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Hutto EDC Participates in Hutto Day at the Capitol for 82nd Texas Legislative Session

HEDC Staff and Board Members help Promote Hutto to the Texas Legislature



The Hutto community was recognized and celebrated with Hutto Day at the Capitol on Wednesday, March 23, 2011.

A group of delegates from throughout the community, including representatives from the Hutto Economic Development Corporation, the City of Hutto, Hutto

Independent School District, the Hutto Area Chamber of Commerce, Williamson County Precinct # 4 and Hutto Fire-Rescue represented the Hutto Community at the second bi-annual Hutto Day at the Capitol. The purpose of this event is to introduce the Hutto community to the legislature and to help bring awareness of the community's needs and legislative

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agenda.

The day was kicked off with a breakfast at the Capitol Grill with Senator Steve Ogden and Representative Larry Gonzales. Following breakfast, the delegates were acknowledged in the Senate and House of Representatives, where Proclamations were read that recognized the community.



Following the reading of the proclamations, Hutto Delegates then traveled in teams to each legislator's office to present a small gift, a packet with our community's legislative agenda and other hand-outs from each community organization.



The day concluded with a "Pie Happy Hour" reception that was held in the conference room of the Texas Capitol where over 350 guests. Catered by Hutto's own Texan Café, this capacity event effectively showcased the spirit of the Hutto community to the 82nd Legislature.

Higher Education Officials to Present at April Power Breakfast

Temple College President and Texas State Technical College-Waco President to Present to Hutto Community



Dr. Glenda Barron and Dr. Elton Stuckly will present to the community at the April 14, 2011 Hutto Economic Development Power Breakfast. This event is held



at the Holiday Inn Express in Hutto. The colleges will be present to answer questions regarding the proposed East Williamson County Higher Education Center-Hutto Campus..

Like all Hutto EDC Power Breakfasts, this is a free event open to the public.

Hutto Fire-Rescue Chief Presents at March Power Breakfast

Did you Know...

... that **Sales Tax revenue** in Hutto has **grown 1,500%** in the last ten years?



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Fire Chief Addresses the Hutto Community

Chief Scott Kerwood of Hutto Fire-Rescue was the March 10, 2011 Power Breakfast featured speaker. Kerwood presented the new Hutto Fire-Rescue Strategic Plan to the Hutto community.

In case you missed the event, be sure to visit the Hutto EDC YouTube Channel by [clicking here](#), or by clicking on the image below, where you can view the entire presentation made by the Hutto Fire-Rescue.



For pictures from the event, [click here](#).

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Upcoming Power Breakfast Presentations

Be sure to mark your calendar for the following list of upcoming events hosted by the Hutto Economic Development Corporation:

Thursday: April 14, 2011

Higher Education Center Presentation

Thursday: May 12, 2011

Alvin Lankford, Chief Appraiser - Williamson County

All events will be held at 7:30am at the [Hutto Holiday Inn Express](#). Like all Hutto EDC Power Breakfasts, these are free events open to the public.

Williamson County Commits Funds to CR 108

Project Will Enhance Economic Development Efforts



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At its March 22, 2011 meeting, Williamson County Commissioners Court authorized a transfer request of 2006 Road Bond funds for CR 108 enhancement.



"I thank Commissioner Morrison and the entire Commisioners Court for this action. The Hutto EDC and City of Hutto are putting considerable

resources into water and wastewater improvements along CR 108 to facilitate economic development projects such as the potential higher education campus. CR 108 is an important element in developing property near SH 130," said Hutto EDC Executive Director Scott Martinez.

Hutto EDC Collaborates with Hutto ISD and Austin Chamber for Education Progress Report

Report Made Possible In Part By Hutto EDC's Investment in Opportunity Austin

As part of those efforts, a team of business volunteers from Central Texas chambers of commerce helps produce Education Progress Reports for ten area school districts. This marks the first year Hutto ISD has participated in developing an Education Progress Report through this effort.

The reports use a common set of metrics, focus on high school graduation, college/career readiness and post-secondary enrollment rates, and monitor additional student performance indicators predicting success leading up to high school.

The reports serve as tools for communities to track their school districts' performance trends and communicate school districts' goals and the strategies they are using to reach those goals. In this way, they facilitate conversations between school district and business leaders about resource allocations and potential tax-rate elections.

The intent of these reports is to compare school district performance to community expectations, not to other area, Texas or U.S. school districts.

For more information contact Drew Scheberle, Austin Chamber of Commerce Senior Vice President, Education and Talent Development, 512.322.5628.

Resource Corner: *Information For You* **Hutto, Texas: 2010 Hutto ISD Education Progress Report**

Now in its sixth year of publication, the **2010 Hutto Education Progress Report** is one of 11 issued by the 70-person Austin Chamber of Commerce Education Progress Report Task Force and reports student performance trends that are most important to the Central Texas business community. Check out this publication to see the progress Hutto ISD has made on key performance indicators.



To view this document in further detail by downloading a printable copy, [click here](#) or click on the picture above.

