promote Texas libraries and help them receive funding. Call 759-4008 or visit www.huttotx.gov.

Taylor

Taylor's Aggie

Sledge Engineering LLC, a Taylor engineering and planning firm, received recognition by Texas A&M University for being one of the fastest growing companies owned by an alum. Casey Sledge's



French-born restaurant owner Francois Oudom opened La Maison in Georgetown in December.



Landmark Tavern celebrated its grand opening Dec. 30 in Georgetown on the second floor of the Masonic Lodge building.



Richard Lester, executive director, Center for New Ventures and Entrepreneurship at A&M University, honors Casey Sledge for being on the Aggie 100 list which recognizes company growth.

company ranked 65 on a list of 100. Call 365-1888 or visit www.sledge.biz or www.aggie100.com.

18 Manufacturer considers move

Metal coating manufacturer **KG Industries LLC** is in the tentative stages of accepting an agreement with the City of Taylor to move operations to a location near the intersection of Hwy. 79 and Carlos Parker Blvd. City council still has to approve the property tax rebate offered to the company, but if finalized, KG Industries will build a 7,000 sq. ft. facility and create eight jobs. Visit www.kgcoatings.com.

Community

Trail of wine

For the first time Williamson County wineries will host the **San Gabriel Wine Trail** with samples at four locations. Tickets are available for \$35 and include tastings at The Vineyard at Florence, Inwood Estates, Georgetown Winery and Silver & Stone for the Jan. 23 event. A second wine trail will be held in June. Call 869-8600 or visit www.sangabrielwinetrail.com.

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Community Events

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January

4-29 | Hutto Adult Softball League Registration

Sign up to compete in eight spring games starting Feb. 4. Register at the Hutto Parks and Recreation office, 306 Live Oak St.; games held at Holmstrom Field at Fritz Park, 100 Park St., Hutto • \$300 (registration/team) • 759-4000 www.huttotx.gov

16 | TMEA Region Band Concert

Students chosen as the best in the region perform Klett Center for the Performing Arts, Georgetown High School, 2211 N. Austin Ave., Georgetown • 5-7 p.m. • Free 943-5110 • www.tmea.org

16-17 | Bullies Against Cancer

United Canine Association's national dog show, barbecue and auction benefiting The Lance Armstrong Foundation The Vineyard at Florence, 8711 W. FM 487, Florence • Jan. 16: 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Jan. 17: 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. \$2 (admission), barbecue plates available for purchase 633-1324 • www.bulliesagainstanccancer.com

18 | MLK Day March

Local procession and program commemorating Martin Luther King Jr. From Fannie Robinson Park, 206 S. Dolan Drive, to City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor • 9 a.m. • Free • 352-5448 www.taylor.tx.gov

21 | Taylor Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet

Knights of Columbus Hall, 317 E. Fourth St., Taylor • 6 p.m. \$35 • 352-6364 • www.taylorchamber.org

22 | Special Needs New Year's Party

Dancing, food, photos and prizes for individuals with special needs; ages 15 years and older Georgetown Community Center, 445 E. Morrow St. 6-8 p.m. • \$5; caregiver/family member is free • 930-3596 www.parks.georgetown.org

23 | Wild West Night

Fundraiser with live music, dancing, auctions and games hosted by the Officers' Wives Club of Ft. Hood; for ages 18 and older Club Hood, Ft. Hood, 24th Street and Wainwright Drive, Bldg. 5764, Killeen • 6 p.m.-midnight • \$10 (advance), \$15 (door) • 254-547-9134 • www.forthoodowc.org

27 | Feminism and performance

Panel discussion with Abbie Conant and William Osborne hosted by Southwestern University's music department Alma Thomas Theater, Southwestern University, 1001 E. University Ave., Georgetown • 4-5 p.m. • Free • 863-1732 www.southwestern.edu

31 | Viennese Pops Extravaganza

David Small, baritone, and Teri Johnson, soprano perform in The Temple Symphony New Year's Concert Klett Center for the Performing Arts, Georgetown High School, 2211 N. Austin Ave., Georgetown • 4 p.m. • \$20 (general admission); \$25 (premium seating); \$5 (students) 864-9591 • www.georgetowntxassymphony.org

February

6 | 15th Annual Cupid's Chase 5K

The annual 3.1-mile run and walk on a new course from RunTex Georgetown to the Bark Park RunTex, 809 S. Main St., Georgetown • 8:30 a.m. • \$10-\$25 930-8459 • www.parks.georgetown.org

12 | Georgetown Swirl on the Square

Valentine's Day celebration with shopping, an auction and wine sampling with limited tickets available Historic Georgetown Square, 710 Main St. • 6 p.m. • \$25 930-2027 • www.mainstreetgeorgetown.org

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Business Profile | Matthew and Company Video Film Production Inc. Georgetown



Matthew and Kay Trub show the difference in film they have used over the past 28 years in their full-service production business, Matthew and Company Video Film Production Inc.

By Suzanne Haberman

The business of full-service media production has evolved over the past 28 years, but for Matthew and Kay Trub, one aspect remains the same: Whether shooting video on film or digitally, the mission at Matthew and Company Video Film Production Inc. has always been to help their clients prosper.

"I can say the inspiration for us has always been client-based results," Matthew said. "Being artistic is part of who I am, but I can't say I got into this business because of my artistic desires."

Instead, Matthew's route to production was marketing. He and Kay applied the 15 years of marketing experience they gained owning radio stations

in Texas' Rio Grande Valley to launch their own production company in 1982. The couple started out with just a few accounts, managing everything themselves, from design to placing advertisements, at their first location in Brownsville.

"As our agency grew and we started doing more production, what we discovered was we really loved the production part of the advertising world," Kay said. "When we moved to Georgetown in 1994, that's where our focus went."

Today they operate from a discreet, unmarked house with just two additional employees, catering not only to local business, but also to companies all over the world.

Matthew and Kay's results-oriented philosophy is evident in their creative process. Kay, the producer and writer, interviews the client to learn about their goals. She then collaborates with Matthew, the photographer and director, and their son Richard, the graphic designer, to put a marketing plan into action.

They produce an array of

creative materials from billboards, TV commercials and promotional videos to direct mail campaigns, book covers and brochures. Local clients have included the Don Hewlett car dealership, Central Texas Powersports, the City of Georgetown and Silver & Stone Restaurant. Matthew and Company has also produced marketing packages for Mexican states and coastal resorts.

Careful planning has helped the couple tackle projects for government entities such as municipalities and state colleges.

When a woman in Texas owns more than 50 percent of her company's stock—as Kay does—the business qualifies as a historically underutilized business under the state government. The designation works to the couple's advantage, as the state refers work to them. A recent assignment has been to create a promotional video to attract new students to Texas State University.

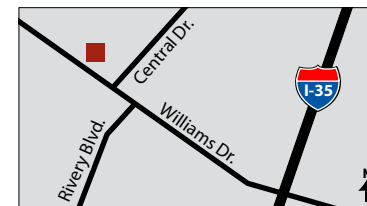
Despite the keen focus on their clients' needs, Matthew and Kay also find time to pursue projects of their own. After five years of

preparation, they expect to begin producing their first feature film, "Ears to Hear," in fall 2010. The couple wrote the script, guided by the theme of forgiveness told through the action-packed life of an Iraq War soldier.

"I believe it is going to be powerful, and I believe it is going to be very well received," Matthew said.

Another business venture

In addition to being co-owner of Matthew and Company Video Film Production Inc., Matthew Trub is the proprietor of HDaerial, an aerial cinematography business. Trub has filmed all over the nation and at locations around the world, organizing the trips and taking photographs by air. The company separated from Matthew and Company when the production business became incorporated in 2009.



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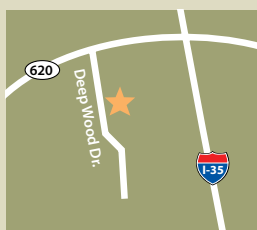
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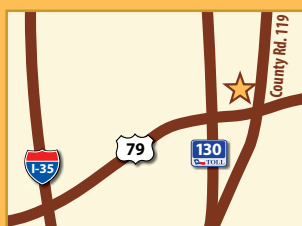


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Business Profile | Beyond the Limits Hutto



Owner Michael Smith opened Beyond the Limits day rehabilitation center over a year ago to help adults with mental disabilities.

By Suzanne Haberman

Michael Smith learned firsthand the needs and feelings of adults with developmental disabilities. His brother has a developmental disability, and his mother, Sanh Moss, has dedicated her life to helping make a difference by offering foster care to adults with special needs.

"It's been in my life all my life. It's something I have grown up with," Smith said.

Inspired, Smith opened Beyond the Limits in November 2008 after graduating from Texas A&M University, majoring in agricultural leadership and development with an emphasis in sociology. Moss partners with him at the facility and still takes in fosters at home. Together, they set out to fulfill the goal of Smith's day habilitation center, which is to help adults with developmental disabilities socially integrate.

"God has given me a lot of patience for this, a real passion," Smith said.

To qualify for care at Beyond the Limits, adults must have a developmental disability, but some of his clients may have both a mental disability and a physical condition such as cerebral palsy.

Yet Smith does not shy away from hard cases.

"We typically cater toward the ones that are a little higher need," Smith said. "They're the ones that no one else is going to take because they're either violent or medically fragile and no one else wants to take them. My mentality is they have to go somewhere, so we take them in."

Of the center's approximately 15 clients, most have come to Smith through referrals, he said, and nearly all have their daily rates paid through the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services. Fees range from \$20 to \$200 a day at Beyond the Limits, depending on the level of attention required. Because the state-issued waiver can take up to 10 years to obtain, Smith also works with the Hutto and Pflugerville school districts helping parents of children with mental disabilities sign up early to receive care as an adult.

At Beyond the Limits, Smith's adult clients participate in physically, mentally

and socially stimulating activities such as math, crafts, family-style meals, reading and long walks in the neighborhood. For a practical treat, Smith and his staff also take clients on weekly outings to restaurants, parks and movies where they try to apply the skills they learn at the center.

As a group often ignored and misunderstood—a silent majority, as Smith called adults with mental disabilities—it is also important for the community to learn how to interact with them, Smith said.

"I'm here to draw them out. There's no need to hide and be ashamed," Smith said. "They need someone to be their voice, and that's what I really strive to do."

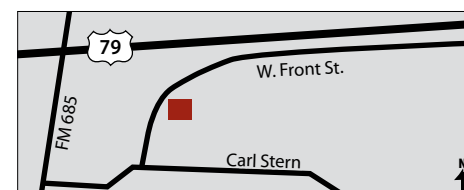


Activities at Beyond the Limits are designed to help the adults integrate socially into the community.

Michael Smith on Hutto City Council

Voters elected Michael Smith, owner of Beyond the Limits, to represent them on the Hutto City Council in May 2009. For Smith, helping adults with developmental disabilities and serving on the council came from the same motivation.

"I got tired of saying someone needs to help out the special-needs arena, someone needs to do something," he said. "It's the same thing with public service."



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Business Profile | Armadillo Hall Taylor



Tina Spafford and Tommy Rovello, owners of the decades-old building at 200 E. Fourth St. in Taylor, are bringing music to the masses.

By Andrea Leptinsky

Taking its cue from the Austin music hub of the '70s—the Armadillo World Headquarters—Tommy Rovello and Tina Spafford are setting up shop in Taylor with big plans for a new Armadillo Hall.

The pair are committed to providing Taylor and its surrounding areas with live music, and the formerly vacant building on East Fourth Street, across the street from Taylor city offices, turned out to be the perfect venue for their dream business.

"This was our creation in February of last year," said Rovello, a former musician who played at the original Austin Armadillo. "We've basically done everything you will see in the hall and in the entire complex by ourselves and from scratch."

The Armadillo building is large—some 15,000 square feet—something that's appropriate given what's in store for the soon-to-be entertainment complex. Already situated inside the 5,000 sq. ft. concert hall are rows of pool tables, a stage, seating and a classic wooden bar built in 1909 that was taken from one of Taylor's original landmarks.

Rovello's plans for the building have revitalized the property, as it has served as a dealership for International Harvester tractors since 1946.

Rovello and Spafford have made Armadillo Hall their family business and even run the Taylor Trading Post out of the north side of the building. They say they're anxious to open a new, exciting business in Taylor to help bring more visitors through city streets.

"I think this is great for Taylor, and so do other people in Taylor and other businesses," Rovello said. "The community has been very helpful and supportive. We're the only live music venue definitely of our size here, and we're bringing a lot of folks in from Austin and other surrounding communities."

