

C O M M U N I T Y D E V E L O P M E N T S

The Burrton community continues to provide a stable atmosphere for its residents and businesses. Following are highlights of recent developments and positive community indicators:

- The city's new slogan "**Building For a Better Tomorrow, Today**" reflects the community's progressive outlook to Burrton's future.
- The **Burrton Community Development Committee (BCDC)** has been hard at work over the past year. The group was established after a town hall meeting that discussed how to revitalize their community and make sure that it would remain viable well into the 21st century. The committee has developed a slogan for the city, installed a new lighted sign on Highway 50, sponsored a city-wide clean-up program and hosted several town hall meetings to encourage input from the community. The city's new slogan "Building for a Better Tomorrow, Today" reflects the committee's progressive outlook to Burrton's future.
- The city adopted a **Neighborhood Revitalization Plan** to promote the development and improvement of properties. This program will provide an added incentive for development and building rehabilitation in the community.
- **The Council Chambers** and the **Police Department** have been updated with new signage and paint for the building. The City Auditorium is in the process of redecorating with paint, new draperies, sanding/varnishing the floor and installing a new balcony railing. The Burrton Community Development Committee has coordinated this project with the City Council and many volunteers.
- **Paradise Grille** located on highway 50 in Burrton will be opening the first part of March 2008. It will feature a full menu and many more amenities.
- The city has **recently annexed** several pieces of land, is starting to make significant street improvements, installed new street signs and implemented the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. The city is looking at everything from possible housing developments, to downtown renovations.
- **Hardwood Manufacturing & Supply** produces and distributes high quality wood moldings, dimensional lumber and wood products throughout the Central Kansas area. The business recently added the designing of doors as well. The company has grown considerably over the past five years. Originally located in downtown Burrton the business recently constructed a new 20,000 square foot facility at a new site on Highway 50. Their most recent expansion has created 10 new jobs in the community and the business currently employs 25 people.

- **Hardwood Cabinets, L.L.C.** manufacturers high quality custom cabinets for the housing industry. This business opened in 2007 with a new 50,000 square foot facility.
- **Southwest & Associates** has been in Burrton community since 1980. The firm specializes in custom metal fabrication using steel, aluminum, stainless steel and galvanized steel. The company is one of five licensed fabricators in the world for the patented J. R. Johanson, Inc. “Diamondback” mass flow hopper. This hopper is used on storage and process bins that handle capabilities, Southwest and Associates also offers a wide range of service to the commercial grain handling, flour processing and pet food industries. The company currently employs 60 people.
- **Yoder’s Ornamental Concrete** is the largest ornamental concrete manufacturer and retailer in Kansas with the largest inventory of statuary in the state. Their inventory is in excess of 1600 statuary items plus hundreds of other items. Eighty five percent of the concrete statuary is produced on site in Burrton. Yoder’s is located on Highway 50 in Burrton. They offer an incredible inventory including bird baths, fountains, planters, angels, religious figures, table sets, benches, animals, mascots, oriental pieces, and much more.
- A new **fire truck** was purchased in 2006 and was received into service in 2007.