If you would like more information on this topic or have any questions about other resources that may be available for your use, please feel free to contact Seanna at sroysden@huttoedc.com.

The Texan Cafe Highlighted in *Southern Living*

Hutto Business Receives National Recognition



The Texan Cafe, located in historic Hutto on East Street, has recently been honored by being featured in the April 2011 edition of *Southern Living* magazine in the Pride of Place section.



The local icon, known for its delicious pies, was featured for its unique daily event: *Pie Happy Hour*. For a glimpse at the excerpt, [click here](#) or click on the image below. For a video on the Texan Cafe, [click here](#)



City of Hutto - News



City Council Authorizes Bonds

On March 17, 2011, the City Council approved two ordinances authorizing the issuance of two bonds.

The 2011A COs, totaling \$2.52 million, were issued through the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Clean Water State Revolving Fund to construct the Brushy Creek Interceptor Phase II wastewater line along CR 108 to just north of US 79. This line will be constructed to service growth in

the northwest quadrant of the City, including the future Eastern Williamson County Higher Education Center. The Texas Water Development Board offers low interest loans to communities and utility districts throughout the state.

The 2011B COs total \$2.225 million and will be used on projects such as the Interim City Hall and Park Design, Saul House renovations, Mager Lane Waterline Design, and CR 108 waterline construction.

The CR 108 Waterline and the Brushy Creek Interceptor Phase II are currently under design. Both projects will play an important role in providing utilities to the SH130 Corridor and the proposed Eastern Williamson County Higher Education Center. The project is a joint venture between the City and the Hutto Economic Development Corporation.

For additional information regarding the bond issuance, please contact Micah Grau, Finance Director, at 759-4046.

City Completes Fiscal Year 2010 Audit

During the March 17th City Council Meeting, the City Council was presented the findings of the external financial audit for Fiscal Year 2010. The external financial audit, completed by Brockway, Gersbach, Franklin and Niemeier, P.C., was conducted in accordance with the City Charter which requires an independent audit of all accounts of the City at the close of each fiscal year.

The audit was conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

For additional information, please contact Finance Director, Micah Grau, at 759-4046.

Community Demographic Information

To view the current Economic Profile for the Round Rock-Austin MSA, [click here](#).

To view the current economic profile for the Rural Capital Area Workforce Development Area, [click here](#).

Type A Economic Development Sales Tax Allocation

Fiscal Year	Feb.	Mar.	Cumulative Total
1997/98	\$4,154.04	\$1,730.68	\$40,417.02

1998/99	\$3,500.62	\$3,996.65	\$32,045.20
1999/00	\$2,507.40	\$1,819.40	\$35,093.61
2000/01	\$5,442.41	\$2,720.66	\$50,940.93
2001/02	\$7,732.95	\$3,113.69	\$58,299.83
2002/03	\$8,083.69	\$ 4,935.68	\$73,572.84
2003/04	\$12,126.71	\$5,727.65	\$98,841.25
2004/05	\$22,085.49	\$16,867.68	\$216,990.28
2005/06	\$28,355.51	\$23,930.39	\$336,629.05
2006/07	\$30,649.89	\$21,218.01	\$376,036.41
2007/08	\$45,591.26	\$33,150.36	\$481,309.64
2008/09	\$47,338.22	\$28,820.17	\$495,826.74
2009/10	\$45,362.56	\$31,149.48	\$467,917.40
2010/11	\$46,999.77	\$35,352.26	\$241,771.48*

*Cumulative Fiscal year-to-date Data Figures

Single Family Building Permit Requests by Month

Month	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
January	63	93	71	64	18	20	23
February	51	70	49	49	15	6	11
March	56	101	84	47	14	16	
April	67	91	75	46	48	17	
May	53	66	37	29	22	36	
June	58	68	44	22	29	17	
July	61	56	34	32	39	11	
August	78	70	25	41	22	11	
September	67	66	24	28	24	7	
October	65	58	51	5	19	7	
November	49	37	60	9	6	17	
December	46	46	7	12	7	15	

February 2011 Unemployment Rates

Area	Feb. 10	Jan. 11	Feb. 11
Austin/Round Rock MSA	7.3%	7.3%	6.9%
Texas	8.4%	8.5%	8.2%
National	10.4%	9.8%	9.5%
Area	Jan. 11	Feb. 11	
Williamson County	7.5%	7.2%	

A Note from the Executive Director

March was a productive month in the Hutto community. Work continued on the extensive SH 130/CR 108 water and wastewater project. Community partners continue to work with our higher education partners on a potential higher education project in Hutto. Hutto ISD voters will decide next month on a branch maintenance tax to support the proposed center. A+ Credit Union has begun construction of a new facility in TownWest Commons

near Lowe's and Walgreens. I anticipate (and enjoy) the sounds of construction equipment to be present the remainder of 2011 in Hutto.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance to you, and I look forward to visiting with you at one of our Second Thursday Power Breakfast.

Warmest regards,

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