Center consolidates county offices

Residents may complete all official business at the new facility in San Marcos

By Annie Drabicky

For Hays County residents, doing government-related business has long had the potential to require multiple trips to several buildings scattered throughout San Marcos.

With the opening of the Hays County Government Center in December, however, residents can now complete their county business at one location.

“We’ve colocated a lot of different services,” Hays County Communications Specialist Lauren Chernow said. “I hope that once people understand that all these offices have moved, it’ll be less confusing.”

Chernow explained how business was often done on the Square in San Marcos, where the majority of the county’s offices were located.

“Just on the little diagonal between the Records Building, which was the county clerk, the Courthouse [and] the Courthouse Annex, where the tax assessor was, people were constantly back and forth asking, ‘Which building did they point to?’ You can’t see one building from the other, so it was very confusing to people.”

Precinct 1 Commissioner Debbie Gonzales Ingalsbe has been at the center of the effort to consolidate government services since she took office in 1997.

“Committing to a plan took much longer than we anticipated,” Ingalsbe said. “It’s been 16 years ago that we told our department heads and elected officials that the old H-E-B building … was only a temporary facility.”

The $64 million, 232,000-square-foot facility came in under budget and was completed on time, she said.

“Even though this has been a very long—and, at times painful, process—it turns out that we’ve had some really good savings financially,” she said. “Because of the economy, we’ve been able to come in with lower construction costs and material costs.”

Many construction materials were locally sourced, reducing transportation emissions.

CAMPO funds aim to increase residents’ mobility

By Annie Drabicky

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Program Metro-}

poltian Mobility funds Dec. 12, and projects approved for Hays County include sidewalks, bike lanes and construction of a railroad overpass.

The process of selecting those projects began in May, when the CAMPO Board of Directors solicited proposals from the municipalities throughout the county, eventually receiving suggestions for 170 projects.

“The board had quite a process where they had to go through, of those 170 projects, which did they want to allocate those STP MM funds to,” CAMPO Director Maureen McCoy said. “It was a very interesting conversation because there were very different viewpoints. There were all different types of [mobility] needs.”

McCoy said the agency had about one-tenth of the federal money it would have needed to fund all the projects.

“What the board eventually did was, they suggested what they called ‘regional projects.’ They allocated the remaining $36 million by proportional population in that county. That was how Hays County got their dollar figure,” she said.

Regional programs affecting Hays County are a Freight Rail Bypass Study as part of the Lone Star Rail District project, the Highway Emergency Response

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General Manager’s Note

Welcome to our January issue. As you probably have noticed, this edition is special. I hope you enjoy reading about the topics that directly affect us on a larger scale.

One key development for Community Impact Newspaper was the launch of our redesigned website, impactnews.com. In one convenient location, the site offers important stories from the Austin Metro, Dallas-Fort Worth Metro and Houston Metro areas.

Also recently relocated are county employees who have, until this point, been scattered among various office buildings—including a renovated H-E-B.

I recently toured the new Hays County Government Center, and leading up to the tour, my expectations were low. I imagined rooms lined with commercial-grade carpet and wood paneling. As I strolled the halls, however, my preconceived notions disappeared. The building is stunning, and it will improve the efficiency of county business by leaps and bounds.

A visitor could easily get lost in those winding halls, but as long as no one mistakenly escorts you to a holding cell, you should eventually get to the right office.

With 2012 in full swing, I envision a year dedicated to wellness. Whether you’re training for a race or simply treating yourself better, I encourage you to peruse our Wellness Guide on Page 16 for local businesses that promote healthy lifestyles.

Here’s to a strong and centered 2012!

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Correction – Volume 1, Issue 7

The hours of operation for the Hays County Food Bank were incorrect in the November edition of Community Impact Newspaper. The food bank is open from 8 a.m.–4 p.m. Monday–Friday.
Now Open

1 Pronto Insurance, 1104 Thorpe Lane, Ste. W, opened in San Marcos in November and celebrated its grand opening Jan. 21. The company offers auto insurance and will be offering home insurance in the future. 216-6150 or 216-6317, www.prontoinsurance.com, @prontoua


Bizzibiz Digital Marketing Services celebrated its ribbon-cutting ceremony Jan. 17 at the Kyle Visitors Center. The company specializes in Web development and digital marketing services. Owners E.J. and Carol Josephson will travel throughout Hays County and beyond to work with clients. 310-213-4090, www.bizzibiz.com