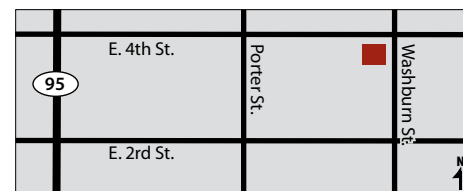
Once construction on the venue is completed next month, the concert area will seat 340 people, Rovello said, all coming in for music that likely won't be the same type as it was the night before.

"We want to have all types of music here, everything from rock to blues to country to gospel to jazz," he said. Although the new Armadillo Hall has yet to hold its grand opening, artists such as Kemo Sabe Trio, SlideWire, Izzy Cox and Dawn Maracle have already graced the 1,000 sq. ft. stage with their musical talents.

Aside from creating a concert venue, Rovello said he hopes the building will serve as a great location for special video projects, private functions and other events. And once it gets entirely up and running, a full-service, themed restaurant will be added on to the south side of the building. Rovello said the theme will focus on a western dance hall motif.

The couple said it wants Armadillo Hall to compete with more established venues to draw in talented musicians from all around the world.

"We hope it's going to attract a lot of musicians from not only the Austin area, but from all around the world," Rovello said. "We want them all to come out and play here."



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Neighborhood Dining | Randy's Ice House Taylor



Randy's Ice House offers a patio, entertainment, including karaoke, pool and electronic trivia, and a full-service kitchen.

By Joseph M. de Leon

When Randy Stiva's family opened a Conoco service station in 1950, gas sold for 23 cents per gallon. The family plot on West Second Street in Taylor was the perfect location to serve residents and visitors.

In 1977, Stiva turned the little station into an icehouse. The service counter became a bar. He converted the lube area into a walk-in cooler and the waiting area into a lounge with self-serve coolers.

In the early '80s, Stiva started a series of additions that included a kitchen, restrooms and more space for seating.

"Before you knew it, Randy had turned that little gas station into a full-service

restaurant and entertainment venue for Taylor," current owner Chet Bigon said.

Bigon, who grew up in Taylor, bought the icehouse from the Stiva family in 2003 shortly after he moved back to the Austin area from a job in St. Louis.

Stiva passed away the previous year and his parents continued to operate Randy's until they could find a Taylor native to take over, Bigon said.

Bigon grew up in the bar business. His father owned an icehouse outside of Taylor. Bigon's plan had long been to work in the corporate world for a few years, before returning to the service industry.

"When I was a kid, I remember running

in and out of the bar always trying to grab a soda," he said. "As soon as I was old enough to get behind a bar, I started slinging drinks in downtown Austin—that helped pay my way through college."

As the icehouse grew under the original owner, so did the number of decorations on the walls. Trophy bucks, stuffed rattlesnakes, and mounted bass and raccoons crowded the beer signs on every wall.

"Back then, a lot of locals would hang their trophies at Randy's because if they hung them at home, they'd never see them," Bigon said. "What you see today is not even a quarter of what it had before."

Over the past few years, Bigon has changed the floor plan, added entertainment and updated the menu.

Today, the restaurant can seat 116 people, offers outdoor seating for 20 on a patio where customers used to pump gas and includes a stage for music.

In addition to watching live acts, guests can enjoy karaoke, pool, darts, poker, high-definition TVs and electronic trivia.

While Randy's has long been known for its burgers, Bigon wanted to offer customers a more complete dining experience.

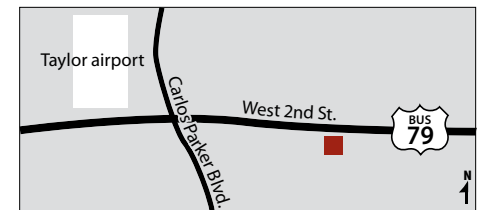
Popular appetizers include jalapeño poppers (\$5.95): six fried pepper spears filled with cream or cheddar cheese and served with a tangy dipping sauce. Others prefer fried pickles (\$4.95), which are deep-fried

thick slices of spiced sour pickles covered with panko breadcrumbs and served with ranch dressing.

The chicken tenders (\$8.25), a heap of five hand-battered chicken strips, are served with fries or a baked potato. Top sirloin (\$10.95), served with salad and a choice of fries or a baked potato, is a tender, hearty meal.

While Bigon has made improvements, he said he is mindful not to make any changes that would alter Randy's character.

"This is where people go to find out what's going on in town and you always find people from all walks of life—bankers sit next to farmers, high-tech guys are next to cabinet manufacturing guys," he said. "We're pretty proud of what we have, and we're glad to share it with whoever walks through the door next."



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Nonprofit Profile | Georgetown Fire Department Pipes and Drums



The pipes and drums band has been performing since 2006 and shows no signs of slowing down as its popularity increases.

By Andrea Leptinsky

Fighting fires isn't the only task on hand for the Georgetown Fire Department. For some, playing pipes and drums in support of their community is on deck as well.

Now nearly four years old, the Georgetown Fire Department Pipes and Drums band began as a side project for three firefighters who wanted to bring the tradition of such a band to Central Texas.

"There are quite a few bands in the Northeast," David England, department captain and bass drummer, said. "There

aren't a lot in Texas because most of the state fire departments are volunteer based and there's not that kind of rich history in Texas. There are some bands in the Northeast that have been around for 200 years."

Along with Robert Gordon, apparatus operator and drum sergeant, and Jeff Davis, battalion chief and pipe major, the trio set out to create Williamson County's only fire department pipes and drums band. The group initially began as its own nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, but it soon became too much for

the firemen to handle, along with their jobs, England said. Instead, the band sought guidance from the Georgetown-based Chisholm Trail Communities Foundation, an umbrella group that offers resources and support to small nonprofit organizations. It also handles donations made to the nonprofits, which is how the band receives the bulk of its funding.

"Anyone can make a donation through them, attention Georgetown Fire Department Pipes and Drums," England said. "Recently we received a \$1,000 donation from someone in Sun City and it really helped to pay for instructors to come down and teach in our last clinic."

Donations go directly toward uniforms, travel expenses, instruments and training, England said. And even though the band has received great support from the community, the need for continued support never ends.

"A good set of bagpipes can run between \$1,000 and \$1,300 for a basic set," England said. "It became expensive very quickly. I've got about \$2,000 invested out of my own pocket in all this and so do the drummers and everyone else."

The support shown to the band comes hand in hand with the group's dedication to performing well, and performing often. The band has performed in at least 20 events within the past six months, England said,

and the momentum is only increasing.

"We're loving it," he said. "Part of our mission statement is to promote Great Highland bagpipes and Scottish drumming in the community, and to educate others. That's how we're able to stay in that 501(c)(3) mind frame."

The seven performing members of the band—three snare drummers, two piping students and two drum students—travel to funerals, badge pinning ceremonies, graduations and memorials.

"I think one of my better memories was at the Capitol rotunda on Sept. 11," England said. "We had been practicing and everybody played very well. We played Amazing Grace in four parts. I remember looking around and there wasn't a dry eye in the place. It was rewarding for all the work we've put into it, but this is just an extension of our job. We're passionate about the fire service, so to be able to provide this type of tradition for the fire department is huge for us."

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In Chip's Corner

Austin, Texas – With a customer base that is possibly the most loyal I have ever witnessed, Lamb's Tire and Automotive (www.LambsTire.com) has worked hard throughout a difficult economy to stay true to the principles that created that loyalty. Sincerely caring about their neighbors, their families, and the greater Austin community is evident as the car count continues to grow at the fifteen (15) Lamb's locations.

Lamb's CEO and life-long Austinite Ron Meredeith stays passionate about delivering excellent customer service and fulfilling the company's role as "Austin's Most Trusted Tire and Automotive Service" business. "We truly care about our neighbors and our communities," says Meredeith. "This is my home. I have been here my entire life. So, I try hard to help all of our team understand the responsibility we have to be the most conscientious and technically proficient at managing automobile repairs and maintenance for our friends and neighbors."

As I have covered this story over the past two years I have seen Meredeith make bold moves to back up those comments. Lamb's continues to excel in technical training and professional development for their team and now boast more than 250 ASE certifications across the company. They have remodeled their McNeil store into an incredibly comfortable and cozy environment that also now includes specialty automotive parts, accessories, and wheels. I have personally heard many customers champion the quality service and people at Lamb's.

Lamb's reinvented their tire business in 2009 by broadening their product line and getting very aggressive in pricing. "We love our Goodyear product line and Goodyear is a great partner. However, we knew that we had loyal customers driving on Continental, General, Michelin, and BF Goodrich tires that were OE (Original Equipment) on their vehicles. So we simply determined that no one should have to ever go to some discount place for a tire solution when they trusted us for everything on their car," Meredeith said.

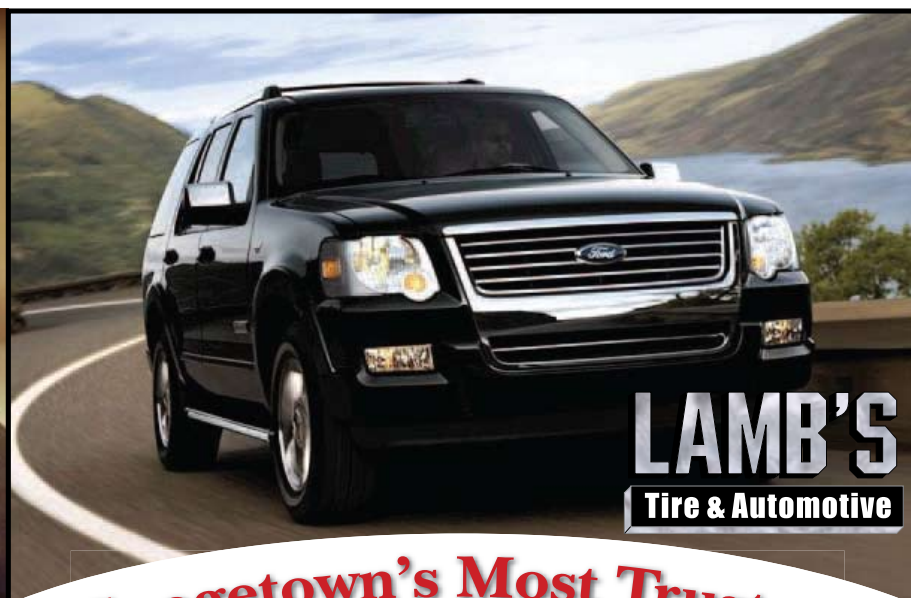
Lamb's now delivers the lowest package pricing of anyone in the marketplace which has fueled their tire business to all time volume highs.

But it is still Meredeith's passion for his community that impresses me the most. This past November, in the 7th year of Operation Call Home, Meredeith's evangelizing encouraged the greater Austin communities to contribute more than \$92,295 to purchase phone cards for our soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. In Lamb's partnership with KLBJ 590 AM, Operation Call Home has now raised over \$300,000.

Meredeith drives Lamb's community spirit further with fundraisers for The Neighborhood Longhorn Program and creating a scholarship program for the local area Fellowship of Christian Athletes. It is no wonder that Meredeith has been elected to serve on The Board of Directors for The Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce.

Last year I found that Lamb's really listens to their customers – utilizing focus groups and other surveys. I still think customer Laura Gibson says it best, "We are a family that would rather maintain a vehicle well in the short term so that we can use it long term. Lamb's has been wonderful at helping us achieve our goals in this. Every time I walk into a Lamb's, I am reminded why I continue to patronize them: I am greeted as well as Norm ever was on Cheers! I feel welcome and cared for!"

By Chip Brown--Columnist with more than 20 years experience with the Associated Press, Dallas Morning News & rivals.com; Radio Host of ESPN's *The Bottom Line* with Sean Adams and Chip Brown (104.9 FM "The Horn")



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Vote 2010
Money, politics and voting

By Patrick Brendel

Going into the March primaries, political advertisements will fill television, radio and mailboxes, paid for with donations from individuals and organizations.

Top-ballot campaigns for governor and U.S. Senate will dominate fundraising and the media, while candidates for local offices and judgeships will struggle to make themselves known, especially non-incumbents.

With little to no knowledge of the people on the bottom of the ballot, primary voters are often left to choose on the merits of someone’s name, without the option to vote a straight partisan ticket. Many do not cast votes for lesser-known offices, even if those positions are more likely to have direct consequences on voters’ everyday lives.

“I never understood why people would come to vote for the top offices and then drop off before voting on the positions closest to them,” Travis County Clerk Dana DeBeauvoir said.

In March 2008, the intense battle between presidential hopefuls Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama drew 185,838 votes from Travis County Democrats. On the same ballot, the tight four-way contest for district attorney drew nearly 25 percent fewer votes (140,468), without popular retiring incumbent Ronnie Earle in the running. That is also 10 percent fewer votes than were cast for county tax assessor-collector, a race won easily by longtime officeholder Nelda Wells Spears.

