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Georgetown residents questioned the city's annexation plans for more than 234 acres located north of Sun City and Shady Oaks. Residents showed up in force at a June 22 City Council meeting to express their concerns.

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Taylor organizations and individuals are stepping up to fund the third Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County home built in Taylor since 2007.

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City offices likely to stay downtown

Businesses concerned move could leave downtown storefronts vacant

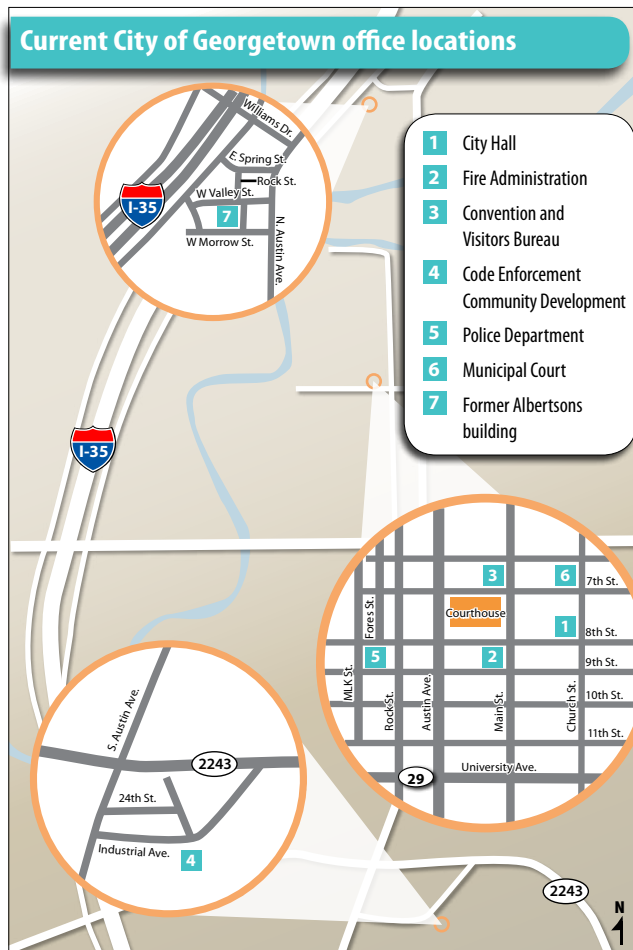
By Andrea Leptinsky

City of Georgetown offices have been scattered throughout portions of the city, a fact that makes their day-to-day operations difficult and inconvenient, city employees said. While officials are trying to rectify the issue with plans to consolidate offices and move, owners of nearby businesses are worried city offices will relocate away from the Square.

However, Georgetown officials want residents and business owners to know if they do relocate, they are not going far, nor will they leave vacant storefronts.

"I think the fear was that we'd move out to Albertsons or some location—that we would get up one day and leave, and there would be empty buildings," said Paul Brandenburg, Georgetown city manager. "That's not going to occur."

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Grants pump funds into local fire departments

Georgetown, Hutto will use federal SAFER grants to hire more personnel



Lt. Dwain Jones, Hutto Police Department; Lt. Rob Bocanegra, Hutto Fire Department; Lt. Brad Allamon, Round Rock Fire Department; and Lt. Jim Burke and Lt. Tom Hines, Hutto Fire Department, take part in a panel to interview candidates for firefighter positions funded by Hutto's SAFER grant.

By Andrea Leptinsky

Recently awarded federal grant money will help the Georgetown and Hutto fire departments strengthen their forces over the next three years.

The Staffing for Adequate Fire Emergency Response

program, run by the Department of Homeland Security, provides funding to cities that demonstrate an emergency response staffing need. Six rounds of grant awards will be issued this year to cities across the country for fiscal year 2009.

Georgetown and Hutto both received awards in the first round of grants announced in March. Georgetown received nearly \$1 million and Hutto was awarded more than \$473,000.

The SAFER grants pay for the salaries, benefits and workers compensation for each firefighter hired with grant money. While the grant provides this support for two years, cities are required to pick up the third year's costs for these firefighters. After the third year, cities are not obligated to continue firefighters' employment.

"The good thing is [in Georgetown] we're opening a new fire station," said Robert Fite, chief of the Georgetown Fire Department. "So there's already a need

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Hutto Citizens Group member Dave Kinnaman displays the organization's ideas for land near the Williamson County Landfill at an open house June 8.

County reviews landfill plans

Story Highlights

- County landfill site development and recycling plans under review
- Citizens weigh in on landfill's future
- Disagreements over use continue

By Suzanne Haberman

The 30-day citizen comment period to gather input on two Williamson County Landfill master plans ended July 8, bringing in mixed reviews from the community.

County officials sought residents' opinions on a recycling plan and a development plan for the government-owned, countywide landfill in Hutto after approving documents from the landfill's operator, Waste Management of Texas, March 9.

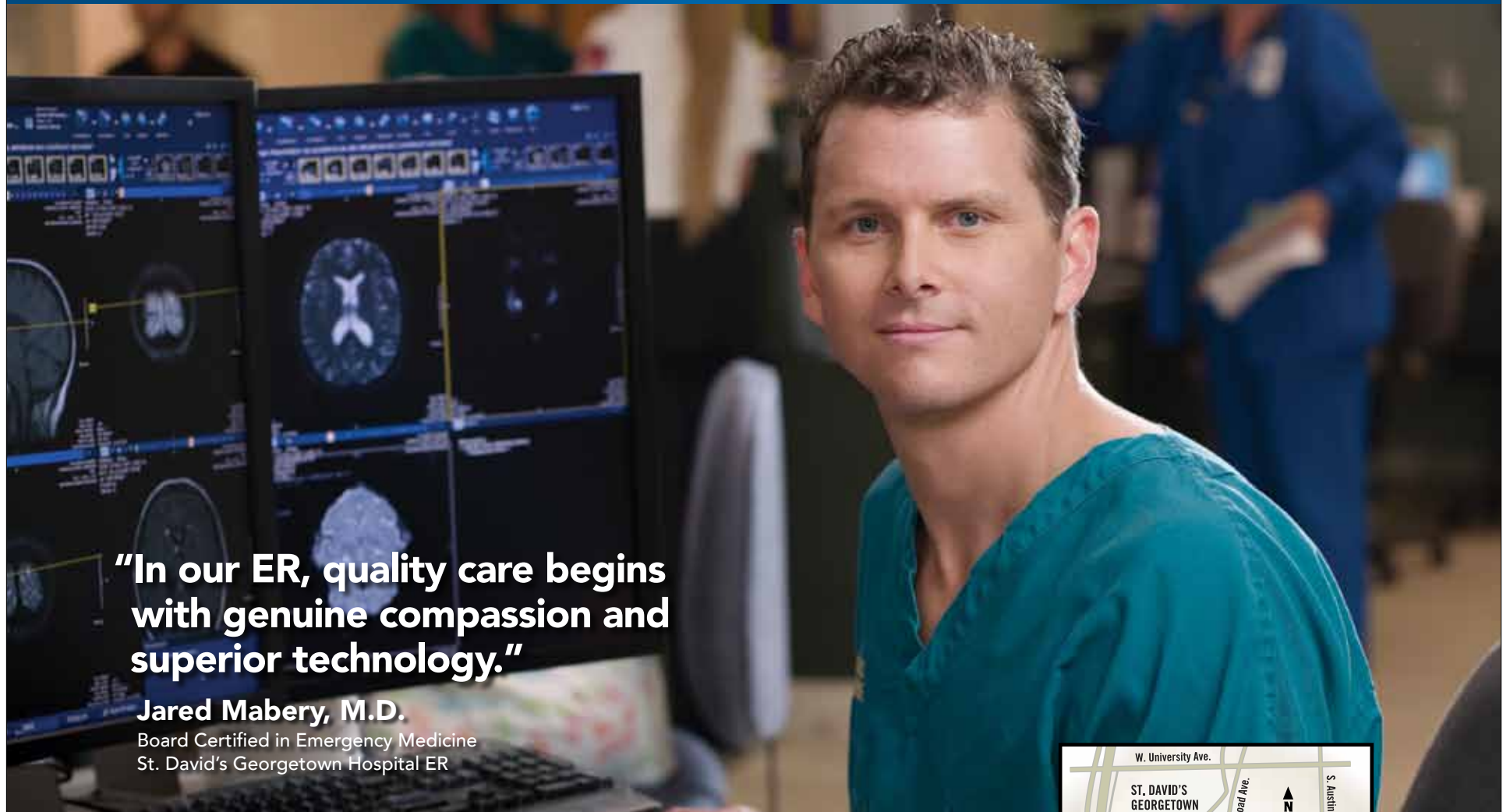
"The easy thing would have been, when Waste Management submitted the plan, for the commissioners to vote for it and go on down the road," said Ron Morrison, precinct 4 county commissioner. "To take it a step further, we took it to the community to find out what [residents] want."

Thirty-three citizens and city officials from affected communities attended the citizen comment period kickoff event, an open house at Hutto Middle School sponsored by Waste Management and the county June 8. Feedback varied in form and tone, from 21-question surveys submitted in person or online to detailed plans for community involvement and beautification.

While county residents made an effort to learn about the plans and make suggestions, the most specific recommendations and criticisms came from organized groups that have protested the management of the landfill—and its existence—since it opened in Hutto in 1982.

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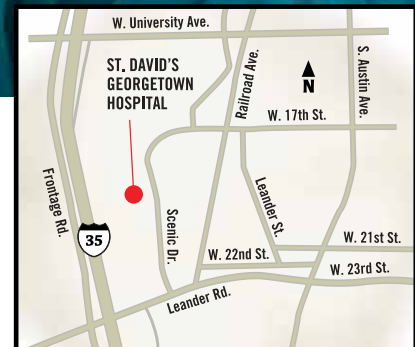
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General Manager's Note

I may not be the face you were expecting to see here. Matt Painter has decided to pursue another career path, and I am

stepping in to help out while keeping my role as the general manager of the Round Rock/Pflugerville paper. Matt's contribution to the company and community over the past two years has been significant and he will be missed. He and I keep in touch, and soon we'll be neighbors when I move to Georgetown in a few months.

If you have been a reader for a while, you may remember me. I was hired at Community Impact Newspaper to launch this edition almost three years ago. I worked in the Georgetown/Hutto/Taylor market for about the first year before changing assignments to launch our Southwest Austin paper.

A few things have changed in our

company since I last worked in this market. At that time we had four papers and less than 30 employees. We now have eight papers and more than 65 employees.

I am very excited to be back in the market and I hope to reconnect with many of you in the community. It is not just because this is where I started with the company, but also because I grew up in the area. My dad lives in Hutto and he has been sarcastically filing complaints to our Publisher about wanting my picture in his paper, so he is happy that I am filling in. I would love to hear from you also, with feedback and suggestions.

Karin Shaver

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Reader Feedback

Do you feel organizations within Georgetown provide an adequate number of summer activity programming for local youth?

Georgetown provides more than enough youth-oriented summer activities

24%

Georgetown holds its own providing youth-oriented summer activities

14%

Georgetown and its organizations could work harder to provide more activity opportunities for youth

52%

No opinion

10%

Results from an unscientific web survey, collected 6/11/10–6/28/10

See more poll results at impactnews.com/polls

Widening of Hwy. 79

Full story at more.impactnews.com/8683

"I enjoyed your article on the Hwy. 79 expansion. But...why wasn't Covert required to sell part of their land for the purpose of expanding the road, as so many others were?"

—Jennifer Danvers

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Local jobs

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May employment trends

Central Texas unemployment—**6.9%**

Down from 7.0% in April

State unemployment—**8.3%**

No change from April

National unemployment—**9.7%**

Down from 9.9% in April

In May, 43,600 jobs were added in Texas. The business sector added 10,200 jobs, and the hospitality industry added 9,600.

