



Economic Development Newsletter

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Altar'd Market's New Spot

Mandie Morris, the granddaughter of long-time Deer Park residents Ruth and Marvin Bellows, has moved her delightful business, Altar'd Market, from La Porte's Main St. to 106 E. San Augustine in Deer Park (sandwiched between the post office and Church's Chicken). The shop is packed with amazing vintage pieces, refurbished and repurposed furniture, inspiring handmade items, shabby chic home décor, and some surprising random "found" pieces that are ideal for decorating. Mandie also offers interior design services and monthly classes for painting and refinishing furniture, plus does furniture-makeovers. See a glimpse of her store on the Altar'd Designs Facebook page or visit www.altard.com.



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Kallie's Here

Kallie Kouture children's resale boutique has opened at 1305A W. Pasadena (at the corner of W. Pasadena and Georgia Ave. – just across the street from Bonnette Jr. High). Deer Park resident Sarah Evans has sold children's consignment clothing on Facebook for over 2 years, but decided it was now time to have a "touchable" store. She carries a huge variety of kids' gently-used clothing from newborn to size 12, plus new items like crocheted baby booties and squeaky shoes. She even carries baby gear, toys and custom clothing.

Interested in consigning your stuff? Call Sarah at (281) 470-2106 to set up an appointment. Be sure to also visit Kallie Kouture on Facebook.

Get Blingie at the Barbie Bowtique

Two former Deer Park High School cheerleaders, Chrissy McRee and Kendra Craft Schroeder, have moved their 5-year old business, Barbie Bowtique/Glitter Sparkle Bronze, from Pasadena to 2816 Center St. (across the street from the police station). Cute and affordable items await you like jewelry, hair accessories, home decor, purses, shoes, belts, girlie-girl t-shirts and more. They do custom printing on ribbon (for extra-cute hair bows) and their motto is "you bring it, we bling it". Look on their Facebook page for a sneak-peek and call them at (281) 479-2617.





Kirkwood's Expansion

Kirkwood Medical Associates originally opened its Deer Park office at 2231 Center Street over 2 years ago. They have been so warmly received by our community that the office is now expanding by adding 1,500 square feet, which includes 7 new examination rooms. There will also be the addition of specialized doctors including a cardiologist and two OBGYN's. The Deer Park location provides complete medical services including general family practice, sports and occupational medicine. The expansion is expected to be completed by mid-October. You can find out more by visiting www.kirkwoodmedicalassociates.com or calling (281) 479-3670.

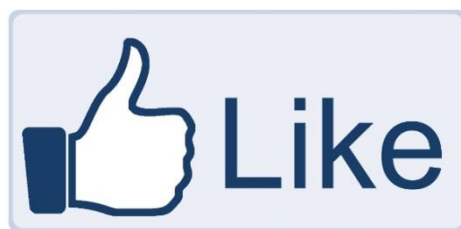
Congratulations, ProSource!

ProSource Staffing has once again made the Houston Business Journal's "Fast 100" list. Located at 210 W. Pasadena Blvd., ProSource supplies temporary workers and handles direct hires for employers, covering all office positions as well as management executives. On the industrial side, the firm fills jobs for chemical operators, welders and other skilled workers. ProSource has been investing in long-term partnerships with both employees and employers since its formation in 1997. That attention to detail has put this Deer Park-based recruiting, search and placement firm on a fast track, being named in the HBJ's Fast-100 list four years in a row. Learn more about ProSource at www.prosourcepeople.com.



RE/MAX Bay Area Relocates

RE/MAX Bay Area has been serving the Deer Park community for the past 10 years, but they just relocated to a beautiful new 5,000 square foot office prominently located at 2502 Center St. (next door to Las Hadas restaurant). The franchise owners are long-time Deer Park residents, Mike and Peggy Jaks. RE/MAX Bay Area offers bi-lingual residential and commercial real estate services throughout the bay area and houses seven independent agents. Call them today at (281) 542-6300 and be sure to stop by their open-house celebration on Thursday, October 3 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm.



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Want up-to-the-minute information on new stores, sales, events and other business news? Then be sure to "like" the new Economic Development Facebook page at www.facebook.com/DeerParkTX.ED. You might also check out the City of Deer Park's newly redesigned website at www.deerparktx.gov. Under the Economic Development page, you can look up commercial property in town for lease or for sale and even access a Business Directory, listing every business in Deer park either alphabetically or by category.