“Citizens’ recognition of people down ballot is notoriously bad,” University of Texas government professor Brian Roberts said, explaining that 29 percent of respondents to a national “Money and Politics” poll could not correctly identify the current U.S. vice president as Joe Biden.

In the same poll, conducted by Roberts and professor Daron Shaw and released in mid-November, 51 percent did not identify the current U.S. house speaker as Nancy Pelosi.

“You can imagine how much that number drops as you go down ballot,” he said.

However, despite (or maybe because of) their relative anonymity, local and state

officeholders are perceived as less corrupt than their national counterparts. According to Roberts’ poll, 67 percent of respondents said corruption is most widespread in national government, compared to 12 percent for state and 6 percent for local.

Also, while 67 percent of respondents say the average U.S. congressman has a “poor” or “not so good” level of ethics and honesty, only 36 percent said that about their own U.S. senator, and 33 percent about their own U.S. representative.

Those results are consistent with all national polls, Roberts said.

“In part, it’s a reflection of respondents’ lack of knowledge. It’s also a national reflection of human nature,” he said. “As a voter, you feel accountable for your own roster of politicians and somewhat culpable in sustaining a more corrupt group than your neighbors’. That’s something you wouldn’t want to own up to, right?”

A League of Women Voters study has given the best explanation to DeBeauvoir as to why people are less likely to vote for local offices. Basically, the more connections a person has with the community (using factors like property ownership, children in

public school, civic group membership), the more likely that individual is to know their local officials and to vote for them.

“Their analysis was a simple explanation of a very complex set of factors,” she said.

Further removed from the public, top-level state and federal candidates rely on news stories and advertising to get voters’ attention. Bigger campaigns attract more news media attention and can afford to buy more advertising than typical local candidates. On the other hand, successful fundraising can expose candidates to suspicions of corruption, as the identities of donors are reported by the media.

According to Roberts’ survey, a relatively small donation (\$50,000) from a controversial donor affects voters’ opinions of a candidate just as much as a large donation (\$20 million) from the same donor.

“People are much more attuned to sources of money rather than amounts of money,” he said.

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2008 primary voter patterns

Many primary voters do not cast ballots for lower level offices, although people generally give a more favorable opinion of their local representatives than statewide or national officials.

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U.S. Senator
35,732
Railroad Commissioner
29,325
Supreme Court Chief Justice
29,027
U.S. Representative
30,402
State Representative
25,684
District Attorney (no candidate)
N/A
Third Court of Appeals
28,545

Williamson County

Democratic Primary
President/VP
49,490 votes cast
U.S. Senator
37,478
Railroad Commissioner
33,513
Supreme Court Chief Justice
31,973
U.S. Representative
31,899
State Representative
32,961
District Attorney (no candidate)
N/A
Third Court of Appeals
31,594

Republican Primary
President/VP
28,916 votes cast
U.S. Senator
26,356
Railroad Commissioner
21,989
Supreme Court Chief Justice
21,517
U.S. Representative
24,113
State Representative
23,845
District Attorney
21,552
Third Court of Appeals (no candidate)
N/A

Source: Texas Secretary of State

Moving up the ballot

Just like employees work their way up the company ladder, politicians often begin their public careers in local positions and later run for higher offices. Here are some examples.

- Gov. Rick Perry**
Lieutenant Governor, 1999-2000
Texas Agriculture Commissioner, 1991-1999
State Representative, 1985-1991
- U.S. Sen. John Cornyn**
Texas Attorney General, 1999-2002
Texas Supreme Court, 1991-1997
Texas District Judge, 1985-1991
- U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison**
Texas State Treasurer, 1991-1993
State Representative, 1972-1976
- U.S. Rep. John Carter**
Texas District Judge, 1981-2001
- U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett**
Texas Supreme Court, 1989-1994
State Senator, 1973-1985
- U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith**
Bexar County Commissioner, 1983-1985
State Representative, 1981-1982
- State Sen. Kirk Watson**
Mayor of Austin, 1997-2001
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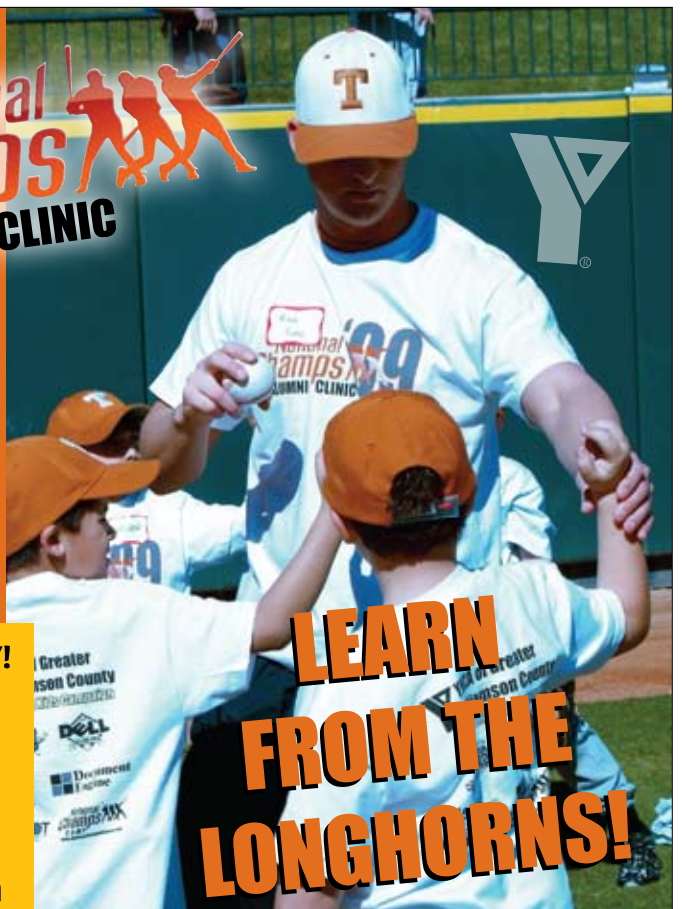
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What does Level II Trauma Services mean?

Offering Level II Trauma Services is a step to earning a designation as a Level II Trauma Center. Verified trauma centers must meet essential criteria that ensure trauma care capability and institutional performance as outlined by the American College of Surgeons. Nationally, Trauma Centers are verified by the American College of Surgeons, and typically designated by a state entity. Seton Williamson is in the process of seeking official designation from the state of Texas to become a Level II Trauma Center.

Beyond the multidisciplinary and coordinated care and round-the-clock readiness, another requirement of Level II trauma care is a robust outreach component focused on injury



Seton Williamson Trauma Specialists team (from left to right) Alex Valadka, MD, Patrick Dillawn, MD, Nancy Marquez, MD, Ben Coopwood, MD, Director of Trauma Services for Seton Williamson, Drake Borer, MD

prevention education. An example is Seton Williamson's extensive collaboration with local elementary schools and school districts to provide custom-fitted bicycle helmets to area school children without charge.

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Adopt New Habits Instead of New Year's Resolutions

(excerpts from article posted on www.goodhealth.com)



Forget New Years resolutions about food. Too often weight loss programs are event-related; you are planning to attend your high school reunion, and you have to lose 30 pounds, so you go on the latest crash diet. That never works in the long run. Almost everyone quickly regains the weight they lost after they quit depriving themselves of the things they love best. Until the next event and the next crash diet.

"Instead, resolve to aim small in the new year and make changes that will hardly be noticeable such as reducing your calorie intake by 100 calories per day. You may think that doesn't sound like much, but following it consistently will add up to a 10-pound loss by this time next year or more if you make several 100 calorie changes," says Seton Outpatient Nutrition Services Senior Clinical Dietitian Wendy Morgan, RD, LD.

Other Small Changes Worth Adopting

- Switch to smaller plates and fill half with vegetables, then add protein and starchy foods. Limit second helpings to vegetables or salad.
- Add fiber to your diet through increasing vegetables, fruits and whole grains. The USDA recommends making at least half of your grain-based foods whole grains.
- Slow down your meals, think about and enjoy your food. It is a good idea to wait at least 10 minutes before taking a second helping to see if you are really still hungry. It takes about 20 minutes for the brain to realize you are full.
- Eliminate sugary drinks or switch to artificially sweetened choices.
- Order smaller portions of everything from hamburgers and fries to lattes. You can always have another one if it isn't enough,

but give it a chance.

- When eating out, think extra small and extra large; order a kid's size burger or fries and a large salad and calorie-free drink.
- Downsize specialty coffee drinks, use fat-free and sugar-free options and skip the whip.

Improve Food Behaviors

- Break down any big goal into smaller and more specific action plans.
- Set small and specific daily or weekly goals.
- Be patient.
- Be realistic.
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Local History | Community of Jonah



Students pose for a school photo at the former Jonah School, on Milam Branch, in 1914.

By Chris Dyer

On Hwy. 29, a few miles east of Georgetown, the sleepy community of Jonah is situated alongside a scenic stretch of the San Gabriel River. Despite its quiet demeanor, residents have shown their resilience through the years by withstanding devastating flooding, a catastrophic fire, school consolidation, population fluctuations and encroaching development. Downtown Jonah, located southeast of Hwy. 29 and FM 1660, still has a handful of structures from its past. The community's most prized asset—the historic Jonah public school

building—has served the area as a school and community center for almost a century.

Long before the community received its formal name, the school served residents as early as the 1850s. By 1857 James Warnock and Joseph Mileham had erected a mill for corn and wheat on the San Gabriel River near present-day Jonah. This mill became a center point for attracting settlers.

Williamson County's founders had an affinity for education, and the people of Jonah were no exception. This first school in the Jonah area, a one-room log structure, was originally located south of Hwy. 29. In

1854, six years after Williamson County was established, the county court organized 14 school districts. At that time, the Texas school census reported 65,463 students in the state.

Historically, the town site was known by several different names, including Water Valley, Parks and Eureka Mills, until residents formally applied for a post office. Postal officials rejected all these proposed titles, until, according to local lore, a member of the community suggested that the town was a "Jonah" because of the bad luck they were experiencing with the naming process. The new name stuck with residents and was accepted in 1884.

By the late 1800s, Jonah had 200 residents and a bustling agricultural economy. According to "Land of Good Water," the Jonah school boasted 100 students in 1903. To accommodate the growing student population, Jonah school trustees purchased a lot for a second school site on Milam Branch, north of the first school, and constructed a three-room frame structure.

In 1921 Jonah, like many other Williamson County communities along the San Gabriel River, experienced severe flooding. The raging floodwaters washed away the Jonah Bridge, leveled the community church, uprooted trees and killed livestock. This flooding episode was followed by a

fire in 1927 that decimated most of the town. The catastrophic flooding combined with increasing student enrollment through the decade resulted in the need for a larger and safer school. C. G. Holmstrom, C. M. Gattis and W. H. Percy led the charge, and by the 1922-23 school year, students had a new modern brick school with five classrooms, auditorium, music room and book room. The new structure, located at the corner of CR 126 and Hwy. 29, was designed by architect Hugo Franz Kuehne, founder of the University of Texas School of Architecture.

The population of Jonah declined to 120 by 1933, fluctuating over the next 50 years, peaking in 1950 with 200 residents. As of 2000, the reported population was 60 residents and growing. Although Jonah Public School was consolidated with campuses in Granger, Georgetown, Hutto and Taylor in the 1970s, the historic school building continues to serve as the most identifying landmark of the community. The Jonah Community Center, established after the school closed, now serves as a central gathering place for area residents. The venue hosts an annual summer homecoming event as well as the famous Jonah Chili Supper each February.

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Parks and Trails

16 Fritz Park was acquired by the City of Hutto from Hutto ISD in 2005. The park features a baseball field that was built in the 1930s and a football field that was built in the 1940s. In November, Hutto voters approved a \$3.3 million bond proposition that will allow for extensive renovations to the 33-acre park. In addition to repositioning the football field, the bond money proposed for Fritz Park would 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.



7 Hutto Therapy



8 Lucy's Braids and Beauty Salon



9 Old Town Professional Building

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Community Profiles | Main Street managers

Interviews by Andrea Leptinsky and Suzanne Haberman

What is your primary goal?

The Main Street Program is a wonderful program that really provides some structure to be able to do some revitalization to the downtown area using historic preservation as the tie that brings it all together. We are very, very blessed in the downtown area to have 60 contributing assets, or structures, that are part of the listing on the national registry of historic places.

Our goal is to save those structures and encourage the property owners to keep them in good repair and try to recruit retailers and businesses to come and take advantage of being in the downtown area.

What are some of your main responsibilities?

