



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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In the Works

The **Fort Worth Housing Authority** is planning to renovate the Cambridge Court Apartments at 8124 Calmont Ave.

Fort Worth Business Press, April 18-24

The owner of the Fort Worth Cats baseball team, Carl Bell, is proposing an urban village on 35 acres of land between the Cats' Lagrave Field and the future site of the Tarrant County College campus along the Trinity River.

Fort Worth Business Press, April 25-May 01

Gerald Haddock's Haddock Enterprises plans 10 restaurants in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, focusing on Tarrant County.

Fort Worth Star Telegram, May 02

Ameristar Commercial, a 15-year-old commercial real estate company in Plano, is planning to expand into Tarrant County.

Fort Worth Star Telegram, May 02

Expansions and Moves

Al Pugh, a certified public accountant, has expanded his lease to 3,500 square feet at 2001 Beach St.

Fort Worth Star Telegram, April 11

The **North Central Texas Farmer's Market** has opened a new home behind the Village at Camp Bowie.

Fort Worth Business Press, April 04-10

Steele & Freeman, a Fort Worth general contracting firm, has begun work on a \$3.2 million expansion and remodeling at the **Ryan Family YMCA** at 8250 McCart Ave. The project includes construction of an outdoor pool with water park amenities and enlarging the facility by more than 15,500 square feet.

Fort Worth Business Press, April 25

Under Construction

Construction has begun on the 60 condominiums in what will become **The Neil P. at Burnett Park** at 411 W. Seventh Street.

Fort Worth Business Press, April 4-10

Retirement Corp of America began construction on a 20-acre condominium gated community on River Bend Boulevard.

Fort Worth Business Press, April 18-24

Wilson & Stonaker has broken ground on a 55-acre retail development at the southwest corner of Texas 199 and Loop 820, anchored by **Lowe's Home Improvement Center**. **Best Buy**, **Verizon Wireless** and **National Tire and Battery** have pre-leased space.

Fort Worth Star Telegram, May 02

On the Dotted Line

TTI, a Fort Worth-based electronics component distributor, has leased 190,000 square feet of industrial space at 2601 Sylvania Cross Drive in **Mercantile Center** in north Fort Worth. The building will house connector production and product distribution operations.

Fort Worth Star Telegram, April 04

Fort Worth architect and real estate developer **Ken Schaumburg** bought a second downtown city block for a residential development, perhaps for an extension of his **Le Bijou** town house development or a high-rise tower. The block is bounded by Seventh, Eighth, Calhoun and Jones Streets. He will determine a development plan in the next few months.

Fort Worth Star Telegram, April 11

Trinity Industries has leased 90,000 square feet at **Richland Industrial Park**, at Texas 121 and Handley-Ederville Road in Richland Hills. The company makes railroad cars, military tanks and other heavy equipment.

Fort Worth Star Telegram, April 11

Trinity Hospice, a home-care provider for terminally ill patients, has leased 4,672 square feet of office space in Manhattan Plaza, 6850 Manhattan Blvd.

Fort Worth Star Telegram, April 04

Several leases have been signed for the Lone Star Shopping Center, 6500 Camp Bowie Blvd including: **Bon Ton Roule Cigars and Fine Wines** (leased 2,000 square feet for a cigar shop) Austin-based **EZMoney** Stores (leased 990 square feet), and **Wireless Toyz** (opened a 2,880-square-foot store in the center).

Fort Worth Star Telegram, April 04

2nd Nature Design has leased 3,987 square feet in the Foch Street Showrooms, off West Seventh Street in the Cultural District, where it plans to move in May.

Fort Worth Star Telegram, April 04

Origen Financial, a lender for consumer manufactured homes, is leasing 40,000 square feet at the Mercantile II building, near the southeast corner of Interstate 35W and Meacham Boulevard.

