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## TOP STORIES

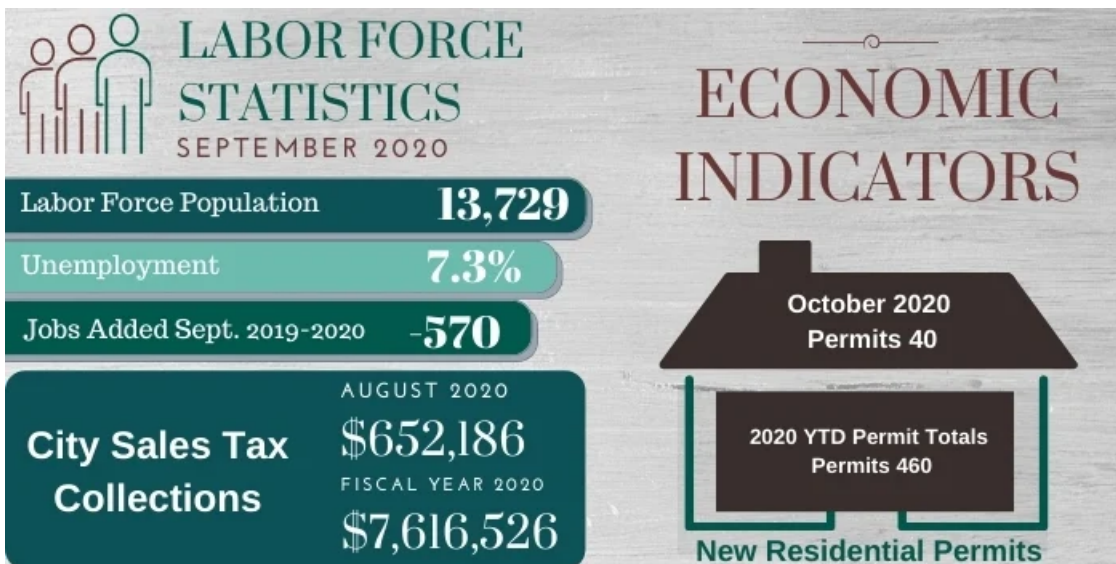
### City breaks ground on trail expansion project



(Seguin) — The city of Seguin officially broke ground this week on a \$5 million project that will expand the city's Walnut Springs Hike/Bike Trail.

The city on Tuesday held a groundbreaking ceremony along the existing trail, just south of the Seguin Public Library. Parks Director Jack Jones says that this project makes several parts of Seguin more accessible and it will connect the community in some new ways, including providing a new pedestrian friendly access point to Max Starcke Park. [Read More](#)

## ECONOMIC INDICATORS



## LOCAL NEWS

### Seguin EDC, Schertz EDC, Caterpillar Partner for MFG Day

(Seguin and Schertz, Texas) Manufacturing Day (MFG Day) 2020 celebrations will look a little different from previous years. In addition to manufacturing facility tours going virtual for the first time due to COVID-19, the Seguin Economic Development Corporation (Seguin EDC) and the Schertz Economic Development Corporation (Schertz EDC) are teaming up to celebrate MFG Day as a region. [Read More](#)

### Diverse district seeing powerful growth with strong leadership, focus and fidelity

Seguin ISD was facing a lot of challenges when Dr. Matthew Gutierrez first arrived as superintendent in 2017. A suburban district located outside San Antonio, Texas, Seguin serves 7,300 students, of which 70 percent are eligible for free or reduced lunch and 75 percent are minorities. [Read More](#)

### Guadalupe County to support local schools by providing CARES ACT dollars

(Seguin) – Guadalupe County is doing its part to ease the financial strain of keeping students safe in area schools. The Guadalupe County Commissioners Court recently approved CARES ACT funds up to \$200,000 for each school district in hopes of supplementing expenses associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read More](#)

### Guadalupe County opts in to reopen bars

(Guadalupe County) – Guadalupe County is giving the green light for bar owners to reopen. However before any drinks are served, bar owners must wait until the county's opt-in request is confirmed by the Texas Alcoholic and Beverage Commission (TABC) and the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) as required under Texas Governor Greg Abbott's order. Last week, the governor left the option for bars to reopen in the hands of county judges. [Read More](#)

### City announces plans for Holiday Stroll Parade

(Seguin) – The COVID-19 pandemic is not going to stop the city of Seguin from celebrating the holidays this year. City staff unveiled the officials plans for two popular events – the Lighted Holiday Stroll Parade and the Cocoa Sip-N-Stroll. Both celebrations will be significantly modified to keep the community safe. Parks Director Jack Jones explained the plan during Tuesday's meeting of the Seguin City Council. Jones says the holiday displays will not be parading, instead they will be stationary in Starcke Park and it's the community that will be driving by parade-style to see the holiday lights. [Read More](#)

## Growth sparks power lines plan in county

It might be a good ways down the road, but the Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative is positioning to light the way for many newcomers to an area of Guadalupe County.

The cooperative has plans to build a substation and erect transmission lines in the area of Bolton and Santa Clara roads, a spokeswoman said. GVEC is developing the project in anticipation of continued growth in the county, especially in the area of the AW Texas facility under construction, said Tammy Thompson, GVEC senior executive manager of business and brand development. [Read More](#)

## REGION AND STATE NEWS

### San Antonio Economic Indicators

In September, the San Antonio Business-Cycle Index declined for the first time since April. The unemployment rate increased and jobs declined. Local consumer spending improved in late September, and while the number of small businesses open increased somewhat, it remained well below pre-COVID-19 levels. Stock prices of San Antonio-based companies rose over the four weeks ending Oct. 20. [Read More](#)

### Texas Manufacturing Recovery Picks Up

#### Steam

Texas factory activity expanded in October for the fifth month in a row following a record contraction due to the COVID-19 pandemic, according to business executives responding to the Texas Manufacturing Outlook Survey. The production index, a key measure of state manufacturing conditions, rose three points to 25.5, indicating a slight acceleration in output growth. [Read More](#)

## SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

### Small Business Spotlight



#### Milly's Ritas To-Go

Milly's Ritas To-Go just recently opened off of Kingsbury Street as an 80s themed frozen margarita shop that serves drinks right to customers' vehicles. Drinks are served in various sizes ranging from 12 ounces to a half gallon. To learn more about Milly's Ritas To-Go, visit their [Facebook](#).

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