My responsibilities include leading the Main Street effort with a wonderful advisory board that is all volunteers. They are appointed by city council. We have an 11-member board, four standing committees that work for the Main

Street Program. We call it our four-point approach, which is design, promotions, organization and economic restructuring. Along with that, I also serve as the public information officer for the City of Taylor.

How do you balance historic preservation with downtown revitalization?

We have a grant program that we facilitate. We raise money through special events to keep that grant program viable. We have grants available for façade improvements—for exterior improvements to some of these old, historic buildings. We have a paint grant. We also have a sign grant to help small businesses and new businesses in the downtown area. We try to keep the signage and the improvements consistent with historic preservation principles and to have an overall design to the downtown area that all blends together and looks historic.

What do you consider one of your biggest successes?

We just celebrated our 10-year anniversary of the Taylor Main Street Program in September. Over that period of time, we have really had our successes. One of the things we do in the Main Street Program is we track any reinvestment into the downtown area. We have a pretty hefty number of reinvestments that have gone into the downtown Taylor area in the past 10 years. That anniversary to me is one of the highlights and also being listed as a National Main Street Community by the National Trust for the years that I've been here.

What does the community want from its downtown?

I think the majority of the folks in Taylor would like to see a really beautiful, economically viable downtown. There is a huge challenge and opportunity in front of us to accomplish that.



Jean Johnson displays the proclamation presented by Texas Gov. Rick Perry to the Taylor Main Street program at its 10th anniversary.

Jean Johnson
Main Street/Communications Manager of Taylor Main Street Program
Educational background: Taylor High School
Work background: Retired banker and corporate communications and marketing professional
Date hired: February 2005
Contact: 352-5448, jean.johnson@taylortx.gov
Taylor Main Street program board meets the third Wednesday of the month at noon at City Hall, 400 Porter St.



Shelly Hargrove
Economic Development Main Street Manager, City of Georgetown
Educational background: Lampasas High School, University of Texas
Work background: Main Street manager in Breckenridge, Texas; Main Street manager in Taylor, Texas; Tourism Specialist for the Texas Economic Development Agency
Date hired: December 2003
Contact: 930-2027, shargrove@georgetowntx.org
The Georgetown Main Street program board meets the second Friday of the month at 8:30 a.m. on the second floor of the Williamson County Courthouse.

What do you do for the City of Georgetown, as part of your job?

I try to find retailers that are a good fit for downtown Georgetown. It's definitely a unique environment. We get 18,000 people driving on Austin Avenue each day and that's a lot of traffic, which is great. So whereas some downtowns are off the beaten path, we get a lot of traffic for being a downtown area. My job is really to find a good fit for people here. That's been the biggest challenge for me.

How was 2009 for the Main Street Program?

It's been a transition year. I don't want to call it a down year, but more of a quiet year. We had several buildings sell, including the two Heritage Printing buildings, for example, and that was fantastic. We met with those business owners and we think they're a great asset to downtown. We hope they're very successful because those building owners who are successful will want to buy more buildings and it'll just be a domino effect.

What's coming up for downtown Georgetown in 2010?

We're trying to encourage outdoor seating and dining. People want to be where they can see other people, so when you have outdoor dining it just adds a whole other level to downtown. We also have access, through the Main Street program, to free architectural assistance from the state Main Street office in Austin. It provides free architectural services to commercial building or business owners in the Main Street district. I know it has given architectural assistance to Galaxy Cupcakes, a local business that is talking about building a new outdoor seating section to the side of its building.

What part of the local economy are you heavily promoting right now?

We're trying to attract more wineries and eating establishments. People in Texas will travel for hours for really good food. We think if we can get a really strong cluster of establishments—and we have a really good start—and continue

building on that, then it will drive more traffic from the highway into downtown. We're actually doing three new billboards along IH 35. They focus on wine and food, and if we get people into town for wine and food, then they'll shop.

If there was one area in which downtown merchants could improve, what would it be?

Part of our economic restructuring effort we want to offer as a Main Street program is to help sharpen local businesses' skills, and customer service is one I think we could always improve. Monument Café is fantastic with customer service, and we have some great businesses with great customer service. And that can make or break a business, especially in a town like this. Even though we're growing so quickly, it's still a small town. People right now are looking for value, and the money they have they want to spend with someone who treats them well and who they feel they're making a difference with.

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Transportation Report | Hutto's red light cameras

By Suzanne Haberman

Hutto's red light cameras have helped reduce intersection accidents by deterring drivers from running red lights, and violators' fees collected over the past year have routed revenue to the city.

"I believe it has definitely helped our intersection collisions because we don't have many of them anymore," said Lt. Dwain Jones of the Hutto Police Department. "We have not seen an increase in rear-end collisions."

Hutto has had red light cameras

monitoring two intersections since November 2008. Automated red light enforcement patrols east and westbound traffic at the intersection of Hwy. 79 and Exchange Boulevard, and westbound traffic at Hwy. 79 and North FM 1660.

Drivers who do not stop at the solid white line at these intersections are mailed a citation. The cameras document the violation, and then the photos and video undergo a review process to determine validity.

Violators pay a state-designated fee of

\$75. Funds are divided among the red light camera operator American Traffic Solutions, the state and the City of Hutto. Between November 2008 and November 2009, the city issued a total of 4,955 citations for straight through and right-turn violations. For the fiscal year, that represents \$39,000 in revenue collected by the city.

Revenue earned from red light cameras outweighs the cost to operate the equipment and administer the tickets, Hutto Financial Manager Micah Grau said.

How red light cameras work



From the intersection

- Two sensors in the ground detect speed if vehicle is traveling at least 10 mph. Cameras are activated once vehicle passes through intersection.
- Cameras take a video and photos of the vehicle and license plate

To the mailbox

- Documents are reviewed at American Traffic Solutions and forwarded to Hutto PD.
- Sergeants review documents and mail citation or refer cases to the lieutenant or chief. Review could take 30 days.

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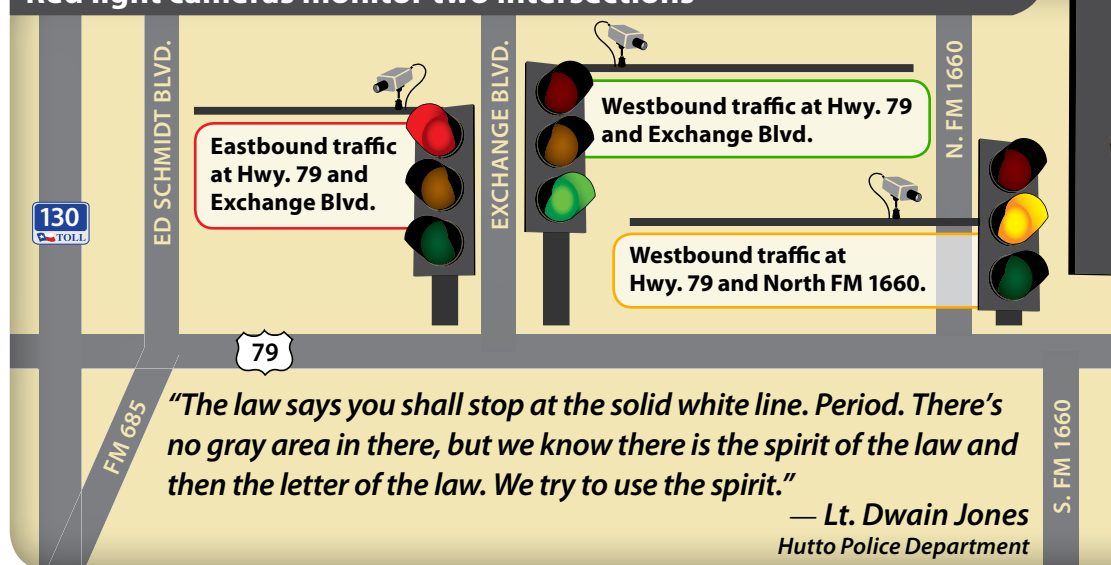
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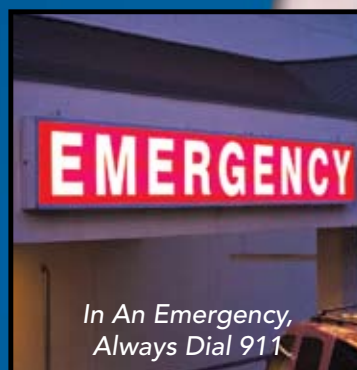
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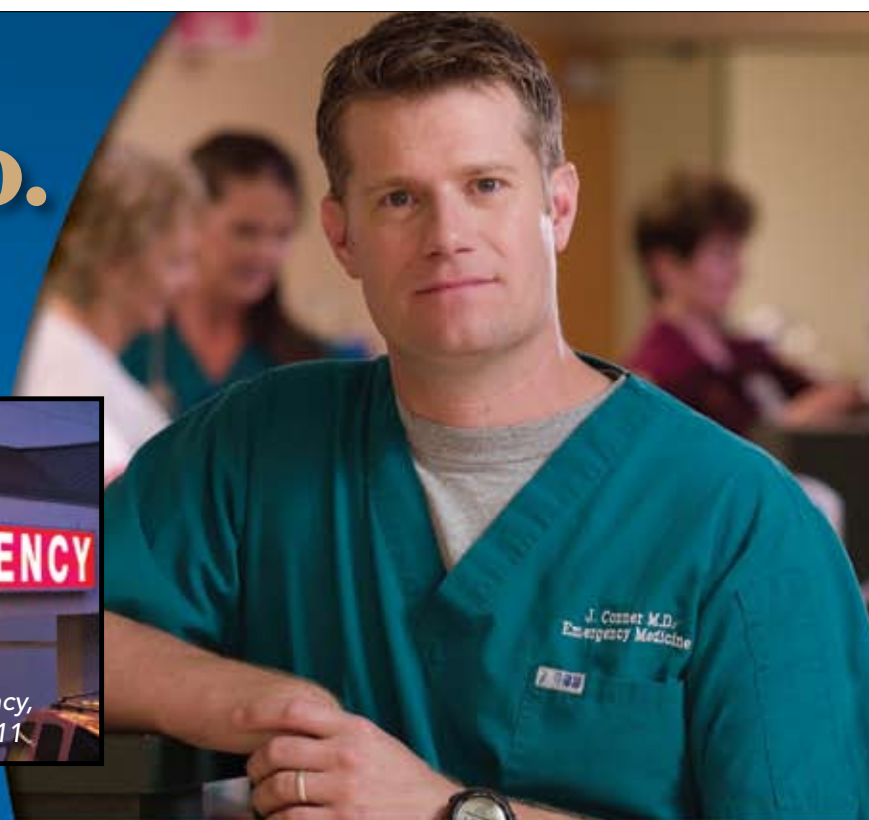
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County commissioners discussed granting the Freeport exemption in Williamson County at their Dec. 8 meeting.

The Freeport exemption would excuse businesses from paying county taxes on certain inventory bound for export from Texas. Two other major taxing entities may also allow the exemption, including cities and school districts. When all three participate, it is called the Triple Freeport. The county's approval of the measure

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Georgetown

The Georgetown City Council approved a \$1 increase in monthly water rates at its Dec. 8 meeting. As of Jan. 1, the \$16.50 fixed amount for most residents increased to \$17.50. City officials attribute the increase to higher fixed costs for water utility operations after the treatment plant's capacity expanded earlier this year. The new rate is the first increase in the monthly bill's fixed portion in 24 years.

The City of Georgetown held a meeting Dec. 15 regarding the 2010 census and upcoming preparations that need to be

made for the initiative. The census will kick off April 1. For more information visit 2010.census.gov.

Georgetown City Council
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City council meetings are recorded and broadcast on Channel 10 at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Sunday following each meeting.

Hutto

At its Dec. 3 meeting the Hutto City Council voted to reappoint several members to city boards. Joshua Lake and Scott Heselmeyer were reappointed to the Economic Development Corporation board. Sue Berdison and Carmen Tydings were reappointed to the Historic Preservation Commission and Troy McMillan and Jarrid Hohensee were reappointed to the Parks Advisory Board. The council appointed Samuel Jewett to the Planning and Zoning Board and Matthew Gerbert to the Parks Advisory Board.

At the city's Dec. 17 meeting, the council honored Flo Adams for nine years of service on the Parks Advisory Board. While working with the board Adams also served on the master plan committee, name recognition committee and served as secretary and vice chair.



Joshua Lake



Scott Heselmeyer

Hutto City Council
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Taylor

The city council unanimously voted to include 1,012 acres in its city limits at the council's Dec. 17 meeting. The City of Taylor will now provide fire protection, police and emergency medical services. Building inspection and permits, ordinances will apply and parks and recreation facilities will be open to new residents. City officials said no more than 100 homes will be affected by the annexation. Read the complete story on Taylor's annexation on page one.

