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Pike Powers Presents at April Power Breakfast

Business and Legal Icon Speaks in Hutto

Pike Powers, whose tireless work for more than 30 years helped build the Austin region and Texas into major technology centers, was the Featured Speaker at the April 8 Economic Development Corp. Power Breakfast.

Powers stressed the importance of regional cooperation, promoting openness and acceptance, and not resting on your laurels as important elements of the economic development that the Austin region has experienced over the last twenty years.

In case you missed the event, [click here](#) for a video link to Part One of the presentation.

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Chief Appraiser to Present at May Power Breakfast

Williamson County Chief Appraiser Alvin Lankford to Present to the Hutto Community

Williamson Central Appraisal District Chief Appraiser Alvin Lankford will be the Featured Speaker at the April 8, 2010 Hutto Economic Development Corporation Power Breakfast that is held at the Hutto Holiday Inn Express. Mr. Lankford will provide information about the 2009 Appraisal Update for Williamson County.

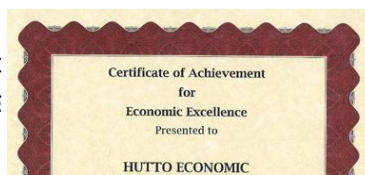
Mr. Lankford has been with the Williamson Central Appraisal District since 2000 and is a Registered Professional Appraiser. His professional affiliations include the Board of Tax Professional Examiners, the Texas Association of Appraisal Districts, the Texas Association of Assessing Officers, and the International Association of Assessing Officers.



Hutto EDC Receives Economic Excellence Award

For second year in a row Hutto EDC recognized for achieving excellence in economic development

The Hutto Economic Development Corporation recently received the Texas



Did you Know...

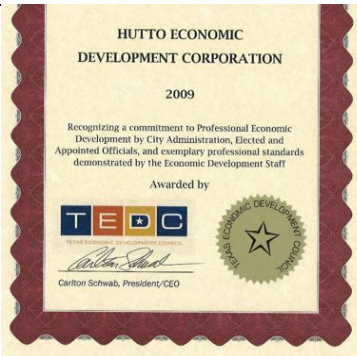
... **Hutto** Independent School District has grown **354%** since 2000?

This is the highest growth rate of any school district in Texas.



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Economic Development Council
Economic Excellence Award for the second year in a row. Only 35 organizations in the state of Texas that were recognized with this honor.



The Economic Excellence Award was designed to recognize the knowledge and skills of economic development professionals and volunteers throughout the state. Things considered in the award are professional development of board members and staff, professional certifications of staff members, completion of an organizational strategic plan or special study, and staff and board participation in professional organizations.

The Hutto Economic Development Corporation received this award at the TEDC 2010 Spring Conference in Arlington on April 22, 2010.

Hutto EDC launches YouTube Channel

Hutto EDC works to connect with community through streaming video



The Hutto EDC launched a unique **YouTube Channel**, to provide visoe of different Hutto EDC events and presentations. Through this medium, Viewers have the ability to see Power Breakfast Presentations, Corporation marketing videos, and other events held by the Hutto EDC.



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Resource Corner: *Information For You*

Railroad Connectivity... how connected is Hutto?

Hutto is truly connected in more ways than one. The railroad in Hutto is actually a Union Pacific Red Line that could easily easily and efficiently connect Hutto to hundreds of locations across the entire nation.

So next time you are waiting for a train to pass, think about the map below and remember just how **Conveniently Connected™** Hutto, Texas really is.



To view this document in further detail, [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.

City of Hutto - News



Keep Hutto Beautiful Commission wins Governor's Community Achievement Award & \$160,000 funding award

The City of Hutto and Keep Hutto Beautiful are proud to announce that Keep Texas Beautiful has contacted Keep Hutto Beautiful to inform them that the City of Hutto will be the Keep Texas Beautiful recipient of the Governor's Community Achievement Award for 2010. This recognition will officially be awarded to the City of Hutto at the Annual Keep Texas Beautiful Conference. This recognition also comes with a \$160,000 funding award that Keep Hutto Beautiful plans to put towards a Highway 79 Roadway Beautification Plan.

Keep Hutto Beautiful Chair, Jeff Svoboda stated "Wow! I couldn't be more proud of our community and all the folks that come out to help make Hutto

a great place to live. Special thanks go out to the Commission members and city staff that helped make this possible."

Mayor David Beiger commented, "For a community such as Hutto to achieve this award after only a few years of having a local commission is truly a great honor to those who have lead and worked on the programs, projects and efforts which Keep Hutto Beautiful promotes. This truly is a great achievement for Hutto."