Source: Charla Lovelace, Jobing.com



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—Ron Morrison,
Williamson County
precinct four
commissioner



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—Paul Brandenburg,
Georgetown city manager



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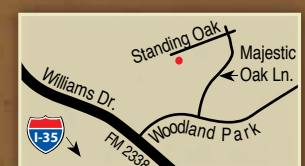
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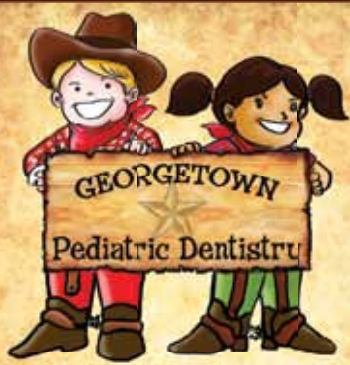
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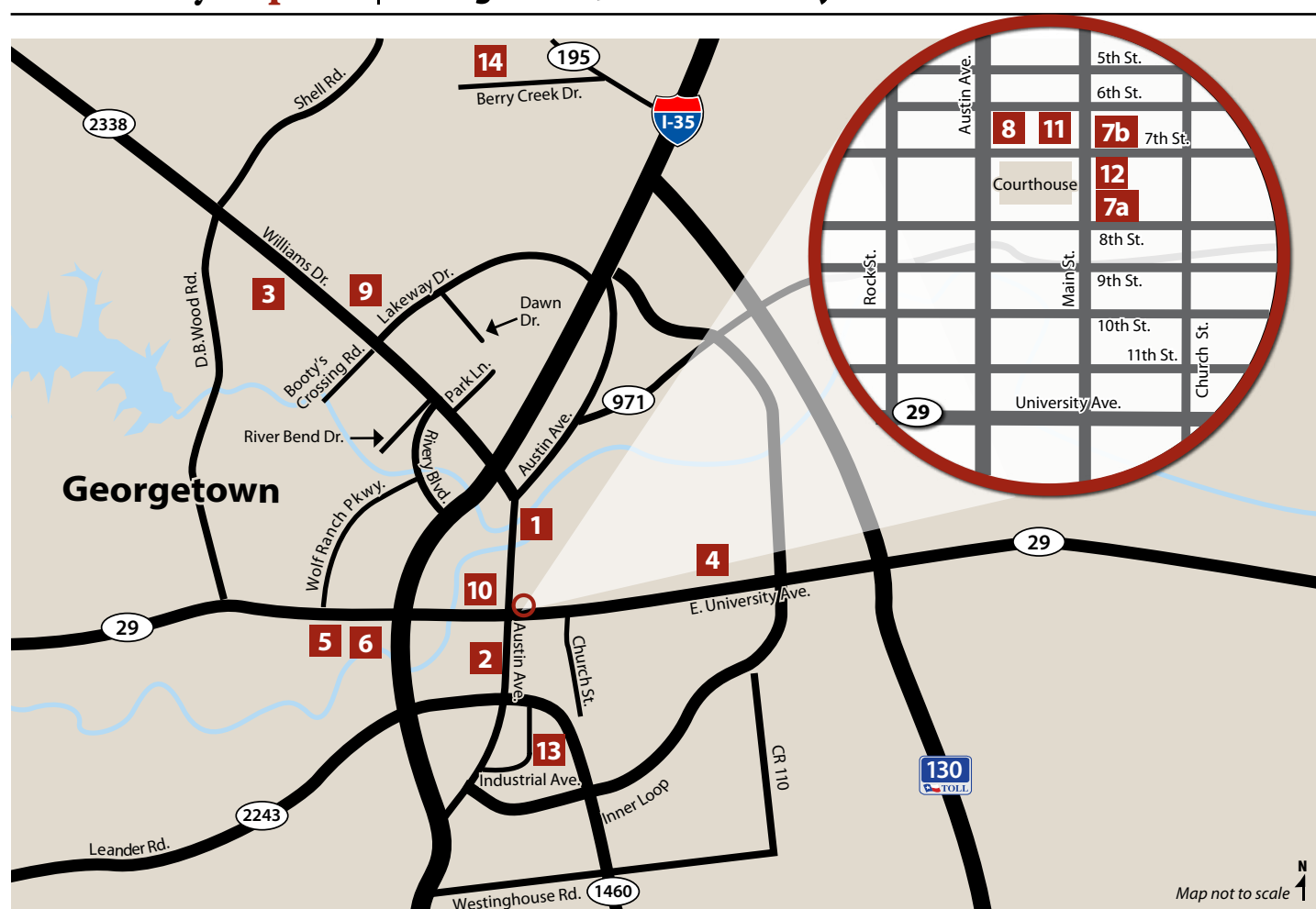


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Georgetown

Now Open

1 Scott & White Healthcare opened the **Scott & White Laboratory Outreach Collection Center** at the Tamiro Plaza, 501 S. Austin Ave., Ste. 1125, on June 21. The lab performs testing for walk-in clients needing blood work. The center is the first Scott & White collection center in Central Texas and accepts most insurance plans. Call 864-9186.

2 Full-service or self-service laundry facility **Washtopia** opened June 18 at 1910 S. Austin Ave. Laundry can be dropped off for washing, or customers can do it themselves. Washtopia also offers laundry services for businesses. Call 380-1248 or visit www.washtopia.com.

3 **First Choice Emergency Room**, 3316 Williams Drive, Ste. 150 opened June 15. The stand-alone medical facility offers all the services of an emergency room. Call 819-4560 or visit www.fcer.com.

Coming Soon

4 Insurance agent Amanda Werchan plans to open a **Farmers Insurance** office at 2703 E. University Ave. in early August. Werchan has been in the insurance industry for 16 years, offering auto, home, life and commercial insurance. Visit www.farmersagent.com/awerchan or call 965-1840.

5 Family-owned and operated fashion wholesaler **Hannah D's** is expected to open at 1021 W. University Ave., Ste. 105, in late July. The 2,294-square-foot

store in Wolf Ranch Town Center will sell handbags, jewelry and accessories for discounted prices. Visit www.hannahdonline.com.

6 **Wolf Camera & Image** is slated to open on July 24 in Wolf Ranch Town Center, 1003 W. University Ave., Ste. 120. On opening day customers will be offered a free photo book. The 2,000-square-foot store will be stocked with imaging equipment, including cameras, camcorders, TVs, Blu-ray DVD players, MP3 players and phones. Visit www.wolfcamera.com.

7 Paul and Marrika Crown plan to open children's resale store **a Poppy Tots** this summer in the historic Shaffer Saddlery Building, 711 Main St. Clients can

exchange newborn to size 16 children's clothes and gear (no toys) for in-store credit. The Crowns are also co-owners of **b Book Pride**, 109 E. Seventh St., Ste. 115, on the Square, where merchandise can be dropped off in advance of the store opening for special \$10 bookstore credit in addition to Poppy Tots credit. Call 868-3363 or visit www.poppytots.com.

8 Sam Dika and daughter Adivije plan to open **Adi's Italian Village** by mid-July at 119 W. Seventh St. The family owns another restaurant in San Antonio and specializes in Italian cooking. The interior of the historic building on the Square is painted with a mural of Venice, with the water depicted on the lower level and the markets on the second floor. Call 212-0003.

Relocations

9 Marcia Dean, owner of **Herbery Natural Foods**, plans to relocate from 2411 Williams Drive, Ste. 5 to 3415 Williams Drive, Ste. 145 in early August. The shop sells organic and natural foods. Call 863-6637.

10 The **Community Resource Center**, a multitenant facility for nonprofit organizations, relocated from the old Georgetown hospital building at 605 E. University Ave. to 805 W. University Ave. June 24. The move will allow the center to bring on three more nonprofits for a total of 10. Call 869-6958.

Anniversary

11 In time for its fifth anniversary since starting business in Georgetown, **Novita Spa on the Square**, 109 W. Seventh St., Ste. 110, celebrated the grand opening of additional space and services on June 17. The spa now has six treatment rooms, including a wet room, steam room, manicure/pedicure sanctuary. Call 864-2773 or visit www.novitaspa.com.

Under New Ownership

12 **Landmark Tavern**, 701 Main St., second floor, came under new management June 1. While the full bar's drink menu has not changed, new manager Chris Mendez has revamped food selections, offering pub appetizers such as chicken strips, nachos, cheese fries and stuffed jalapeños. He has also expanded the genre of live music played in the tavern on Friday and Saturday nights. Call 819-0100.

Renovations

13 Renovations to the **Georgetown Municipal Complex**, 300-1 Industrial Ave., began in mid-June. Changes include removing walls, reconfiguring space and installing cubicles to better accommodate increased staff. The GMC houses Georgetown Utility Systems and utility billing offices. Call 930-3690 or visit www.georgetown.org.

14 Management at **Berry Creek Country Club**, 30500 Berry Creek Drive, recently started efforts to upgrade greens and bunkers on the golf course. Construction is complete, and sprigs of hybrid grass planted on the greens are expected to mature in August. Club management has spent \$500,000 to renovate the private golf course, which is open during renovation. Visit www.berrycreekcc.com or call 930-4615.

In the News

The City of Georgetown, Atmos Energy and The Caring Place teamed up in June to provide low-income utility customers with free weatherization and home improvements, such as insulation installation, weather stripping and caulking. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funded the **Weatherization Program**. Call 930-2577 or visit www.georgetown.org.

The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education recognized **Georgetown police officer Erik Grasse** with the Achievement Award for Valor at the State Capitol June 4. Grasse was honored for rescuing a 73-year-old woman from drowning after she accidentally drove into a pond in March 2009. Visit www.tcleose.state.tx.us or www.georgetown.org.

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School Notes

Superintendent Abbe Boring announced her resignation from Georgetown ISD, effective July 15. Call 943-1890 or visit www.georgetownisd.org.

Closing the Doors

Amante's, 701 Main St.
Hewlett Hummer, 7801 N. I-35
Carmines's Pizza and Pasta, 3010 Williams Drive, Ste. 118

Hutto

Now Open

15 Tom and Anne Weatherby opened coffee shop **Weatherby Roasters** at 143 Exchange Blvd., Ste. 100 in early July. The family roasts their own premium beans purchased directly from coffee farms and serves homemade sandwiches and desserts in the dining room or at the drive-thru. Tom has been in the restaurant industry as a chef and owner for the past 35 years. Call 642-3099 or visit www.weatherbyroasters.com.

School Notes

16 **Hutto ISD's athletic facilities** have been upgraded this summer. Construction of about 25 percent more seating in the football stadium at Hutto High School, 101 FM 685, is complete. Six new tennis courts and a new shot put and discus ring are being built on high school property. Call 759-4700 or visit www.hutto.txed.net.

Anniversary

17 Five years ago in June, **Fritz Park** opened at 400 Park St., offering picnic areas, ball fields, basketball courts, horseshoe grounds and a pavilion on 12 acres of parkland. Call 759-4000 or visit www.huttotx.gov.

In the News

18 **Hutto Fire Rescue Emergency Service District No. 3**, 501 Exchange Blvd., is in the process of hiring candidates for four firefighter positions. The department received 60 applications for the federally funded jobs. After the applicants are hired, they will go through a one-year probationary period. Hutto Fire Rescue serves a 63-square-mile radius, including Hutto. Call 759-2616 or visit www.huttofirerescue.org.

Taylor

In the News

19 After being closed for two weeks for extensive remodeling, **St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store**, 209 N. Main St., reopened June 24. The store now has new floors and paint and a reorganized inventory. Proceeds from sales at the thrift store benefit residents of Taylor and surrounding communities who need help paying bills or buying groceries. Call 352-2453.

20 The **Taylor Economic Development Corporation** celebrated paying off a \$900,000 state loan July 1 with a note-burning ceremony. The loan, acquired in 2003, was used to purchase land adjacent to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, 800 Airport Road, as an incentive for the company's expansion. The TEDC paid off the loan eight years early, saving taxpayers \$25,000. Call 352-4316 or visit www.taylorredc.com.

Under New Ownership

21 Danny Chuon opened **Baylor Seafood and Steak**, 200 W. Lake Drive, June 30 after purchasing former restaurant Taylor Seafood and Steak in early June. Chuon continues to specialize in seafood and steak entrées but has revamped the menu and décor of the restaurant. He has owned 20 restaurants in the Houston area. Call 352-6889.

Community

In the News

The Williamson County Historical Commission launched the **Courthouse**

Brick fundraising program in early June, offering residents the opportunity to purchase a \$50 commemorative brick to be placed on the grounds of the Williamson County Courthouse. Funds collected will support the commission's efforts to document county history. Call 863-6045 or visit www.williamson-county-historical-commission.org.

Two independent credit-rating companies increased **Williamson County's credit rating** for bonds and pass-through financing revenue. Standard & Poor's and Fitch Rating gave the county the highest possible credit rating: AAA. The improved rating means the county can obtain a lower interest rate for bonds, a move that could save \$600,000 a year. Visit www.wilco.org.

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Georgetown Police Officer Erik Grasse was honored at the Capitol in June for valor after rescuing a woman from drowning last year.



Adi's Italian Village is scheduled to open on the Georgetown Square in July where the County Seat Café used to be.



Megan DiMartino celebrated the five-year anniversary of **Novita Spa on the Square** with a ribbon cutting June 17.



Hutto High School's football stadium has about 25 percent more seating after the district upgraded the facility this summer.

Community Events

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July



Worth the trip



Santa waits for the signal to start the race at the Williamson County Christmas in July Fun Run in 2009.

10 Fifth Annual Christmas in July Family Fun Run/Walk

Proceeds benefit Williamson County Brown Santa, an effort by the Sheriff's Office and volunteers to provide holiday gifts for children in need. The event features a fun run/walk, kids' run, law enforcement exhibits and festivities. • 8–11:30 a.m. \$30 (adults), \$20 (children under 12), \$10 (Kids' K) • Williamson County Southwest Regional Park, 3005 CR 175, Leander • 943-1313 www.wilcobrownsanta.com



A crowd gathers at Fritz Park for Hutto's summer concert series.

