

Industrial projects, housing top Barstow city manager's wish list

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BARSTOW - There is a decent amount of development occurring in the city, and more is on the way.

In the Lenwood area, two more hotels - a Best Western Plus and a Home2 Suites - are planned, along with Habit Burger.

Tractor Supply Store is moving into the old H&E building and City Manager Curt Mitchell said the Wal-Mart Supercenter "probably will open up in late May or early June."

The city and developers Joseph W. Brady and Malcolm Riley continue to work on the Shoppes at Spanish Trail on Avenue L, too.

Mitchell said the city also is excited about an exclusive agreement it signed late last year with Eagle Real Estate for "a senior housing project in the area by the old hospital."

Eagle already is building the Villas in Hesperia for 55-plus residents.

"Right now it's just a concept," Mitchell said of Eagle's Barstow project. "They're talking with the housing folks from the county."

Mitchell is hopeful the project will be built, but says more housing is needed. Particularly if Barstow is going to be able to accommodate those who work at Fort Irwin, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow or Burlington Northern Santa Fe.

"That would be a good start," he told the Desert Dispatch of the Eagle senior housing project. "We need a couple of industrial projects and we need some housing."

"We need middle and upper middle class housing as well. We have a definite shortage of that as well. With the two (military) bases and Santa Fe we've got a lot of good paying jobs, we just need to find a way to keep them here."

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