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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN THE SOUTH END BUSINESS DISTRICT OF TYBEE ISLAND

Tybee Island, GA – (March 4, 2009) This weekend, clocks will spring ahead, and we will have more time to enjoy the daylight! When the time changes for spring, people become rejuvenated and are more ready for new excitement. Tybee Island's downtown is seeing some exciting changes!

As revitalization efforts continue and businesses prepare for the upcoming season, residents and visitors will witness a few improvements and more options downtown. The old location of Scandals at 1518 Butler Avenue is being renovated and improved for the Rock House. The property owners plan to open The Rock House around springtime with a full kitchen and bar.

Next door, at 24 Tybrisa Street, will be Brass Anchor Tattoo. After taking a hiatus from the beach for a little over a year, they have decided it is too hard to stay away from this special island! They plan to open this month.

Continue along Tybrisa, and you will find a new concept has hit the street with the opening of Csid Surf at 22 Tybrisa Street. At Csid Surf you will find your office away from home with computer services, printing, wifi, fax and computer repair. Children will also find fun inside with Guitar Hero and other computer games.

Seaside Sweets at 18B Tybrisa Street is opening soon and provides that nostalgic feel of sweets beachside! With a vintage flair, kids can choose their candies and novelty fun while the adults get to enjoy pralines and blended cream drinks.

Waves, at the north corner of Tybrisa and Butler, had a fire in February which damaged the interior of the store. Many fondly remember that this corner was the Bus Depot years ago. The owners are looking at the bright side and working diligently to ensure the store is open again in the spring. In the meantime, their sister stores along Tybrisa and on the North End of the Island will help with merchandise sales.

And, as you stroll down Tybrisa and turn right onto The Strand by Christy's Department Store, you may start to hear noises from down the street. Spanky's Beachside at 1605 Strand is renovating their upstairs. This exciting project will open up more opportunities for private parties, receptions, and other entertainment. They anticipate a grand opening in the springtime.

Shop, dine and enjoy the land and the sea year round on Tybee!

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About Tybee Island, GA.: The City of Tybee Island, Georgia is on the outermost barrier island off the Savannah area coast. With a wild bird sanctuary, over three miles of ocean beaches and salt marshes on the back river, outdoor recreation activities abound for visitors to the island. As a key defense point to the important Savannah port, Tybee's Fort Screven, Tybee Fort Theater, Fort Pulaski, and the Tybee Island and Cockspur Lighthouses combine with the unique architectures of the island's raised cottages to form a rich backdrop for history buffs. Attracting a strong artistic community, there are several local supporting art galleries. Keeping the island interesting year round are several arts festivals, the Annual Pirate Fest, the Beach Bum Parade, St Patrick's Day celebrations, the Hot Rod Run, the Beach Bash, and the Christmas Parade, as well as fireworks displays on Independence and New Year's Days off the Parker Pier and Pavilion. The Marine Science Center cooperates with Georgia's DNR to protect threatened sea turtle species by searching for nests, protecting their eggs, and making sure hatchlings make it to sea. For visitor information, stop by <http://www.tybeevisit.com/>, and to find more about the City of Tybee Island, visit our web site at <http://www.cityoftybee.org/>.

About Tybee Island's Better Hometown Initiative: Tybee's Better Hometown initiative follows a comprehensive revitalization process that improves all aspects of a commercial district. Better Hometown is a self help approach to economic development for downtown areas designed to grow business and improve a community's quality of life. With broad based community support, it integrates a practical management strategy with the physical improvements of buildings and public spaces, promotion and image building, and economic development in the area.

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Tybrisa St forms the backbone of Tybee's South End Business District

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