13 Summer Concert Series: Patrice Pike

Singer-songwriter Patrice Pike, who *Billboard Magazine* proclaimed "one of the finest up and coming contemporary rock singers in America," will perform as part of the city's annual summer event. • 7–9 p.m. • Free • Fritz Park, 400 Park St., Hutto • 759-4000 • www.huttotx.gov

13 Summer Story Time: "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star"

Toddlers wear their pajamas to hear a reading of the nighttime story by Kate Toms. • 10 a.m. • Free Book Pride, 109 E. Seventh St., Ste. 115, Georgetown • 868-3363 • www.mybookpride.com

16–17 61st Taylor Rodeo Association Rodeo

The Taylor Rodeo Association annual rodeo features events such as the calf scramble and steer saddling. • 8 p.m. both days • \$14 (ages 13 and up), \$6 (ages 6–12), free (children 5 and under) • East Williamson County Event Center, 210 Carlos Parker Blvd., Taylor • www.taylorrodeo.com

17 Buckin' to Keep Walkin'

Bull riding, BBQ, live music, a silent auction and a raffle will highlight the benefit for Davin Rupp, who was diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy. 5 p.m. • \$8 (adult), \$5 (children) • Sheriff's Posse Arena, San Gabriel Park, Georgetown • 809-1458

21 Community Blood Drive

Donors ages 17 and up must bring picture identification. Participants receive free gifts and a chance to win a gift certificate. • 10 a.m.–4 p.m. • Free Don Hewlett Chevrolet, 7601 S. I-35 • 877-724-4376 www.bloodcenter.sw.org

23 Ghost Hunters of Texas

Teens ages 12–18 can learn how the Ghost Hunters of Texas investigate suspected hauntings. 3 p.m. • Free • Georgetown Public Library, 402 W. Eighth St., Georgetown • 931-7716 www.teenspace.georgetown.org

Special Needs Luau

Dancing, food, photos and prizes will be on the ticket for individuals with special needs ages 15 and older. The event includes a raffle drawing and live disc jockey. • 6–8 p.m. • \$5 (individual), free (care-giver/family member) • Georgetown Community Center, 445 E. Morrow St. 930-3596 www.specialevents.georgetown.org

24 Third Annual Worldwide Photo Walk

Geoffrey Hammond guides photographers on a tour around Georgetown's unique and historic sites. • 7:30 a.m.–1 p.m. • Free • Begin at Grace Heritage Center on Main and Ninth streets, Georgetown • www.worldwidephotowalk.com

August

3 27th Annual National Night Out

Hutto and Taylor join more than 15,000 communities from all 50 U.S. states to share crime-prevention awareness at citywide block parties, cookouts, flashlight walks and visits from local police and sheriff's departments. Hutto • 6–9 p.m. • Free • 846-2057 • www.huttotx.gov • Taylor • 5–9 p.m. • Free • 352-5551 • www.taylor.tx.gov

Bastille Day Celebration

July 10

By Suzanne Haberman

For the first time, French-born restaurant owner Francois Oudom celebrates French and U.S. independence days during an all-day event hosted at Georgetown's La Maison restaurant.

Both countries celebrate their independence days in early July. The French celebrate the beginning of the French Revolution on July 14, while Americans celebrate independence from British rule on July 4. Oudom chose a date between the two historic dates to honor both countries' freedom.

"I want it in between so we can let people know the story of Bastille Day," Oudom said.

Outside the French restaurant, Oudom invites guests to listen to live music, eat barbecue, sample French foods and play the ball game pétanque. The object of the game, which originated in France, is to toss a metal ball toward a smaller ball, getting it as close to the small ball as possible without touching.

Also, local French artisans selling goods and services will be at the event, and the restaurant will be offering its regular menu during the festivities. Oudom said he hopes to recreate the ambience of a French marketplace.

9 a.m.–9 p.m. • Free • La Maison, 204 E. Eighth St., Georgetown • 868-8885 • www.lamaisontx.com



La Maison French restaurant hosts an independence day celebration in honor of French and U.S. independence days.

6 Taylor 4-H/FFA Booster Club Fundraiser

Parents of TISD students host a steak dinner and festivities with silent and live auctions, drawings and prizes. Proceeds are used to purchase prizes and bolster scholarships awarded at the Williamson County Livestock Show in December. • 5 p.m. • \$100 (two adults over 21 per ticket) • SPJST Hall, FM 619 and Hwy. 79, Taylor • 352-6364

6–Sept. 5 "The Wedding Singer"

Georgetown Palace Theatre presents a musical about a 1980s New Jersey wedding singer who tries to win the affections of an already-engaged waitress. • Fri.–Sat. 7:30 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. • \$12 (students), \$22 (general), \$20 (senior 55+) • Georgetown Palace Theatre, 810 S. Austin Ave., Georgetown • 869-7469 • www.georgetownpalace.com

10–Nov. 16 Master Gardner Classes

The Williamson County Master Gardner Association hosts weekly lessons on local gardening taught by field experts. Classes are limited to 35 Williamson County residents. • Tuesdays 1–5 p.m. • \$200 Williamson County Extension Office, 3151 S.E. Inner Loop, Ste. A, Georgetown • 778-6690 www.grovesite.com/mg/wcmg

Upcoming Games

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July 8-11
vs. Oklahoma City RedHawks

July 19-22
vs. New Orleans Zephyrs

July 23-26
vs. Iowa Cubs

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Business Profile | San Gabriel House Bed & Breakfast Georgetown



The backyard of the San Gabriel House Bed & Breakfast is a garden with hanging, twinkling lights. Neil and Dee Rapp have hosted intimate weddings there.

By Suzanne Haberman

Neil and Dee Rapp's former careers in corporate finance transported them all over the nation. Of their travels on the East Coast, the place they remembered most was a house in Wilmington, Del., that had once been used as a bed and breakfast. The Rapps converted it back into a residence and lived there for 16 months, every day feeling inspired to open their own bed and breakfast.

In 2005 the couple left their

finance jobs and moved back to their home state of Texas. They purchased a historic mansion on University Avenue, deciding to buy the 5,200-square-foot mansion in one weekend. Two weeks later they moved in, and within three months they welcomed their first guest at San Gabriel House Bed & Breakfast.

The house had been a bed and breakfast since 2000. Previous owners John and Sue Wiley renovated the bathrooms and added three more, so that each

of the five bedrooms had its own private bath. Some have the original fixtures.

"We really credit them with doing a phenomenal renovation," Dee said. "They did a great job of staying in the original footprint of the rooms. We've redecorated and continued with the grounds and expanded the business."

Neil and Dee work vigorously in the background to make sure the yard—with its water lilies and arbors for small outdoor wedding ceremonies—stays beautiful, and that the two-course breakfast is served to overnight guests. But the bed and breakfast exudes both luxury and leisure.

"The idea is to have luxury, privacy and peace," Dee said, explaining the bedrooms are designed for two and the minimum occupant's age is 12.

Red, sage and muted blue accents of the era complement the hardwood floors on the first story and the long-leaf pine on the second. Soft light from chandeliers and antique furniture create the feeling of stepping back in time. Inspiration for the

décor came from the colors in the original bathrooms and a 1908 bride's book, Dee said.

"Everything in the rooms is functional," Neil said, explaining functionality was the philosophy of the art and architectural style of the early 1900s.

Bedrooms are decorated in themes, from the stately Lincoln Room, with its Lincoln-era bed, to the French room on the enclosed sleeping porch, where residents used to sleep in the early 1900s to avoid catching tuberculosis. For more privacy, guests can sleep in the carriage house, which stands alone overlooking the garden.

"We made a real effort not to decorate all the rooms the same," Dee said.

Breakfasts vary depending on the season and the guest, ranging from business travelers during the week to tourists on the weekends. Dee does the cooking while Neil serves the meal in a formal dining room using china and linens. Over the years, the couple has developed favorite signature recipes. For the first course, a fruit dish, they

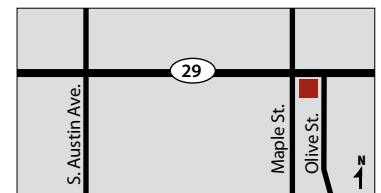
serve up baked apples or frozen fruit cups. The main meal ranges from quiche to crème brulee French toast.

Such hospitality keeps customers coming back to the house. The Rapps have seen their first customers again, and new ones come every month.

"The indications are this is going to be our best year yet," Dee said.

102 years of history

The original San Gabriel House at the corner of University Avenue and Maple Street across from Southwestern University burned down. The mansion there today was rebuilt in 1908. Four families privately owned the property for the first 85 years. The original owner moved in so his children could attend Southwestern University.



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Business Profile | Sears Hometown Store Taylor



The Sears Hometown Store in Taylor opened in the early 1990s after the catalog stores were phased out.

By Suzanne Haberman

Though the Sears Hometown Store in Taylor is a single room measuring only about 4,500 square feet, shoppers can get any Sears product there. The hometown store model is based on a prior business plan.

"Sears used to have catalog sales stores [until the early 1990s]," store manager Chris Kelm said. "The idea was to go to smaller towns and provide the convenience of big towns."

Thirty years ago, shoppers would order a product through the catalog and pick it up at a catalog store, a small, local branch of the department store. Today, that model has been updated.

"We use the website to leverage the customers' needs," Kelm said.

The hometown store—an evolved version of the catalog store—has a showroom with an inventory specialized for the community's needs. The Taylor store is stocked with lawn and yard needs, including lawn mowers, tools and appliances, such as washers, dryers, air conditioners and refrigerators.

"It's basically a smaller version of your large chain store," Kelm said, explaining that prices are the same at the hometown store as a department store, and sale prices still apply.

The hometown store, which originally opened in Taylor in the early 1990s in a former warehouse, has a couple of advantages over the Sears department store for local residents, Kelm said. First, the hometown store fronting Main Street is conveniently located. Taylor's nearest department store is the Parmer Lane and I-35 location in Austin, almost 30 miles away.

Also, the atmosphere is relaxed. "We're not a high-pressure store," Kelm said. "It's almost like your local coffee shop."

Shoppers mill around the showroom, asking Kelm and sales associate Elyse

Bragg questions about products and looking for solutions to home and yard problems. One customer in mid-June asked to see several of the sale items, then spent the next 30 minutes leaning on a column by the register engaged in a deep discussion about Texas history, evolution and religion.

"We enjoy [our customers]," Bragg said. "We listen to people's stories so we can help them."



Chris Kelm is the store manager at the Taylor Sears Hometown Store, a scaled down version of the department store built to provide smaller towns with the convenience of larger cities.

Hometown store ownership

Sears Hometown Stores are locally owned enterprises serving rural communities. The Taylor location has rotated through several owners since opening in the early 1990s. About nine months ago, the previous owner stepped down. Store manager Chris Kelm is operating the business until Sears finds a new owner.

"We don't plan on leaving," Kelm said. "We plan on trying to find someone to build it and keep it a family-oriented place."



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Neighborhood Dining | Red Poppy Coffee Co. Georgetown



Photos by Jenn Rains

One popular lunch item is the Turkey Pesto Panini with hearty slices of turkey. The lunch entrée is served with a side, such as freshly made salsa and chips.

By Jenn Rains

Lisa Hoekstra was in Georgetown's old library one day when she heard a coffee shop was part of the plans for the new library that was set to open in 2007. After making a few inquiries, Hoekstra, a former coffee shop owner, had just four days to put a proposal together.

Hoekstra won the bid and is now the owner of Red Poppy Coffee Co., which is nestled

in the back of the Georgetown Public Library with its own outdoor entrance off Eighth Street between Rock and Forest streets.

The restaurant is unique in that it offers seating on the patio as well as throughout the library, so patrons can enjoy their meal surrounded by shelves of books.

"We could not ask for a better atmosphere," said Hoekstra. "We definitely love it here in the library."

She said customers are also allowed to take their food and drinks anywhere throughout the library, even outside the regular seating areas.

In the mornings and afternoons many of the customers enjoy a coffee and a sweet snack, while there is a crowd of regulars at lunchtime.

"We sell tons of chocolate chip cookies and coffee and muffins during the morning and afternoon," Hoekstra said.

Hoekstra said she tries to accommodate all customer requests for favorite foods, which can determine her schedule for different side items.

A good way to end any meal is with one of the desserts, like the Triple Chocolate or French Strawberry Cream ganaches (\$3.89 each). The extensive dessert menu also includes giant cookies, muffins, bundt cake, scones, bagels and fresh pretzels. There are also several gluten-free dessert selections.

She said one of their best-selling drinks is the Literary Latte, a caramel vanilla latte (starting at \$3.09 for a 12 ounce).

For lunch, Red Poppy Coffee Co. offers a variety of sandwiches and salads, like the Turkey Pesto Panini (\$6.99), which includes hearty slices of turkey with provolone cheese, tomatoes and baby spinach. The hot sandwich is topped off with basil pesto and served with a side of the day.

Sides vary but can include fresh-made salsa and chips, pasta salad, watermelon slices, couscous salad or the popular potato salad. The dish is one of Hoekstra's secret recipes.

"We have people come by just for the potato salad," she said. "If I run out of that, I'm in trouble."

If a diner is looking for a healthy lunch, the Writer's Wrap (\$6.79) is a good choice. The meal includes turkey, pepper jack cheese, bell peppers, tomato and baby greens served in a spinach wrap with ranch dressing. The wrap comes with a side dish.

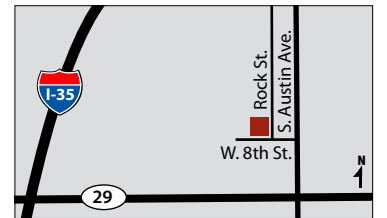
Whether looking for a place to grab a sweet treat and a cup of java while reading a favorite book or seeking a place to enjoy a fresh meal, Red Poppy Coffee Co. offers a quiet and inviting environment.



Red Poppy Coffee Co. sells a variety of sweet desserts including cakes and pastries.

Red Poppy catering options

- Full-service catering is offered through Red Poppy Coffee Co. for those wishing to use one of the library's meeting rooms.
- The restaurant can provide full meals for banquets and other meetings held at the library, while trays of food can also be purchased for catering outside the library.
- A menu of catering options can be found on the restaurant's website.



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Community Icon | Frank “Bud” Farrell



Left and middle: Korean War veteran Frank “Bud” Farrell appears in “Unforgettable: The Korean War.” **Right:** Easy Company (E-Company), 13th Infantry Battalion, Marine Corps Reserve unit activated for the Korean conflict in July of 1950.

By Andrea Leptinsky

Georgetown resident Frank “Bud” Farrell made his national television debut in June when PBS aired “Unforgettable: The Korean War,” a visual memorial about servicemen and women who served in the war 60 years ago, like Farrell.

Farrell enlisted in the U.S. Air Force when he was 18 years old, excusing himself from his studies at Penn State University. Farrell served a tour in Korea as a B-29 gunner and KB-29 air-refueling operator.

