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TOP STORIES

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE INVESTS \$860,000 IN CARES ACT RECOVERY ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC GROWTH AND RESILIENCY EFFORTS IN SEGUIN, TEXAS



SEGUIN, TX – The City of Seguin, in partnership with the Seguin Economic Development Corporation (SEDC), has been awarded an \$860,000 CARES Act Recovery Assistance grant through the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA). The EDA Grant will support the expansion of the SEDC's Rio Nogales Industrial Park by covering engineering design, permitting and construction costs needed to extend 8th Street. The project will matched with \$215,000 in local investment from the City of Seguin and the SEDC. <u>Read More</u>

ECONOMIC INDICATORS



LOCAL NEWS

<u>No sticker shock for city of Seguin utility</u> customers

(Seguin) — City of Seguin utility customers should not experience major changes in their utility bills over the next month. Seguin City Manager Steve Parker made that announcement during Tuesday night's meeting of the Seguin City Council. Parker was speaking about the massive electric bill spikes being seen by customers of other utility providers all across the state. **Read More**

<u>Legislative session to continue with</u> <u>discussion of impact of winter storm</u>

(Seguin) — It's back to the state capitol today for Texas lawmakers. Headed back to Austin to pick up where they left off is State Representative John Kuempel. Kuempel, who represents all of Seguin and Guadalupe County, says even lawmakers were left out in the cold as the Lone Star State battled a historic winter storm. **Read More**

Have you or your business been affected by the freeze? City, county officials encourage residents to fill out online damage

assessment form

(Seguin) – Now that warmer temperatures are back in the forecast, Seguin and Guadalupe County officials want to hear exactly what type of damage was left behind at your home or business by last week's winter storm. Seguin Mayor Donna Dodgen says the while many of us are still busy making repairs and perhaps even still waiting for running water, residents are being asked to submit their damage assessment to the office of Texas Governor Greg Abbott. She says on Friday, the governor announced a statewide effort to collect the data for this unprecedented event. Dodgen says this information will help officials across the state gain an understanding of damages for individuals throughout Texas. **Read More**

<u>Mayor, County Judge address post efforts</u> <u>following Winter Storm 2021</u>

(Seguin) – Post winter storm work continues for the city of Seguin and Guadalupe County. The city of Seguin over the weekend began by assisting those families who were left without water. Assistance began with the announcement by Seguin Mayor Donna Dodgen that a free water station would be provided over the weekend for any resident in the area who needed it. <u>Read More</u>

DSHS: Business capacity limits lifted to 75%

Area business can open their doors to a few more patrons. In accordance with Governor Greg Abbott's Executive Order GA-32, the capacity limits have increased to 75% as of Wednesday after it was determined the county, along with several other neighboring counties, no longer was in a high hospitalization area. **<u>Read More</u>**

<u>County judge signs emergency declaration</u> <u>during wintery storm</u>

City and county officials issued declarations of disaster in Seguin and Guadalupe County on Sunday and Monday due to the destructive and disruptive weather conditions.

Precipitation and frigid temperatures combined to make driving on local roads treacherous, and Guadalupe County Judge Kyle Kutscher wanted to get the point across to residents. <u>Read More</u>

State nominates local school for national

<u>honor</u>

State officials are recognizing an area school district's work improving education for its students. Gov. Greg Abbott and the Texas Education Agency announced Thursday the nomination of 26 Texas public schools as 2021 National Blue Ribbon Schools, including Navarro Elementary School. The governor and TEA nominated the campus as an Exemplary Achievement-Gap-Closing School. **Read More**

<u>Clinic gives thousands of vaccine shots</u>

Guadalupe County resident Kenneth Kohlenberg nodded as he answered all of the questions Monica Carter asked before she administered his first dose of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine on Wednesday.

Kohlenberg was impressed with how well the vaccine clinic was set up in the Seguin Events Complex — Coliseum, taking him about five minutes from standing in line to getting his shot. <u>Read More</u>

Expansion of Cordova Road tops county's submission for MPO projects

(Guadalupe County) — Cordova Road is among the front runners when it comes needing a complete overhaul. In its attempts to help address the transportation needs of not only those in the area but of those throughout the region, the Guadalupe County Commissioners Court is highly considering submitting the project to the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for future expansion. **Read More**

REGION AND STATE NEWS

San Antonio Economic Indicators

After contracting in November, the San Antonio Business-Cycle Index rose in December as unemployment and job numbers improved. Fourth-quarter job growth was broadly positive across sectors. Local consumer spending declined after spiking in mid-December, and home sales activity moved sideways in December. The number of individuals currently hospitalized with COVID-19 decreased after peaking in late January. **Read More**

Texas Manufacturing Activity Picks Up

Texas factory activity expanded at a markedly faster pace in February, according to business executives responding to the Texas Manufacturing Outlook Survey. The production index, a key measure of state manufacturing conditions, surged 15 points to 19.9, indicating a sharp acceleration in output growth. **Read More**

SMALL BUSINESS

SBA'S Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and Economic Aid Overview



Join the SBA San Antonio District Office and Seguin Economic Development Corporation to learn more about the PPP Re-Launch & Economic Aid Act Updates. During the webinar, SBA will discuss:

- Overview of the Paycheck Protection Program & EIDL, as updated by The Economic Aid Act
- Overview of Forgiveness Process & Requirements
- Grant Program Details: Targeted EIDL Advance & Shuttered Venue Operators Grant
- Additional Assistance & Resources

Thursday, March 4, 2021 | 1:00pm CST

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