

# City of Colleyville, Texas: 2012 February Economic Development Report

**Efinity Group moves to 6201 Colleyville Blvd** Colleyville-based Efinity group, a business focused on investment services, financial planning, mortgages and real estate financing, recently relocated out of the Village at Colleyville, in 62 Main, and got a Certificate of Occupancy for 13,160 square feet of space at 6201 Colleyville Boulevard. Open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Efinity Group is managed by Principal Tory Pietzsch. For more information, call 817.581.8878.

## **PlainsCapital looking to expand in Tarrant County**

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PlainsCapital Bank has submitted applications to both the Texas Department of Banking and the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas to open a branch at 6100 Colleyville Blvd/State Highway 26 in Colleyville.

The applications are currently pending, according to Carol Towne, chief marketing officer for PlainsCapital. Once approved, the branch would be the bank's fifth in Tarrant County.

PlainsCapital has been on the move in recent months – literally. In April the bank moved its headquarters to Dallas from its original hometown of Lubbock, where it had been located since 1955.

PlainsCapital Chairman and CEO Alan B. White announced in 2010 that the company would be undergoing organizational changes and outlined a plan to grow the company “to at least \$10 billion in assets by 2013.”

With assets of \$5.7 billion, PlainsCapital operates 34 branches in Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin, Lubbock and San Antonio. Plains Capital Corp. also owns FirstSouthwest, an investment bank; and PrimeLending, a mortgage lender.

**Alecu purchases Thompson Terrace office** Rodica Alecu recently purchased the offices at 5100 Thompson Terrace. She has received a Certificate of Occupancy for the 3,500 square feet in Suites A & B.



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Ms. Alecu intends to eventually open **Wellness, Science and Beyond LLC** in Suite B and part of A—where she and her staff will operate a wellness and fitness center. Ms. Alecu says they will offer acupuncture, facials, and reflexology. Wellness, Science and Beyond will be open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Call 817.428.0527 for more details—or in the coming weeks to go their future web page at [www.wellnesssciencebeyond.com](http://www.wellnesssciencebeyond.com).

**Nighthawk Aviation lands in Colleyville** Roger James Sickler has sought and received a Certificate of Occupancy for 627 square feet at 101 Cheek-Sparger Road, #3. Mr. Sickler will operate Nighthawk Aviation there between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call 817.475.3657 for more details.

**Punky Lunky: Moving up (A little spunky)** Tanya Nelson is relocating Colleyville's still relatively new children's clothier and accessories retailer Punky Lunky within the spaces at 99 Cheek-Sparger Road. PL will net 60 more square feet, from 780 now to 840, when they complete their move to Suite 101A by March 15, 2012. The new space will also allow Punky Lunky more linear frontage on Cheek-Sparger. Follow their move from one suite to another at [www.punkylunky.com](http://www.punkylunky.com) —or call them at 817.705.7437.

**Alternative Health Shoppe sells, to move down CV Blvd** Founding owner Joan Vandergriff sold the Alternative Health Shoppe at 710 Glade to Armandina “Mandy” Digeni several months ago—and Ms. Digeni is now relocating the business to 1,245 square feet at 4620 Colleyville Boulevard, #100. Call Ms. Digeni at 817.498.8055 for more details on the transition.

**O'BH ASSOCIATES relocates from Irving** O'BH Associates L.L.C., a professional sales and service organization specializing in the furniture, fixture and cabinet industries, was established in 1990 by Peter O'Brien and Gary P. Hogman, Sr. The manufacturer sales rep group has relocated its five employees to 1,600 square feet of space at 609 Cheek-Sparger Road, #120. Contact Scott Minter, head of Operations for O'BH Associates, at 817.886.9258 or go to <http://obhassociates.com/> for more information on the company.



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**Shields Speech relocates** Speech and language pathologists Susan S. Shields, M.S., and JoAnna Shores, M.S., recently applied for and received a Certificate of Occupancy to relocate Shields Speech and Language Services from 6226 Colleyville Blvd, Suite B to 410 square feet at 609 Cheek-Sparger Road, #106.

