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## Influx of Economic Development in 2006

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As you can see, our city is flourishing with new projects. I hope you've had an opportunity to use our new Web-based [GIS mapping system](#). This site allows you to explore the entire area in detail – available buildings and land sites, traffic counts, aerial views of the city, water and sewer lines, detailed demographic reports, property ownership data, zoning, and much more! You'll also find other valuable resources, including current retail opportunity analysis reports, demographic reports, Friendswood fast facts and a community profile.

Discover the amazing opportunities that await you in Friendswood!

Happy New Year!

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The year 2006 brought with it a flurry of economic development activity in our city. In addition to the numerous businesses that opened their doors to our residents, there were several big announcements that will have a positive impact on our city. Here are some of the highlights:

- **Currently under construction:** RPS, Ltd. recently broke ground on two medical/professional buildings totaling 22,000 square feet. The two buildings are for sale or lease located at 1650 Winding Way. Estimated completion is spring 2007.
- An interactive [GIS mapping system](#), where brokers can find a wealth of useful data on available land and properties in Friendswood, was launched on the city's Web site. We are seeing more than 250 hits per month on this site.
- California-based developer Eclipse Development Group announced plans for the [Falls at Friendswood](#), a \$200-million mixed-use development that includes a 138-acre pedestrian friendly mixed-use urban center.
- [West Ranch](#) – Friendswood Development Company's 766-acre master planned community featuring 68 acres of commercial development – broke ground. Its grand opening is anticipated in spring 2007.
- Three new commercial developments were completed or are currently underway.
  - Sterling Plaza
  - [Acadiana Centre](#)
  - South Friendswood Plaza



Mark your calendar and look for the City of Friendswood Economic Development Office at the following events:

### IEDC Leadership Summit

San Diego, CA  
January 28 – 30, 2007

### TEDC Conference

The Woodlands, TX  
April 18 – 20, 2007

## Residential Development:

Within five years, an estimated 1,900 homes will be built, with more than 400 new homes in 2007 alone. Currently planned or under construction are:

- Friendswood Lakes West – 388 lots on FM 528
- Terra Bella – 94 homes on Bay Area Boulevard
- Northfield Estates – 79 lots off Melody Lane
- West Ranch Creekside Section One – 65 lots
- West Ranch Stonecreek Section One – 67 lots
- West Ranch Estates – 41 lots

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