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Despite a coronavirus pandemic surging into its second full year, the economy in Seguin and Guadalupe County continues to show improvement. Unemployment rates in both Seguin and Guadalupe County have seen steady improvement over the past six months, said Adrian Lopez, CEO of Workforce Solutions Alamo. **Read More**

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LOCAL NEWS

City helping to spruce up downtown businesses

(Seguin) — There are more improvements on the way to buildings in the downtown area. The Seguin City Council continues its efforts to spruce up the exterior of downtown buildings. Council members on Tuesday approved nine grants to property owners in the downtown historic district. **Read More**

Seguin ISD accepts \$1.4 million offer for Mary B. campus

The school board Tuesday night adopted a resolution giving Superintendent Matthew Gutierrez the ability to negotiate and execute a sales agreement with Intrinsic Ventures Inc. The company, which is reportedly based in Oregon, earned the right to purchase the building after coming in with the highest sealed bid for the campus located at 216 E. College St. The other four bids fell well below the \$1.4 million mark – ranging in prices of \$205,000 to \$751,000. Representing the Pacific Northwest company were Mitchell Tevis and Broker Danika Thomas. Both shared the company's excitement in coming to Seguin. **Read More**

PIDs will help bring enhanced development projects to Seguin

(Seguin) — The city of Seguin is hoping that a new economic development tool will help to bring more high-end projects to the community. The city has approved the creation of public improvement districts, better known as a PID. **Read More**

Stimulus money to be used to help fund park projects, other city improvements

(Seguin) — Stimulus funds may soon be used to help to jump start a number of capital improvements projects in the city of Seguin. The city last year received \$7.4

million as part of the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA). The city has only spent a fraction of the total allotment, but staff has identified a number of potential projects, and the Seguin City Council recently reached a consensus to move forward with everything included on the staff generated list. **Read More**

Council seat to remain vacant until after Nov. election

Seguin City Council appears headed toward operating short-handed for months following one council member's resignation and the others in talks to leave the vacant seat open until the next uniform election day. **Read More**

County takes over platting in Seguin ETJ

Guadalupe County and Seguin officials have hammered out a deal that will make platting subdivisions in the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction of the county less confusing. Both Guadalupe County Commissioners Court and Seguin City Council approved recently resolutions adopting an interlocal agreement shifting platting authority from the city the county in extraterritorial jurisdiction subdivisions that don't connect to public city water or sewer systems. **Read More**

City seeking community input for Comprehensive and Downtown plans

The city of Seguin is drawing up a road map for the town's future and is seeking the community's input on the direction to take. The city began work on its Comprehensive Plan with the help of consulting firm Freese and Nichols Inc. The consultants began reviewing and researching the city's codes and ordinances, and are now seeking input from the public for both the overall Comprehensive Plan, and the Downtown Plan. **Read More**

U-Haul Growth Index: Texas is the No. 1 Growth State of 2021

It's not your imagination. Everybody is moving to Texas, according to the latest study by U-Haul. U-Haul's John Martinez says Texas remains one of the most attractive places for people to move to. **Read More**

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Texas Manufacturing Activity Continues to Increase Strongly

Texas factory activity continued to increase but at a slower pace in January, according to business executives responding to the Texas Manufacturing Outlook Survey. The production index, a key measure of state manufacturing conditions, came in at 16.6, an eight-month low but a reading still indicative of above-average output growth. **Read More**

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