Comerica's New Branch Manager

Karen Higginbotham is Comerica's new branch manager for the Deer Park branch at 1500 Center Street. Karen and her family have lived in our community for 13 years, and she is thrilled to now be affiliated with Comerica and working so close to home. Comerica is the largest U.S. commercial bank that is actually headquartered in Texas. Karen's role as banking center manager focuses mostly on individual consumer and small business banking. Comerica's priority is to know small business owners and be involved in the community. Karen does just that, serving on the boards of both the Deer Park Seals and BLAST swim teams, while Comerica has donated nearly \$1 million to non-profits across Texas this year. Congratulations to Karen and to our Comerica branch, as they will soon celebrate their 10-year anniversary of doing business in Deer Park. Contact Karen at (281) 479-6378 or go to www.comerica.com.



Bravo Has a New Home

Bravo Cheer has recently located to a new, permanent 3,000 square foot facility at 2610 Center St. (behind The Health Nut store). Bravo will now teach their cheer and tumbling classes at this facility, as well as offer Zumba® classes for only \$30 per month. See all class schedules at www.bravocheer.com or call them at (832) 755-9093.

HKA Arrives

HKA Staffing Solutions has relocated their office from north Houston to Deer Park at 108 E. San Augustine (next door to the post office). Headquartered in Duncan, South Carolina, this 30+ year old company provides staffing and direct placement services to many market segments and has offices in the U.S., Puerto Rico and Canada. The Deer Park location primarily recruits welders for a wide variety of clients, including those constructing the TransCanada pipeline. Learn more at the corporate website www.hkaa.com or call Ivan Dominguez, the Deer Park manager, at (800) 825-5452 extension 331.



Enhance Your First Impression

Deer Park's Chamber of Commerce will host a "Texas Friendly" Hospitality Training session on November 5. If you or your employees deal with the general public, you might consider this half-day training, led by a certified instructor, which fosters best practices in customer service and hospitality. The program is designed to provide instruction for making good impressions, knowing our community and improving communication skills. Call the Chamber at (281) 479-1559 for more information.



Governor's Forum coming to Houston

The Governor's Small Business Forums are held annually across the Lone Star State, and are designed to educate the Texas entrepreneur and Texas small business community of the challenges in starting, operating, and growing a business while illuminating the many opportunities, tools, and resources available to the greater small business community. The Forums offer entrepreneurs and small businesses a wealth of knowledge regarding financial options, growth opportunities, and resources available to assist them in their expansion and development needs. This year's Houston forum will be held on October 7 at the JW Marriott in Houston at 5150 Westheimer. For registration, contact the Houston Intercontinental Chamber of Commerce at (281) 260-3163.



Bon Voyage!

Deer Park's hotels and restaurants will surely feel the positive effects of having a local, active cruise terminal nearby. The Port of Houston's Bayport Cruise Terminal will welcome 412,000 cruise passengers to our region over the next several cruise seasons. Princess Cruises contracted with the facility and their inaugural cruise sets sail on November 5 with a 4-day voyage aboard the *Caribbean Princess*. Princess Cruises has 27 departures planned for this first season. Norwegian Cruise Lines has also partnered with the Port of Houston for three seasons, beginning their service in 2014.

Bits & Pieces



- Dunkin' Donuts plans to open mid-November and will be giving away FREE coffee for the first 21 days of business (medium-sized hot or iced coffee).
- Emma's Closet now stocks dancewear, including leotards, tights, ballet shoes and tap shoes. Visit them at 118 Dixie Dr. (near San Augustine @ Center St.).
- Boot Barn has changed their name to F.R. Depot, but that is the only thing that has changed for this 38 year old business located at 714 Center St. The name was changed because of some naming rights issues experienced by the Boot Barn corporate office in California.
- Start your Christmas shopping early. New Creations at 4005 Center St. is getting a makeover and creating room. Enjoy 50% off all gift items, picture frames, knick-knacks & engraved items (includes Willow Tree and Jim Shore Angel collections). All jewelry, bibles and books are 40% off. Need shelves for the garage? They have fixtures and shelving at rock-bottom prices. Big surprises are in store for New Creations as a new venue is coming. We'll let you know once the makeover is complete and it's time to "move that bus".

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