

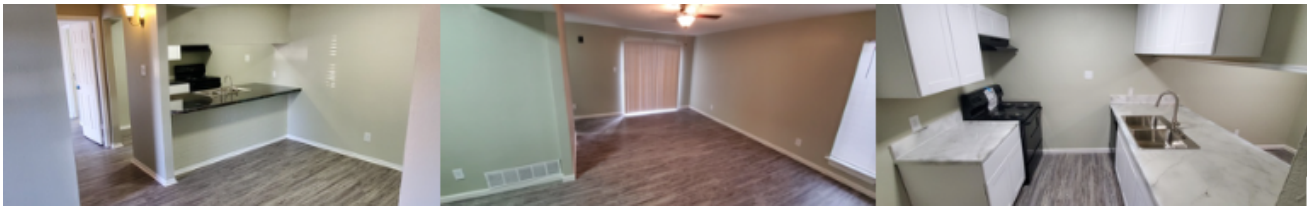


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Housing

The new housing addition on Briarfield Drive located on the south side of Sweetwater, know as the Ridgecrest Area Housing Development, now contains two spec homes that have been sold, one spec home that is 90% complete, a custom build that is complete and occupied, and another custom build that is currently under construction. In addition to the five homes in the Ridgecrest Development, two spec homes are being constructed on Fairway Drive.



The Oaks Apartments

A local group purchased the Spanish Arms apartment complex and changed the name to The Oaks. With the help of MDD incentive funds, the group will remodel all 80 units, make improvements to the exterior, and redo the pool. Since the beginning of 2020, they have already remodeled and received incentive funds for 12 units and have 5 additional units under lease and waiting for a remodel.

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Splash Pad

The SEED MDD Board, with support from the Sweetwater City Council and the City of Sweetwater, agreed to build Sweetwater's first splash pad in Newman Park. Construction started in mid-February of 2020 and was completed with landscaping and irrigation on May 1, 2020. The City of Sweetwater opened the splash pad to the public at noon on Tuesday, June 16th!



Sutherland's

Through a cooperative agreement between Sutherland's, The City of Sweetwater, and Sweetwater Economic Development, incentives were offered to Sutherland's. They purchase the old K-mart building, remodeled it, are occupying 70% of the building, are looking to lease the other 30%, and have a pad site available in their parking lot for purchase. Sutherland's opened on March 2, 2020!



Masonic Lodge Facade Improvement Grant

The Masonic Lodge is the third building in the 9 block Downtown District that has been granted funds through the MDD's Facade Improvement Grant program. They have painted their building and will be adding new awnings. The MDD is willing to reimburse half of the expenses up to \$15,000.00 to those that would like to improve the appearance of their building and help beautify our downtown area. To learn more about the program and qualifications, visit www.sweetwatertexas.net.



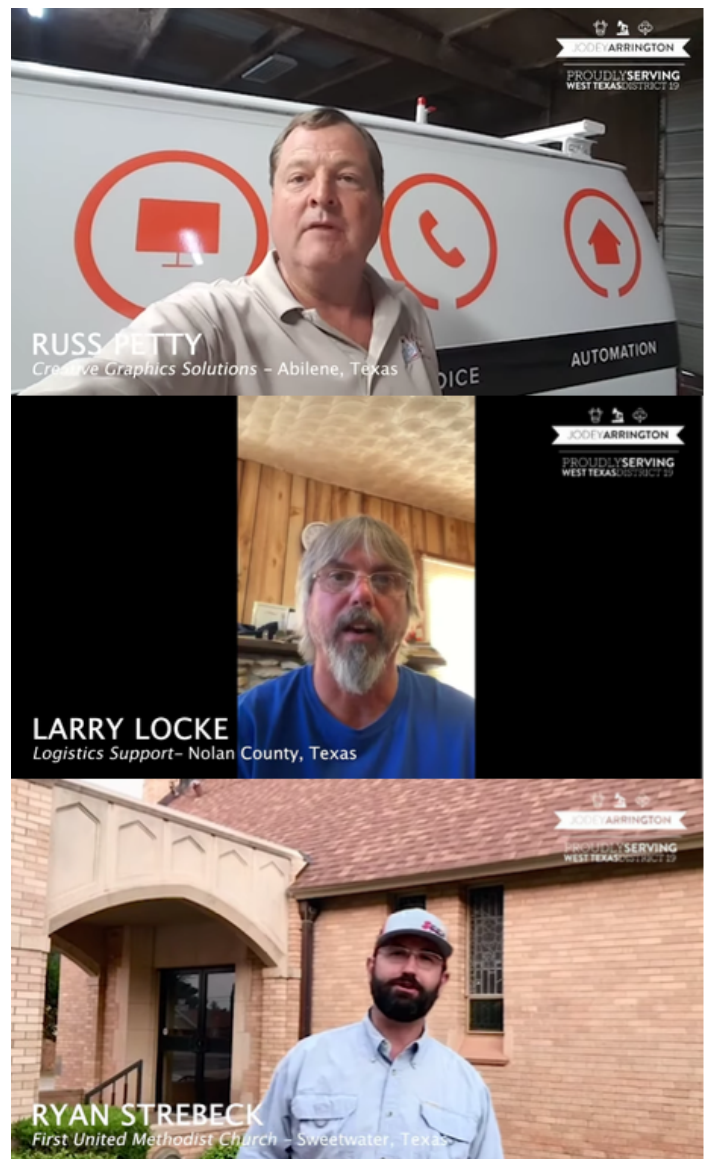


Demolition of Dilapidated Structures

Since December of 2019, SEED MDD has funded six properties to be demolished and cleared, the City of Sweetwater has demolished and cleared eight properties, and two properties have been demolished and cleared by the property owner. If you want to keep an eye on the beautification efforts carried out by the City of Sweetwater and Sweetwater Economic Development, view our map and PowerPoint at www.sweetwatertexas.net.

How the Paycheck Protection Program has Helped Small Businesses

Three local businesses were featured in a video produced by Congressman Jody Arrington's team. To view the short video that contains testimonials from small business owners in Congressional District 19 that received the PPP, follow sweetwatertexas.net.





Local Area Unemployment Statistics

The Annual Unemployment for Nolan County averaged about 2.9% for 2019, and the Civilian Labor Force averaged 7,066. In April 2020, the unemployment rate for Nolan County was 6.4%, which is low in comparison to Taylor at 8.9%, Mitchell at 9.3%, and Scurry at 10.6%. For the state of Texas, the average Annual Unemployment for 2019 was 3.5%, and in April 2020 Texas had unemployment of 13.0%. To view more Nolan County Area Unemployment Statistics, please visit sweetwatertexas.net.

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