Fort Worth Star Telegram, April 04

Several leases have been signed for the **Riverbend Business Park**, Loop 820 and Trinity Boulevard including: **Video Amusement Manufacturing** leased 6,000 square feet at 2410 Gravel Drive; **Handex of Texas** leased 7,000 square feet at 2304 Gravel Drive; **FiberTower** leased 2,000 square feet at 2613 Gravel Drive; **D&B Auto Repair** leased 2,250 square feet at 7530 Sand St.; and **Fame Products** expanded into 8,100 square feet at 7560 Sand Court.

Fort Worth Star Telegram, April 11

Margie Thompson, a Fort Worth real estate investor, has bought vacant lots at 1509 and 1513 Evans Ave., totaling 5,450 square feet.

Fort Worth Star Telegram, April 11

Macerich Co., the California-based owner of 64 malls nationwide, has added **Ridgmar Mall** to its portfolio and plans to bring more high-fashion retailers to the west Fort Worth shopping center.

Fort Worth Star Telegram, April 14

Arnold Velez of Clear Outdoor and Sandra McGlothlin, a co-owner of Empire Roofing and Empire Waste Disposal, have signed a contract to buy the ground floor, now occupied by Rick O'Shea's Pub, at 904 Houston Street.

Fort Worth Business Press, April 4-10

Cartridge World, which specializes in remanufacturing black and color ink and laser toner cartridges, has leased 1,320 square feet of retail space at 2830 S. Hulen St. in the **Rivertree Center**.

Fort Worth Star Telegram, April 25

Trinity Hospice has leased 4,672 square feet of office space in **Manhattan Place**, 6850 Manhattan Blvd.

Fort Worth Star Telegram, April 25

Fab One, a custom auto parts manufacturer, has leased 18,000 square feet at 3341 E. Loop 820.

Fort Worth Star Telegram, April 25

The **Koenigseder Family Partnership** has bought 1.1 acres at Interstate 35W and Farm Road 1187 for the construction of a **Midas Muffler Automotive Store**.

Fort Worth Star Telegram, April 25

D. Williams-Smith has bought 10 acres at 3825 and 3841 S. Cravens Road.

Fort Worth Star Telegram, April 25

Best Buy has leased 30,000 square feet of retail space at Landmark Lakes II Center. Construction is now underway at the corner of Jacksboro Highway and Interstate 820.

Fort Worth Business Press, April 11-17

US Oncology, a Houston based health-care service network, has leased the 75,000 square foot Gateway 22 building at Alliance Texas.

Fort Worth Business Press, April 11-17

Two leases totaling more than 75,000 square feet, have been negotiated for the **NorthPoint Trade Center I**, 751 Eight Twenty Blvd. **Ferguson Enterprises** -- a wholesale distributor of plumbing and building products, industrial pipe, valves and fittings, heating and cooling equipment, waterworks products, and tool and safety products -- leased 43,245 square feet. **Corropack Containers Corp.**, a manufacturer of stock cardboard to custom-designed retail packaging and thermo-formed trays, has leased 32,434 square feet.

Fort Worth Star Telegram, May 02

Potbelly Sandwich Works, which specializes in made-to-order sandwiches, shakes and homemade desserts, has leased 2,300 square feet at 5000 S. Hulen St.

Fort Worth Star Telegram, May 02

Double J Realty has purchased the West Apartments, a 36-unit complex of three buildings at 4805, 4821 and 4833 Locke Ave. in Fort Worth.

Fort Worth Star Telegram, May 02

Openings

Dickey's Barbecue Pit opened its newest location in Fort Worth on Bryant Irvin Road at the beginning of this month.

Fort Worth Business Press, April 04-10

PM Realty, one of the nation's leading real estate firms, announced the opening of a branch office in Burnett Plaza.