Relocations

3 Fortin & Associates has moved its offices to 323 W. Hopkins St. in San Marcos. The firm provides bookkeeping, tax preparation and notary services to businesses and individuals. Clients may also drop off and pick up income tax paperwork at the office. 754-0150, www.fortinandassociates.com

New Management

4 Super Nails, 1104 Thorpe Lane, Ste. R, San Marcos, is under new management. To celebrate the remodeled facility, Owner Kim Dao is offering clients specials on pedicures, white-tip solar manicures and pink/white powder solar manicures. 353-1392

5 Chad Sessions took over management of Little Caesars Pizza, 640 Old San Antonio Road, Ste. 8, Buda, on Nov. 19. The restaurant offers several varieties of pizza, for pickup only. 312-2727, www.littlecaesars.com, @littlecaesars

Anniversaries

6 Hope Sanford, owner of Cimarron Rose Antiques, 218 N. Main St., Buda, celebrated the third anniversary of bringing antiques, collectibles and more to visitors. The shop also offers an extensive selection of records and World War I- and World War II-era books. 295-6909, www.budaantiques.com

7 Owner John Rusnak celebrated the ninth anniversary of John’s Tackle Box, 14800 Camino Real (Hwy. 21) in Niederwald, on Jan. 3. The shop sells live bait, new and used rods and reels, and offers reel and rod repair. 398-4203

8 Str8 Training, 304 E. San Antonio St., Ste. 101, San Marcos, celebrated its first anniversary Jan. 20. Owners Mohammed Weusi and Patrick Porter and their staff offer training, nutrition and exercise programs. 393-1277, www.str8training.com, @str8training

9 Owner Amy Crockett celebrated the fourth anniversary of The Yellow Sweater Knitting Parlor, 216 N. Main St. in Buda, in January. The shop offers tools and supplies for knitting as well as expert advice and classes held at each student’s pace. Guests of all experience levels are welcome at the shop’s weekly gathering on Saturday evenings. 557-3483

10 On Feb. 5, ColorMix Graphics & Printing, 300 S. C.M. Allen Parkway, Ste. 218, celebrates 10 years of offering design, printing and shipping services. Owner Carla Caskey Sik, with husband Steve Sik, works with printers throughout the United States. 353-2412, www.colormixgraphics.com

11 Milt’s Pit BBQ, 905 N. Hwy. 81, Kyle, celebrated its fourth anniversary Jan. 3. Owners Milt Thurlkill and Bunnie Walling serve slow-smoked barbecue with homemade sides and desserts. The restaurant offers dine-in and to-go orders as well as catering for parties and business events. 268-4734 or 757-7406 for catering, www.miltspitbbq.com

12 In 2011, Tim Miller celebrated the 20th anniversary of bringing organic food to customers from Millberg Farm, 737 Opal Lane, Kyle. Millberg is a certified organic farm that uses rainwater collected on the farm to irrigate crops. 268-1433

13 On Feb. 9, Debbie and Steve Ohlman celebrate the seven-year anniversary of Austin Extreme Graphics, 230 Distribution Cove, Buda. The graphics company offers design and installation services. 312-2715, www.austinextremegraphics.com

14 Rhea’s Homemade Ice Cream, 318 N. LBJ Drive, San Marcos, celebrated its two-year anniversary Jan. 19. Owner Rhea Ormond offers traditional flavors, as well as twists on the classics, such as avocado coconut and Big Red. The shop is closed Mondays and opens at 1 p.m. the rest of the week. 667-7598


Closings

16 Payless ShoeSource, 640 Old San Antonio Road, Ste. 100, closed in January. Customers in Buda are being advised to visit the chain’s location at Southpark Meadows, 9300 S. 1-35, in Austin. 291-4345 (Southpark Meadows location), www.payless.com
CASA fundraiser at Dick’s Classic Garage
Feb. 10
By Annie Drabicky
Court Appointed Special Advocates of Central Texas invites the community to its fundraiser “Cruisin’ with CASA.” The evening will honor CenturyLink Manager of South Texas Operations John Navarrette for his commitment to the organization.

The event will feature dinner, drinks and music along with live and silent auctions in which attendees may bid on items including a hunting trip for two at the Serengeti Ranch in London, Texas, and a one-week stay in a South Padre Island beach house.

All proceeds from the auction support CASA; auction items are welcome.

CASA of Central Texas advocates for abused and neglected children in the court system by recruiting, training and supporting volunteers.