At its Dec. 10 meeting the city council voted to approve a 7.7 percent increase, or 94 cents, in city trash rates. This will bring the cost of waste disposal from \$12.13 to \$13.07. City officials attribute the hike in rates to the rising cost of disposal at the Williamson County Landfill.

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South San Gabriel River Trail

Starting near the Parks & Recreation Administrative Building at San Gabriel Park, 445 E. Morrow St., the 1-mile trail runs between College Street and the South San Gabriel River, ending at Blue Hole Park, 100 Blue Hole Park Road. Parking is available at San Gabriel Park.

Hutto

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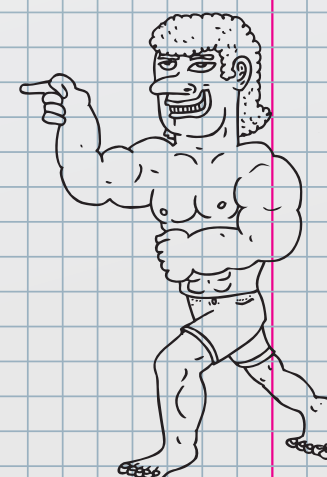
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Annexation

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Reason to annex

As Taylor expands, the city wants to be able to enforce codes and regulate zoning. Having growth areas within city limits helps the city stay on track with the plans outlined in the city's comprehensive plan, said Jim Dunaway, Taylor city manager.

"We're looking at our growth areas that we project; the annexation is not a monetary issue," Dunaway said, explaining that the property tax collected on the annexed land will be negligible because it is mostly undeveloped.

Dunaway cited specific reasons to supervise growth in the areas annexed.

The land north and west of Taylor will provide access to Chandler Road, which, upon completion in 2010, will provide an east-west corridor between Round Rock and Taylor. Property along the roadway and at the intersection of Hwy. 95 and Chandler Road will become prime real estate for businesses and the city wants to supervise its development, Taylor Mayor Pro Tem Ella Jez said.

Zoning control will also be important for the land annexed east of Taylor because heavy manufacturers have expressed interest in relocating to the area.

"You wouldn't want an industrial site next to a residential site," Jez said. "It might not be conducive to the neighborhood."

To the south, where the new Taylor High School is slated to open by 2011, city regulation will help ensure the school is by residences and the types of business that are useful to nearby homeowners and high school students, Dunaway said.

Advantages to citizens

Newly annexed residents acquire some city services right away, Dunaway said.

"You'd get the soft services immediately," he said, referring to everything but utilities including water and sewer.

Taylor residents have access to city facilities such as parks and the library, as well as police, fire and road maintenance services. However, that does not stop people who live outside Taylor from using these services. They also contribute to the wear and tear of facilities and roads,

but do not pay taxes to maintain them. When annexed citizens pay taxes for these services, it will more equitably share the expense, Dunaway said.

Additionally, the value of land annexed might increase, depending on growth and location. Dunaway said at least one annexed property owner turned down an agricultural exemption by choosing to go along with the annexation. The exemption would offer tax breaks on land used for timber, wildlife or agriculture. Instead some residents opted to become a part of Taylor with the hope of making a bigger land sale in the future.

Resident protest

Annexation opponents, including Stimach, formed StopTaylorAnnexation in protest of the annexation. Some said the annexation should be nullified because Jez, who owns property in the southern tract, engaged in a conflict of interest by introducing the motion to consider annexation on Sept. 29.

The group has said being involuntarily annexed is unconstitutional because the people did not get to vote on the issue. However state law allows cities to bring adjacent land into city limits without residents' consent in low-density areas. When the land has fewer than 100 houses, cities can annex immediately; if there are more, the city has to follow a three-year process to ensure services are delivered.

The coalition has challenged the city's count of less than 100 houses based on Williamson County tax records.

"We are threatening to take legal action," Stimach said. In fact, the coalition has filed a complaint with Williamson County District Attorney John Bradley.

"I'm one of a core team of about five or six landowners who are helping to spearhead this on behalf of our friends and neighbors," Stimach said. "They didn't realize the dragon they were awakening when they started all this."

Coalition members and some residents do not believe the annexation is for zoning control; rather, that it is a way for Taylor to increase city funds through taxation.

Seventy-five-year-old rancher Edward Wolbrueck owns 157 acres on a farm north of Taylor where he grows corn and cotton. Edward and his wife, Deloris,

Annexation basics

What it is

Annexation is the method a city uses to add land to its area of authority. For municipalities with populations fewer than 25,000, such as Taylor, state law allows annexation of land extending 1 mile from city limits, an area known as the extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Taylor's past annexations

September 2008: 1,112 acres involuntarily annexed

1970-2008: More than 2,063 acres voluntarily annexed

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Voluntary vs. involuntary

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Involuntary or unilateral:

Initiated by city without consent of the property owner. In areas with more than 100 residences, state law requires the process take three years to ensure city services are delivered to the residents.

Taxation after annexation

Involuntary annexation can leave property owners feeling that annexation is a fast, unstoppable track to paying higher taxes. This timeline shows where citizens can voice their opinion along the way.

Government action:

Residents' action:

1. City proposes

Public hearings and city council meetings

2. City annexes

Planning and zoning and city council meetings

3. City zones*

4. Williamson Central Appraisal District appraises**

5. Pay taxes

Appraiser, Appraisal Review Board

*Zoning controls whether land is used residentially or commercially.

**Property taxes are based on this yearly assessment. A 2009 constitutional amendment requires that appraisals of homes reflect the value of the residence, not the commercial potential of the property.

Sources: City of Taylor, Texas Municipal League, Williamson Central Appraisal District

moved out of town about five years ago because they wanted to live in the country. But soon, Chandler Road will run through their property.

Unlike Stimach, however, the Wolbruecks' land qualifies for the agricultural exemption. More than 1,600 acres of the originally proposed land claimed the exemption for timber, wildlife or agriculture. Those properties will remain outside city limits for up to 15 years or until the land use changes.

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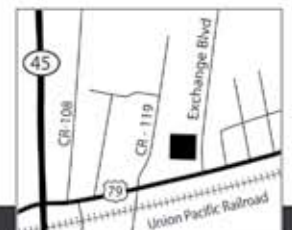
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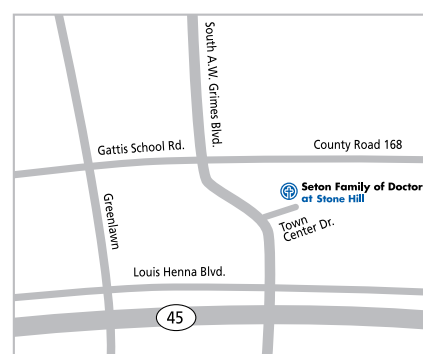
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Regional Report | Abridged stories from our other editions

Top Stories

Leaders push green plans

Leander Groups from businesses to governments have been taking steps to reduce their impact on the environment and follow more sustainable practices.

Individual approaches are as varied as the organizations they represent. Some teach tomorrow's leaders the value of conservancy. Others are using fewer resources. They all have one goal in mind: to make the future a better place.

Concordia University Texas is building a community around the environment in its new location, leaders in Leander are taking steps toward a greener future with a revised comprehensive plan and Cedar Park officials are using a \$519,700 grant to launch environmental projects.

The university's mission is to develop Christian leaders who understand the value of environmental stewardship. Its location near a natural preserve



is a major influence.

After 80 years in downtown Austin, Concordia University moved to 385 acres off RM 620 near FM 2222 in July 2008. About 65 percent of the land is made up of the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve.

Dr. Laurence Meissner, professor of biology, has been using the preserve to teach environmental management and conservancy.

Meissner's goal is to develop meaningful partnerships among governments, agencies and

organizations to figure out what is really best for the environment.

The preserve has also inspired Don Christian, the dean of the College of Business, to organize a monthly speaker's series about the role Christianity plays in environmental preservation.

The series had covered business topics and how Christian values influenced those ideas. Now he focuses on the environment because the new campus has changed its identity.

Full story at more.impactnews.com/6434

The Domain Phase II set to open February 2010

Northwest Austin Simon Property Group's development of The Domain is shaping into its vision of luxury shopping, upscale hotels, office space and entertainment for the northwest Austin area as the last stages of phase two finish.

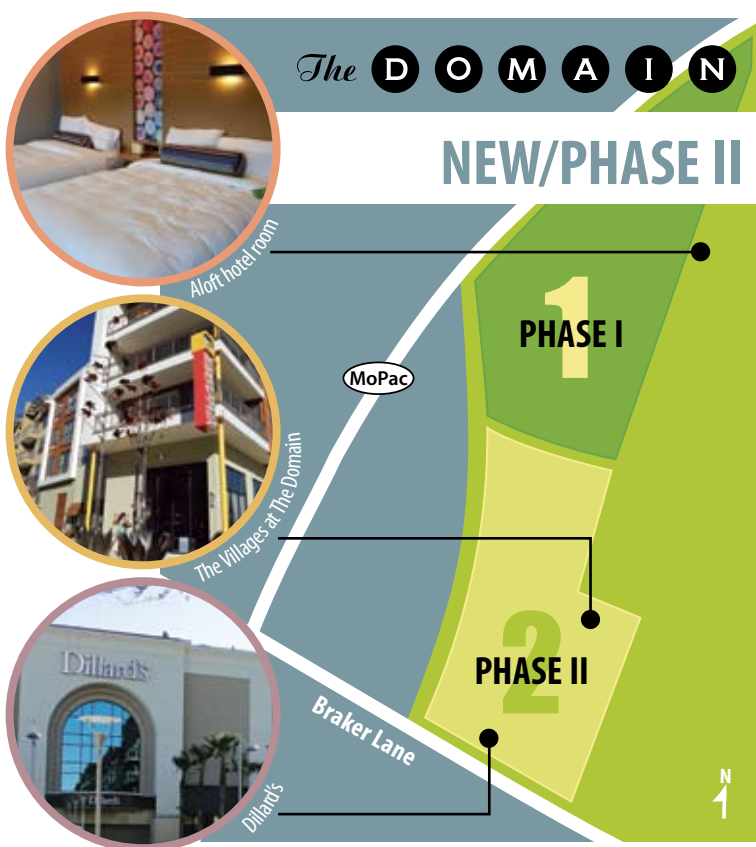
"It truly is a project where you can live, play and work as well as shop," said Kathy Shields, senior vice president of development for Simon Property Group.

Plans for The Domain began in 2003 with phase one, which was completed in winter 2007. The partnership is between local developer Endeavor and Simon Property Group Inc., the largest U.S. public real estate company.

In phase two, each of the developers is building separate phases within The Domain's boundaries of MoPac, Burnet Road and Braker Lane.

Simon's 600,000 sq. ft. Domain II expansion got under way in June 2008 and was originally expected to be completed in 2009. Simon is now anticipating most of its second phase to be completed by February.

While the first phase of The Domain brought new upscale



shopping and dining to the Austin market with Tiffany & Co., Macy's and Neiman Marcus, Simon's second phase will offer a wider array of options, including entertainment and hotels.

Already open for business in phase two are DICK'S Sporting Goods, Aloft hotel and The Villages at The Domain. DICK'S,

which sells sporting equipment, apparel and footwear, opened earlier this fall. Village Roadshow Gold Class Cinemas, a movie theater offering concierge service, an international wine list, reclining chairs and seasonal menus, will open its newest location in The Domain Feb. 26.

Full story at more.impactnews.com/6503

Business Profiles

Destination Graphix 1605 Greening Way
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Leander At first glance, John Bittickome people enjoy the journey in life, and Gabrielle Melisende is all about the destination. As founder and creative director of Leander-based Destination Graphix, she creates "demand by design" for her clients, providing large and small businesses with innovative ways to develop their identity and create demand for their products and services.

Destination Graphix is a full-service firm whose services include marketing consulting, graphic design, website solutions and advertising. Melisende arrived in Texas via Tucson, Ariz., in 2005. She and two employees provide personalized service to customers from a home-based studio.

Melisende credits her previous jobs, including one with a music company, for giving her the skills to run her business.

Melisende honed her graphics skills and began producing impressive publications and designs. Her on-the-job training



also included a stint at a publishing house. But she never viewed her work as just placing text on a page. Her desire to learn, combined with her natural marketing abilities, enabled her not only to strike out on her own, but also separate herself from other traditional design firms.

GorgAnna Randolph, one of Melisende's clients, has taken notice. The director at ProBusiness Systems Inc. appreciates Melisende's skills and her ability to see far beyond the obvious.

