



Economic Development Newsletter

DEER PARK, TEXAS

Don't Talk to Strangers; Shop Local, Instead

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A Taste of Cuba; Savory and Sweet

The Cuban Café is now open at 1625 Center Street in Deer Park (located in the retail center behind Iberia Bank). This is the second location, with the original Cuban Café opening four years ago in Baytown. Owned and operated by Jen Wirtes and her family, the restaurant serves authentic Cuban dishes including flavored coffees, breakfast dishes, plantains and sandwiches. The delicious and

completely authentic bread is shipped in from Florida (it makes an amazing Cuban French Toast), while their Cuban coffee recipes have become quick obsessions for many of their customers. Operating hours are Monday – Friday, 5:00 am to 6:00 pm and Saturdays 8:00 am to 3:00 pm (closed on Sundays). See the menu on their Facebook page or call them at (832) 429-3273.

Feel Good; Look Great!

Beauty Studio by Frida is now open at 4136 Center Street, offering microblading, eyebrow threading, lash tints, lash lifts, brow tints and makeup application. Come and let this licensed esthetician work her magic for you, as nothing else is as long-lasting nor natural-looking as the services she provides. Call the studio at (713) 277-5879 or visit them on Facebook to see some amazing before/after photos of Frida's work.



Expert Appliance Repairs

Deer Park welcomes Mr. Appliance, now open at 2318 Center Street. Owners Eric Dumatrait and his wife, Tracy, (who is also a local teacher) employ highly trained professionals that provide expert commercial and residential appliance repair and maintenance services for the appliances in your kitchen or laundry room. They also have up-front pricing (they charge by the job – not the hour) and their work is guaranteed. For more information, visit MrAppliance.com/Baytown or call (346) 787-5335.





You'll Fight for the Last Slice

Brick Oven Pizza Co. of Deer Park is now open 3601 Center St. (next door to Planet Fitness and TexSmiles Dental). This family-friendly restaurant offers salads, wings, subs and their super-unique pizzas made with thin, brick-oven baked crust. Be sure to try their specialty pizzas, and they even have gluten-free crust as an option. You can also choose from a variety of beer or wine selections while you watch a game and enjoy your meal. Visit www.brickovenpizzacompany.com or call them at (832) 324-4172.

Unlock the Goldmine

Hanna Services Social Media Consulting is now open and ready to help you market your business through social media. Deer Park resident Will Hanna can help small business owners put their business in front of the millions of social media users, while making the most of their precious advertising dollars. Let Hanna Services help you unlock the virtual goldmine of opportunity waiting on the social media realm. Call Will today at (979) 415-4959 or visit www.hannasocial.com.



Happy "Anniversario"

Antonio's Italian Grill & Seafood restaurant is celebrating their 30th year in Deer Park, located at 1105 Center St. Antonio's was established in 1988 by Gennaro, Antonio and Elsa Di Meo, serving homemade recipes handed down through several generations. Their goal is total excellence, abundance of food, quality and freshness, along with superior service. The family continues to love serving the best Italian meals for our community, and to them we reply, "Grazie"! Find them on Facebook or www.antoniositaliangrill.com.



Your Smile is Their Passion

Jefferson Dental is now open at 3702 Center Street (across the street from Starbucks). Their dentist is Dr. Kavitha Prasad, DDS, who believes that every person deserves a healthy smile. This new Deer Park location is equipped with sophisticated technology in a modern but comfortable setting. Dr. Prasad and her staff specialize in a wide range of general dental, specialty and cosmetic services. The office is open Monday through Saturday. Go online and see their hours of operation at www.jeffersondentalclinics.com or call (832) 460-1896.





Continued Success...

Coastal Hydraulics is expanding their current building by 5,000 square feet at 1002 W. Pasadena Blvd. (next door to Bonnette Jr. High School). Owner Wayne Rodick started this hydraulic repair and maintenance business “with a truck and a toolbox” 12 years ago. He learned the business as an aviation hydraulic mechanic in the United States Navy, and his success stems from those military-inspired standards. Moving to their current location over four years ago provided a great opportunity to add customers, and they will now have much needed increased floor space to meet demands. To find more information, visit their website at www.coastalhydraulics.biz or call Wayne at (281) 478-0989.

What Are They Building?

There is a large development under construction at 4600 Underwood (behind the FoodTown grocery center at the intersection of Spencer Hwy.) Underwood Port Logistics Center will be a 404,160 sq. ft. distribution center and is being built ‘spec’, which means they do not currently have the space pre-



leased. They are, however, confident that businesses will quickly want to occupy the building upon its completion. This is the second large distribution center under construction in Deer Park, which means more employment opportunities close to home. Look for the project to be finished in March 2019.

Business Relocations to Deer Park:

- Laborde Products, Inc. will soon be relocating their office from Miller Road in Houston to 313 Deerwood Glen Drive in the Deerwood Glen Business Park, near Highway 225 and Railroad Avenue. This provider of heavy-duty engines, equipment, service and support will bring 12 new employees to this new location, once completed early next year.
- ALA Maverick will relocate their corporate office from La Porte to the Deerwood Glen Business Park in Deer Park. Maverick is a full spectrum, independent, state-of-the-art testing laboratory with a comprehensive range of metallurgical and mechanical testing services. Look for them to move in early 2019, bringing 30 new employees.

Making Deer Park Smile for 38 Years

October marks the 38th anniversary for Deer Park’s long-time dentist Dr. Marc Lefkowitz, DDS, at 212 Center Street (corner of Center St. and 2nd Street). With decades of experience in family dentistry, Dr. Lefkowitz offers the best dental care available, but always with a gentle touch. He has also been an active member in the community, sponsoring countless local sports teams and youth clubs. Congratulations to Dr. Lefkowitz and his great staff for many years of a job well done. Make your appointment by calling (281) 479-2117.

Helping Us Get Healthier for (almost) 40 Years

Next year, the Health Nut will celebrate its 40th Anniversary in Deer Park. Located at 2606 Center Street (across the street from Beyond Beaute'), the shop is best known as both a health-food style café, plus a great store for finding natural beauty products, gluten free foods, local honey, loads of vitamins and herbal ingredients, plus a knowledgeable staff that can recommend products for whatever ails you. The café features favorites like daily home-made soups, quesadillas, bison burgers and black bean chalupas – all made fresh on the spot. The family-owned business draws customers from all over the region because of their hard-to-find natural and organic products. Be sure to check their Facebook page for information on their on-going Mini Market Days, which allows our local vendors to display their merchandise, or call (281) 479-7713 for more info.



Bits & Pieces



- Look for “Food Truck Friday” to happen Nov. 9 at Chicago Title, 4621 Center Street (next to Norma’s Country Dreams) from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to stop by and grab lunch from a variety of participating food trucks.
- NOTABLE FACTS: Houston’s Ship Channel
 - ✓ Five years ago, Houston’s port imported 0% from Asia. Today, we have over 40% of imports coming from Asia, thanks to the widening of the Panama Canal.
 - ✓ Houston’s port produces more product than any other port region in the world.
 - ✓ It is home to the world’s largest petrochemical complex (it was in 2nd place up until 6 months ago).
 - ✓ If you combined all ship movements on both the east and west coast ports, the total still would not be as much as the 10,000 large vessel movements in Houston’s ship channel.
 - ✓ It is the busiest port in the world, in terms of vessel movements.
 - ✓ Houston’s is the #1 exporting port in the world, and exports more than imports.

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