6:30–11:30 p.m. • $60 • Dick’s Classic Garage, 120 Stagecoach Trail, San Marcos 393-3578 • www.casacentex.org

January

28 San Marcos Education Fair
This event provides information on educational services for early childhood development; elementary, middle and high school; and college admission. Career exploration and literacy are also emphasized. • 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Free • San Marcos Convention Center, 1001 E. McCarty Lane • 393-5905 or 393-6901 • www.mengingideas.com/soar

10 Poetry reading
Poet Richard Siken reads a selection of his work at 7:30 p.m. at Texas State University’s Katherine Anne Porter Literary Center, 506 Center St., Kyle. Siken’s reading is part of the Wittliff Collections’ spring 2012 series of events. • Free • 268-6637 www.english.txstate.edu/kap/

10 Golden Sweetheart’s Ball
The San Marcos Parks and Recreation Department hosts the 13th annual Golden Sweetheart’s Ball from 6–10 p.m. at the San Marcos Activity Center, 501 E. Hopkins St. This Valentine’s Day celebration is for couples and singles age 50 and older in San Marcos and the surrounding communities. The night includes dancing, live music and a catered dinner. • $5 per person before Feb. 3, $7 per person after Feb. 3 • 393-8280 • www.casacentex.org/departments/Parks/Activity_person after Feb. 3, $60 • Dick’s Classic Garage, 120 Stagecoach Trail, San Marcos 392-3578 • www.casacentex.org

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18 Buda Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet
This annual awards event takes place at the Texas Disposal Systems Exotic Game Ranch, 11508 Carl Road in Buda. The casino night includes dinner, dancing and a silent auction. 6–9 p.m. • $75 per person, table prices up to $750 • 295-9999 • http://budachamber.com
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**Key decisions in 2011**
- Authorized the development of a countywide transportation master plan
- Approved a collective bargaining agreement between the county and most county law enforcement officers
- Authorized updating the county’s master parks plan to include open space acquired through the 2007 Parks Bond Fund
- Adopted a Fiscal Year 2012 budget of approximately $221.5 million, down from the FY2011 budget of $243,511.99, and set the tax rate at $0.4691, down slightly from the FY2011 tax rate of $0.4692
- Issued a resolution in support of developing a model for a single, countywide 911/ dispatch Public Safety Answering Point
- Joined with other governments to acquire LCRA water and wastewater utilities
- Worked with local governments and TxDOT to include in the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan the realignment of FM 2001 between Rolling Hills Drive and Highway 21

**Possible 2012 issues**
- Transportation and the efficient use of state, federal and local funds to increase mobility and safety
- Working with water authorities to help ensure adequate water supplies
- Providing services expected by residents in a difficult economy

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**Issues for 2012**
- Promotion of economic development
- Addressing public safety needs
- Transportation and mobility improvements
- Water procurement and conservation
- Addressing utility infrastructure needs

**Outlook for 2012**
Mayor Lucy Johnson: “The City of Kyle is positioned to take full advantage of the continued economic recovery in 2012. I look forward to continued job growth in Kyle as well as some very exciting commercial and retail expansion. Our hard work in 2011 has really set the stage for a highly successful 2012, and I’m very much looking forward to the coming year.”

City Manager Lanny Lambert: “Our focus for 2012 is going to be based on enhancing and improving upon the quality and level of services we are providing for our residents, businesses and visitors.

“As our city continues to grow, we want to continue to work with the council and our boards and commissions to manage that growth in a responsible manner and to ensure that the needs of the citizens are being met. I believe that 2012 will be a very good year, but there also remains a lot of really hard work to be done to get our city to where we all want it to be.”

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Outlook for 2012
Buda City Manager Kenneth Williams: “The outlook for the City of Buda looks very bright. With the chance of an economic recovery, we feel that Buda is uniquely positioned to continue prospering as a city in the Central Texas I-35 Corridor.”

“Outlining the Comprehensive Plan.”

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Outlook for 2012
City Manager Jim Nuse: “One way we’ll probably go into the year is to reaffirm or modify the five initiatives of sound finance, customer service, big-picture infrastructure, the San Marcos River and strengthening the middle class.”

“The goal of the council is to refine our focus so that we can have the best information possible as we go into the Comprehensive General Plan.”

Compiled by Jaime Netzer and Annie Drabicky

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**Kyle Police Department continues expansion; Buda skate park project on track for spring**

By Annie Drabicky

In response to its recent population boom, the City of Kyle began expanding its police force last year.