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Cupprimo Cupcakery & Coffee Spot

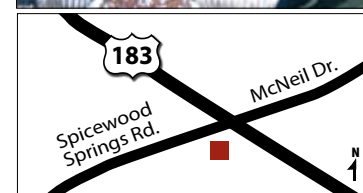
8650 Spicewood Springs Road, Ste. 105 • 335-7746 • www.cupprimo.com

Northwest Austin Each weekday drivers line up along Spicewood Springs Road waiting to take US 183 to work. Many are oblivious they are passing what *Austin Monthly* deemed as one of the 50 Fabulous Foodie Finds in Austin: Cupprimo Cupcakery & Coffee Spot.

Owned by Amy Brown, a self-professed "total coffee snob," according to her business cards the cupcakery and coffee spot has comfortable seating and free Wi-Fi. It is decorated with vivid photographs from Natural Impressions Photography of playful children and beautifully frosted cupcakes.

Brown, who lives in the neighborhood, sees her shop as a place for community. She attends church down the street, drops her kids off at soccer and does most of her living within about a 4-mile radius, though her cupcakes can be found as far away as Chicago.

Each week, one customer, a flight attendant, buys a dozen



cupcakes to fly with her to Chicago. Brown keeps asking why she does not just buy them in Chicago, but the customer said other places are not as consistently good.

And that is what makes her shop so successful, Brown said.

Full story at more.impactnews.com/6500

Neighborhood Dining

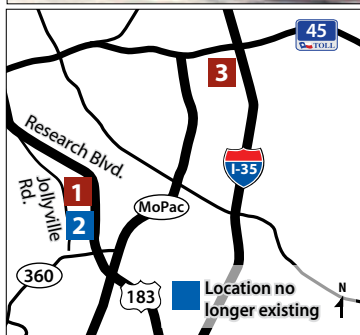
Antonio's Mexican Restaurant 16912 N. IH 35
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Northwest Austin How many Austin restaurants can claim a horse drive-thru in their history? Antonio's Mexican Restaurant can. Established in 1972 off North Lamar Boulevard and West Braker Lane, Antonio's got its start in a family home. Roger Mendoza—whose father, Rudy Mendoza, and former brother-in-law John Cortez bought the restaurant in 1982—said people would ride their horses up to a kitchen window and order from a small selection of Mexican fare.

While Antonio's no longer gives horseback-riding customers that option, it has since moved—a couple of times—added two locations and expanded the menu, with margaritas, chimichangas, burritos and more.

The latest change for Antonio's is a new spot for its flagship restaurant, which was on Jollyville Road from 1995 to January 2009. Opened in late summer, it is now on Research Boulevard just south of Spicewood Springs—where Kerbey Lane Café operated for 20 years before relocating north on Research Boulevard.

And with each of Antonio's



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moves Mendoza said the customers have remained loyal.

With rotating specials on margaritas, appetizers, entrées and more every day Antonio's also has live acoustic music every Friday and Saturday night.

Full story at more.impactnews.com/6498

Entertainment Profile

Bridgehook Songwriters

Cedar Park When Chris Smith needed a way to motivate himself to write more tunes, he formed a music circle for inspiration. Now the group's talent will benefit underprivileged children during the holidays.

Bridgehook Songwriters, five Cedar Park-area musicians who meet weekly to practice music, released a holiday CD Dec. 4. Proceeds from the disc, which costs \$10, benefited Cedar Park Blue Santa.

In May, Smith, who works in public relations, started Bridgehook Songwriters group to inspire his musical imagination. The group includes local musicians Karen Chisholm, Mark Lewis, Philip Q. Morrow and Sam Riggs.

"In the past, I had a real tough time coming up with some way to motivate myself to write more music," Smith said. "Now with Bridgehook, we all come in and have a discussion about music. We



give each other feedback, and it's been working really well to get us all to come up with more music."

The group meets every Wednesday at It's a Grind Coffee House in Cedar Park. Members pick a song topic, then each artist has a week to write music about the idea. During the following session, the group critiques the songs, picks a new theme and the process continues. The group is open to experienced musicians.

When Dave Siebold, owner of It's a Grind, heard some of the Christmas songs, he knew there was potential to boost the group while raising money for charity.

Full story at more.impactnews.com/6422

Nonprofit Profile

Austin Dog Alliance 12129 RM 620, Ste. 401
335-7100 • www.austindogalliance.org

Northwest Austin Buzz is helping a nonprofit teach children self-confidence, compassion and patience. In return for his efforts, the dachshund receives a sense of accomplishment, tummy rubs and squeaky toys.

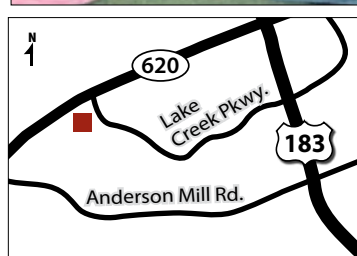
Buzz is participating in an ADA pilot program called Paws for Alert, which allows hearing, hard of hearing and deaf children to teach him to respond to hand signs. Buzz is deaf and was named for the buzzing collar he wears to alert him to look up when his owner calls.

"It's good socialization for the children, plus it's helping to train the dog," said Debi Krakar, ADA executive director.

After becoming certified by the Delta Society, which promotes training therapy dogs, Krakar said she realized volunteer sites had trouble qualifying each potential volunteer. She began the alliance to serve as a conduit for placing dog and owner/handler teams at volunteer locations.

Now, "if the dog is approved by us, then they know they are good," she said.

Through a program called Bow Wow Buddies, ADA teams



visit Leander and Austin schools. The dogs are taught to rest their heads on a child's knee and sit still while they read.

"You sit them down together and watch the child start petting the dog, calm down and start reading, and then they don't want to stop," Krakar said.

The dogs have the same soothing effect on nursing home residents and hospital patients, putting them in high demand. The ADA has about 35 teams working all over the area and a waiting list of facilities at least 35 teams long.

Full story at more.impactnews.com/6525

Local History

Texas Parks and Wildlife

Southwest Austin The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has roots in Texas' history that date back nearly as far as the state itself. The department enables a broad spectrum of outdoor recreational activities for residents by managing and protecting the state's wildlife population and habitat. Today, the department operates a system of 93 state parks, natural areas and historic sites totaling more than 586,000 acres—all headquartered from an office in south Austin.

Hunting and fishing were already popular activities in Texas before the department came to fruition, but in 1861, 16 years after Texas was admitted into the United States, the first game law in Texas was created—a two-year closed season on hunting bobwhite quail on Galveston Island. The ban arguably became the first event in a series of regulations



leading up to the establishment of the department.

In 1895, the legislature took additional steps to maintain control of the state's wildlife by creating the Fish and Oyster Commission, whose primary goal was to regulate fishing. From there, other departments overseeing alternative areas of wildlife were added, ultimately creating in 1963 what is now known as the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Full story at more.impactnews.com/6570

Community Impact

Get dirty in a 4x4

Cedar Park Krawltext Motorsports, 500 Brushy Creek Road, Ste. 400, moved to its current location from south Austin to serve off-road enthusiasts. The full-service shop offers custom fabrication of roll cages, reinforced suspensions, performance modifications and four-wheel drive maintenance. Call 996-9669 or visit www.krawltext.com.

Green Oil

Southwest Austin The locally owned **Auto Maintenance Man** at 606B W. Slaughter Lane is the first auto repair shop in Texas to offer G-OIL, a 98 percent biodegradable oil made from animal fat. The oil works like regular oil and has performed better than synthetic oil in tests, co-owner Karla Longnion said. Call 926-2886 or visit www.automaintenanceman.com.

Viva Tex-Mex

Cedar Park Vivo opened its second location at 12233 RM 620, Ste. 105 on Dec. 11. The restaurant serves San Antonio-style Tex-Mex food that features freshly prepared dishes with a healthy twist. Call 331-4660 or visit www.vivo-austin.com.



Oil & vinegar

Northwest Austin Olive oil and balsamic vinegar retail store and tasting bar **Con' Olio** opened Nov. 27 at 1000 Research Blvd., Ste. 130. The store offers more than 25 different fresh vinegars from around the world. Visitors can sample products before purchasing, and Con' Olio can also custom fill bottles of oils and vinegars selected from the store. Call 342-2344 or visit www.conolios.com.

Georgetown 100,000

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As the population of Georgetown continues to grow, 2015 inches closer and momentum gains on the city's drive to an even better "city of excellence," the four cornerstones are being watched and continually improved.

Education cornerstone

The Georgetown Independent School District is being proactive when it comes to preparing for the city's growth, said Bradley Smith, GISD school board president.

Within the last few years just about every facility has gone through some type of capital improvement, Smith said, and the first phase of the new high school has been completed.

"If the growth continues there will probably be another bond election next year, and we're working on that now," Smith said. "With that we'll satisfy the second phase of the high school and we'll probably have room for another middle school and elementary school."

Over the past six years the district has seen more of its students pass Texas' Academic Excellence Indicator System tests. Approximately 84 percent of students in the district earned a passing score or better, compared to only 61 percent in 2003.

"We're dealing with the changing population, just as the state of Texas is," Smith said. "I think we've done a very good job

ensuring the quality of education is ensured for every student as we continue to grow and prepare each campus for more growth."

Health care cornerstone

Georgetown is heavily recruiting biotechnology and life sciences companies to the area, said Mark Thomas, director of the city's economic development corporation.

"Our plan is if we build up enough of a cluster of those companies, they will in turn break out and attract more, similar companies and also spread out and expand on their own in the future," Thomas said.

Thomas estimated that five companies have been recruited into Georgetown's new Texas Life-Sciences Collaboration Center over the last few years.

"The way you define economic development is by bringing in new dollars into the community," he said. "If you have services that are regional in nature, you'll have people driving in to take advantage of services that haven't been there before."

Public safety cornerstone

It is hard to drive through the city on any given day and not see at least one of Georgetown's 78 police officers nearby, Pendland said. That fact alone has him proud of the city's safety services.

"We've had some stumbles, but Georgetown is fortunate to be one of those places to have a very low crime rate," Pendland said.

The police department, along with the city's fire department, has been doing excellent work in terms of response times and is providing a positive improvement for the

public safety cornerstone, Pendland said.

Economic development cornerstone

Georgetown has become a hub for new business, a fact that runs concurrently with an escalation in population. The city has been progressing so well in this area that national attention has focused on Georgetown. In 2008 it was named No. 2 in *Fortune Small Business*' 100 Best Places to Live and Launch list.

Georgetown's effort to revitalize its downtown area and bring in more visitors has also paid off remarkably well, so much so that the city has become an exemplary community in terms of developed downtown districts, said Jon Roberts, managing director of TIP Strategies, an economic consulting firm in Austin.

"They're definitely way ahead of any other community in the metro area," he said.

Status check

While many feel Georgetown is well on its way to becoming a city of quality with 100,000 people, there are some who might be reluctant to join the planned growth initiative and wish to keep Georgetown a smaller community. That is expected, Brent said, but its growth is inevitable.

"You have to appreciate and value that point of view," Brent said. "That's the balance we need. The people with those points of view wish we could stay the same—that is blended and coupled with the reality that we are growing and will continue to grow."

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Inside Information | Twitter How-To

By James Wickett, Rich Vazquez and Andrea Leptinsky

Twitter might seem like a foreign language to some at first. The vocabulary and typing habits might seem imposing, but frequent users of Twitter enjoy it for its simplicity and up-to-the-minute news updates.

Twitter is a web-based service, sometimes called micro-blogging, that allows communities of people to communicate in posts that are 140 characters or less.

Global examples of its usefulness include the instance of James Karl Buck, a student attending a protest in Egypt. Because he had time to post the word "arrested" and his friends knew where he was, his family and friends mobilized to get him quickly released from an Egyptian jail.

However, Twitter can be much more local. State and local governments, nonprofits and small businesses use Twitter to communicate better with their audiences.

"Our website already carries news flash items, and the

generation of communication for us would be to get into social media," said Jean Johnson, Taylor public information officer. "We're just beginning to get into all of that."

Staying in touch

Staying in touch with your local officials and government will keep you immediately and constantly updated on city issues, said Edward Broussard, city manager for the City of Hutto.

"We've been able to use Twitter from the city and personal accounts to showcase upcoming events and breaking news," Broussard said. "Interested citizens don't have to wait until the next day when the newspaper comes to find out the latest city activities. They can find out now by following their governments on Twitter." Broussard said Twitter is not considered the "end-all, be-all of communication," but is simply another vehicle for the release of

information. "We're living in an age where information and communication is expected instantly, and this moves us further along in getting our message out at the speed of 'send,'" he said.



Community Impact Newspaper has committed to using Twitter more as a way to get news to you faster. Learn how to use the Twitter site with these tips and suggestions.

