

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



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NEWSLETTER

Reopening with the New "Norm"

On June 1, 2020 all City of Hondo Offices will reopen to the public. Each facility will have its own guidelines and or restrictions that will be posted on the building. As we prepare for the reopening of the South Texas Regional Training Center (STRTC), things will be a little different for the time being. We will continue to social distance in our facility and we will limit the number of people inside at one time. We will be observing all recommendations of the Centers Disease Control (CDC) and the Governor's Office. For the STRTC, prior to entering building staff will ask several questions, temperature will be taken, tenants and customers must wear face coverings while inside the facility. A staff log will be kept of temperatures. A separate customer log will be kept of customer's name, time, temperature, symptoms of those allowed to enter the facility. We will have markings on the floor to identify 6 foot/feet spacing between customers.

Keeping God's Country Working Grant

In response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus), the Hondo City Council authorized the Keeping God's Country Working Grant Program to assist businesses that were negatively affected by the pandemic. Keeping God's Country Working Grant Program is a local economic development program authorized under Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code to help reduce the resulting economic strain on local businesses. On March 19, 2020, the Hondo City Council declared a local state of disaster. As a result, the pandemic caused closures and limitations on local businesses in Hondo. The Council tasked staff and Economic Development Corporation to research ways to assist businesses during the time of need. We are proud to announce that with this grant program we were able to assist 70 of our local businesses totaling \$264,300 while continuing to keep "God's Country" working.

Every person counts! Visit census.gov to fill out the 2020 census.

SWTJC Registration

Registration for Fall 2020 classes at Southwest Texas Junior College have begun. The last day to apply for admission is August 7th. You may register for classes April 6-August 14. Late registration is August 17-25. First day of Fall classes is set for August 24th. Once again this year the STRTC will offer Welding and Patient Care Technician Program. Click on the appropriate link for more information.

For the Welding Technology Program visit:

<https://swtjcinfo.lpages.co/welding-fall-semester-hondo/>

For the Patient Care Technician Program, visit:

<https://swtjcinfo.lpages.co/fall-2020-hondo-pct-program/>

Introducing HVAC

We will be introducing a new course this fall, The Air Conditioning and Refrigeration program. This program seeks to educate and provide guided learning experiences to individuals interested in entering this rapidly developing field. The goal of the program is for graduates to be employable as entry-level service technicians in residential and light commercial air conditioning, refrigeration, and heating. Students will learn about the refrigeration cycle, tools of the trade, instrument usage and application, wiring schematic reading, electrical controls and switches, refrigerant recovery, reclaiming and recycling, installation practices, trouble-shooting procedures on electrical and sealed systems plus employee/employer relations, job hunting skills, résumé building and information related to operating a small business.

For the A/C Program, visit:

<https://swtjcinfo.lpages.co/fall-2020-hondo-pct-program/>

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AT THE
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June 14th
Flag Day



June 20th
Summer Begins



June 21st
Father's Day