“We will have 36 officers here, which is up from last year. It’s the most officers Kyle’s ever had,” Police Chief Jeff Barnett said. “We are very thankful for the officers that we have on board.”

In addition to the extra manpower, the department has created several new programs, including the recent introduction of a seven-officer bicycle patrol unit.

The unit was created, in part, with a $2,000 grant from Target. The officers will come together as a bike unit on an as-needed basis, Barnett said.

“Although we obviously have other duties, we’ll pitch in to serve the bike patrol’s needs,” said Barnett, who is one of the members of the patrol. “In the holiday season, we want to use our officers in the business district. In the spring and summer, you’ll see them [more] in the parks and in the communities, as summer rolls around and kids are out in the neighborhoods.”

Sgt. Tracey Vrana, who oversees and is part of the unit, said the community response has been positive.

“A $2,000 grant helped the Kyle Police Department form a bicycle patrol unit. Following the meetings, the city applied for and received $140,000 from Hays County, as part of the 2007 Parks Bond. With the city’s matching funds, the park’s total cost will be $280,000. Jones said the design of the park was the result of city-owned land at the intersection of FM 967 and Loop 4.

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For the latest entries into the world of “faster food,” look no further than the two trailer parks that have popped up in San Marcos. Mimi’s Trailer Park, which opened in October, and The Hitch, which opened in June, would not look out of place up the highway a few miles in Austin. Below is just a sampling of what their trailers offer.

**The Hitch, 312 E. Hopkins St.**

Cupcakes, cookies and homemade marshmallows make for interesting dessert options at *How Sweet It Is.* Ana Hubig, one of the trailer’s employees, says the Chocolate Truffle cupcake is the most popular item. This tiny treat comes with chocolate icing, chocolate cake and a chocolate truffle in the center.

*Mr. Bigotes* offers tacos a la south of the border. This “authentico” Mexican food is the product of the sister duo of Whitney and Kristen Groth. The sisters came to San Marcos for school and found something alarming about the taco options in town. “We’re from the Rio Grande Valley so this is what we grew up eating,” Whitney said. “There aren’t tacos like what we know in San Marcos.”

The sisters said they hope Mr. Bigotes can change that. The Zapatista, with pastor, bistec and sweet bread is one of the lunchtime options.

For those looking for some Texas barbecue, *The Hitch* offers *Smokin’ Ace’s Bar-B-Que.* The vendor’s most popular item, the Hoagie, is a six-inch offering that includes pulled pork, sausage and brisket piled high.

*St. Pita’s,* the Mediterranean-style cuisine trailer, is owned by Rachel and Matthew Buchanan, who also call the shots at one of Wimberley’s premier dining spots, The Leaning Pear. Employee Riley Booth said the Classic Gyro is the most popular item on the menu. It comes with beef, lamb, veggies and “Saintly Sauce.”

Reese Martin, an employee at *Bobby Hotdogs,* said his trailer’s most popular offering is the Bobby Dog. This savory item comes topped with bacon and two types of cheese. “I have yet to meet a dog I didn’t like,” Martin said. “I’m always trying something new.”

*Say Cheese* offers more than just the average pizzas. One of the most popular is Wally’s Pizza, which includes goat cheese, basil and grape tomatoes.

Owners Brian and Jenny Kneese use their own sauce and dough recipes to set themselves apart from the myriad options pizza fans have to choose from. *The Tin Box* features gourmet sandwiches and plate specials with “Hill Country flair.”

The owners said they plan to source, whenever possible, as much of their meats, produce and cheeses from local farmers and artisans.

The newest addition to the park is *The Caboose,* offering what owners describe as “Southern fried love on a plate,” including jalapeño poppers, onion rings, frog legs, chicken strips and, for dessert, fried ice cream.

*Mimi’s Trailer Park Eatery, 310 N. Guadalupe St.*

*Pedestrian Café* puts a healthy spin on the traditional trailer park fare, offering smoothies, paninis and soups.

Owner Ryan Barnett said his experience growing up in Germany was the

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**Trailer park treats**

Mobile eateries keep San Marcos food moving

By Brett Thorne
main catalyst for his desire to open a health-conscious food trailer. The Italian and vegetarian paninis are a couple of his personal favorites. Mark Jacobson has been in the Hawaiian food game since he was 9 years old.

The Big Kahuna specializes in Hawaiian-style food, and Jacobson cites the Ahi Poke as his personal favorite dish.

“If you like ceviche, it’s a twist on ceviche and it’s Hawaiian-style,” he said.

