



Economic Development Newsletter

DEER PARK, TEXAS

To Open a Shop is Easy – To Keep it Going is an Art!

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A Tasteful Tradition

Ken's Restaurant is about to celebrate a big anniversary and is making some big changes for their upcoming 50th year in business. It all started in 1970 when Ken Voltz opened Ken's Taco Burger in the 700 block of Center St. The small kitchenette's home-style cooking was an immediate hit with the locals. Ken's son, Randy, opened the current location of Ken's Restaurant at 1122 Center St. in 1990, serving great food like all-day breakfast, chicken & dumplings, steaks, salads, burgers, hot sandwiches and much more. They are open to the public for breakfast and lunch, and then Ken's delivers "overtime meals" to their industrial customers until late in the evening. The back wall depicts a beautiful mural, painted by six Deer Park High School art students and their teacher back in 2014. The mural is a tribute to the Deer Park community and its people. Randy has also recently remodeled the restaurant and made it completely non-smoking. Be sure to stop by Ken's Restaurant soon and experience the delicious down-home cooking that has been making customers happy for generations.

McDugle Retires

It was in September 1979 when Denton McDugle first opened his office supply business on Center Street. Mr. McDugle recently retired, however, selling Deer Park Printing to his good friend, Tony Lagan, who also owns Inkspot Printing in Pasadena. The business, located at 2602 Center St., will stay pretty much the same, for now, but Tony has big plans for expanding and bringing services up to a more contemporary style. Mr. McDugle has some big plans of his own for his retirement years. After serving our community in so



many ways including Deer Park Chamber President, Rotary President, City Council for 9 terms (the longest of any city councilmember) and being named Deer Park's Citizen of the Year, Mr. McDugle is eager for this next chapter. In the meantime, stop by Deer Park Printing for graphic design, business cards, letterhead, envelopes, brochures, invitations and so much more. You can call them at (281) 478-5899 and find them on Facebook.



Cookie Time

Deer Park is now home to Ultimate Baking Company at 910 W. Pasadena Blvd (across the street from the carwash and same retail center as Donut Time). The bakery was formerly Cookies Express, but it was recently purchased by area native Danya Becker, whose husband is former Deer Park police officer Forrest Becker. Danya offers the same huge, delicious cookies, but has added some new items to the menu. She will soon add delicious cupcakes and custom-made cakes to her menu, as well. Whether you are stopping by for one or dozens, these make the perfect snack, gift, party or event treats. Unleash your inner Cookie Monster and call Danya at (832) 429-3913 or visit them on Facebook.



Go With the Flow



Deer Park is now home to YogaStrong at 4202 Center Street. This 4,000 square foot eclectic yoga studio offers a wide variety of yoga classes including classes for beginners, Hot Yoga, StrongBarre and Flow. They also offer coaching, training, nutrition classes and cardio. You will love their fun selection of essential oils, aromatherapy, yoga apparel and gear, handmade soaps and bath products and much more! Sign up soon to take advantage of their “\$30 for 30 days” special. Their class schedule and updated information can be found

on their free app YogaStrong, available in the app store and Google Play. You can also call them at (281) 930-7033 or find them on Facebook.

Happy 12th Anniversary to Eclipse Massage & Spa

Deer Park’s long-time residents Carina and Jose Pantoja are the owners of Eclipse Massage & Spa, now celebrating its twelfth anniversary in business. Their beautiful Tuscan-style building is located at 4321 Center St. Eclipse offers a wide variety of services intended to relax, soothe and increase wellness for clients, including massage, infrared sauna, and they now offer vitamin injections including B12, B7 (Biotin), Folic Acid and Vitamin D. Eclipse has been voted Deer Park’s favorite spa by the Deer Park Broadcaster and was voted Deer Park Chamber’s 2013 Business of the Year, plus they have participated in countless other community events with donations and service. Find them on Facebook or visit their website at www.Eclipse-Massage.com.



Batter Up!

Facility44 Batting Cages has recently opened at 2826 Center Street (right behind Deer Park Animal Hospital). This clean and comfortable 4,100 square foot indoor baseball and/or softball training facility is temperature controlled, with a large parent viewing area, and four cages that can be pulled back to open up a 2,500 square foot area for infield drills. They also offer private batting lessons and occasional clinics. Call now to reserve your slot at (210) 929-0121 or visit their Facebook page for updated schedules.



Happy Anniversary:

- Stockstill & Associates is celebrating their 20th anniversary this year. Owner Becky Stockstill Cobb ensures peace of mind by offering a variety of insurance plans, business strategies and group benefits designed specifically for the needs of each client. Find them at 125 E. San Augustine or call them at (281) 476-9063.
- BiBi's House of Kabob is coming up on their 10-year anniversary in 2019. This family-owned, Mediterranean restaurant is located at 3121 Center Street. BiBi's prides itself on the fact that they use only the finest ingredients (MSG-free) and serve home-cooked, healthy food. Owners Ali and Zeba Karimian chose the name "BiBi's" because it translates to Grandmother, and they wanted to honor both of their grandmothers who taught them the value of scrumptious, wholesome food. They are open for both lunch and dinner, and you can reach BiBi's at (281) 542-7777.
- Deer Park's Beyond Beauté is celebrating their 33rd anniversary as a full-service day spa and wellness center featuring massage, body treatments, nail care and more. Located at 2805 Center Street, you can make book your appointment by calling (281) 930-1734 or find them on Facebook.

New Division Opens

Ecorobotics, a division of Ecoserve, has opened a 36,000 square foot division office at 905 W. 13th Street in Deer Park. Ecorobotics specializes in environmentally friendly industrial cleaning for chemical plants and refineries. Their president and CEO, Kenny DesOrmeaux, stated that moving to Deer Park was important because Deer Park is the epicenter of the most populated industrial region on the globe, and their presence in the Deer Park community is imperative to facilitate a quick response to customers. Look for them to bring approximately new 50 employees to town.



Deer Park's 2018 Housing Market Update:

A total of 372 homes sold in Deer Park in 2018 vs. 453 homes sold in 2017. It is not that the housing market softened in Deer Park, according to Troy Cothran with Deer Park's Victory Properties. The reason less homes sold in 2018 is that there just were not as many homes for sale, as Deer Park has a very limited housing inventory and they tend to sell quickly. In 2018, for example, Deer Park home sold in an average of 28 days and the average sales price was \$219,000. So far in 2019, there are only 43 homes for sale in Deer Park that do not already have a pending contract. These homes include all price ranges. Imagine what a small percentage that is considering there are almost 9,000 homes in Deer Park.



Bits & Pieces



- Chalupas Taqueria will be coming later this summer to 2020 Center Street, near the intersection of Highline Drive.
- Air Products, located at Highway 225 at Strang Road, is the largest supplier of helium in the country.
- NASA has a great website where you can explore and interact with NASA technology and spinoffs that touch our lives every day, like carpet, baby bottles, farming technologies and so much more. You can find the website at www.nasa.gov/homeandcity. Here is a spinoff example: At the turn of the century (in the early 1900's), there were 30 million farmers in the U.S. whose crops fed 100 million people in this country. Now, there are 300,000 farmers in the U.S. whose crops feed over 300 million people in this country and overseas. This is due to the incredible advances in farming technology, some of which we owe to research from NASA.
- This region produces:
 - 27% of the nation's gasoline
 - 60% of the nation's aviation fuel
 - 80% of the nation's military grade fuel
 - 35% of the nation's natural gas
 - 42% of the nation's specialty chemical feedstock.

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