“Unforgettable: The Korean War” uses historical movies and personal photos to illustrate the stories of individuals who served in the war, including their sacrifices, heartaches and triumphs. Farrell was contacted in 2008 and was asked to participate in the project. He and a handful of other veterans shared some of their most profound wartime stories.

One incident Farrell shared that he said affected him greatly was the story of a fellow serviceman who was on a B-29 during a mission, flying directly in front of Farrell’s own plane. Farrell

went to gunnery school with the man who was in the plane in front of him.

“His wife had just had a baby boy about a week before and he was getting ready to go home two weeks more,” Farrell said. “The plane in front of us took a direct hit and blew up. We were debriefed and we didn’t think anybody got out. It was dark and midnight. We said we didn’t think anybody could’ve gotten out of that airplane.”

Years later, after the war ended and the list of prisoners of war was released, the man who Farrell thought had died in the plane explosion was on it. While none of the other nearly one dozen servicemen survived the explosion, that one man had.

“I got a call from the Department of Defense looking for information on another plane, the first plane that had been lost,” Farrell said. “I had learned a long time ago not to say it was impossible for someone to [survive]. I wouldn’t say that again because we may have affected his family’s life. We didn’t think there were any

survivors.”

Like the serviceman on whom Farrell was debriefed, many of Farrell’s crewmates were older men with families. Many of those who served in the Korean War were recalled as reservists after serving in World War II.

“They are the people I really have a special feeling for,” Farrell said. “They gave up a lot more than an 18-year-old had to. These guys had children, some of them started law practices. It was devastating to them. They were all good guys, really good guys.”

Farrell has kept in touch with many of his crewmates over the years. Of the 11 with whom he served, only one other crewmember survives today. The two of them talk every other week, he said.

If given the opportunity, Farrell said he would reunite with his B-29 crew in a heartbeat.

“Oh yeah,” he said. “Absolutely. It was just special. It was a special time for me. There are two of us left now, and I think about them every day.”

For more information on the PBS documentary, visit www.pbs.org/unforgettable.



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Volunteers Kathy and Klaire Brock walk shelter dogs, Strider and Mandy, at the Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter in June.

By Suzanne Haberman

Summertime is the busiest season at the Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter. Animals are brought to the shelter in droves as dogs run away from home during thunderstorms and cats give birth in the warmer weather. The staff and a handful of volunteers work to keep animals alive and find them homes, but the workload peaks in the summer.

"It's a struggle every day to save their lives," WCRAS Animal Services Director Cheryl Schneider said.

In mid-June, dogs filled every single one of the 150 kennels at the Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter. The number of kittens rescued reached about 300—double the shelter's capacity—during this year's prolific kitten season.

"We take in between 6,000 and 6,500 animals a year," Schneider said. "This year I think it will be more than usual."

Though the shelter is located in Georgetown, monetary support comes from Williamson County and the cities of Hutto, Round Rock, Leander and Cedar Park. Georgetown and Taylor have their own shelters.

"A lot of people don't realize this is the center for the whole county," said Kathy Brock, who volunteers at the WCRAS about 10 hours a week with her twin daughters Klaire and Taylor.

Most animals come to the shelter when people pick up strays, animal control impounds or individuals bring their pet in to surrender. Strays are taken to the WCRAS if they are found outside the limits of a city that has its own shelter. Sometimes Williamson County residents only look for their pets at their city's shelter and do not think to check the WCRAS, Brock said.

As an open admission animal shelter, it accepts all animals, regardless of temperament, condition, breed—or even species. Last year, the shelter harbored a 1-year-old kangaroo, Schneider said.

"It doesn't matter," she said. "We take everything that is presented to us as long as it is in our jurisdiction."

Consequently, the shelter does practice euthanasia. About 20 percent of animals

taken to the WCRAS are put down. The national rate for an open admission shelter is 50 percent.

"I spent many years trying to save lives," said Schneider, who began her career as an emergency room and emergency medical services nurse in Georgetown and Lockhart. "We try really hard to find other avenues to get them out of here."

About 200 WCRAS animals are adopted every month, and 25 percent of owners are reunited with their pets through the shelter, Schneider estimated. Strays are held separately from adoptable dogs; after three days they go up for adoption.

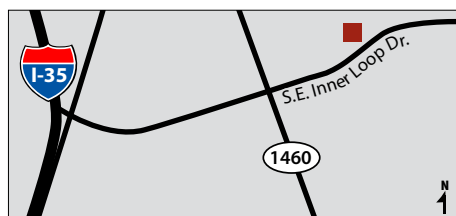
"We try to make [adoptions] very easy," she said. "If people come here looking for an animal to adopt, then they're serious."

The WCRAS opened in March 2007 and is a 15,000-square-foot facility specifically designed as an animal shelter. Schneider has been director since September 2007 and is one of 19 staff members who keep the shelter running. The WCRAS also relies on community service workers and volunteers for support.

"People say they can't do it," Brock said, eyes welling up with tears as she removed linens from a puppy's kennel. "Obviously, it's hard."

Unlike those who hold back, Brock and her daughters have carved out time and mustered the strength to help out.

"There are a lot of great animals here," Brock said.



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Landfill

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Fifteen-year Hutto resident Franklin Anderson, who lives within three miles of the landfill, attended the open house. He also serves on the city's Planning and Zoning Commission.

"I don't have complaints," Franklin said. "I think the landfill has done a beautiful job, but [some] people see differently than a lot of people do."

Members of the Hutto Citizens Group and Williamson County Public Policy Coalition had different opinions, with coalition activist Kurt Johnson challenging the county's ability to incorporate new ideas into master plan drafts. Waste Management submitted.

Framework for input

The county will review the landfill's site development and recycling operations at least every five years per its contract with Waste Management.

Waste Management plans, approved by county commissioners, were meant to serve as a "skeleton" from which to build, said Bob Daigh, the county's senior director of infrastructure. Citizens' comments will be incorporated into revised plans in two to three months, and implementation could begin as early as this fall.

"We will build on Waste Management's plans for what we view as the county's plans for this site and will begin that process after we have received public input," said Daigh.

The site development plan addresses the use and appearance of a 1,000-foot buffer zone surrounding the 423-acre fill area. Waste Management proposed several projects for beautification, economic development and community education. Possibilities proposed in the plan include:

- Constructing an entrance on Landfill Road and North FM 1660 to beautify and improve access and safety,
- Developing an eco-friendly commercial park by attracting businesses that use recycled materials,
- Accumulating waste at the southernmost portion of the landfill near Chandler Road first so it can be capped and beautified, and
- Renovating a vacant, 100-year-old farmhouse in the buffer zone into a museum, children's environmental education facility, visitors' center, community gardens or county office space.

The recycling master plan outlines future recycling options. The Hutto Recycling Center at the landfill accepts a variety of recyclables and hosts two hazardous household waste recycling days a year. Yet there are still items the center cannot accept, like glass. The recycling master plan suggests two major changes to make recycling easier for residents: building a recycling transfer station to eliminate the need for detailed on-site sorting and possibly offering glass recycling for a fee.

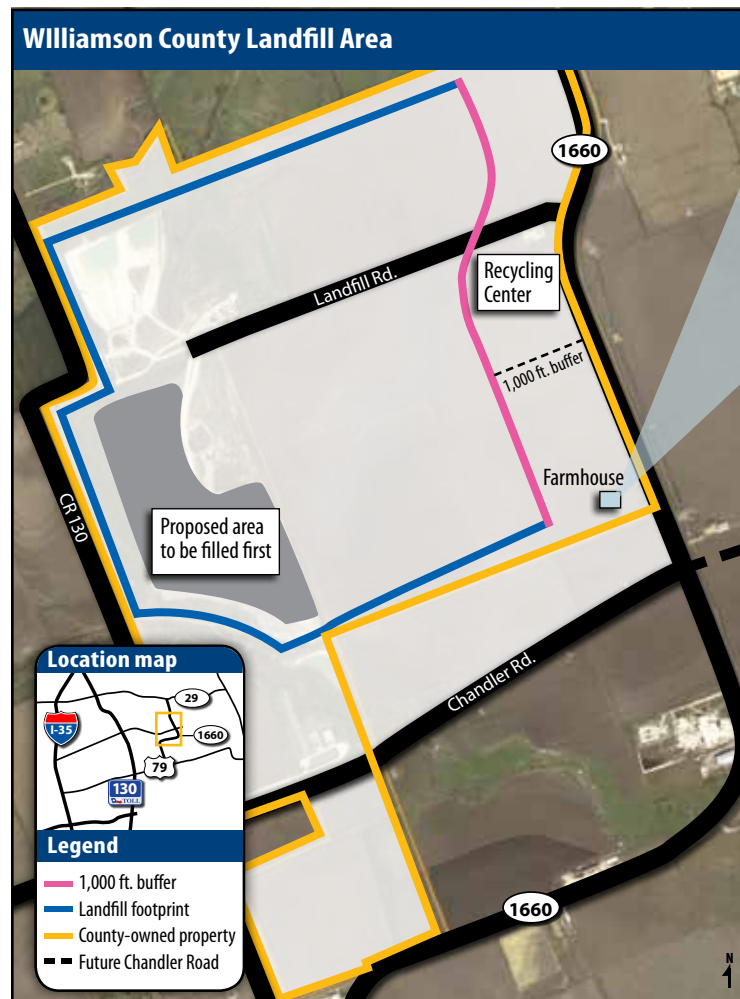
Remodeling the entrance of the landfill is expected to be completed within a year of adopting the plan, but the recycling transfer station would not be added until the market demands it.

Citizens want utility, beauty

Members of the Hutto Citizens Group, a think-tank formed to confront issues facing Hutto, presented detailed suggestions at the open house.

"They can't do anything about the fact [the landfill] looks bad but hide it," Mahlon Arnett said.

Members designed a graphic, illustrating trees, natural grasses, community gardens and ponds around the perimeter screening



landfill views. The group proposed using some of the buffer zone for community enrichment, through educational facilities and environmentally friendly business interaction. One goal is to prevent the landfill from deterring businesses and potential residents by making it be an attraction instead.

"If we don't [use] it, it's a waste of space," said Hutto resident Dave Kinnaman, who represented the Hutto Citizens Group at the open house.

Bigger issues

Several citizens at the open house spoke out against Waste Management's plan to allow the landfill to reach its maximum height of 140 feet. The landfill's height is not addressed in the site development plan, however—only the location of the waste.



Farmhouse restoration

The 1908 house located on the southeast corner of the Williamson County Landfill buffer zone may be transformed into a center the community can enjoy. In its era, the old farmhouse probably cost about \$1,500. Today, Williamson County owns the uninhabited house. County Commissioner Ron Morrison, precinct four, said he would like to see the structure preserved and shared with the community. Possibilities for renovations include a museum on farmland history, community gardens or an ecology information center.

Landfill facts

- Opened in 1982
- 575 acres
- 423 acres landfill footprint
- Owned by Williamson County
- Operated by Waste Management of Texas
- Regulated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- Most waste comes from Williamson County and some from surrounding counties

Jeff Maurice, Democratic candidate for county commissioner precinct four, said he wants the waste to expand laterally, first to 70 feet, and then grow upward if necessary. Maurice is one of the founders of the Williamson County Public Policy Coalition and long-time opponent of the landfill.

"A lot of what you see here tonight is good stuff," he said during the open house. "But I don't want this to become a smokescreen for the real issue. We are trying to make sure it is managed."

Maurice said improved recycling and waste reduction process could one day make landfills obsolete. His hope is that recycling technology will offset the waste generated by the county's growing population before the landfill does "irreparable damage."

"We are really pushing the 70-foot issue," Maurice said. "That would get us out 30 years, and by that time, we won't need landfills anymore."

Master plans costs

Project costs—excluding Landfill Road's safety improvements and the entry monument paid for by Waste Management—will be offset by 1 percent of dumping fees the county collects from Waste Management. That percentage is estimated to total about \$80,000 to \$100,000 a year.

"What you have to remember is, it's easy to sit here and draw pretty pictures," Morrison said. "It's another thing to pay for it, so we have to do this in a gradual process."

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SAFER grants

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for more personnel.”

Georgetown’s grant will provide funding for the hiring of nine firefighters. Hutto will hire four firefighters with help from its SAFER award.

As part of their application process for the grant, both fire chiefs had to explain why their department needed additional funding for more personnel. Hutto Fire Department Chief Scott Kerwood said he mentioned his department’s need to keep up with the city’s rapid growth, and a lack of sufficient manpower to meet regulations in his application.

“I talked about putting enough firefighters on a scene to begin interior firefighter operations and to follow national

standards,” Kerwood said. “By giving us these additional firefighters, plus with the help of mutual aid, we’re able to accomplish this and meet state law. If we have two firefighters inside fighting fire, we have to have two firefighters outside. Those were our primary reasons.”

For Georgetown, however, the city is focused on fulfilling a more immediate personnel need in staffing facilities. In order to open a new fire station, Georgetown needs at least 15 firefighters to fully staff it. Even after the nine firefighters paid for by the SAFER grant, the city will still need to fund an additional six firefighters on its own. With the SAFER grant, the city will not spend

as much out of pocket. For Fite, this was a plus when it came to looking at the city budget to see how much it could do in terms of personnel.

“As lean as our budget is, either you get grant money and you can do some things,

or you can sit around and not do anything at all,” Fite said.

In Hutto, the population is growing too fast for the Fire Department to receive funding from taxes to purchase equipment or hire personnel. With the SAFER grant, money is available right away to

grow the too-small firefighter crew.

“These grants are important for us, because as the community grows, these grants are the way we can try to keep up with growth, because we don’t see tax money for a couple of years,” Kerwood said. “This provides that stop-gap measure that allows us to fund positions now.”

