Memorial Hermann Urgent Care Center And Multispecialty Clinic in Friendswood

Expansion is underway on a 5,000-square-foot, multi-million dollar "urgent care center and multispecialty clinic" in Friendswood, located at 1505 East Southwestern Drive off FM 518. The expansion will include an extended hour, seven day a week, urgent care urgent care center to treat minor injuries and illnesses that are not life-threatening and do not require the expertise of a hospital Emergency Center. It will provide urgent and general medical care, occupational medicine, x-rays, labs, vaccines, school and sports physicals and limited on-site prescriptions. These new services are in addition to the existing Outpatient Imaging and Diagnostic Lab services already available in the building today. In addition, the Center will include a new multispecialty clinic to serve the growing community.

The multispecialty physician offices are scheduled to open in summer 2012, and the urgent care center is scheduled to open in fall 2012. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be scheduled once the expansion is complete.

Joe and Mary Pihroha met while attending the University of Texas at Austin. Joe earned an engineering degree and Mary majored in English and Biology. Joe moved to the Clear Lake area and worked for NASA for several years during the Apollo mission era. In 1971, they opened their first business named the Art Corner which was located on NASA Road One at Upper Bay Road with just two employees. In 1983, Joe was looking at expanding his business and saw the need in Friendswood for a picture framing company. At that time, the Art Corner was on Friendswood Drive but was being constructed and Joe West because it had large window panes that allowed customers to window shop and he also had heard that a new movie theatre would also be erected in the center. Shortly thereafter, Joe and Mary relocated both their home and business to Friendswood, naming the company, Friendswood Frame Shop. Since that time, Friendswood Frame and Gallery has expanded lease space, products, and services through the years and has thrived in the shopping center and now occupies 6,000 square feet and employs seven people. In addition to framing, the business also carries home decor and accent furniture which now represent about ninety-five percent of sales. Joe stated that with Friendswood's central location, his business has grown and serves clients in Pearland, League City, and Alvin. Joe and Mary own Friendswood's location as an advantage since it is a small town community but in the heart of the Houston area. Also, the business has remained new and met customers' changing demographics and affluent residential base with a steady stream of new families moving into the community.

Business News

New Businesses:
- Parkwood Pharmacy
  405 E. Parkwood
- Amperseed
  1546 Sunset Dr.
- Embroidery Express
  3650 FM 528
- Patti Grace Skin Care
  160 S. Friendswood Dr.
- Inforogadies, Inc.
  907 S. Friendswood Dr.
- Which Wich
  210 E. Parkwood, Ste. D
- Quilen's Outdoor
  306 W. Edgewood, Ste. C
- PWK Wireless
  114 W. Parkwood
- Select Bone and Sports Medicine
  1100 S. Friendswood Dr., Ste. B
- Stemolab Testing Laboratory
  405 W. Parkwood
- Bo-Mac
  3265 FM 528
- Memorial Hermann Southwest
  1805 E. Winding Way
- Meams Group
  3262 FM 528
- Gold and Silver Buyers, Inc.
  161 N. Friendswood Dr.

Business Relocations/Expansions/Remodels:
- Virtus Systems
  204 E. Edgewood Dr.
- Tasto
  209 E. Parkwood Ave.
- Jonado's
  362 S. Friendswood Dr.
- Green Event Center
  2020 W. Parkwood Ave.

Residential Development

2012 Single-family home building permits

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