Shields Speech and Language Services develops communication abilities in children and adults. The professionals at Shields Speech use communication and learning strategies to develop the necessary language skills needed for an individual to thrive in their environment. They also believe teamwork is an integral element to any therapy process. Thus, one-way mirrors allow parents or significant others to observe the evaluation and therapy process.

Susan Shields is a member of The American Speech & Hearing Association; for an appointment, go to <http://www.shieldsspeech.com/> or call 817.251.9527.

**Heritage Specialty Insurance opens a third suite** Heritage Specialty Insurance Agency, LP, is a wholesale general lines agency specializing in commercial insurance risks in Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. Located in Colleyville and Bryan, Texas, Heritage Specialty has been in continuous operation since 2004.

Owner Tanya Brakner recently applied for and received a Certificate of Occupancy to absorb another 500 square feet in 609 Cheek-Sparger, Suite 110 (in addition to 112 and 114). They're open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Go to <http://www.heritagespecialty.com> or call 214.293.6909 for more information.

**CousCous coming to Tara Village** Contractors representing the owners of CousCous Grill are starting on renovations and tenant improvements to the space previously occupied by Amore Pizza & Pasta at 1009 Cheek-Sparger road—in the Tara Village shopping center. Watch future issues of the *Colleyville Economic Development Report* for more details on CousCous' opening.



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**Colleyville welcomes A.N.A. Consultants** Alan & Lina Assaad recently made the decision to relocate A.N.A. Consultants, a civil engineering and land surveying services company, from an office on Airport Freeway in Euless to 2,700 square feet of space at 5000 Thompson Terrance—and much closer to their Colleyville home. A.N.A. Consultants has 15 employees.

Open Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., A.N.A. Consultants is a Texas-based firm that has provided professional engineering, planning and surveying services since 1994. Among their most notable projects are utility design for the new Dallas Cowboy's Stadium in Arlington, planning and engineering for Montserrat Subdivision in west Fort Worth, and concept and engineering design of the DFW Airport Hangar Modifications. A.N.A. holds certification as a Minority/Women-owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) from a number of municipal, state and regional government agencies. For more information, call 817.335.9900 or go to <http://www.anallc.com/>.

### **Colleyville to be represented in ICSC Alliance Program**

City of Colleyville Director of Economic Development Marty Wieder has received a 1-year appointment from David Henry, International Council of Shopping Centers Worldwide Chairman, as the ICSC Texas Division Alliance Co-Chair for 2012.

The Alliance Co-Chairs foster relationships between the public and private sectors in order to form partnerships that help the development process within a region. The unique pairing of private and public sector co-chairs provides an opportunity to develop a better understanding of retail real estate development and local government policies, resulting in successful, collaborative retail projects. ICSC has two staff liaisons for its Alliance program—Cindy Stewart and Ted Fischer. Marty will meet with Cindy and Ted at the Officers Orientation at RECon in May, where he'll receive training and a briefing on key ICSC fundamentals, along with an opportunity to meet and network with his colleagues throughout North America in the same position. For more information, contact Marty Wieder at 817.503.1060.



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**Sales tax revenues: Colleyville continues to be blessed** From the sales tax revenues reported this month, General Fund sales tax is up 21.36% (\$63,578) from revenues reported for the same time period last year. Year-to-date General Fund sales tax is up 16.18% (\$103,744).

This is the ***fifth consecutive month of increased sales tax revenues as compared to the prior year***, and is ***the highest February sales tax allocation ever received***. This month's allocation is a quarterly allocation and includes sales tax on purchases made during the Christmas holiday time period.

In Tarrant County, all cities are up an average of 3.83%. The following surrounding cities were less than the increase in the countywide average: Bedford (2.76%), Grapevine (-10.36%) and Euless (3.69%).



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