After the third year

While the SAFER grant provides funding for two out of three years, it also allows cities to end employment with newly hired firefighters if they cannot pay for them. Both Fite and Kerwood said they were hopeful their cities would be able to afford to continue each firefighter’s employment after the third year ends.

“Before I went forward with the grant,

Local SAFER grant awards vs. other cities in the first round

The Department of Homeland Security issued nearly 50 grants as part of its first round of SAFER awards. Georgetown’s and Hutto’s grants fall within the smaller amount of awards given, in comparison to larger cities.

#2 Cincinnati, Ohio	\$9.2 million
#6 Mobile Ala.	\$2.5 million
#12 Shreveport, La.	\$1.1 million
#17 Georgetown	\$905,728
#31 Hutto	\$473,105
#47 Glendale, Mo.	\$145,786

Pending grant applications

Georgetown Fire Department

Grant worth: \$57,081

This grant would pay for 11 sets of firefighting gear and an extractor (a special machine that washes fire gear).

Grant worth: \$43,000

This grant would pay for new rope equipment and rope training.

Grant worth: \$40,000

This grant would pay for a new regional command vehicle.

Source: Hutto fire chief

Hutto Fire Department

Grant worth: \$99,000

This grant would pay for replacing all protective fire gear within the department.

Grant worth: \$7,425

This grant, from Texas Forest Services would pay for new protective clothing.

Grant worth: To be determined

This grant, from Texas Forest Services, would pay for a new brush truck—a fire truck that helps fight brush fires.

Source: Georgetown fire chief

the [Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 3 Board of Commissioners] said based upon the history, it wouldn’t be a problem to fund the third year and keep them on after that,” Kerwood said. “That was a board decision.”

Fite said the city is aware it is not obligated to keep on those firefighters after the three years of service under the SAFER grant. The decision will depend on the local economy.

“The thing is, another nationwide depression could hit us and the city will have to make tough choices,” Fite said. “So, there is that way out.”

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Georgetown

Annexation spurs debate

Residents of Shady Oaks Estates showed up in force at the June 22 Georgetown City Council meeting to express concern over the annexation of land adjacent to their subdivision.

This was the second public hearing on the annexation of more than 234 acres located north of Shady Oaks. The residents most affected by the annexation packed the council hall to express their concerns.

George Devillar, Shady Oaks Estates board president, addressed the council and

requested the council use as much time as permitted by law to consider annexation to allow the subdivision's ad hoc committee more time to study the issue.

If annexed, the land would primarily be used for residential building.

Georgetown City Council

Meets Aug. 24 and Sept. 14 at 6 p.m.
Council chambers, 101 E. Seventh St. • 931-7715
www.georgetown.org
City council meetings are recorded and broadcast on Channel 10 at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Sunday following each meeting.

Taylor

City makes proposal for EWCHEC

Taylor officials traveled to Temple College June 7 to ask the school's board of trustees to stick with its original 2007 decision and keep the East Williamson County Higher Education Center in Taylor. Taylor Economic Development Corporation President Jason Ford and Thomas Martinez, president of the Taylor Chamber of Commerce, appeared at the meeting, along with other city leaders, to ask the board to consider moving the EWCHEC facility to the former Intercraft building at Hwy. 79 and Carlos Parker Boulevard. Taylor officials will revisit

with the board when they make another presentation to the trustees July 19.



Andrea Lepinsky

Taylor City Council

Meets Aug. 12, Aug. 24 and Sept. 9 at 6 p.m.
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Williamson County

The Texas Department of Transportation on June 24 approved negotiations for pass-through financing to fund construction of and improvements to a stretch of frontage road along I-35 between Blue Springs Boulevard and Hwy. 29.

If final negotiations are approved, TxDOT would reimburse Williamson County about \$11 million in costs for the

\$22.5 million project over 10 to 20 years.

Pass-through financing allows local communities to fund upfront costs for a state highway project and then receive reimbursement for a portion of the project.

Williamson County Commissioners Court

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

Hutto

City of Hutto gives agencies \$75,000

The Hutto Area Chamber of Commerce, Hope Alliance and the Round Rock Area Serving Center will receive funds from the City of Hutto this year after council members approved distributing about \$75,000 from the city's general fund during the regular meeting June 17. The decision was not unanimous, with councilman Michael Smith dissenting.

Several organizations that requested funds, including the Hutto Education Foundation, were not allocated funds this year.

Local involvement

The City of Hutto will host two public meetings to invite residents to participate in the city's budget process. Hutto will hold a public hearing on tax rates Aug. 12 at 7 p.m.

A second hearing, focusing on the budget, will be held Aug. 19 at 7 p.m. Both meetings will be held at City Hall at 401 W. Front St. Information on the budget will be posted at www.huttotx.gov/budget.

Road closure

North FM 1660 between Church Street and Cottonwood Drive will be reduced to one lane in early to mid-July when Chasco Construction of Round Rock begins replacing the old wastewater line. Construction will take approximately one month to complete.

Hutto City Council

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Election date: Nov. 2
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Interviews by Jenn Rains

Editor's note: This is the third in a series of candidate interviews that will appear until the November general election, as part of Community Impact Newspaper's mission to promote civic involvement. All candidates were given the same set of questions to which to respond, and Community Impact Newspaper did not assume responsibility for verifying the accuracy of the responses. For interviews with candidates for other positions on the ballot and more information about the election, visit www.impactnews.com/vote10.

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Cynthia Long

Republican (incumbent)

Lived in county: 22 years

Education: Bachelor's of business administration, Texas A&M University

Community involvement: Cedar Park Planning and Zoning Commission; Cedar Park City Council; founding board chair of Twin Lakes YMCA

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What are the three most important issues to your constituents?

Transportation is one of the first and foremost—making sure that we stay ahead of the problem and don't allow congestion to get worse—and plan for the future. We need to plan for the infrastructure we need for the growth.

Another issue is economic development and trying to recruit businesses to Williamson County so that our citizens don't have to commute to Austin and Travis County every day to go to work. This also helps on the transportation side.

Maintaining a low tax rate and providing services we are mandated to provide, but not expanding government. I believe maintaining a limited government is important.

How do you plan to address these issues if re-elected?

I'm very involved in our transportation planning for the county. I also sit on a regional committee for transportation planning. We need to utilize county dollars, but also utilize our state and federal dollars in regards to roads.

As for economic development, by eliminating the freeport tax, we eliminated an unfair business tax. We also need to cut taxes to businesses and partner with cities around the county to work with them toward economic development to attract new businesses to the area.

What are the biggest challenges for Williamson County?

Health care. The county is required to spend up to 8 percent of its budget

on indigent health care. Because of the economic conditions, the county has seen more people apply. The county has spent 3, 4 or 5 percent in previous years, but this year it will hit 8 percent. That's going to continue to be an issue for us. My hope is what happened at the national level will be repealed or drastically cut down. If not, we have to seriously look at the effects at the county level.

What's the most unique aspect of Williamson County?

It's an urban and a rural county. Williamson County is attractive to people who want either lifestyle. Because it's a very conservative county and we have run government in a very conservative way, it's attractive to both families and businesses.

What are the three most important issues to your constituents?

Roads. I have a real concern living off of 1869. Cynthia Long loves to brag about how she got Williams Drive expanded, and it's not even in her precinct. A lot of our ranch roads and county roads are in bad shape. The back roads are in desperate need of upgrading and repair. These roads are two-lane, no-shoulder roads, and they have thousands of vehicles a day.

Environment. The EPA wants the standards for air pollution lowered about 5 to 10 percent. Several months ago they passed a no idling law (for trucks along the road). They've got this law that they're not supposed to idle more than five minutes. Nobody's enforcing this standard.

Hutto landfill. It's a county concern.

They want to fund a full-time inspector to come in, but instead of hiring someone really expert in that field, they want to give workers four to five hours of training to inspect this fill. They also said they wanted to put landscaping in, but have nothing in writing and it's just been talk.

How do you plan to address these issues if elected?

Especially on the roads, I want to talk with the right people and get the state moving on this. Also, 40 percent of the county budget is set aside for Hwy. 29 corridor. We don't need this. We need infrastructure fixed up so people can drive around their local area safely.

They've [commissioners] got to represent the people. The people in my area want the roads fixed. This part of the county is not being treated as fairly as the

southern part of the county like Cedar Park and Anderson Mill.

For the environment, if you've got the laws, enforce them. Don't beat around the bush or lie about them. You need to do it and fix it.

With the landfill I would go talk to the City Council in Hutto and see what they want done. Address the issue and don't try to get around it.

What are the biggest challenges for Williamson County?

Growth and water. You can't have one without the other. Water is a big issue in Texas and a big issue in Williamson County. You've got to be careful with your water and conserve it. You can't do anything without water.

We've got a lot of land out here, but you've got to have planned growth.



Jim Stauber

Democrat

Lived in county: 13 years

Education: Spring Lake Park High School in Minnesota; on-the-job training

Community involvement: Board of directors for Hope Alliance of Williamson County; St. Vincent De Paul Society, North District Council; Williamson County Democratic Party

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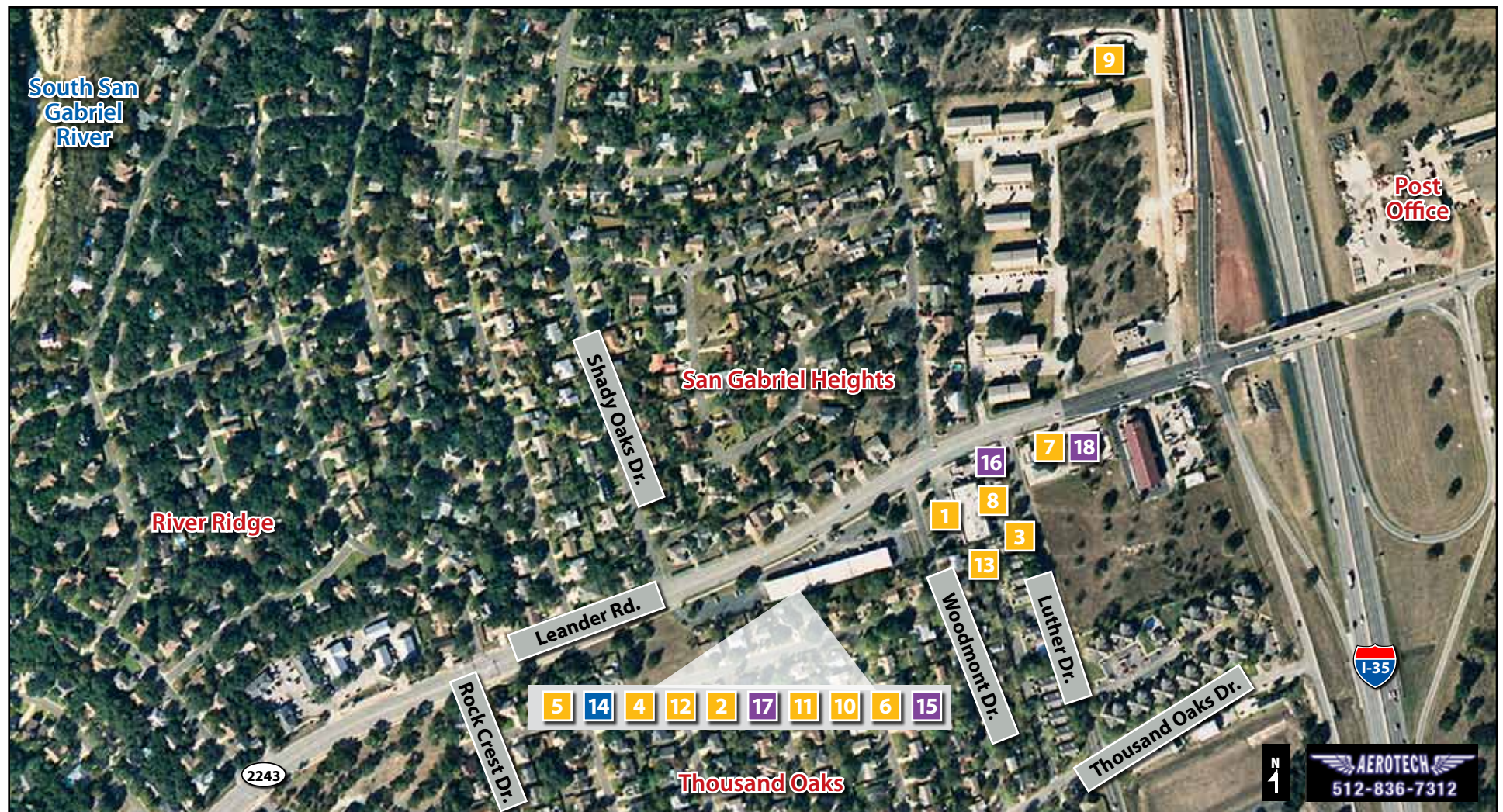
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10 **The Office Lounge Nightclub**
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11 **Quick Loans**
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12 **TQ Nails & Spa**
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Organizations

14 **Harvest Time Ministries**
1227 Leander Road
868-3895
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Restaurants

15 **Tortilleria y Taqueria El Jarocho**, an authentic Mexican food restaurant located at 1203 Leander Road, specializes in homemade flour and corn tortillas. The restaurant opened in late May for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and diners who sit at the counter can watch the machine make as many as 300 tortillas at once. Call 591-7862.

16 **Dos Hermanos Taqueria y Panaderia**
111 Luther Drive
868-8363

17 **Paisano's Pizza, Pasta & Subs**
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GISD prepares for next phase of ninth grade campus

By Andrea Leptinsky

Georgetown voters will likely see another bond election called this fall to approve funding for the second phase of Georgetown Independent School District's East View High School.