Local is the name of the game at Nibbling Nomad. Nearly the entire menu is created from items in the central Texas area.

“We do everything fresh every day, and we make our own sauces,” Jeremy Summer, husband of the owner, said. Summer said the Southwest Pork Tacos is the most popular menu item.

Peanut Butter and What?!? offers pretty much exactly what its name suggests. Mickey Harris is a mad scientist of peanut butter-based sandwiches. Harris’ trailer boasts nine types of jellies that get worked into sandwiches that include traditional peanut butter and other foods like meats and cheeses.

The Country Mouse is the trailer’s most popular offering and consists of two cheeses, a fried egg, bacon and jelly.

Everything offered in the Patck Shiner Smokehouse is made in Shiner, Texas, and comes from the historic Patck Grocery Store.

The Shiner Bock beer bratwurst and the hickory smoked brisket have been the trailer’s two most popular items.

The Patty Wagon’s menu consists of burgers, tamales, fried Oreos and other goodies, but Fred Varela said he is planning to triple the menu’s offerings by early 2012.

“I’m planning on doing supreme nachos, different kinds of turkey burgers. I’m trying to put together what everyone’s been asking for,” he said.

The Pedestrian Café food trailer at Mimi’s Tailer Park Eatery on Guadalupe Street

The Patty Wagon food trailer at Mimi’s Tailer Park Eatery

The Hitch food trailer park welcomes San Marcos diners with picnic tables and offerings from a variety of vendors.

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Ingalsbe highlighted the fact that the county did not have to raise taxes to pay for the facility. Instead, commissioners set aside money in each budget for the building’s construction.

“We have been in very inadequate facilities, both for our employees and the public regarding meeting and storage space, our parking and just the overall safety of our facilities,” she said. “I’m really honored that I had the opportunity to lead this process, and I really believe that this facility is going to be one that we can all be proud of.”

Moving days

All told, 390 people moved into the new center, with the district attorney’s office moving the largest number, 43.

“The DA’s office, we literally had boxes and filing cabinets stacked in the hallways,” Hays County District Attorney Sherri Tibbe said. “There were a couple of hallways where only one person could walk down the hallway because of all the stuff we had stacked in the hallways.”

One of the services provided by the DA’s office is representation for victims of domestic violence.

“Prior to coming into this new building, our applicants would sometimes have to sit in a public hallway, waiting to come into our office. And once they even came into our office, they would have to conduct question-and-answers with our intake people in a hallway,” Tibbe said. “It was right by our microwave and our coffee machine, so people would be heating up food and Brandy [Cox] would be there talking to people about protective orders.”

—Sherri Tibbe, Hays County District Attorney

Caraway said, “That’s been the main thing for the handicapped and the elderly. The drive-thru is there for them.”

At the drive-thru, residents may complete all business with the tax office except title transfers, Caraway said.

“If they need a handicapped placard, or they need to pay their taxes or renew their vehicle [registration]—it all can be done at the drive-thru,” she said.

Transition period

The Government Center has required some adjustments on the part of both staff and visitors, mainly in regard to the security procedures.

Visitors must pass through a metal detector, and bags are scanned as they are at an airport. There is no pat-down, however, and visitors do not need to remove their shoes.

The usual slate of items is not allowed in the building. Visitors with prohibited items must return the items to their cars before passing through security.

Caraway said any confusion will end “once everybody gets used to the security in little old San Marcos, little old Hays County. They think we’re still the country county, and we’re not the country county.”

Joyce Cowan, Hays County elections administrator, said the security measures will have to be navigated for early voting, which will be held at the facility.

“I have to work some things out with security. We can’t go through the security that they have for voters. They can’t deter voting,” she said. “I understand the security to a certain extent, [but] I think there’s some kinks that need to be worked out.”

Another possible hurdle for visitors will be traffic-related. Making a left turn onto Wonder World Drive from Stagecoach Trail can often take several minutes.

The county and TxDOT are working together to install a traffic light at the intersection, but officials said it could take three months before that installation is complete.

Visitors should be prepared for additional security at the new center. Guests will be asked to return items such as pocket knives to their vehicles before entering.

Staff members in the county’s tax assessor-collector’s office move into the Hays County Government Center in late December.

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Hays County Government Center
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Hays County Precinct 1 Commissioner Debbie Gonzales Ingalsbe speaks to guests during a recent tour of the Government Center. Ingalsbe has been the driving force behind the project for more than a decade.
Will Conley, who was elected chairman of the CAMPO board of directors on Jan. 9, cited the impact the federal funds will have.

