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The On the Border restaurant, seen here Wednesday in Sikes Senter in Wichita Falls, is closing permanently.

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Eastside flooding on council agenda

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The Wichita Falls City Council will talk water when they meet Tuesday.

The meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. at the Multi-Purpose Events Center, 1000 Fifth Street. It is open to the public and will be streamed live on the city's website at wichitafallstx.gov.

Councilors will consider hiring HDR Engineering Inc. for \$298,700 to look for ways to mitigate flooding on the city's Eastside.

Several residents have spoken out about the ongoing problem at recent council meetings.

The study would be paid for out of the city's stormwater fund, which is a portion of residents' utility bills, and possibly grants. The results are expected by February 2027.

Councilors will also consider applying for a grant of about \$20.92 million from the Texas Water Development Board to replace a pump station and add valves and water mains.

The panel will consider hiring a Fort Worth company to be construction manager for an overhaul of the artificial waterfall on the Wichita River.

The city's namesake waterfall has been closed for months after a study revealed it needed extensive repairs.

Councilors will consider hiring the Fain Group to do the work.

According to the meeting agenda, the Fain Group would do the work for 4% of the actual construction costs, which are estimated to be up to \$6 million.

Four percent of \$6 million would be approximately \$240,000.

On Jan. 20, councilors agreed to pay Garver, an engineering firm, \$895,000 to study renovation of the waterfall attraction. The city turned off the falls in

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Crowd swarms On the Border before it closes

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It was almost standing room only on the next-to-the-last day of business Thursday for the On the Border restaurant in Sikes Senter.

Manager Chelsea Garcia confirmed the store will close Friday.

Contrary to some media reports that surfaced on Wednesday, the Wichita Falls restaurant is not closing due to a bankruptcy filing.

While the parent company filed for bankruptcy in March 2025, the Wichita Falls restaurant was one of several bought out of bankruptcy by Pappas Restaurants of Houston.

Pappas purchased some of the restaurants at auction from an Irving-based company, according to a May 8, 2025, report in Houston Public Media.

Pappas did not return calls to the Times Record News about the closure this week.

Various news outlets in other cities

carried unconfirmed reports of On the Border stores in their markets closing within days.

The Wichita Falls restaurant is in the mall purchased by the Wichita Falls Economic Development Corporation in October 2025.

The EDC has stated it intends to sell the property to a developer for demolition and redevelopment.

The restaurant's lease at Sikes Senter was due to expire March 31, 2027, according to documents obtained by the TRN.

Wichita Falls restaurants inspected

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The Wichita Falls-Wichita County Public Health District regularly monitors restaurants and food establishments for compliance with state food safety requirements.

Frequent inspections are essential in preventing the spread of foodborne illnesses through contamination and improper handling, storage and sanitation.

Here are scores for retail food establishments, food stores, mobile food units and school, daycare and church establishments inspected June 4-12

Disclaimer: On any given day, an establishment may have fewer or more violations than noted in its most recent inspection. An inspection conducted on any given day may not be representative of the overall, long-term conditions at the establishment. A few more recent,

follow-up inspections may not be included here.

Retail food establishments

Perfect scores

1889 Cake & Coffee Bar, 2510 Mallard Drive

Corner Post Bar, 1409 Iowa Park Road

Tea N' Boba, 3202 Seymour Highway

The Depot, 809 Ohio Avenue

High to moderate scores

Pizza Hut, 2501 Fifth Street: 99

Popeye's, 4449 Southwest Parkway: 99

Snoba, 3001 Garnett Avenue: 99

Holiday Inn Express, 5300 Kell East Blvd.: 97

McDonald's, 1607 Enterprise St.: 95

McDonald's, 4035 Southwest Parkway: 95

Barbarita's, 2611 Plaza Parkway: 94

Raising Cane's, 3701 West Kell Blvd.: 94

Savage Boards, 809 Eighth St.: 94

Sunrise & Shine, 3901 Old Jacksboro Highway: 91

Lower scores and why

Sonic Drive-In, 4729 Taft Blvd.: 98

- Ice in the rear ice machine is discolored reddish brown. Corrected during inspection.

- The rear handwashing sink does not have paper towels available. Corrected during inspection.

- A moist wiping clothing was stored with cheese and pickles on a food preparation table. Corrected during inspection.

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