The second phase is expected to cost roughly \$54 million, said Brad Domitrovich, GISD director of school/community relations. Other funds are needed for additional district construction and projects, such as new elementary and middle schools. In all, the amount of bond money needed by the district is expected to reach at least \$100 million.

EAST VIEW HIGH SCHOOL STATISTICS

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Name background: The name Georgetown East View High School was derived from East View School of the East View Common School District that existed from the 1850s to 1924 directly across Hwy. 29 from the current school site. EVCS consolidated with Georgetown Independent School District in 1922 and the East View School building was moved into town in 1924.

"All plans are moving forward by the [school] board at this time to have an election in November," Domitrovich said.

The first phase of the school—which was originally funded by an \$84 million bond approved in November 2005—built core facilities for the 239,500-square-foot ninth grade campus, including a library and cafeteria suitable for 1,500 students.

The second phase, estimated to cover about 259,000 square feet, calls for the construction of an academic wing, additional fine arts facilities, career and technology facilities, a competition gym, locker rooms, a field house and outdoor athletic facilities to build onto the already-existing campus in order to satisfy the need for more space.

The GISD school board is still in the process of working with architects and designers to decide which company will build and design each portion of the project. Although a bond election has yet to be called, Domitrovich said he expects the board to decide whether to call an election no later than early October.

If voters do not approve the

bond, GISD will be forced to revisit current school plans to continue accepting new students into its system.

"We can't turn away kids," Domitrovich said. "At that time we will look and make decisions how to bring kids in. We don't anticipate a failure because the community has been very supportive in the past."

Other parts of the \$100 million bond could go toward renovating parts of Georgetown High School. Domitrovich said the district will need to overcome certain hurdles in order to make that construction happen.

"We're operating with a school that's fully functional," he said. "In order to close certain parts of wings we will need places for students to go to."

In that instance, the district could opt to bring in trailer-like portable classrooms to facilitate needed renovations.



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Phase 1 update

Construction began: August 2006
Construction completed: July 2008
Construction cost: \$34 million

The first phase of the new Georgetown East View High School opened as the GISD Ninth Grade Campus at the intersection of Hwy. 29 and CR 104. All ninth-grade students in the district began attending the campus in August 2008 when it opened. As growth continues, the campus will become a full ninth through 12th grade campus.

Phase 2 projected plan

Construction cost: \$54 million
 Construction could begin within two months of the election if the bond is approved by voters in the fall.

Proposed additions to campus

- Academic wing for 1,500 students
- Additional fine arts facilities
- Career and technology facilities
- Competition gym and locker rooms
- Field house
- Outdoor athletic facilities (track, tennis courts, practice fields, restroom/concession buildings, field lights, etc.)

Community groups establish charitable programs for children during summer break

By Suzanne Haberman

Summer break can leave some children without meals, supervision and mental or physical activities. Several community organizations and businesses have teamed up to help provide basic needs and recreation opportunities for little to no cost.

Some programs, such as The Caring Place's Backpack Buddies program, specifically target economically disadvantaged children; others, like Mel's Lone Star Lane's invitation for students to bowl a free game, are open to anyone needing summer fun.

"It's important for kids to have some places to go because they need things to do," said Daniel Anstee, director of the Boys & Girls Club of Georgetown. "If we don't give them something to do in the summer, they're going to find something to do on their own."

Here are some of the charitable programs offered to Georgetown youth:

1 Backpack Buddies

During the school year, 240 students from Williams, Carver, McCoy, Mitchell and Purl elementary schools receive a bag of nonperishable foods in their backpacks every Friday to supplement weekend nutritional needs. This summer, the program continues through the efforts of a group of about 40 volunteers and The Caring

Place. Food supplies are distributed every second and third Thursday of the month from The Caring Place, 2000 Railroad St. Families who participated during the school year are eligible for the summer program, which ends Aug. 26. Call 869-4735.

2 Boys & Girls Club of Georgetown

At the Boys & Girls Club of Georgetown, 210 W. 18th St., children ages 7 to 17 can learn and play in a supervised environment on workdays between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Children play games and sports, do crafts and participate in educational programs that teach skills and culture and provide exercise. Membership costs \$10 a year, but scholarships are available. Call 868-3700 or visit www.bgctx.org/su.htm.

3 Kid City

Kid City started 12 years ago to provide summer activities and meals for economically disadvantaged children. Children in kindergarten through fifth grade spend a half day on field trips to parks, pools, movies and bowling alleys or stay on-site for learning programs at Cooper Elementary, 1921 N.E. Inner Loop. Capacity is capped at 100 children. Participants must qualify for the school district's free or reduced lunch program to sign up. Cost is \$10 a week, and scholarships are available.

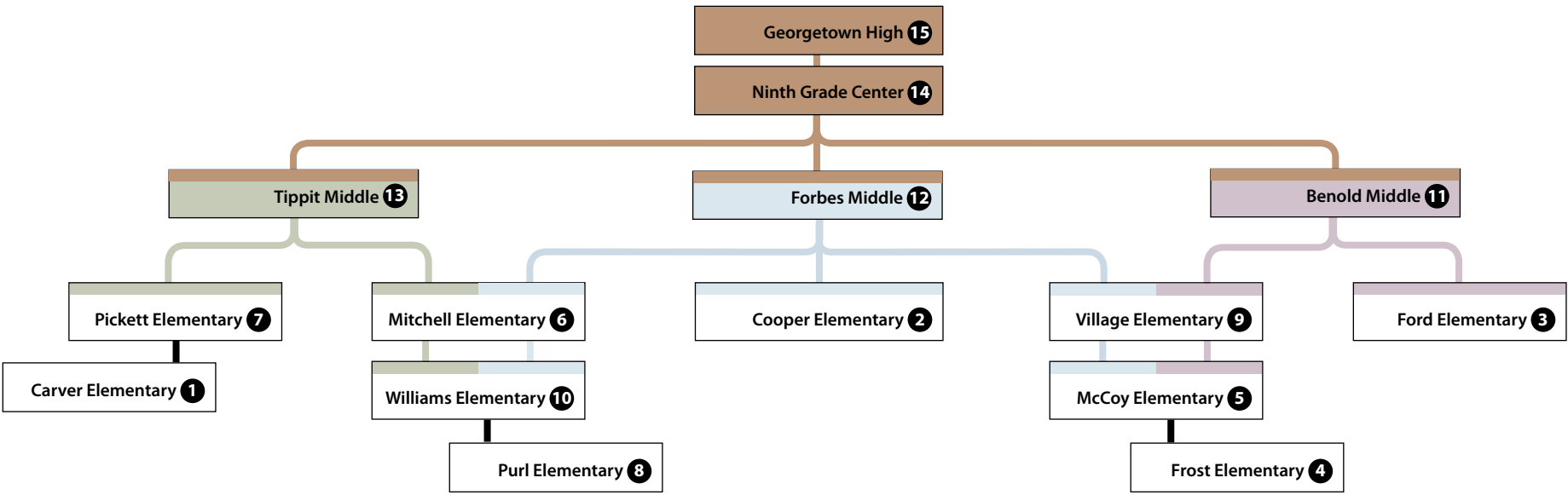
The Georgetown Project, Georgetown Parks and Recreation and GISD support Kid City, which ends Aug. 6. Call 943-5198 or visit www.georgetownproject.com.

4 Mel's Lone Star Lanes

David Kellerman and Dot Ammons, owners of bowling center Mel's Lone Star Lanes, 1010 N. Austin Ave., are offering students vouchers for a free game of bowling and shoe rental. About 50,000 passes have already been distributed to students in Georgetown, Hutto, Taylor, Leander, Cedar Park, Jarrell and Granger ISDs. The owners invite children to bowl any weekday during the summer. This is the third summer they have offered free games, Kellerman said. Call 930-2200 or visit www.melsonestarlans.com.



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Elementary schools	Address	Phone	Year opened	Projected 2010-2011 enrollment	2009 accountability rating	2009 economically disadvantaged	2009 TAKS results		2010 preliminary TAKS scores by grade					
							Reading	Math	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
1 Carver Elementary	1200 W. 17th St.	943-5070	1964*	488	Recognized	61.5%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2 Cooper Elementary	1921 N.E. Inner Loop	943-5060	1999	569	Recognized	40.5%	96%	98%	99%	96%	89%	95%	96%	99%
3 Ford Elementary	210 Woodlake Drive	943-5180	2004	595	Exemplary	13.7%	99%	99%	99%	98%	99%	99%	99%	99%
4 Frost Elementary	711 Lakeway Drive	943-5020	1986	511	Recognized	42.7%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
5 McCoy Elementary	1313 Williams Drive	943-5030	1964*	529	Recognized	41.5%	94%	93%	96%	87%	87%	90%	94%	94%
6 Mitchell Elementary	1601 CR 110	943-1820	2008	654	Exemplary	63.9%	92%	90%	95%	89%	94%	95%	94%	94%
7 Pickett Elementary	1100 Thousand Oaks Blvd.	943-5050	1992*	418	Recognized	48.6%	96%	94%	99%	89%	88%	84%	93%	97%
8 Purl Elementary	1700 Laurel St.	943-5080	1953	511	Recognized	71.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
9 Village Elementary	400 Village Commons	943-5140	1998	508	Exemplary	28.2%	99%	99%	96%	95%	99%	97%	98%	98%
10 Williams Elementary	507 E. University Ave.	943-5160	2002	334	Recognized	63.4%	94%	95%	88%	89%	93%	98%	99%	100%
Middle schools							2009 Results		6th		7th		8th	
11 Benold Middle	3407 Northwest Blvd.	943-5090	1996	856	Academically Acceptable	27.0%	98%	95%	91%	91%	92%	92%	98%	94%
12 Forbes Middle	1911 N.E. Inner Loop	943-5150	2001	685	Academically Acceptable	40.1%	97%	94%	93%	96%	88%	90%	98%	95%
13 Tippit Middle	1601 Leander Road	943-5040	1981	866	Academically Acceptable	43.6%	95%	90%	83%	84%	84%	86%	96%	94%
High schools							2009 Results		9th		10th		11th	
14 Ninth Grade Campus	4490 E. University Ave.	943-1800	1998	829	Recognized	30.3%	96%	85%	96%	87%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
15 Georgetown High	2211 N. Austin Ave.	943-5100	1975	2,204	Academically Acceptable	28.3%	94%	82%	N/A	N/A	90%	83%	96%	93%

2009 statistics	State	District
Economically Disadvantaged	56.7%	39.4%
Limited English Proficient (LEP)	16.9%	10.9%
Average years experience of teachers	11.2	12.9
Average actual salaries of teachers	\$47,159	\$46,648

Total students:
10,168

Subject	State 2009	District 2009	District 2010
Reading	91%	95%	92%
Math	82%	90%	90%
Writing	93%	96%	93%
Science	78%	85%	89%
Social Studies	93%	96%	97%

* School building opened this year, but was later repurposed for current use.

District scores by grade		
2010 TAKS Preliminary Scores (sum of all grades tested)		
Grade 3	Reading 94%	Math 86%
Grade 4	Reading 88%	Math 90%
Grade 5	Reading 94%	Math 92%
Grade 6	Reading 90%	Math 77%
Grade 7	Reading 87%	Math 85%
Grade 8	Reading 98%	Math 89%
Grade 9	Reading 94%	Math 75%
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City offices

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During an April meeting of the Georgetown City Council, Brandenburg proposed relocating City Hall, municipal court, and the economic development and public communications offices into the city-owned building just off of Austin Avenue that became vacant in 2006 when Albertsons moved out. Most city offices are currently located on or near the Square.

"There's a lot of misinformation that came out with some of the first things we started talking about with city hall," Brandenburg said. "But the good thing is,



Public safety complex

Part of Georgetown's initiative to consolidate city departments began in May when the city purchased 20 acres of land on which to build a public safety complex that would house both police and fire administration offices.

The city purchased the land from Temple-based Mueller Family Development for \$1.5 million. It is located on the east side of D.B. Wood Road south of Williams Drive.

"Our thought was, let's at least get it and hold it for the public safety complex, but move ahead and build Fire Station No. 5," Georgetown City Manager Paul Brandenburg said.

The first three acres of the property will be used to construct Fire Station No. 5. The remaining 17 acres will be used for a 50,000-square-foot public safety complex for the police and fire departments. The city also intends to build public safety training facilities toward the back end of the property, Brandenburg said.

The city is performing environmental and geological tests on the land as part of its required two months of due diligence.

it got people talking about it."

That proposal spurred opinions from residents and business owners. On the city's website, one reader, named "Sarah," commented, "moving the city employees out will hurt businesses that rely on downtown workers and customers of these city services for their day-to-day vitality." In another post, "Chris" said, "This flow, this work-day pattern is critical to the shops, cafes and restaurants downtown whose daily business relies heavily on heaving a critical mass of office workers employed downtown."

The City Council asked Brandenburg to continue his research into potential relocation sites and report back in July. At that time, Brandenburg said he will propose the city focus its attention on Williamson County-

owned land between Seventh and Eighth streets, in between Martin Luther King Boulevard and Rock Street, with the hope of purchasing the land for the construction of an office complex. The concept is also consistent with the city's downtown master plan.

"I think the presence of being downtown shows that the government's there, and the people that come and transact business with us," Brandenburg said. "It might be when they leave here they stop by and get a coffee. That's what I think the fear was—empty buildings."

Preventing vacancies

"We get a lot of [city] employees," said Cheri Gilbert, co-owner of Galaxy Cupcakes, located at 107 E. Seventh St. "We get a lot of regulars that come in from city offices because it's convenient and they can just walk right in.