The Governor's Community Achievement Award official ceremony will take place during the GCAA Banquet at the 43rd Annual Keep Texas Beautiful Conference held in Austin, June 21-24. Once the funds are awarded, the Commission and city staff will begin work on the roadway beautification plan.

The Keep Hutto Beautiful Commission, established in February 2006, is a seven member volunteer board that works directly with city staff, local service groups and schools to educate the community about the benefits of recycling and local beautification efforts. The Commission meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the Parks & Recreation offices. Julie Arndt, Parks & Recreation Department Management Assistant currently serves as the city staff liaison and works directly with Svoboda, Donna Fowler, Vice-Chairperson, Robert Clark, Patsy Bredahl, Judy Ward, Brandi Bradley and Sherry Miller.

Shiloh/Stony Brook Ranch Annexation & Shiloh at Jake's Bridge Zoning

The City Council approved the voluntary annexation and zoning of three tracts of land located on the east side of County Road 137 and south of Ray Elementary and Farley Middle School. These three parcels came within the boundaries of the City after the Council's, May 15, 2010, vote. Concurrent with the annexation requests, the applicant requested zoning for the properties under the SmartCode.

The owners want to create a Traditional Neighborhood Development according to Section 3.3.2 of the SmartCode. Their proposed New Community Scale Plan, which they are calling "Shiloh at Jake's Bridge", shows design progression generally falling from T3 (a suburban design context) closer to Brushy Creek and building up to areas of T5 (more Main Street-type urban feel) closer to the area around CR 137, Ray Elementary School, and Farley Middle School, tied together by a street grid that meets applicable SmartCode regulations.

One of the key elements of the proposed plan is a large pedestrian green lane allowing access from the greenway adjacent to Brushy Creek and the proposed neighborhood at the south end of the plan area all the way to Ray Elementary School.

Pedestrian Mobility Plan Approved

On Thursday, April 15, 2010, the Hutto City Council unanimously approved the first reading of the Hutto Pedestrian Mobility Plan. The Pedestrian Mobility Plan is a guide for new sidewalks and trails in Hutto. In 2008, the planning staff conducted an inventory of all existing sidewalks in Hutto as well as a survey of citizens' thoughts on constructing new sidewalks. This information was collected, and staff members from Development Services (Planning & Engineering), Public Works, GIS, and Parks convened to come up with a city-wide plan for sidewalks and trail connections. Using the pedestrian mobility priority criteria previously adopted by City Council, the "Pedestrian Mobility Team" identified the key projects and roadways that are in need of sidewalks or trail connections, and prioritized them according to the criteria's scoring system. The system tends to emphasize school routes or routes in close proximity to schools. The plan will be incorporated into Hutto's Growth Guidance Plan, and will eventually be incorporated into a full Comprehensive Plan.

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](#).

4A Economic Development Sales Tax Allocation

Fiscal Year	Mar.	Apr.	Cumulative Total
1997/98	\$1,730.68	\$1,124.52	\$40,417.02
1998/99	\$3,996.65	\$1,380.71	\$32,045.20
1999/00	\$1,819.40	\$3,719.04	\$35,093.61
2000/01	\$2,720.66	\$4,346.71	\$50,940.93
2001/02	\$3,113.69	\$4,127.65	\$58,299.83
2002/03	\$4,935.68	\$4,284.53	\$73,572.84
2003/04	\$5,727.65	\$5,203.96	\$98,841.25
2004/05	\$16,867.68	\$12,700.25	\$216,990.28
2005/06	\$23,930.39	\$20,865.44	\$336,629.05
2006/07	\$21,218.01	\$26,069.31	\$376,036.41
2007/08	\$33,150.36	\$28,878.89	\$481,309.64
2008/09	\$28,820.17	\$33,722.39	\$495,826.74
2009/10	\$31,149.48	\$30,156.44	\$255,201.91*

*Cumulative Fiscal year-to-date Data Figures

**Single Family Building
Permit Requests by Month**

(detailed reports available through the City of Hutto upon Request)

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

Unemployment Data

*(not seasonally adjusted;
all data available through Texas Workforce Commission)*

Area	Mar. 09	Feb. 10	Mar. 10
Austin/Round Rock MSA	6.6%	7.3%	7.1%
Texas	7.0%	8.3%	8.2%
National	9.0%	10.4%	10.2%

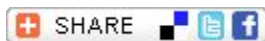
Area	Mar. 09	Feb. 10	Mar. 10
Williamson County	7.0%	7.8%	7.6%

The Hutto Economic Development Corporation is here to serve you. If you need custom demographics or have any questions about business in Hutto, please feel free to contact me.

I look forward to visiting with you at one of our Second Thursday Power Breakfast.

Warmest regards,

Scott Martinez, CEcD
 Hutto Economic Development Corporation
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