How to get started with Twitter:

- Go to Twitter.com and choose the "Sign Up Now" button
- Choose a username for yourself
- Follow others' Twitter feeds by clicking the "Follow" button located beneath the organization's name at the top of their home page
- Search for people with similar interests as yourself by searching at <http://search.twitter.com>
- Create your first tweet by typing your "update" into the empty box at the top of your home page and clicking the update button when you're done

What are hashtags?

Hashtags are prefaced with a "#" symbol. It allows users to tag their content for others to find. This allows users to search Twitter and find tweets from the event without following everyone at the event.

What are the "@" symbols for?

The "@" indicates another user on Twitter. When you want to reference another user's tweet, all you have to do is preface the username with an "@".

People to follow in Georgetown, Hutto and Taylor:

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City of Georgetown: <http://twitter.com/georgetowntx>
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News Update | Most congested roadways in Austin

By Tiffany Young

IH 35 from Hwy. 71 to US 183

Ranking: 26

This segment has more than 1.36 million annual hours of delay* with an annual congestion cost of delay* of \$28.32 million. A trip that takes 20 minutes in free-flow conditions will take approximately 28 minutes during rush hour. If no changes are made to the current transportation system, TxDOT projects that a trip during rush hour would take 45 minutes in 20 years. TxDOT has no plans to update this roadway.

MoPac from US 183 to Hwy. 290

Ranking: 44

This segment has more than 1.08 million annual hours of delay with an annual congestion cost of delay of \$22.56 million. A trip that takes 20 minutes in free-flow conditions will take approximately 26 minutes during rush hour. If no changes are made to the current transportation system, TxDOT projects that a trip during rush hour would take 40 minutes in 20 years. TxDOT has plans to add managed lanes to help with congestion.

IH 35 from US 183 to Howard Lane

Ranking: 45

This segment has more than 570,000 annual hours of delay with an annual congestion cost of delay of \$11.89 million. A trip that takes 20 minutes in free-flow conditions will take approximately 26 minutes during rush hour. If no changes are made to the current transportation system, TxDOT projects that a trip during rush hour would take 39 minutes in 20 years. TxDOT has plans to widen the southbound frontage road, add a deceleration lane at Park Thirty Five Circle and construct an interchange at Parmer Lane.

MoPac from Toll 45 to Parmer Lane

Ranking: 48

This segment has more than 317,000 annual hours of delay with an annual congestion cost of delay of \$6.59 million. A trip that takes 20 minutes in free-flow conditions will take approximately 25 minutes during rush hour. If no changes are made to the current transportation system, TxDOT projects that a trip during rush hour would take 29 minutes in 20 years. TxDOT has no plans to update this roadway.

US 183 from MoPac to IH 35

Ranking: 49

This segment has more than 314,000 annual hours of delay with an annual congestion cost of delay of \$6.53 million. A trip that takes 20 minutes in free-flow conditions will take approximately 26 minutes during rush hour. If no changes are made to the current transportation system, TxDOT projects that a trip during rush hour would take 42 minutes in 20 years. TxDOT has plans to add managed lanes from Lakeline Boulevard to IH 35.

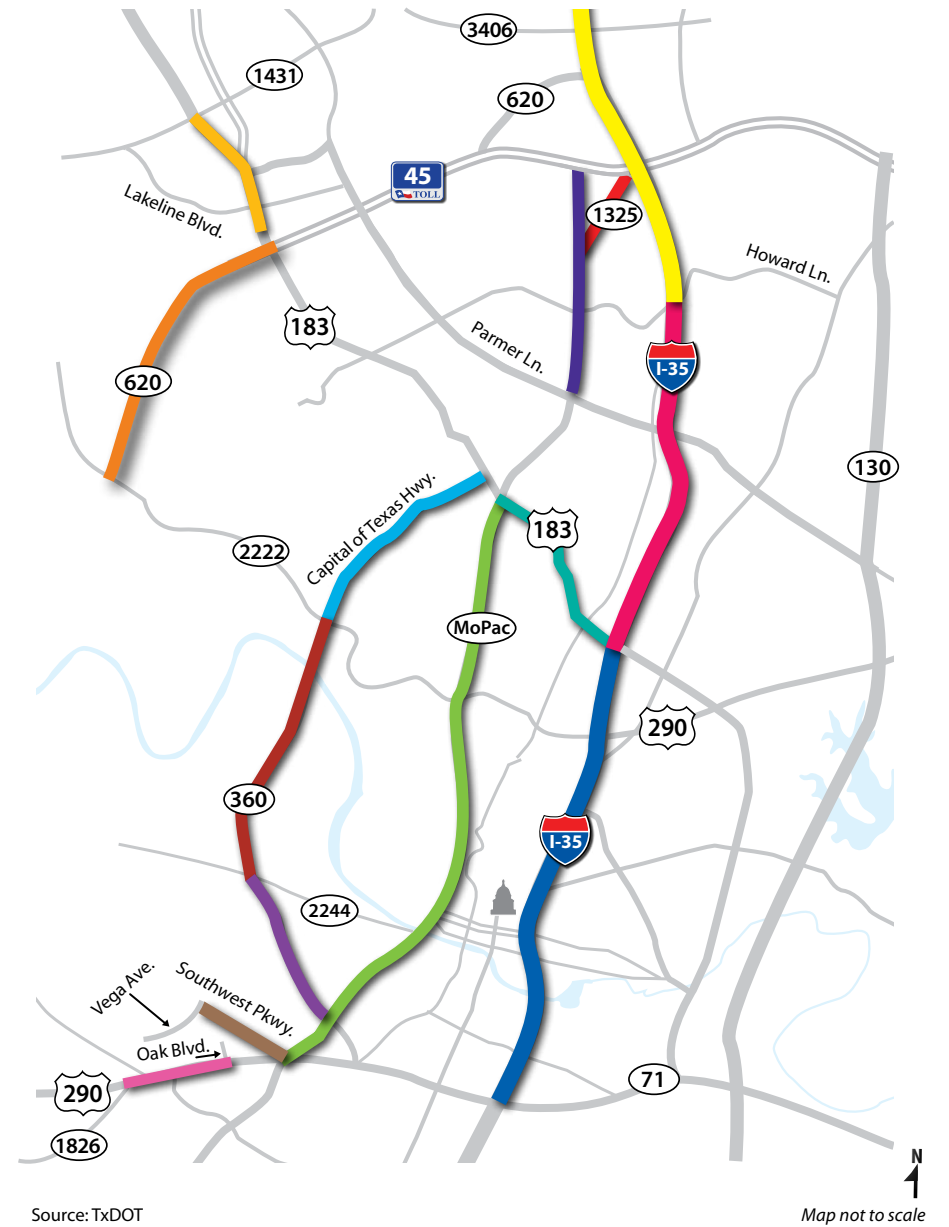
IH 35 from Howard Lane to FM 3406

Ranking: 53

This segment has more than 652,000 annual hours of delay with an annual congestion cost of delay of \$13.54 million. A trip that takes 20 minutes in free-flow conditions will take approximately 25 minutes during rush hour. If no changes are made to the current transportation system, TxDOT projects that a trip during rush hour would take 40 minutes in 20 years. TxDOT has plans to construct direct connectors from Toll 45.

Ranking Austinites' commutes

The Texas Department of Transportation recently published a list of Texas' 100 most congested roadways. Fourteen of the segments are in Central Texas. Find out the ranking of roadways along with what, if anything, is planned to improve the roadways and the cost of improvements versus not taking action. For a full list, visit <http://apps.dot.state.tx.us/apps/rider56>.



Source: TxDOT

Map not to scale

Capital of Texas Hwy. from RM 2222 to 2244

Ranking: 61

This segment has more than 338,000 annual hours of delay with an annual congestion cost of delay of \$7.03 million. A trip that takes 20 minutes in free-flow conditions will take approximately 27 minutes during rush hour. If no changes are made to the current transportation system, TxDOT projects that a trip during rush hour would take 30 minutes in 20 years. TxDOT has no plans to update this roadway.

US 183 from RM 1431 to 1 mile south of Lakeline Blvd.

Ranking: 64

This segment has more than 267,000 annual hours of delay with an annual congestion cost of delay of \$5.56 million. A trip that takes 20 minutes in free-flow conditions will take approximately 27 minutes during rush hour. If no changes are made to the current transportation system, TxDOT projects that a trip during rush hour would take 30 minutes in 20 years. TxDOT has plans to add managed lanes from Lakeline Boulevard to IH 35.

RM 620 from US 183 to FM 2222

Ranking: 70

This segment has more than 342,000 annual hours of delay with an annual congestion cost of delay of \$7.1 million. A trip that takes 20 minutes in free-flow conditions will take approximately 27 minutes during rush hour. If no changes are made to the current transportation system, TxDOT projects that a trip during rush hour would take 37 minutes in 20 years. TxDOT has plans to construct direct connectors at US 183 and construct a new freeway facility with intermittent frontage roads on Toll 45.

US 290 from Oak Boulevard to RM 1826

Ranking: 72

This segment has more than 150,000 annual hours of delay with an annual congestion cost of delay of \$3.12 million. A trip that takes 20 minutes in free-flow conditions will take approximately 26 minutes during rush hour. If no changes are made to the current transportation system, TxDOT projects that a trip during rush hour would take 29 minutes in 20 years. TxDOT has no plans to update this roadway.

FM 1325 from IH 35 to Merriltown Drive

Ranking: 78

This segment has more than 129,000 annual hours of delay with an annual congestion cost of delay of \$2.69 million. A trip that takes 20 minutes in free-flow conditions will take approximately 26 minutes during rush hour. If no changes are made to the current transportation system, TxDOT projects that a trip during rush hour would take 31 minutes in 20 years. TxDOT has no plans to update this roadway.

Southwest Parkway from Vega Avenue to MoPac

Ranking: 54

This segment has more than 153,000 annual hours of delay with an annual congestion cost of delay of \$3.18 million. A trip that takes 20 minutes in free-flow conditions will take approximately 26 minutes during rush hour. If no changes are made to the current transportation system, TxDOT projects that a trip during rush hour would take 45 minutes in 20 years. TxDOT has no plans to update this roadway.

Capital of Texas Hwy. from US 183 to RM 2222

Ranking: 55

This segment has more than 282,000 annual hours of delay with an annual congestion cost of delay of \$5.86 million. A trip that takes 20 minutes in free-flow conditions will take approximately 27 minutes during rush hour. If no changes are made to the current transportation system, TxDOT projects that a trip during rush hour would take 30 minutes in 20 years. TxDOT has no plans to update this roadway.

Capital of Texas Hwy. from RM 2244 to MoPac

Ranking: 81

This segment has more than 193,000 annual hours of delay with an annual congestion cost of delay of \$4.02 million. A trip that takes 20 minutes in free-flow conditions will take approximately 26 minutes during rush hour. If no changes are made to the current transportation system, TxDOT projects that a trip during rush hour would take 29 minutes in 20 years. TxDOT has no plans to update this roadway.

Glossary

***Travel delay**
The total amount of wasted time is produced by comparing the travel time at congested speeds to the free flow speed on each roadway type. The free flow speed was assumed to be 60 mph on freeways and 35 mph on arterial streets and frontage roads. An additional factor that varies by road type and urban region is used to account for additional delay because of crashes, stalled vehicles and other irregular delay-causing events.

***Congestion cost**
Two cost components are associated with congestion: delay cost and fuel cost. These values are directly related to the travel speed calculations. In 2007, the most recent year of data, the average cost for an hour of person delay was approximately \$21 per hour. This value was used as an estimate of congestion cost, including delay and fuel. The delay cost is an estimate of the value of lost time in passenger vehicles and the increased operating costs of commercial vehicles in congestion.