This doesn't mean they're going to keep coming once they move to another building. I think it would affect us quite a bit."

To prevent empty storefronts on the Square, no city office will move until there is a replacement business or organization ready to fill the vacated space, according to Brandenburg.

For Gilbert, there is no guarantee a business will be there to take each city office's space, a fact that still worries her.

"How can they guarantee they will find someone?" she asked. "How long will it take to fill those spots? That's our fear. Stores already sit here vacant. What is the city doing to attract a variation of people back to downtown? It's starting to become a ghost town again."

Brandenburg said the city intends to have measures in place to bring business in and keep them on the Square.

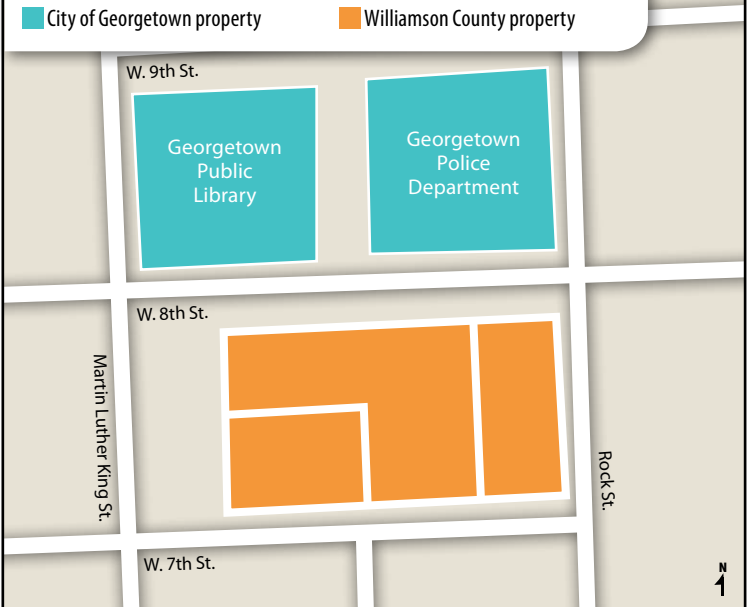
"We could control vacant spaces by lease terms, contracts and agreements," he said. "Once in, there is no control when they may leave, but on the onset we would do everything legally and logistically possible to have them occupied."

The city is actively trying to pursue businesses it feels would be a good fit for the downtown area in order to keep stores occupied, said Shelly Hargrove, downtown development coordinator and Main Street manager for the city.

Hargrove said her department is in the middle of setting up a research project that will help the city determine exactly which demographic shops downtown the most. Once results come back, the city can go after specific stores.

Proposed site of Georgetown Civic Center

The City of Georgetown will need to purchase three parcels of county-owned property to build its civic center.



"We really have never done a study that gives specific details and demographic information," she said. "We need more of a broad base and a neutral view of who our market is for downtown. We will get more into the nitty gritty aspects of doing research."

The downtown plan

The county-owned property west of Rock Street is being used primarily for overflow and police car parking. According to Brandenburg's new plan, the city would build an approximately 20,000-square-foot civic center that could include both city and county offices. The proposed construction of a civic center follows the Downtown Master Plan established between 2002-03.

"We could easily do a two-story structure, if not larger, that would include a city hall, potentially county office space, parking garage and all that right downtown," Brandenburg said, mentioning that construction of the center is still two years out once it earns City Council's approval. "The thought is, as we

bring our building inspectors and code enforcement folks and all the other people down here from the [Georgetown Municipal Complex] building off Industrial Avenue, they come back here so everyone that has to do business is coming back down here as well. That's a good thing, and that's right in line with what the master plan calls for."

Downtown business owners should feel at ease with the civic center proposal, Hargrove said.

"If you look at the Downtown Master Plan, that was specifically what was recommended," she said.

Brandenburg said that, while the city respects the fears of citizens and business owners, downtown city offices have no place else to go.

"If the downtown business community truly supports and embraces the Downtown Master Plan, then they must support an ultimate move to a civic complex on Eighth Street," he said.

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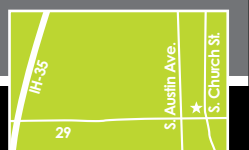
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Health Focus | New pediatric clinics

By Rob Heidrick

Williamson County hospital networks are taking steps this year to expand healthcare options for the nearly 20,000 children in the county without health insurance.

The Seton Family of Hospitals announced in May that it will provide more than \$3 million in grants to sponsor a regional pediatric primary care network in partnership with Lone Star Circle of Care, allowing two new pediatric clinics to open this summer in Cedar Park and Hutto. The network, which will be named Dell Children's – Circle of Care Pediatrics, will be linked in a number of ways to Dell Children's Medical Center in Austin.

"They will serve as the medical home, and we help provide medical and surgical pathways for accessing specialists and ... services at our hospitals," said Mark Hazelwood, president and CEO of Seton's north market. "We are also jointly recruiting the physicians who will work in these pediatric clinics."

Lone Star Circle of Care CEO Pete Perialas Jr. said the two new

clinics will have a total of 31 exam rooms and will provide services for about 10,000 patients in 30,000 visits per year. The organization's other three Williamson County clinics in Round Rock and Georgetown currently serve about 20,000 patients annually.

"The approach for our strategy in Williamson County is to create a seamless medical home network for pediatric patients that takes them from primary care and preventive care settings into inpatient settings and back out again," he said. "The intention is to prove this concept in Williamson County and use it as an approach for pediatric medical home expansion in as much of the Dell Children's Hospital area as possible."

In the past two years, Seton has awarded grants totaling more than \$5 million to Lone Star Circle of Care for the development of clinics in Central Texas. Hazelwood said Seton's partnership with LSCC is part of a broader, long-term strategy to establish additional pediatric clinics throughout Central Texas over the next several years.

"That's a process that we pursue together—we identify areas where there is a demonstrated need, and we look at the best area to place a clinic," Hazelwood said. "We envision the creation of several pediatric clinics per year for the foreseeable future."

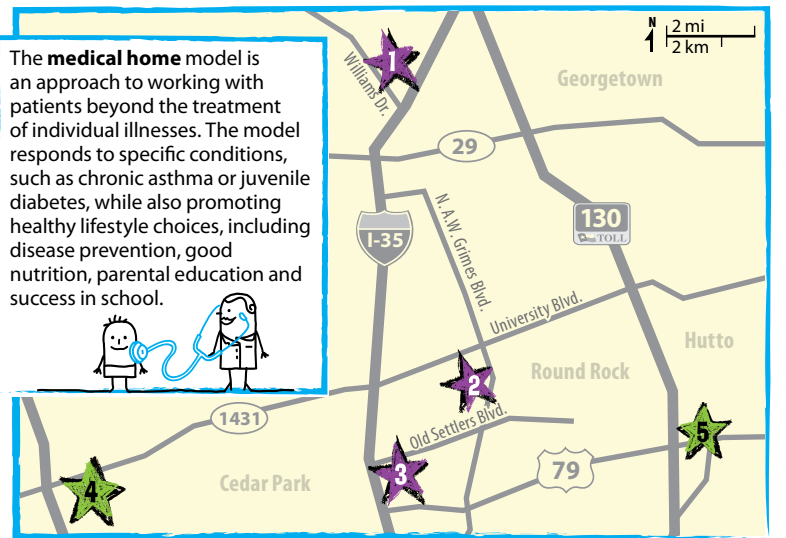
Federal support could also play a large role in the expansion of pediatric care in Texas. Recent healthcare legislation extends federal funding of the Children's Health Insurance Program through 2015 and provides other measures to improve access for uninsured families.

Hazelwood said he expects additional funding to be allocated in the near future.

"It will be interesting to see how federal healthcare reform legislation may impact this. Everything indicates that there will be a continued preference to allocate federal dollars in an attempt to reach those who are not covered or don't have access," he said. "Everything we see right now seems to support the notion that we're heading in the right direction."

Dell Children's – Circle of Care Pediatrics clinics in Williamson County

The **medical home** model is an approach to working with patients beyond the treatment of individual illnesses. The model responds to specific conditions, such as chronic asthma or juvenile diabetes, while also promoting healthy lifestyle choices, including disease prevention, good nutrition, parental education and success in school.



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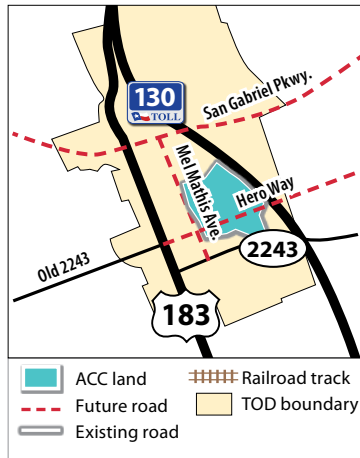
Leander The process of trying to get a college interested in the city of Leander has been ongoing for more than five years, but a big step was taken in May when Austin Community College closed on land in the city.

ACC announced May 13 that the college bought 100 acres within the transit-oriented development in north central Leander. The land, which was purchased from RB 270 Partnership, is near the Capital Metro Rail Station.

Leander Urban Design Officer Pix Howell said having an ACC campus within the TOD is a perfect fit for the type of community the city is trying to build.

"We're trying to create a neighborhood, a community. Education and medical facilities are ideal for the urban environment," Howell said.

The campus, which will house core classes, transfer courses and workforce classes, could also have a specialization, but no specifics

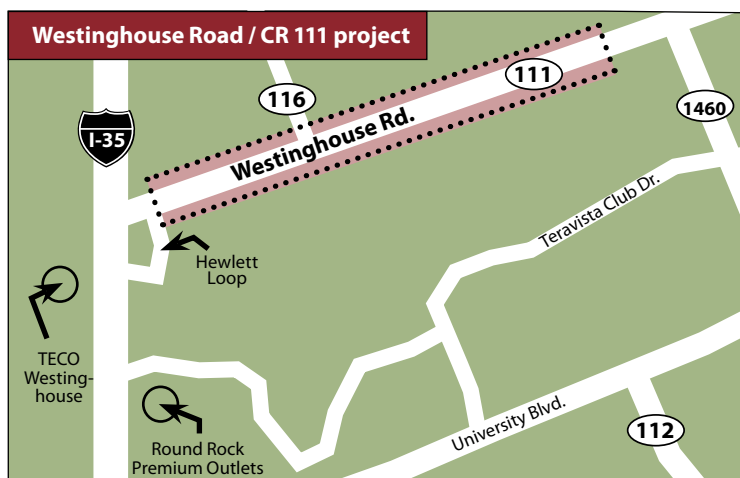


have been determined yet.

"We do not have any details worked out for the campus. We're trying to get the land banking in order," said Ben Ferrell, executive vice president for finance and administration for ACC. "We have to wait for the population to catch up [before building a campus], but Leander's growing pretty quickly."

Full story at more.impactnews.com/8731

Transportation Report



Westinghouse Road / CR 111

Williamson County marked the completion of work on a two-mile stretch of CR 111, also known as Westinghouse Road, with a ribbon cutting ceremony in May. Named for the TECO-Westinghouse plant west of I-35, the street runs between the outer edges of Round Rock and Georgetown.

- The two-lane roadway, under construction since June 2008, was expanded to four lanes from Hewlett Loop to just west of FM 1460

- The east portion of the road is divided by a median, and the west side is undivided and ends with a center turn lane
- Bike lanes were constructed on both sides of the roadway, and upgrades were made to drainage and sewer systems
- J.C. Evans Company of Leander built the project, and engineering work was done by the local firm Huggins/Seiler Associates of Round Rock
- The project cost about \$6.6 million, funded by the 2006 road bond package

Visit www.roadbond.org for more information about road bond projects in Williamson County.

Community Impacts

Under New Ownership

Northwest Austin The founder of Alamo Drafthouse Cinema, Tim League, will become CEO of the company he created after a five-year hiatus. The move marks the merging of the three theaters of which League retained ownership—the Ritz, Village and South Lamar locations—with the other corporate-owned Drafthouses. Visit www.drafthouse.com.

Coming Soon

Pflugerville The Pflugerville City Council approved an economic development agreement June 22 to facilitate **National Scooter Company's** relocation to the city. The company—which manufactures scooters, motorcycles and other electric vehicles—will receive \$235,000 in incentives from the Pflugerville Community Development Corporation within three years for beginning operations at 1950 Picadilly Drive by Aug. 1.

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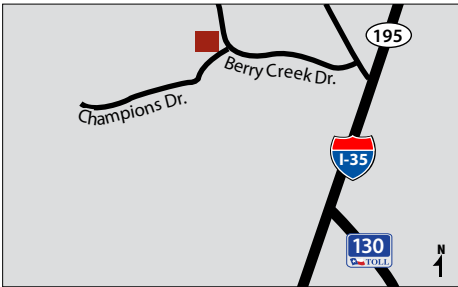
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Residential Real Estate | Neighborhoods at a Glance

Berry Creek-Champions Section Georgetown – 78628

This is one of the newest portions of the Berry Creek neighborhood. While not directly on the golf course, residents are still eligible for club benefits. This area is also accessible from Shell Road.