"Those are very important investments in our community—from major jobs along I-35 to smaller, more rural projects in the western, more suburban areas of the county," Conley said. "Any time we can get some state and federal money to help develop our infrastructure, that's beneficial. We're being asked to do so much locally."

According to the county, the projects require a local or state match equal to at least 25 percent of the federal funds involved to cover cost. Five projects were given the green light in Hays County:

1. Pedestrian improvements to Mercer Street in Dripping Springs,
2. Railroad overpass construction at Loop 82/Aquarena Springs Drive in San Marcos,
3. Addition of shoulders on RR 12 from Oakwood Loop to CR 346,
4. Addition of sidewalks and bike lanes to FM 2770/FM 150 in Kyle, and
5. Intersection improvements at Hwy. 21 and FM 150.

Conley said he anticipates that the design and engineering portion of the projects will begin within the next few months. The county has three years to use the funds.

"We were very pleased with the amount of dollars that we received, and we'll put them to good use in Hays County," he said.

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Operator program and Texas State University I-35 corridor bus service.

After deciding on the regional projects, the CAMPO board narrowed the list of proposals to the ones that were ultimately approved.

"A lot of the board members felt that they knew their issues well at the regional level, better than the entire board did, so that's why I think they chose to sub-allocate it," McCoy said.

Funding distribution
According to information provided by Michael Aulick, consultant for Hays County and a former CAMPO director, "Of the $62.95 million in STP MM federal funds allocated to CAMPO, $26.55 million was approved for regional projects, CAMPO programs and staff, and Bastrop County for fire recovery. The remaining $36.4 million was allocated to the five CAMPO counties based on 2010 population."

Hays County's portion of the funds came to $3.87 million. Division of funds among the other counties served by CAMPO was:

1. Pedestrian improvements to Mercer Street in Dripping Springs, Amount received: $419,696 Total estimated cost: $559,595
2. Railroad overpass construction at Loop 82/Aquarena Springs Drive (railroad overpass) Amount received: $1 million Total estimated cost: $1.5 million
3. Addition of shoulders from Oakwood Loop to CR 346
4. Addition of sidewalks and bike lanes to FM 2770/FM 150 (sidewalks and bike lanes) Amount received: $770,400 Total estimated cost: $963,000
5. Intersection improvements at Hwy. 21 and FM 150 (intersection improvements) Amount received: $984,000 Total estimated cost: $1.23 million

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Post Oak
Kyle – 78640

Overview

**Build-out year:** 2003–currently

**Builders:** Main Street Homes, (soon to come) D.R. Horton

**Square footage:** 1,000–2,700 sq. ft.

**HOA dues (estimated):** $384 annual ($32 per month)

**Amenities:** Playground, walking trails, resort-style community swimming pool, splash park, and basketball and volleyball court

**Nearby attractions:** H-E-B Plus, Thunderhill Raceway, Performing Arts Center, Texas Old Town, Plum Creek Golf Course

**2011 Property Tax Rate Total:** 2.6501

**Property taxes:**

- City of Kyle: 0.484500
- Hays County ESD No. 5: 0.100000
- Hays County: 0.425100
- Plum Creek Conservation Dist.: 0.020000
- Special Road: 0.044400
- Hays CISD: 0.425100
- Plum Creek Underground Water: 0.020000
- Austin Community College Dist.: 0.094800

**Total (per $100 value):** 2.6501

**Schools:**

- Elementary school: Tobias International Language School
- Wallace Middle School
- Lehman High School

**Market Data** San Marcos, Kyle and Buda

**On the market (Dec. 1–31)**

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136 Langely
3 bedroom / 2 bath
Agent: George Somerville
749-5890

220 Stennis
3 bedroom / 2 bath
Agent: George Somerville
749-5890

181 Endeavour
4 bedroom / 2 bath
Agent: Allen Deaver
791-4543

184 Musgrav
3 bedroom / 2 bath
Agent: Richard Clark
470-9955

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**Featured homes**

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  - 3 bedroom / 2 bath
  - $138,015
  - Agent: George Somerville
  - 749-5890

- **220 Stennis**
  - 3 bedroom / 2 bath
  - $164,430
  - Agent: George Somerville
  - 749-5890

- **181 Endeavour**
  - 4 bedroom / 2 bath
  - $120,000
  - Agent: Allen Deaver
  - 791-4543

- **184 Musgrav**
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