



# Economic Development Newsletter

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## Meat Haven is a Slice of Heaven

Meat Haven BBQ Company is now open in Deer Park, after teaming up with Frosting Dreams and All the Things Bakery at 912 W. Pasadena Blvd. (just south of the High School south campus). Stop by Tuesday-Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and let owners Joey and Melissa Garcia serve you some of the best barbeque you have ever had. They are famous for their Triple Threat baked potatoes, brisket quesadillas, sandwiches, nachos and much more. Check for their daily specials on their Facebook page [@Meat Haven BBQ Company](#), and don't forget you can grab dessert on your way out from Frosting Dreams bakery.

## Kungfu Tea Now Open

Kung Fu Tea (also dubbed the “Starbucks of bubble tea”) is now open at 9001 Spencer Hwy. (in the former location of Eskimo Hut in front of Walmart). Founded in Queens, NY in 2010, Kung Fu Tea is now the country's largest bubble tea brand with over 350 locations across the U.S. They use actual tea leaves in their brewing process and strive to master the most authentic flavor, quality and experience in every cup. Bubble tea (also known as pearl milk tea, boba milk tea or boba) is a Taiwanese drink that was invented in Taichung in the 1980's. The tea is mixed with milk or fruits and topped off with chewy tapioca pearls. One taste and you will be on your way to being a Kung Fu Tea Master. Find more on their Facebook page [@KungfuTeaDeerpark](#) or visit their website at [www.kungfutea.com](http://www.kungfutea.com).



## SNACK ATTACK

Deer Park's Valerie Vasquez has opened Deer Park Snack Bar at 2506 Center St. (next door to Merle Norman Cosmetics and Las Hadas Mexican restaurant). This is a fun, family gathering spot where the whole family can hang out, play games, eat great food and desserts, and just spend time. Valerie serves tasty desserts, snacks and light meals, like hot dogs, popcorn, Mexican corn-on-the-cob, shrimp cocktails, banana splits, ice cream, shakes and much more.



### Now open

Woodhouse BBQ is now open at 2424 Center St. (former location of Baytown Seafood), at the corner of Center St. and San Augustine St. The owners are Damitrius Aguilar and McKenzie Cañas, the daughter of former Cattle Drive BBQ owner, Jesse Cañas. Get ready, because they have brought back your past favorite recipes to their second-generation restaurant. You can see the menu on their Facebook page [@WoodHouse BBQ](#).

### Now Relocated

CEV athletics has now moved from its location at 4504 Center St. to their new location at 1703 Center Street (near the Cuban Café). Area native Marshall Cevallos originally opened CEV in 2015, and has seen the business grow at a rapid rate. Jiu Jitsu, as well as other forms of martial arts, are amazing programs for kids, especially learning-disabled kids. It teaches them structure, team building and life skills. CEV welcomes adults and kids and all levels - including beginners. Check out [www.cevathletics.com](http://www.cevathletics.com) or call (713) 447-6646.



### Glass - Mirrors - Windows & More!

Deer Park residents Todd and Eva Carpenter are moving their business, Carpenter Glass and Mirror, to a store-front location at 1318 Underwood Rd., suite 104. Look for the move to be completed by mid-April. The new location will provide customers with a hands-on showroom and great customer service. Carpenter Glass and Mirror specializes in skylights, doors, windows, enclosures, storefronts, patios, glass replacement, solar panels and more. For your next home improvement project, call Todd at (281) 254-6730. You can see some of their amazing projects on the Facebook page [@CGMHouston](#).

### Ken's Celebrates 53 Years

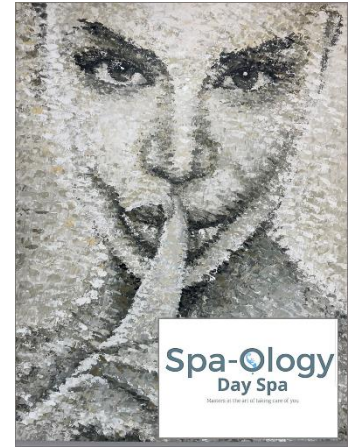
Ken Voltz opened Ken's Taco Burger in 1970 on Center St. (in the Boot Barn shopping center) and the kitchenette's home-style cooking was an immediate hit with the locals. Ken's son, Randy, opened the current location at 1122 Center St. in 1990 and has been serving the same great food ever since. Their chicken & dumplings received accolades from the Houston Chronicle in past years, as well as the hot roast-beef sandwich. Open to the public for breakfast and lunch, Ken's continues serving "overtime meals" to their industrial customers until late in the evening. What an icon this restaurant has become in our community for over 5 decades. Congratulations Voltz family.





