



DRIPPING SPRINGS  
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September 14, 2020

Dear Chamber Members & Partners,

For many, today is the first day of in-person learning for Dripping Springs ISD schools. While not all students are returning to the classroom, this will certainly mean more traffic than we've had since spring break (!) so remember your patience as you're on the road today...

Two ribbon cuttings this week! We celebrate the opening of [EVO Cinemas](#) tomorrow at 5 pm, and on Friday we will check out the new space for [Cowgirls & Lace](#). Details can be found on our calendar. We hope you can join us in supporting these two local businesses - one of the newest in our community and one of our longest standing businesses!

**There's still time:** The application window for the Hays County's "[Emergency Cash Assistance Program \(ECAP\)](#)" is open and operating on a first come, first-served basis so be sure to submit your information as soon as possible. The county has \$600k available for distribution to small businesses in Hays County who are struggling from the effects of COVID-19. The Hays County ECAP is the result of a coordinated effort between the Greater San Marcos Partnership, PeopleFund and the cities of Dripping Springs, Kyle, Buda, San Marcos & Wimberley. Qualifying businesses are eligible for up to \$10k in grants. [Requirements and application process information is available on the link above.] **Many grants have been awarded but it's not too late - apply soon if you are eligible & interested.**

**From the Governor's Office of Economic Development & Tourism (EDT):**

**Save the date: Small Business Webinar Series event on September 23, 1-2 pm CT**

The next Governor's Small Business Webinar will focus on resources for veteran-owned businesses and entrepreneurs. To receive notifications about this upcoming event, sign up for email updates [here](#).

**BUY LOCAL, BUY DRIPPIN'! SHOP, EAT & ENJOY LOCAL.** We continue to move toward all businesses being 100% operational - this weekend [Mercer Street Dancehall](#) opened its doors once again (!) and [Hudson's on Mercer](#) will re-open this week on September 17<sup>th</sup>! Don't forget to check out the [Chamber's FOOD GUIDE](#) for a list of links, contact information & options for dine-in, takeout or delivery; it's a printable pdf that can also be viewed on your phone while on the go. Thank you for taking care of business in our community whenever possible. Your continued support helps our friends & neighbors immensely – keep up the good work!

To schedule an in-person meeting please call us at (512) 858-7000, or send us an email: [amanda@drippingspringstx.org] or [susan@drippingspringstx.org] Please continue to check our website, social media pages and emails for the latest updates & announcements.

Dripping Springs – **WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER.**

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