



# City of Friendswood Business News

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## New 4-Story Downtown Building To Break Ground



505 S. Friendswood Drive



Lobby - 505 S. Friendswood Drive

Friendswood resident, business owner, and developer Louis Tannos will soon break ground on a 63,400 square foot, four-story building at 505 S. Friendswood Drive. The new downtown building's site plan was recently approved by Planning and Zoning and will feature retail and restaurants on the ground floor and office space on upper floors. Sixty percent of the building has already been preleased. It is anticipated that the \$10 million project will be the future address of national tenants with more than 200 employees.

## Two New Downtown Restaurants Opening Soon

### Jado'z Grill House



804 S. Friendswood Drive

Jado'z Grill House plans to open next month at 804 South Friendswood Drive. The owners are Jad and his father, Mazen Zeidan, owner of The Mediterranean Chef, located on the Strand in Galveston. The 3,000 square foot, full-service restaurant features outdoor patio dining as well as a private room that can seat up to 15 persons. Jad describes his restaurant's cuisine as American and seafood contemporary; offering gourmet burgers, reuben sandwiches, chicken pasta, shrimp kabobs, Maryland crab cakes, crusted salmon, crab and corn bisque, fettucine alfredo, gyros, chicken and beef kabobs, and specialty salads as

menu items. Jado'z' will be open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m., and Sunday from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. There

will be a Sunday Brunch and weekday happy hour.

## Between Us Tea Room



802 S. Friendswood Drive



Between Us Tea Room is scheduled to open in May at 802 South Friendswood Drive. The restaurant has been a twenty year dream for owners Karen Holbook, her daughter, Sasha Simpson of Friendswood and her sister, Renita Bayliss of League City. The menu will offer classic British style tea room choices, with a Texas twist of pimento, egg salad, chicken salad, and tuna salad sandwiches, pumpkin bread with cream cheese, as well as daily specialty entrees that include chicken pot pie and shepherd's pie. They will also offer wine, craft beer, appetizers, tapas, homemade desserts, and a retail boutique of local vendors' items. The 2,100 square foot restaurant will feature two private dining rooms that can be reserved for events, as well as limited outdoor seating. Their hours of operation will be Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. until 10 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. and Sunday brunch from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. <http://www.betweenustearoom.com/>

## Downtown EDC Project Underway to Remove Utility Poles and Wires on Friendswood Drive



The second phase of Project Poles and Wires Reduction was recently approved by the Friendswood Downtown Economic Development Corporation (FDEDC) and City Council. The \$125,400 project will remove overhead AT&T lines and poles and install new underground cable along the west side of Friendswood Drive from Spreading Oaks to Heritage Drive.

Phase I, completed in December 2017, removed poles and overhead cable and installed underground cable from Castlewood Drive to Clearview Avenue at a cost of \$71,271.30.

FDEDC is a Type B corporation that receives funds from a one-eighth cent sales tax that was approved in a 2016 election. Their purpose: to undertake projects to promote new or expanded businesses in the downtown area, including but not limited to streets, targeted infrastructure, paved sidewalks, pedestrian amenities including lighting, benches, signage, and other related public improvements.





## Live Here Work Here

### *Featuring Allan Rasmussen, Senior Executive Vice President - HomeTown Bank of Friendswood*



Allan Rasmussen has been a resident of Friendswood for more than thirteen years. He graduated from Texas A&M in December 1998 and started working at HomeTown Bank (HTB) shortly thereafter. Allan was excited to be a part of HTB's expansion plan when they opened their first Friendswood location at 3211 FM 528, making him an example of Friendswood's "Live Here Work Here" initiative. The second location, at 601 South Friendswood Drive, opened in December 2010. Together, the two locations are approximately 9,000 square feet and employ sixteen team members.

In 1966, HTB was formed in Galveston. Now in its 52nd year and with seven locations, the bank continues to promote a "family first" culture. This culture has kept their 100 team employees engaged and committed to the success of the bank. HomeTown Bank is a full-service community bank specializing in consumer and commercial loans, deposit products, and relationships. "We don't make loans to businesses, we make loans to people that own businesses...it's all about relationships," Allan said. He added that one of his goals as a community banker has been to make a generational impact and stated that there are few communities like Friendswood where so many people have grown up, gone off to college, started their career, and then came back to raise their family. Because of this, HTB has served several generations in the community. Friendswood is a vibrant city full of business professionals, small business owners, and entrepreneurs. Its diversity is a perfect match for HTB's relationship banking model.



Allan moved to Friendswood in 2004, and shortly thereafter met his wife Aimee. They have been married for more than eleven years and have three children, ages 11, 6, and 3. "Aimee and our family love being here. This is home. Having young kids can certainly be a juggling act, but we are having fun and we wouldn't want it any other way." Allan also loves the Friendswood community and schools, and it shows through his endless enthusiasm, giving of time, and commitment serving as a leader and volunteer in Friendswood. A community bank should

be a reflection of the community it serves, and that means hiring local people and getting involved. He currently serves on the City's Investment Committee, is President of Friendswood ISD's Education Foundation, is Past-President and Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Club of Friendswood, and is Past Chairman of the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce. Over the years, he has served many other local organizations as well. HomeTown Bank is the title sponsor of "Santa in the Park," the City's largest annual event with more than 10,000 attendees.

## Business News

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### **New businesses:**

- Jado'z Grill House, 804 S. Friendswood Drive, #100
- Between Us Tea Room, 802 S. Friendswood Dr., #112
- Zen Den Doggie Spa, 2407 W. Parkwood Avenue, #111
- South Region Driving School, 212 S. Friendswood Drive, Suite A
- Re/Max American Dream, 203 S. Friendswood Drive, #200
- Good Health Pediatrics, 1520 S. Friendswood Drive, #100
- Pearwood Insurance, 807 S. Friendswood Drive, #103
- My Vinyl Store, 2407 W. Parkwood Avenue, #116
- J& C Massage, 1608 S. Friendswood Drive
- Ian J. Reynolds, M.D., 363 E. Parkwood Avenue
- Friendswood Family Medicine, 300 E. Edgewood Drive
- Low-T Center, 121 E. Edgewood Drive
- Back Bay Boutique, 208 S. Friendswood Drive, Suite D

### **Business relocations/expansions/remodels:**

- Regions Bank, 306 E. Parkwood Avenue



## 2017 Single-family home building permits

Month	#Homes	Valuation (in millions)
January	9	\$4.46
February	14	\$5.67
March	15	\$6.53
April	20	\$6.10
May	20	\$7.11
June	18	\$5.31
July	13	\$5.53
August	21	\$5.84
September	16	\$6.84
October	10	\$6.41
November	14	\$5.18
December	12	\$4.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>\$69.73</b>

## 2018 Single-family home building permits

Month	#Homes	Valuation (in millions)
January	8	\$3.33
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$3.33</b>

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