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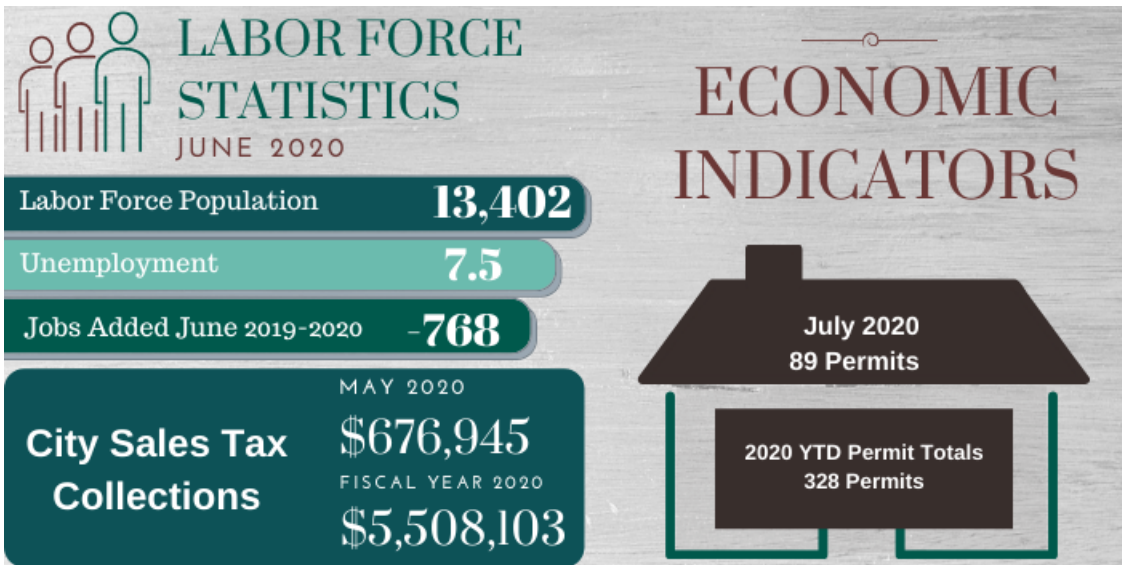
Volunteers at the Christian Cupboard smiled as representatives from Republic Plastics presented a \$30,000 donation to the nonprofit organization Thursday morning. [Read More](#)

Council approves major overhaul of the city's sewer system



(Seguin) — The city of Seguin is about to conduct a major overhaul of the city’s sewer system. It would represent a significant upgrade over the existing system. The project would have a price tag of approximately \$184 million, which makes it the largest publicly funded project ever in Seguin. The city is seeking funding from the Texas Water Development Board’s Clean Water State Revolving Fund. The fund, which was authorized by the Clean Water Act, provides low-cost financial assistance that can be used for projects like this. [Read More](#)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS



LOCAL NEWS

Councilman says CCSCT helping to pay utility bills for people struggling

(Seguin) — A member of the Seguin City Council wants people to know that there’s help available to people who are having trouble paying their utility bills. District 1 Councilman Ernest Leal works for the Community Council of South Central Texas office in Seguin. He says the non-profit group is offering financial assistance to those who need help. [Read More](#)

Plasma donations wanted to help COVID patients

Community members are urged to answer the call to help others battling the coronavirus by offering a donation of plasma. The South Texas Blood and Tissue Center and Guadalupe Regional Medical Center are asking area residents to donate convalescent plasma for patients who are hospitalized due to the coronavirus. [Read More](#)

Pardon our mess, updates provided on Downtown Seguin construction updates

(Seguin) — A quick trip through downtown and it will not take long for you to come across a construction crew working hard rehabbing one of Seguin's historic properties. All this activity is a temporary inconvenience leading to more shopping and investment in downtown Seguin. [Read More](#)

Council says “Protect It” when it comes to downtown buildings

(Seguin) — The Seguin City Council wants to help downtown property owners when it comes to making their properties more firesafe. The council on Tuesday approved the creation of a new “Protect It” grant program. Much like the city's “Fix-It Facade” grant program which helps to spruce up storefronts downtown, the new program will provide funds to help install fire suppression systems in the downtown area. [Read More](#)

TLU does its part to support local health professionals

(Seguin) – Working even harder and taking on longer shifts are not necessarily the top concerns for many doctors, nurses, and other employees at Guadalupe Regional Medical Center. What is ranking high these days is the threat of taking the COVID-19 virus back home with them. That apparently is the concern for many health care professionals as they work around the clock to treat what officials say is a growing number of hospitalized patients at GRMC. Helping to ease many of those worries for those working behind hospital walls is Texas Lutheran University. [Read More](#)

REGION AND STATE NEWS

Tesla bringing 5,000 new jobs to Texas

(Austin) — Need some good economic news during this pandemic. Well, for Texas, it doesn't get much better than this. Tesla is giving the green light to a new factory in Texas. The \$1 billion Gigafactory in southeast Travis County will create at least 5,000 jobs in the area. [Read More](#)

San Antonio Economic Indicators

The San Antonio Business-Cycle Index climbed for the second consecutive month after a severe contraction in March and April. The local unemployment rate declined further, and while net jobs increased in June, the second quarter posted job losses in all sectors. Local consumer spending has improved significantly since mid-April but remains below pre-COVID-19 levels. Home sales improved in June, and stock prices of San Antonio-based companies increased for the majority of July. [Read More](#)

Texas Manufacturing Recovery Continues

Texas factory activity continued to expand in July following a record contraction in the spring, according to business executives responding to the Texas Manufacturing Outlook Survey. The production index, a key measure of state manufacturing conditions, inched up from 13.6 to 16.1, suggesting a slight pickup in the pace of output growth. [Read More](#)

SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Small Business Spotlight

Twin Flames Resale Shop sells a variety of used and new items such as face masks, furniture, jewelry, clothing, household, antiques, decor, electronics and media, but acts as more than just a resale shop. Located at 205 N. King Street, the shop also works to provide necessities to people in crisis.



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