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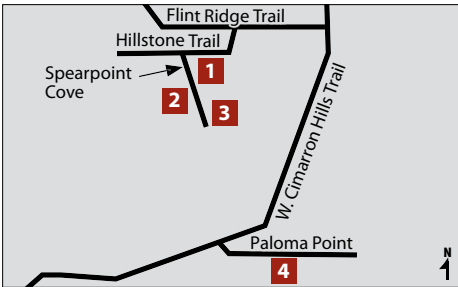


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- Schools (Georgetown and Liberty Hill ISD's)**
- Carver & Pickett elementary schools (GISD)
 - Bill Burden Elementary School (LISD)
 - Tippit Middle School (GISD)
 - Liberty Hill Intermediate School
 - Georgetown Ninth Grade Center
 - Liberty Hill Junior High School
 - Georgetown High School
 - Liberty Hill High School



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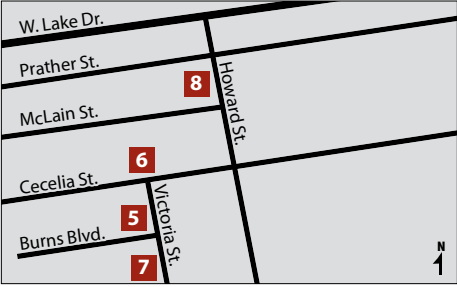


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On the market (Dec. 1-31)

Price range	No. of homes for sale			Avg. days on market		
	Georgetown	Hutto	Taylor	Georgetown	Hutto	Taylor
Less than \$100,000	12	6	43	164	115	99
\$100,000-\$149,900	84	93	38	104	80	108
\$150,000-\$199,900	117	44	16	105	107	113
\$200,000-\$299,900	124	25	8	95	102	137
\$300,000-\$399,900	83	4	3	149	107	90
\$400,000-\$499,900	39	-	1	174	-	72
\$500,000-\$749,900	30	2	-	144	105	-
\$750,000-\$999,900	12	1	-	214	275	-
\$1 million +	13	-	-	259	-	-

Monthly home sales

Month	No. of sales			Average price		
	Georgetown	Hutto	Taylor	Georgetown	Hutto	Taylor
Dec. 2009	68	22	8	\$236,323	\$150,854	\$95,538
Dec. 2008	77	27	4	\$235,737	\$149,538	\$177,500
Nov. 2009	47	16	6	\$195,207	\$196,277	\$119,948
Oct. 2009	81	35	7	\$230,620	\$149,668	\$103,880
Sept. 2009	81	45	19	\$212,878	\$143,601	\$98,555
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
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Georgetown, Hutto and Taylor

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78626	Georgetown	Crystal Knoll Terrace	104 Orange Tree Lane	3br/2ba	\$132,000	1,657	Sandy Barr	Coldwell Banker United	635-7725
78626	Georgetown	Georgetown Crossing	1320 Newbury St.	3br/2ba	\$129,000	1,361	Annette Wilson	RE/MAX Centx Assoc.	930-4663
78626	Georgetown	Katy Crossing	214 Claris Lane	1br/2ba	\$136,900	1,449	Paul Puig	Keller Williams Realty	850-8117
78626	Georgetown	Katy Crossing	131 Rosemary Cove	3br/2ba	\$128,000	1,208	Karin Truxillo	Urban Homes and Land	966-0166
78626	Georgetown	Katy Crossing	310 River Bluff Circle	3br/2ba	\$179,500	1,704	Don Johnson	Coldwell Banker United	818-0812
78626	Georgetown	Pleasant Valley	212 Valley Oaks Loop	3br/2ba	\$139,900	1,394	Diane Waters	Keller Williams Realty	657-4750
78626	Georgetown	Teravista	2014 Sunny Trail Drive	3br/2ba	\$221,969	2,128	Christine Rougeux	Austin Lifestyle Realty	466-1860
78626	Georgetown	Teravista	2015 Sunny Trail Drive	4br/3ba	\$273,615	2,851	Christine Rougeux	Austin Lifestyle Realty	466-1860
78626	Georgetown	Teravista	2015 Sunny Trail Drive	4br/3ba	\$274,565	2,851	Christine Rougeux	Austin Lifestyle Realty	466-1860
78626	Georgetown	University Park	2004 Quail Valley Drive	3br/2ba	\$137,900	1,354	Tatchi Lay	Goldwasser Real Estate	762-3552
78626	Georgetown	Windridge Village	1204 Third St.	2br/2ba	\$124,500	1,074	Kari Christ	C&G Summit Realty	784-8181
78628	Georgetown	Berry Creek	30222 St. Andrews Drive	4br/2ba	\$265,000	2,421	Pete Martin	ERA - Colonial Real Estate	818-2015
78628	Georgetown	Berry Creek	30505 St. Andrews Drive	4br/3ba	\$289,900	2,733	Robert Fischer	Keller Williams Realty	791-0229
78628	Georgetown	Berry Creek	30018 Oakland Hills Drive	3br/2ba	\$187,000	1,859	Terri Butt	Keller Williams Realty	868-9839
78628	Georgetown	Falls San Gabriel	2509 Springwood Lane	3br/2ba	\$449,000	2,676	Dave Murray	Coldwell Banker United	751-6060
78628	Georgetown	Parkside at Mayfield Ranch	404 Atlanta Park Drive	3br/2ba	\$235,745	2,273	John Mick	RE/MAX Capital City	401-9306
78628	Georgetown	Parkside at Mayfield Ranch	415 Atlanta Park Drive	4br/3ba	\$294,075	3,310	John Mick	RE/MAX Capital City	401-9306
78628	Georgetown	Reserve at Berry Creek	4605 Castle Pines Cove	4br/3ba	\$489,900	4,121	George DeVillar	Coldwell Banker United	639-0258
78628	Georgetown	River Chase	404 Mason Ranch Road	3br/2ba	\$432,500	2,709	Lena Lansdale	Keller Williams Realty	818-0229
78628	Georgetown	Williams	713 Garden Meadow Drive	3br/2ba	\$125,000	1,208	Freddy Nunnery	Coldwell Banker United	635-0909
78633	Georgetown	Heritage Oaks	805 Caprock Canyon Trail	3br/3ba	\$375,000	2,095	Pete Martin	ERA - Colonial Real Estate	818-2015
78633	Georgetown	Heritage Oaks	916 Heritage Oaks Bend	2br/2ba	\$275,000	2,097	Virginia Lazenby	ERA - Colonial Real Estate	818-0988
78633	Georgetown	Heritage Oaks	718 Enchanted Rock Trail	2br/2ba	\$244,900	1,620	Shana McMillan	Keller Williams Realty	914-5549
78633	Georgetown	Heritage Oaks	4806 Hidden Springs Trail	2br/2ba	\$316,000	2,244	William Disch	Keller Williams Realty	771-5001
78633	Georgetown	Sun City Georgetown	214 Apache Mountain Lane	3br/2ba	\$342,414	2,452	Loretta Thomason	Keller Williams Realty	554-4885
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78633	Georgetown	Sun City Georgetown	607 Salt Creek Lane	2br/2ba	\$157,269	1,393	Loretta Thomason	Keller Williams Realty	554-4885
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78633	Georgetown	Sun City Georgetown	108 Painted Bunting Lane	2br/2ba	\$299,950	2,643	Pokey Delwaide	ERA - Colonial Real Estate	818-9300
78633	Georgetown	Sun City Georgetown	202 Summer Road	2br/2ba	\$127,779	1,404	Jeffrey Walker	Prudential Texas Realty	947-8836
78633	Georgetown	Sun City Georgetown	102 Agave Lane	2br/2ba	\$229,000	2,026	Virginia Lazenby	ERA - Colonial Real Estate	818-0988
78633	Georgetown	Sun City Georgetown	116 Hollyberry Lane	2br/2ba	\$310,000	2,457	Susie Jones	ERA - Colonial Real Estate	818-7060
78633	Georgetown	Sun City Georgetown	117 Stockman Trail	2br/2ba	\$379,000	2,470	Pokey Delwaide	ERA - Colonial Real Estate	818-9300
78633	Georgetown	Sun City Georgetown	101 Barn Dance Cove	2br/2ba	\$359,500	2,470	Pokey Delwaide	ERA - Colonial Real Estate	818-9300
78633	Georgetown	Twin Springs	101 Twin Springs Road	3br/3ba	\$549,900	2,883	Mark Bowden	Keller Williams Realty	616-4115

ZIP code guide

78626 East Georgetown
78628 West Georgetown
78633 Northwest / Lake Georgetown area
78634 Hutto
76574 Taylor



2004 Quail Valley Drive, Georgetown \$137,900



4605 Castle Pines Cove, Georgetown \$489,900



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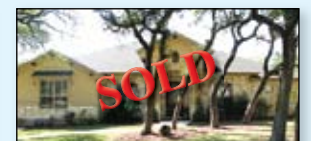
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78633	Georgetown	Woodlake	308 Leanne Drive	4br/2ba	\$170,000	2,464	Paulette Bostur	Prudential Texas Realty	751-4567
78628	Georgetown	Berry Creek	29005 Colonial Drive	4br/3ba	\$249,900	2,433	Katherine Reedholm	Keller Williams Realty	964-3010
78633	Georgetown	Sun City Georgetown	114 Beach Mountain Cove	3br/2ba	\$337,502	2,603	Loretta Thomason	Keller Williams Realty	554-4885
78633	Georgetown	Sun City Georgetown	122 Sandy Creek Trail	2br/2ba	\$160,430	1,465	Loretta Thomason	Keller Williams Realty	554-4885
78633	Georgetown	Sun City Georgetown	123 Sandy Creek Trail	2br/2ba	\$161,280	1,465	Loretta Thomason	Keller Williams Realty	554-4885
78633	Georgetown	Sun City Georgetown	216 Apache Mountain Lane	3br/2ba	\$334,492	2,603	Loretta Thomason	Keller Williams Realty	554-4885
78634	Hutto	Brushy Creek Meadows	104 Wren Cove	3br/2ba	\$101,900	1,450	Michelle Sheehan	Gaston & Sheehan Realty	251-4950
78634	Hutto	Creek Bend	123 Waterlily Way	3br/2ba	\$149,900	2,348	Patrick McGinley	Keller Williams Realty	784-2142
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78634	Hutto	Glenwood	6011 Andross Court	3br/2ba	\$115,500	1,270	Kelli Roch	Marketplace Real Estate Group	627-3857
78634	Hutto	Hutto Highlands	203 Hendelson Lane	4br/2ba	\$181,995	1,865	John Mick	RE/MAX Capital City	401-9306
78634	Hutto	Hutto Highlands	204 Hendelson Lane	3br/2ba	\$155,990	1,610	John Mick	RE/MAX Capital City	401-9306
78634	Hutto	Hutto Highlands	206 Hendelson Lane	4br/3ba	\$188,490	2,490	John Mick	RE/MAX Capital City	401-9306
78634	Hutto	Hutto Highlands	215 Hendelson Lane	4br/2ba	\$184,860	1,900	John Mick	RE/MAX Capital City	401-9306
78634	Hutto	Hutto Highlands	313 Cockrill St.	4br/2ba	\$178,780	1,865	John Mick	RE/MAX Capital City	401-9306
78634	Hutto	Hutto Square	318 Liberty St.	3br/2ba	\$114,900	1,840	Howard Nemetsky	Sellstate Hill Country	415-3050
78634	Hutto	Huttoparke	111 Rinehardt St.	4br/2ba	\$134,900	2,335	Christopher Matthews	Keller Williams Realty	703-7416
78634	Hutto	Huttoparke	204 Rinehardt St.	4br/2ba	\$124,900	1,916	Michael Sedigh	Sellstate Classic Realty	864-5999
78634	Hutto	Huttoparke	203 Rinehardt St.	3br/2ba	\$120,000	1,379	Dow Kennedy	RE/MAX Capital City II	267-6302
78634	Hutto	Huttoparke	230 Almquist St.	4br/2ba	\$129,000	1,916	Deborah Simmons	Keller Williams Realty	659-7579
78634	Hutto	Lakeside Estates	113 Cassandra Drive	3br/2ba	\$129,975	1,529	Leigh Hilliard	Keller Williams Realty	922-3965
78634	Hutto	Legends Hutto	423 Blackman Trail	3br/2ba	\$114,900	1,528	Michelle Sheehan	Gaston & Sheehan Realty	251-4950
78634	Hutto	Valley Vista	208 Allyson Lane	3br/2ba	\$69,999	1,484	Karen McKinney	J.B. Goodwin,	502-7712
76574	Taylor	Bel-Air	601 Kirk St.	3br/2ba	\$74,900	1,406	Michelle Sheehan	Gaston & Sheehan Realty	251-4950
76574	Taylor	Bradley	903 Thorndale Road	3br/2ba	\$179,000	1,900	Shane Hodgson	Keller Williams Realty	924-9080
76574	Taylor	Bradley	903 Thorndale Road	3br/2ba	\$165,900	1,900	Shane Hodgson	Keller Williams Realty	924-9080
76574	Taylor	Mallard Park	2103 Brewers Place	3br/2ba	\$124,990	1,360	John Mick	RE/MAX Capital City	401-9306
76574	Taylor	North Heights	1617 Laurel St.	2br/2ba	\$83,900	1,428	Bo Brasfield	Brasfield Real Estate	947-5713
76574	Taylor	Wuthrich Meadows	2988 CR 414	3br/2ba	\$149,900	2,547	Betsy Doss	RE/MAX Capital City	744-4555
76574	Taylor	Wuthrich Meadows	2988 CR 414	3br/2ba	\$139,900	2,547	Betsy Doss	RE/MAX Capital City	744-4555



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