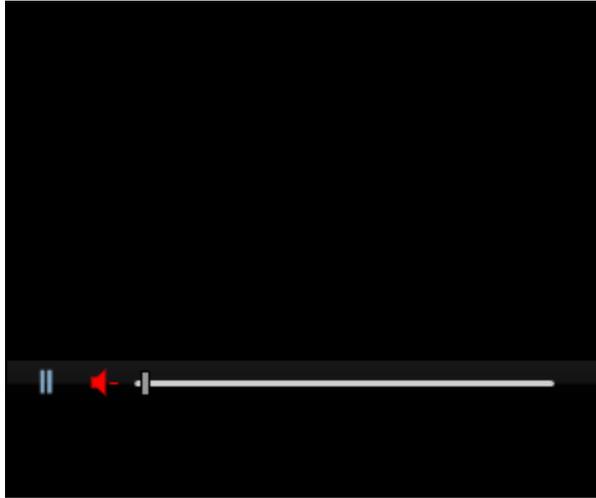


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Contributed photo Hoechst-Celanese Technical Center will become the Clarkwood Industrial Park.



Contributed photo The Beachcomber Cottages at Corpus Christi Beach.

CORPUS CHRISTI — **New town homes for CC Beach**

Six new town homes break ground at 10 a.m. Monday on Corpus Christi Beach.

The development is the first residential project to break ground east of U.S. Highway 181 since the mid-1980s, said officials with the Corpus Christi Beach Association. The Beachcomber Cottages will be on the north end of the beach at the corner of Gulfbreeze Boulevard and Reef Street.

The town homes will be built on stilts with water-view verandas and feature a pool with a stone fire pit. The homes will sleep up to 10 people and prices will start at \$139,900. A model is scheduled to be built by December.

For more information, call 834-1481.

GOOD SECURITY

Corpus Christi is the seventh most secure city among the top 100 cities most affected by computer-security threats, according to PC Tools, a computer software company. The 2008 list is expected to be announced on Tuesday.

This list names the U.S. "hot zones" or cities with the most widespread outbreaks of computer malware.

Corpus Christi came in 91 out of 100 behind Boise, Idaho; Lincoln, Neb.; Columbus, Ga.; East Lansing, Mich.; and Tallahassee, Fla. The five cities with the most threats were New York City, Houston, Los Angeles, Chicago and Miami.

PC Tools is donating 20,000 units of security and system optimization software to charities in the top five cities on the list.

Industrial park

The former Hoechst-Celanese Technical Center on Clarkwood Road will become the Clarkwood Industrial Park.

The 112-acre park has more than 50 buildings, ranging from 1,000 square feet to more than 175,000 square feet . NAI Cravey Real Estate Services was awarded the contract to lease the park, officials announced Wednesday.

Property owners are finalizing a demolition project that will give the park a cleaner "campus" look but portions of the park are ready for occupancy. For more information, call Josh Gaines at 289-5168 Ext. 302 or e-mail him at josh@craveyrealestate.com.

KOCH IS HONORED

Occupational Hazards magazine named Koch Pipeline Co., with offices and about 50 employees in Corpus Christi, as one of the 2008 safest companies in America.

Wichita, Kan.-based Koch owns or operates crude oil, refined petroleum products, chemicals and natural gas liquids pipelines in Texas, Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin. In Texas, Koch operates more than 1,500 miles of pipelines: refined products, crude oil and chemicals. Many of these lines are owned by Flint Hills Resources.

Others on the list include Green Mountain Communications, The Mundy Companies and Sunbelt Rentals Inc. Organizations on the list must demonstrate support from management and employee involvement, innovative solutions to safety challenges, injury and illness rates lower than average for their industry and comprehensive training programs.

Babies 'r' us opens

Babies "R" Us is open for business inside Toys "R" Us at 1220 Airline Road.

The store's newest wing features baby items from strollers to clothing. Hurricane Ike delayed the grand opening until the weekend of Oct. 24, but store officials opened it for business after the storm, said Jamie M. Beal, a company spokeswoman.

The grand opening weekend activities include appearances by Geoffrey, Strawberry Shortcake, Funshine Bear, Arthur and his sister DW as well as a story time. Weekend store hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday.