

# Eden's Economic Development Update

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## First Business Mixer Of the Year Scheduled

### Guest Speaker Andy Allen

The Chamber's 2<sup>nd</sup> Business Mixer is set for Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at the Multipurpose Center. Guest speaker will be Andy Allen of Chaos Marketing in San Angelo. His company provides turnkey professional services from building and maintaining your social media sites to graphic design portfolios. Whether starting a new business or expanding an existing one, Andy will offer helpful suggestions to enter the world of social media and get noticed.



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## Most Recent Façade Project Completed

### Castanuela's Cart Storage

J.J. Castanuela, a participant in the Eden Economic Development Corporation's Façade Improvement Program, completed the renovations on his Cart Storage building located at 318 S. Main. J.J. did most of the work himself and has recaptured the look of yesteryear. Pending projects include the Eden Community Child Care Center and the Don Freeman Memorial Museum. Limited funding is still available. FMI call Kathy Keane, City of Eden Economic Development Coordinator @ 869-2211.



### Dates to Remember

- ◆ City Council Meeting, Feb 8<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Concho County Lions Club Valentines Day Dinner, Feb 14<sup>th</sup>

## Texas Site Search Website - Opportunity for Eden

To Review the  
2010 Economic  
Development Report,  
go to  
[www.edentexas.com](http://www.edentexas.com)  
and click on  
"Newsletter" at the  
top of the page.

TexasSiteSearch debuted as a catalyst for economic development and location selection in late 2009. As an approved Designated Community Economic Development entity, the City of Eden Economic Development Division can add available properties to the website which can then be accessed by real estate professionals, site selection specialists, and companies interested in relocation opportunities. The Division had added known properties to the site and encourages other commercial property owners to contact the office for inclusion in this exclusive marketing opportunity.

Photos of the available properties are also being sought to add to the site. Properties can be accessed through [TexasSiteSeach.com](http://TexasSiteSeach.com).



*"Texas is a state where dreams can be put to work" Gov. Perry*

## Eden Officials to Participate in Legislative Day



Texas Midwest Community Network

*"Coming together is a  
beginning. Keeping  
together is progress.  
Working together is  
success."*

City of Eden officials will travel to Austin on February 1<sup>st</sup> to participate in TMCN's Annual Legislative Day. The event will begin with a photo on the Capitol steps with State Representatives of the region followed by a briefing in pending budget items of concern to member cities, visits to the Representatives' offices, and a Legislative Reception at the Austin Club.

This year's event is especially important in light of the looming budget discussions. House Bill 1 which was filed by Rep. Jim Pitts, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, last week includes dramatic reductions to State Agencies of significant benefit to rural Texas. TMCN's Legislative Committee has identified key issues and

will be presenting them to the Legislators at this event.

In addition to noting their concerns, Eden officials will be providing some tremendous thanks to those Legislators who supported our recently awarded EDAP Grants and no-interest loan from the Texas Water Development Board. This funding will be used to design and construct a 1.0 million gallon per day radium removal system for the City's only water supply and allow for the construction of a new deep water well to expand the City's current water supply long into the future. Noted as one of the largest grants awarded this year, Mayor Spann recently stated, *"This did not happen over night and was the culmination of 15 years work by many, many people."*

## Community Calendar



Have you checked out the Community Calendar @ <http://edentexas.com/events> on the City/Chamber website? Are your events listed? We are endeavoring to keep the community up to date and informed of the various events of public interest. If you have such an event coming up, please notify Kathy Keane @ 869-2211 or [econdev@edentexas.com](mailto:econdev@edentexas.com).