- Schools**
- Frost and McCoy elementary schools
 - Forbes Middle School
 - Georgetown Ninth Grade Center
 - Georgetown High School



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135 Hazeltine Drive
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108 Hazeltine Drive
4 Br/3 Ba | 3,379 sq. ft. \$379,000
Margaret Rhein, 630-3146
Prudential Texas Realty



301 Champions Drive
4 Br/3 Ba | 3,053 sq. ft. \$315,000
George DeVillar, 639-0258
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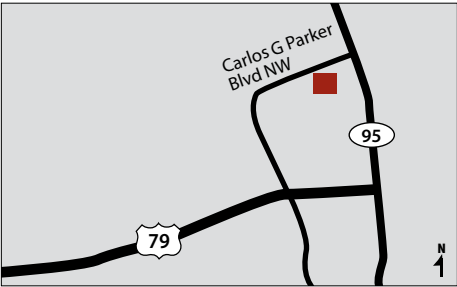


401 Champions Drive
5 Br/4.5 Ba | 4,529 sq. ft. \$458,500
Lindsay Currey, 698-8690
RE/MAX Centx Assoc.

Summerfield Taylor – 76574

Summerfield features a community pool, playscape and park. This KB Home community is easily accessible from both Carlos Parker Boulevard and Mallard Lane.

- Schools**
- T.H. Johnson Elementary School
 - Taylor Middle School
 - Taylor High School



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KB Home sales team 365-3262



510 Big Sur Trail
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Michelle Sheehan, 989-1054
Gaston & Sheehan Real Estate



611 Big Sur Trail
4 Br/2.5 Ba | 3,071 sq. ft. \$179,900
Bo & Donna Brasfield, 365-6500
Brasfield Real Estate



802 Yosemite Trail
5 Br/3 Ba | 2,943 sq. ft. \$163,000
Cornerstone Real Estate 365-9548

Market Data

On the market (June 1–30)

Price range	No. of homes for sale			Avg. days on market		
	Georgetown	Hutto	Taylor	Georgetown	Hutto	Taylor
Less than \$100,000	9	9	49	218	68	128
\$100,000–\$149,900	99	121	67	99	71	90
\$150,000–\$199,900	155	50	15	91	105	139
\$200,000–\$299,900	177	27	15	94	129	119
\$300,000–\$399,900	119	6	6	123	71	138
\$400,000–\$499,900	59	4	3	108	31	59
\$500,000–\$749,900	40	5	-	154	177	-
\$750,000–\$999,900	16	1	-	186	29	-
\$1 million +	11	1	-	199	133	-

Monthly home sales

Month	No. of sales			Average price		
	Georgetown	Hutto	Taylor	Georgetown	Hutto	Taylor
June 2010	84	32	11	\$215,385	\$148,787	\$99,692
June 2009	76	31	10	\$268,404	\$143,418	\$123,560
May 2010	97	33	19	\$220,441	\$149,298	\$100,695
April 2010	80	44	14	\$208,925	\$143,187	\$104,479
March 2010	70	24	16	\$213,565	\$138,060	\$102,867
Feb. 2010	51	26	11	\$248,848	\$145,449	\$100,988
Jan. 2010	56	8	5	\$244,426	\$139,828	\$65,123
Dec. 2009	68	22	8	\$236,323	\$150,854	\$95,538
Nov. 2009	47	16	6	\$195,207	\$196,277	\$119,948

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Georgetown, Hutto and Taylor

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78626	Georgetown	Georgetown Crossing	1320 Ascot St.	3br/2ba	\$138,600	1,535	Ronnie Bleeker	Keller Williams Realty	563-4628
78626	Georgetown	Georgian Place	2206 Georgian Drive	3br/2ba	\$133,200	1,714	Michael Harrell	Keller Williams Realty	769-8802
78626	Georgetown	Glasscock Addition	404 8th St.	4br/2ba	\$200,000	1,994	Edward Lui	Mars Hill Realty Group	554-9594
78626	Georgetown	Katy Crossing	103 May Cove	3br/2ba	\$159,999	1,532	George DeVillar	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	639-0258
78626	Georgetown	Katy Crossing	100 May Cove	3br/2ba	\$194,500	1,984	Chip Edmiston	RE/MAX Centx Assoc.	869-6386
78626	Georgetown	Katy Crossing	304 Bastian Lane	3br/2ba	\$159,950	1,492	Jack Oster	Prudential Texas Realty	633-0622
78626	Georgetown	Manchaca	1965 Fm 972	5br/3ba	\$485,000	4,271	Paula Thomas	Prudential Texas Realty	818-1717
78626	Georgetown	Mcqueen	1627 CR 107	3br/2ba	\$284,900	2,051	Robert Fischer	Keller Williams Realty	791-0229
78626	Georgetown	Meadows of Georgetown	1019 Jamie Court	4br/2ba	\$139,900	1,925	Andrew Constancio	J.B. Goodwin, Realtors	784-0852
78626	Georgetown	Montgomery	1903 Austin Ave.	3br/2ba	\$299,500	2,047	Glenda DuBose	Keller Williams Realty	970-1057
78626	Georgetown	Pennington Place	40100 Settlers Path	3br/2ba	\$245,000	2,043	Chip Edmiston	RE/MAX Centx Assoc.	869-6386
78626	Georgetown	Sparks Addition	2006 Paige St.	3br/1ba	\$149,900	1,048	Suzanne Bergmann	Keller Williams Realty	639-9438
78626	Georgetown	Stonehedge	709 Belmont Drive	4br/3ba	\$214,900	3,285	Don Johnson	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	818-0812
78626	Georgetown	Stonehedge	700 Churchill Farms Drive	5br/3ba	\$219,900	3,166	Don Johnson	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	818-0812
78626	Georgetown	Summer Crest	2405 Barkridge Terrace	4br/2ba	\$159,900	2,381	Lindsay Currey	RE/MAX Centx Assoc.	698-8690
78626	Georgetown	Twin Creek Farms	30143 Twin Creek Drive	4br/3ba	\$335,000	2,894	Russell Phillips	Keller Williams Realty	698-7877
78628	Georgetown	Berry Creek	401 Champions Drive	5br/4ba	\$458,500	4,529	Lindsay Currey	RE/MAX Centx Assoc.	698-8690
78628	Georgetown	Georgetown Village	801 Bedford Court	4br/2ba	\$196,900	2,095	Amelia Washington	Keller Williams Realty	636-3695
78628	Georgetown	Georgetown Village	903 Elmwood Drive	4br/2ba	\$196,000	2,306	Gary Cocanougher	ERA - Colonial Real Estate	773-3989
78628	Georgetown	Oakcrest Estates	1125 Booty Road	3br/2ba	\$159,900	1,842	Diane Waters	Keller Williams Realty	657-4750
78628	Georgetown	Parkside at Mayfield Ranch	108 Seminole Canyon Drive	4br/2ba	\$260,834	2,897	John Bawduniak	Gatehouse Properties	713-253-3080
78628	Georgetown	Parkside at Mayfield Ranch	349 Lake Livingston Drive	5br/3ba	\$287,672	3,528	John Bawduniak	Gatehouse Properties	713-253-3080
78628	Georgetown	River Bend	207 John Thomas	4br/2ba	\$225,000	2,356	Pete Martin	ERA - Colonial Real Estate	818-2015
78628	Georgetown	River Ridge	105 River Tree Cove	3br/2ba	\$219,500	1,931	Lynn Allen	Keller Williams Realty	587-1942
78628	Georgetown	Serenada	510 W. Esparada Drive	3br/2ba	\$174,900	1,715	Norma Carleton	Keller Williams Realty	576-6755
78628	Georgetown	Serenada Country Estates	4125 Granada Drive	3br/2ba	\$230,000	2,375	Alice Bertucci	Keller Williams Realty	630-7970
78628	Georgetown	Serenada East	503 Serenada Drive	4br/2ba	\$106,530	1,629	Modena DeSpain	ERA - Colonial Real Estate	830-693-2096
78628	Georgetown	Serenada West	504 Esparada Drive	5br/2ba	\$192,000	1,800	Michael Watkins	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	966-4624
78628	Georgetown	Sierra Vista	203 Susana Drive	3br/2ba	\$155,500	1,676	Lena Lansdale	Keller Williams Realty	818-0229
78628	Georgetown	Village River Bend	200 Village Drive	3br/2ba	\$154,500	1,500	Lena Lansdale	Keller Williams Realty	818-0229
78628	Georgetown	Whisper Oaks Condos	3005 Whisper Oaks Lane	2br/1ba	\$73,000	928	Rolf Mitzkat	Mitzkat and Associates	508-7653
78633	Georgetown	Casa Loma River Oaks	124 Casa Loma Circle	4br/3ba	\$390,000	2,979	Cheryl Williams	ERA - Colonial Real Estate	658-0623
78633	Georgetown	Fountainwood Estate	104 Liz Lane	4br/2ba	\$395,000	3,354	David Pavliska	RE/MAX Round Rock	422-5457
78633	Georgetown	Fountainwood Estate	108 Liz Lane	4br/2ba	\$349,900	2,190	David Matthys	RE/MAX Capital City II	744-4138
78633	Georgetown	Fountainwood Estates	335 Allen Circle	4br/3ba	\$365,000	2,833	Lena Lansdale	Keller Williams Realty	818-0229

ZIP code guide

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



1019 Jamie Court, Georgetown \$139,900



903 Elmwood Drive, Georgetown \$196,000



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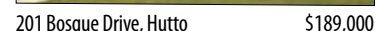
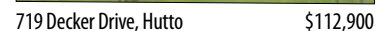
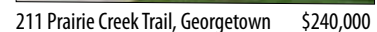
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78633	Georgetown	Sun City	715 Salt Creek Lane	2br/2ba	\$158,900	1,388	James Bartley	The Stacy Group	630-1032
78633	Georgetown	Sun City	118 Old Chisholm Trail	2br/2ba	\$159,000	1,122	Donald Mabray	The Stacy Group	869-0223
78633	Georgetown	Sun City	117 Cold Springs Drive	2br/2ba	\$194,200	1,831	Don Stacy	The Stacy Group	869-0223
78633	Georgetown	Sun City	123 Whispering Wind	2br/2ba	\$212,900	1,829	James Bartley	The Stacy Group	630-1032
78633	Georgetown	Sun City	100 Wild Rose Drive	2br/2ba	\$175,000	1,632	Don Stacy	The Stacy Group	869-0223
78633	Georgetown	Sun City	105 Old Chisholm Trail	3br/2ba	\$249,900	2,150	Cay Melanson	The Stacy Group	966-0295
78633	Georgetown	Sun City	120 Scissortail Trail	2br/2ba	\$139,500	1,143	Jeanette Geron	ERA - Colonial Real Estate	966-6145
78633	Georgetown	Sun City	311 Summit St.	2br/2ba	\$327,500	2,254	Pokey Delwaide	ERA - Colonial Real Estate	818-9300
78633	Georgetown	Sun City	533 Mill Pond Path	2br/2ba	\$189,500	1,397	Don Stacy	The Stacy Group	869-0223
78633	Georgetown	Sun City	314 Monument Hill Trail	2br/2ba	\$178,000	1,755	Cheryl Williams	ERA - Colonial Real Estate	658-0623
78633	Georgetown	Sun City	211 Prairie Creek Trail	3br/2ba	\$240,000	1,896	Charlotte Hohensee	The Stacy Group	868-7248
78633	Georgetown	Sun City	117 Blazing Star Drive	3br/2ba	\$234,000	1,969	Don Stacy	The Stacy Group	869-0223
78633	Georgetown	Sun City	615 Rio Grande Loop	4br/2ba	\$315,000	2,598	Virginia Lazenby	ERA - Colonial Real Estate	818-0988
78633	Georgetown	Sun City	100 Ranch House Cove	2br/2ba	\$229,500	1,789	Don Stacy	The Stacy Group	869-0223
78633	Georgetown	Sun City	116 Belfalls Drive	3br/3ba	\$289,000	2,154	Don Stacy	The Stacy Group	869-0223
78633	Georgetown	Twin Springs	324 Twin Springs Road	4br/2ba	\$399,900	2,577	Wally Wilson	RE/MAX Centx Assoc.	659-8690
78633	Georgetown	Westlake Woods	209 Goldridge Drive	4br/4ba	\$589,000	4,317	Lena Lansdale	Keller Williams Realty	818-0229
78633	Georgetown	Woodlake	300 Wind Hollow Drive	4br/2ba	\$215,000	2,266	Carolina Aceituno	Keller Williams Realty	217-1218
78634	Hutto	Brushy Creek Meadows	719 Decker Drive	4br/2ba	\$112,900	2,316	Charlotte Aceituno	Keller Williams Realty	439-6798
78634	Hutto	Creek Bend	108 Whirling Eddy Cove	3br/2ba	\$145,000	2,243	Dena Hinds	RE/MAX Capital City III	963-1770
78634	Hutto	Enclave at Brushy Creek	1106 Enclave Way	4br/2ba	\$245,000	2,586	Vanessa Drimalas	J.B. Goodwin, Realtors	799-7706
78634	Hutto	Glenwood	500 Mitchell Drive	3br/2ba	\$102,900	1,304	Charles Stephens	Prudential Texas Realty	287-9304
78634	Hutto	Hutto Square	302 Liberty St.	3br/2ba	\$148,990	1,840	Greg Young	Keller Williams Realty	587-1337
78634	Hutto	Huttoparke	111 Flinn St.	4br/2ba	\$139,000	1,970	Cyndy Stewart	Keller Williams Realty	731-0802
78634	Hutto	Huttoparke	114 Phillips St.	3br/2ba	\$129,000	1,464	Natalie Guise	Keller Williams Realty	796-7099
78634	Hutto	Lakeside Estates	902 Estate	4br/2ba	\$136,900	2,036	Susanna Boyer	Sellstate Classic Realty	785-4568
78634	Hutto	Rivers Crossing	201 Bosque Drive	3br/2ba	\$189,000	1,879	Mary Ann Kuhlmann	Turnquist Partners, Realtors	785-8852
78634	Hutto	Star Ranch	1320 Augusta Bend Drive	4br/2ba	\$206,000	2,549	Dena Hinds	RE/MAX Capital City III	963-1770
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