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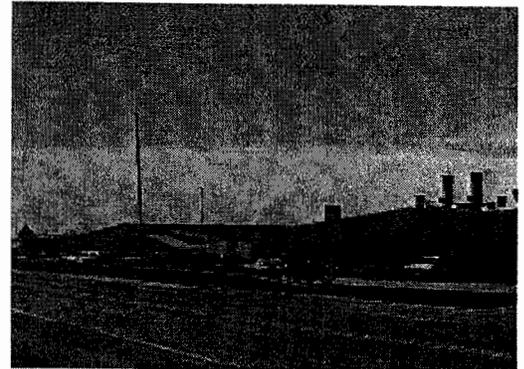
Reinvestment Zone Created for Burrows

The City Council approved a Reinvestment Zone for Burrows Cabinets, Inc. to help facilitate the company's move to Taylor.

Burrows Cabinets manufactures cabinets for custom homes and for some time has considered relocating to Taylor to a larger space to accommodate their growing business. The company is currently located in an industrial park located between Round Rock and Hutto. Their intent is to purchase the former Texwood Building located at 1353 W. Second St. and move their operations to Taylor.

The Taylor Economic Development Corp. and the City of Taylor have been working together over the last year or so to recruit the company to come to Taylor. The company anticipates that it would add more than 80 jobs in the facility.

In response to the company's request and to accommodate the relocation, the City is providing a property tax abatement and a sales tax rebate.



Future home of Burrows Cabinets, Inc.

The property tax abatement is based on the company's adding machinery and equipment worth \$634,000 and approximately \$250,000 in inventory, in addition to the number of new jobs. The company is eligible for an 80% abatement for ten years. The abatement rate reduces at 8% per year over the ten-year period until it reaches zero.

The company anticipates its total sales to grow from \$12 million to over \$85 million over the next ten years. The sales tax rebate agreement is based on 1.5% of the tax paid to the City over a five-year period. This will save the company an estimated \$230,000 and the City would receive an estimated \$384,000 for the same period.

North Drive Now Open - Patience Appreciated!

From Lake Drive to the Carlos Parker Loop, North Drive is now open. At an investment of approximately \$2.2 million, the construction is pending final acceptance by the City following a walk-through for the improvements, clean up, signage and striping and replanting grass along the sidewalk and right-of-way. Improvements include widening of North at Lake Drive intersection, complete water and sewer rehab, new box culvert (bridge), reconstruction of the Mallard and North Drive intersection to eliminate the dip and a new sidewalk from Lake Drive to the bridge.

Red Santa Rides Again

For more than 20 years, the Red Santa program has lifted the spirit of local families and children.

Led by Linda Stanford, the founder of the program (and wife of Fire Chief Haywood Stanford), along with the help of Anita Jones, Chief's Office, Taylor Fire Department, a huge amount of toys and food have been contributed by caring area residents and businesses.

Volunteers from the Fire Department and the Volunteer Fire Department will deliver a Christmas meal for 133 families and provide gifts for 445 children.

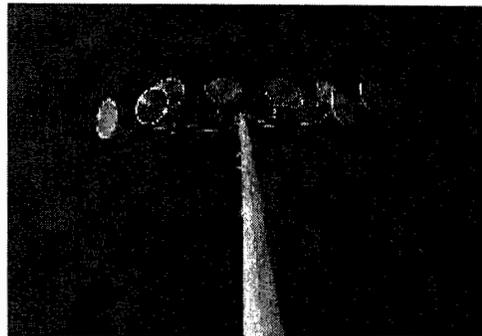


Red Santa hard at work

Lights for Robinson Park

New lights have been installed at the Robinson Park ball field. In a pre-emptive move, the City Council approved more than \$80,000 in September to replace the wooden poles at the field with permanent steel poles and installation of a new electrical system.

Rather than conflicting with the Parks Master Plan and its long-term funding issues and with the desire to be responsive to the community, the Council approved payment for the new lighting system with monies received from the sale of parkland at the corners of Lake Drive and Main Street.



Let there be light at Robinson Park

Texans Get Prepared

A Community Emergency Preparedness Day is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, January 21, at the Church of Latter-Day Saints Chapel at the corner of North Drive and Mallard Lane.

The community is invited to attend this program sponsored by the American Red Cross, Boy Scouts of America and other government agencies.

Booth exhibits will be presented by organizations including the Red Cross, Taylor Fire Department, State Department of Infectious Disease, and Johns Community Hospital.

Learn about 72-Hour Kits, fire prevention, crime watch, family preparedness, emergency communication plans, public health issues, water purification, personal safety, first aid, food storage and more.

For additional information, visit www.TexansGetPrepared.org or contact Amy Jo Schenewark at 512-846-2944.

New Retailer Coming

Hibbett Sporting Goods is the newest retailer coming to town. Lease improvements are being made to open a new store at 3118 N. Main, Suite 103.

Hibbett operates 450 stores under the Hibbett Sports banner in 22 states. They specialize in a broad selection of quality footwear, apparel and team athletic equipment. The opening of the new store will be announced soon.

City Closings

City offices and the Taylor Public Library will be closed:

Jan. 2 for New Years holiday

Jan. 16 for Martin Luther King Day

Taylor Public Library will be closed on Jan. 4 and 5 for annual inventory.

City Calendar of Events for January

- Jan. 5 Main Street Advisory Board @ 6:30 pm
- Jan. 9 Moody Museum Advisory Board @ 5 pm
- Jan. 10 Planning & Zoning Commission @ 6 pm
- Jan. 12 City Council @ 6 pm
- Jan. 23 Zoning Board of Adjustments @ 6 pm
- Jan. 24 City Council @ 6 pm
- Jan. 24 Airport Advisory Board @ 6:30 pm
- Jan. 9 & 30 City Council Special meetings - Strategic Plan @ 6 pm

Agendas are posted at City Hall. Call 352-3675 for additional information.

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