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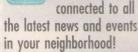
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Construction workers dig around a pipe at a new Hyatt Place hotel site off Research Forest Dr. and Grogans Mill road in The Woodlands. As ExxonMobil and other companies prepare to move to the area, the local hotel industry expects an increase in hotel demand from business travelers.

# Hyatt Place to open in December

By CHRIS COTELESSE ccotelesse@hcnonline.com

The Houston area's third Hyatt Place will open in December on Research Forest Dr. near Grogan's Mill road, amid increasing demands for corporate hotel space.

The Woodlands board of directors for the Hotel and cause there isn't enough ment in grocery related cen-Lodging Association of Greater Houston, said as businesses continue to move

meetings and other business functions.

"Houston is one of the try, and The Woodlands is hot on top of that," he said.

He said businesses use 60,000 room nights a year in Fred Domenick, chair of Houston. Many of them commute to The Woodlands, bespace for them within the ters like the HEB-anchored township.

The 146 rooms and 7,000 in and around the township, square feet of meeting space particularly the ExxonMobil at the Hyatt Place will allevicampus, they'll need more ate some of the demand, but rooms for traveling employ- Domenick said the township

ees and conference space for could use more, especially full-service hotels with meeting space.

There's no question the hottest markets in the coun- marked is underserved right now," he said.

> About 733,000 square feet of retail space is currently under construction in greater Houston, but a developing trend shows new develop-Creekside Park Village Center, according to CBRE Market Reports.

Nick Wolda, president of

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Staff photo by Jason Fochtman

A new Hyatt Place hotel is under construction off Research Forest Dr. and Grogans Mill road in The Woodlands. As ExxonMobil and other companies prepare to move to the area, the local hotel industry expects an increase in hotel demand from business travelers.

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