## Spa Relocated and Expanded

Deer Park has a new ultimate spa escape. Jodi McGee has moved her successful spa business from La Porte to 3710 Center St. (across the street from Dutch Bros. Coffee). Spa-Ology Day Spa is now open in this beautiful new location. Come experience whole body healing, state of the art skin care, quality nails and foot care. Book your appointment with a master nail technician, esthetician or family wellness chiropractor. Find them on Facebook @Spa-Ology Med Spa or call them at (832) 758-3238. You can also see all services and the price list at [www.spa-ologydayspa.com](http://www.spa-ologydayspa.com).



## Want to Learn Futsal?

A new Futsal/Soccer indoor training facility is coming to Deer Park later this year. In the meantime, they are holding free soccer and futsal clinics for kids this summer. Learn how to play futsal and soccer, plus work on strength, conditioning, speed training, ball mastery, and becoming a team player. Contact [PitchPerfectFutsalClub@gmail.com](mailto:PitchPerfectFutsalClub@gmail.com) or visit their Facebook page @Pitch Perfect Futsal Club.

## New Hiring Center

The Brock Group has opened up the new Brock Group Craft Training & Assessment Center at 8313 Spencer Hwy. (same retail center as Grand Buffet Chinese). The facility combines all elements of the on-boarding process into one facility. Now, when Brock hires a new tradesperson, that person can move right into the requisite job-specific testing and training; allowing them to meet the customers' requirements quicker and get on the jobsite. The Brock Group, headquartered in Houston, is a leading provider of multi-craft specialty services to businesses operating in the Industrial Sector. They also have a large location on Hwy. 225 in Deer Park. The company services a diverse customer base from the petrochemical, refining, power generation, offshore, heavy manufacturing, pipelines and transmission, nuclear, pulp and paper, LNG, and pharmaceutical businesses who operate throughout the United States and Canada. Join the Brock family by finding career opportunities at [www.brockgroup.com](http://www.brockgroup.com).



## NEW APARTMENTS OPEN THIS SUMMER

Dakota at Deer Park apartments are currently being constructed at 800 W. Pasadena Blvd. They will be three-story and consist of efficiency units, plus 1, 2, and 3-bedroom units. There will be a total of 300 units upon completion, and will feature luxury amenities and upscale interior features, balconies, walk-in closets and more. Phase 1 units are scheduled to be ready by July, and the entire complex is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year. You will also see a leasing trailer on the property starting in April. For more information, call (713) 622-0022 or visit [www.dakotaprop.com](http://www.dakotaprop.com).



### Boost Your Business with Digital Coaching

Lin Bonner is a digital marketing consultant and a Deer Park resident. She helps businesses across many industries improve their online appearance and rankings. Elevate your online presence and put your business on the map, plus improve your social media, advertising and other marketing strategies. Let Lin help your business grow by calling her at (346) 208-5042 or go to [www.revlocal.com/who-we-are/consultants/lin-bonner](http://www.revlocal.com/who-we-are/consultants/lin-bonner).

### Bits & Pieces



- Red Bluff Pet Resort, voted “Neighborhood Favorite” on NextDoor, now offers pet owners a new “Gingr” pet portal to access their account, schedule boarding, grooming, training, and group play. Visit [www.RedBluffAnimals.com](http://www.RedBluffAnimals.com) for info or call (281) 680-6000. Find them at 5009 Red Bluff Rd. (near Spencer intersection).
- The 88-acre Gulf Greyhound Park on IH45 at FM 1764 in La Marque was purchased by JMK5 Holdings. The plan is to develop this site into a 12,000-seat Las Vegas-quality concert venue.
- Port Houston recorded its busiest year in 2022, as the global economy began recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic and well-publicized West Coast port congestion persuaded some shippers to look to the Gulf Coast as an alternative.
- Fun Facts: Warm water will freeze faster than cold water. Speaking of cold water, parts of Canada are actually south of Detroit, Michigan (just look at the map).

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