

# The Rumor Mill Vol. 7

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## What is the Rumor Mill?

In an effort to enhance communication between the City of Elgin and our citizens, from time to time, we will update with topics that will hopefully clarify and address some of the more well-known rumors that may be out in our community.



### Rumor of the Day: Brickston Development

**Is Brickston Development still being built or have Covid-related issues killed it. Nothing has seemingly been done.**

It is true that COVID- related issues caused the Brickston development to “pause”, but the owners are currently working to re-energize the project and construction could start in the near future.

Brickston is a master-planned, mixed-use municipal utility district (MUD) that will include both residential and servicing retail/commercial uses, together with a swimming pool and other park and recreational facilities. Located just west of Elgin on USHwy290, the MUD is planned for 1,909 single-family homes and 588 multi-family units.

As detailed in its Development Agreement, Brickston will also include land sites for public safety and public school facilities; and the City will ultimately construct a wastewater treatment plant to serve the project - with all associated costs being paid for by the MUD. The City will also receive all municipal sales tax revenues generated by commercial entities located within the

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project. And the MUD will pay the City a Master Development Fee of nearly \$4M in addition to all typical development fees and charges,

The MUD will not be located within the city limits and property owners there will not pay City property taxes. However, the MUD will receive no services from the City of Elgin. All public services will be paid for and provided through the MUD.

Although the Brickston project had received all necessary approvals and was authorized to begin construction in early 2020, the onset of the COVID pandemic caused the out-of-state project investors to “hesitate” and the project was put on hold – where it has remained ever since.

In recent interactions with city staff, however, the Brickston owners/developers have expressed a strong desire to re-start the project and deliberations are currently underway to achieve that goal.

Have you heard a rumor you would like the city to address? If so, contact City Secretary Jennifer Stubbs at [jstubbs@ci.elgin.tx.us](mailto:jstubbs@ci.elgin.tx.us).

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