



Economic Development

May 2013 Report

Payne Auto Group

- Project investment including land exceeds \$10,000,000
- Next phase is redevelopment of Weslaco Motors into a new Ford Dealership



Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

- Sale of Railroad Street property is complete
- Plans to add additional 12,000 square feet to complex is underway



Arturo's Bar & Grill

- Construction is ahead of schedule with projected completion in August



GCR Truck Center/Bridgestone

- The 16,000 square foot facility is nearing completion with projected opening in late June or early July



Praat Aviation Mid Valley Airport

- The flight school is equipped with the only flight simulators in the region – other schools send students to Praat for training on the machines

- Of note: there are more than 100 planes based at the Mid Valley Airport



LongHorn Steakhouse

- The Darden Restaurant is taking shape – with possible completion as early as July
- A new tenant building is being constructed with the following tenants: SuperCuts; Cricket; Ace Cash & a local optometrist



El Gallo Logo

- Former oil & lube shop has been redeveloped as a convenience store
- EDC assisted with façade improvements



Blimpie America's Sub Shop

- The EDC work for 100% occupancy downtown is now more apparent than ever with the opening of this national restaurant chain on Fifth Street

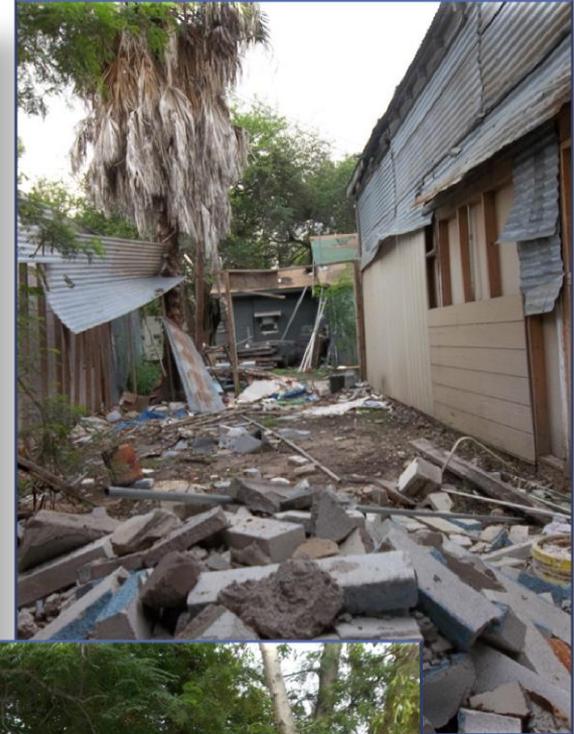


- Businesses & schools now have choices for lunch downtown



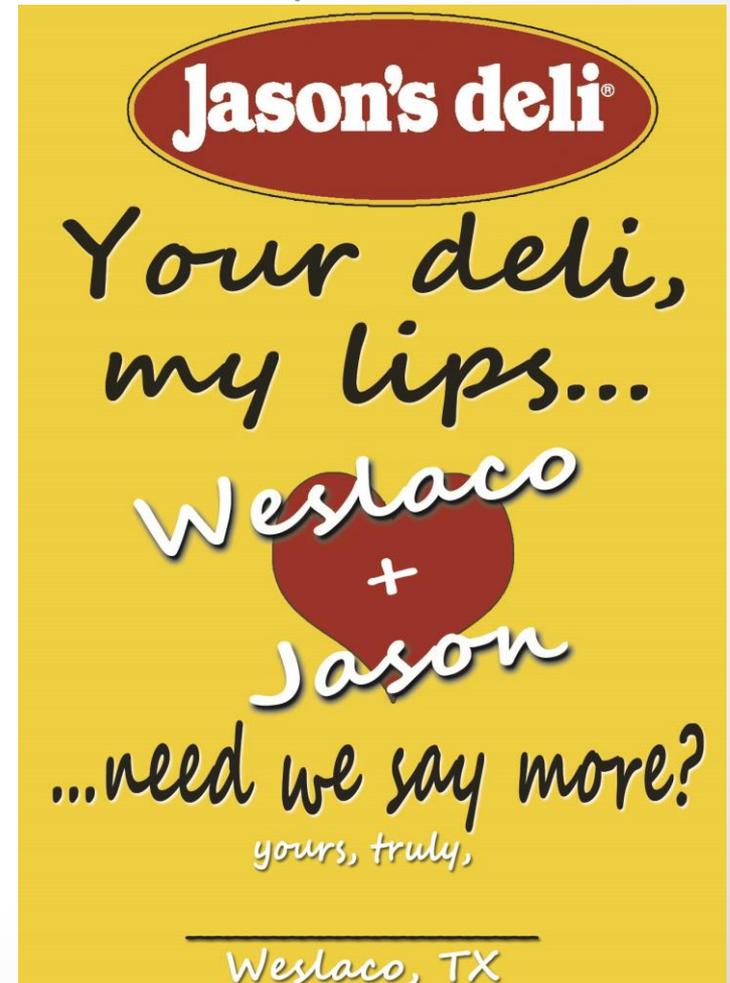
Downtown Building

- As we move to clean up downtown – this is an example of “unfinished business” that needs to be addressed



Jason's Deli

- 300 postcards were mailed to the CEO from different people in Weslaco as a fun way to get the community involved in economic development
- Other postcard campaigns were done for Luby's, Academy Sports & Chick-Fil-A



Valley Nature Center

- Construction for the environmental education center is moving along with a projected





Alfresco Weslaco Jazz & Art on the Street

May 23rd - 6pm
Historic Downtown Weslaco

*Sass
& Brass*
featuring Ami Therpe



FREE ADMISSION

Bring your lawn chairs
Enjoy an evening with

- ~Painters~
- ~Potters~
- ~Sculptures~
- ~Music~
- ~Food~
- & more!



Antique Stores on South Texas Blvd will hold a silent auction of some of the most unique pieces in Weslaco!

~Antique Car Show~



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Retail Sales Tax Receipts

- A million dollar month! Over \$1,135,000
- Represents a 4.21% increase over last year
- Year to date we are over 8.5% above last year's receipts

Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	2013 Payments To Date	2012 Payments To Date	% Change
1,135,315.39	1,089,346.37	4.21%	5,101,897.35	4,698,013.79	8.59%