Fort Worth Business Press, April 18-24

The **Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders**, located at 800 W. Magnolia, opened the beginning of this month. The new 50,000 square foot facility features state of the art cancer equipment and technology.
Fort Worth Business Press, April 18-24

Around Town

The Tarrant County College Southeast Campus architectural technology program hosted a free presentation, "Trinity Uptown Project -- A Vision For the Future of Downtown Fort Worth," by James Toal of Gideon Toal Architects in Fort Worth on April 20.
Fort Worth Star Telegram, April 11

The **National Cutting Horse Association Super Stakes** took place at Will Rogers Equestrian Center. The 20-day event, with more than 1,300 entries and a purse of \$2,361,533, concluded with the Open and Non-Pro Finals.
Fort Worth Business Press, April 04-10

The **5th Annual Regional Work/Life Conference** will take place on May 11 at the Fort Worth Convention Center. The topic of this year's convention is The Balancing Act: Solutions for Work, Life, Wellness and Dependent Care.
Fort Worth Business Press, April 04-10

The **Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce** presents "Kay Granger, This is Your Life" on May 6th at the Fort Worth Radisson Plaza Hotel.
Fort Worth Business Press, April 04-10

The **Fort Worth Zoo's** eighth annual Zoo Run Run took place April 23. Proceeds from the race benefit the zoo's conservation programs.
Fort Worth Star Telegram, April 21

Out of Town Reporting

The **Kimbell Museum**, the masterpiece of the revered American architect Louis Kahn, has long been considered one of the most beautiful museums in the world. The building put **Fort Worth** on the map.
The Daily Telegraph, London, April 06

Lockheed Martin employees donated more than 680,000 volunteer hours in 2004 to community service activities ranging from student mentoring to helping animals, fighting diseases and participating in many other ways. Recognition events honoring employees' exceptional volunteer efforts were held throughout the corporation in mid April - National Volunteer Week.
The Daily News of Los Angeles, California, April 26

The Dan Flavin retrospective is on view through June 5 at the **Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth**.
Lincoln Journal Star, Nebraska, April 26

Foster Marketing Communications, a business-to-business marketing communications firm with an office in Lafayette, has opened a Dallas/Fort Worth office. The office is at 1808 Crested Butte Drive in Fort Worth.
The Advocate, Louisiana, April 17

Willie Nelson is returning to Fort Worth for his Fourth of July picnic - and he's bringing Bob Dylan with him. His 32nd annual picnic will be at the 27-acre North Forty concert field, just east of Billy Bob's Texas. Last year's concert at the same site drew 19,000 people. Los Lonely Boys will perform, and about 20 more acts will be announced over the next month.
The Commercial Appeal, Tennessee, April 16

Did You Know?

The **Main Street Arts Festival**, held mid April, estimated a record turnout of 460,000 visitors and over \$7 million in sales.

Fort Worth Business Press, April 11-17

Pedicabs, bicycle driven carts for hire, will soon start running in downtown, the Stockyards, the Ameriquet Field and in some areas of Dallas.

Fort Worth Business Press, April 11-17

US Oncology has become the 59th company listed on the Fortune 500, the Global 500 or the Forbes List of Top Private Companies in the 17,000-acre Hillwood development.

Fort Worth Business Press, April 11-17

The YWCA of Fort Worth and Tarrant County announced a location for its **Ben & Jerry's Partner Shop** at 6115 Camp Bowie Blvd. The Partner Shop is a concept that involves Ben & Jerry's waiving franchise fees and royalties for a nonprofit that will use the venue for job training and coaching for at risk youth. It is estimated that the shop will raise between \$30,000 and \$50,000 in the first year, all of which will go into YWCA programs that support disadvantaged women.

Fort Worth Business Press, April 18-24

Construction of the **Mercado de Fort Worth** at the 1500 block of North Main has ended. It is predicted that this center could evolve into a bustling shopping center.

Fort Worth Business Press, April 25-May 1

Tracy Lawrence, a Nashville recording artist, was the celebrity guest at this year's North Central Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer Association's fourth annual "Thanks for the Memories" dinner on April 21.

Fort Worth Business Press, April 25-May01