



Economic Development Newsletter

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Healthy, Fresh, Fast!

Pita Pit will be coming soon to 8015 Spencer Hwy. in Deer Park (next door to Smashburger and Smoothie King). It was first started in Canada in 1995 as a healthy alternative to fast food, and soon opened U.S. locations in 1999. Pita Pit now has over 580 locations worldwide. They start with soft, rollable pita bread; fill it with your choice of lean, grilled meats, fresh vegetables, cheeses and savory

sauce. They even offer breakfast pitas with Black Forest Ham, steak, hash browns, eggs and more. Look for them to arrive sometime in late spring. Visit their full menu at www.pitapitusa.com to start planning your perfect combination.

Huge Salad Bar.....plus Much More

Oliver's Pizza is coming in February to 3702 Center St., directly across the street from Starbucks. General Manager Ron Mead (Deer Park graduating class of '68) is thrilled to bring us a 50-item salad bar, all-you-can-eat pizza buffet and lots of seating for large groups. Oliver's is now hiring and if interested, call (281) 513-5441. They will not be leasing the entire building, so there is still 1,600 square feet of lease space available. Call (281) 924-2069 for leasing information.



It's a Hit!

The reviews are in and Georgia's Catfish Kitchen is a huge hit. This recently opened restaurant is located in the retail center that sits in front of Walmart (9001 Spencer Highway). The owner is originally from Lafayette, Louisiana, and his dishes are authentic. Come soon and try the creole-based gumbo, fish tacos, fresh green beans, red beans and rice, hushpuppies, shrimp salad, etc. Fun fact: Georgia's is found in the former spot where The Fish Place was located a few years ago, and many of those employees are now back working at Georgia's. See their Facebook page under "Georgias Catfish Kitchen Deer Park" or call (281) 930-7592.



Get Fit!

Rebel Fitness has opened at 306 E. Pasadena Blvd. (just across the street from CVS near the intersection of Center St. and Pasadena Blvd.) This unique gym is a private facility created to help ordinary people achieve extraordinary results. Owner and Deer Park local Ty Aston has a team of highly motivated and well educated professionals who believe in changing lives through fitness. They offer many affordable personal training and boot camp programs guaranteed to get you real results. The gym is located in the same building as Self Defense America; an awesome martial arts school owned by martial arts hall-of-fame Grand Master Chris Yaeger. Call or text Rebel Fitness at (832)-FITNESS (832-348-6377) and schedule your free fitness consultation, personal training session or boot camp class. Find them on Facebook under “Rebel Fitness DP”.



Coming Soon.....

La Bonita Taqueria is scheduled to open in March at 1242 Center St. in the former location of Robert's Jug & Muffin. La Bonita (which translates to “pretty”) will be open for breakfast and lunch, featuring tacos, burritos and other yummy Mexican cuisine.

Prepare to be Pampered

Marcel Nails & Spa has opened at 3424 Center St., next to Burke's Outlet in the former location of Radio Shack. No expense was spared in the build-out of this beautiful salon. Services include eyelash extensions, waxing, facials, spa manicures and pedicures. What's nice is that everything is disposable; never being reused on the next customer, including files, buffers and pumices. Come soon to get pampered, having a luxury experience while paying oh-so-affordable prices. Call (832) 429-3871 for your next appointment and find great coupons on their Facebook page.



Awarded!

First Choice Emergency Room has been awarded the 2015 Guardian of Excellence award for the third year in a row. This award is a nationally-recognized symbol of achievement in health care. First Choice consistently provides high quality emergency medical care and patient satisfaction, rating them the “best of the best” in the nation. Deer Park's First Choice Emergency Room is located at 3701 Center St., next door to Starbuck's.



What's Coming?

The former location of HEB grocery store (corner of Pasadena Blvd. at Center St.) is under contract to be sold to a retail developer. Once the transaction closes, the developer plans to restructure the 40,000 sf building into a multi-tenant retail center, while possibly even expanding the building to the north. Leasing information signs are already posted and interested retailers and restaurants are starting to show interest. For leasing information, call Capital Retail Properties at (281) 816-6550.



Firehouse Subs: Generous AND Successful

Deer Park's Firehouse Subs regularly rates as the 'Highest Volume Store' in the Houston Region. Largely because of our community's ongoing support, the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation recently awarded the Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department a grant to purchase \$32,559 worth of much-needed equipment including two chest-compression systems. All DPVFD ambulances will now be able to carry this equipment that affords paramedics a much higher chance of saving cardiac arrest patients. Thank you, Firehouse Subs, for helping to improve our fire department's resources and life-saving capabilities. Be sure to visit Firehouse Subs soon at 3717 Center St. (near Papa Murphy's and Sports Clips).



Valentine-Shaped Pizza

If nothing says "I love you" like a heart-shaped pizza, then Papa Murphy's Pizza at 3717 Center St. has the just the thing this month; the HeartBaker Pizza featuring a heart-shaped pizza topped with three different freshly-grated cheeses and pepperoni. Stop and get your take-n-bake pizza soon or call (281) 542-7272.

Valentine's Day Ideas

☀ **Koby's Fine Jewelry**

3428 Center St., (281)930-7337 or www.facebook.com/kobys-fine-jewelry

☀ **Deer Park Jewelry Factory**

4005 Center St., (281)930-8262 or www.facebook.com/dpjewelryfactory

☀ **Flower Cottage of Deer Park**

4506 Center St., (281)542-6900 or www.flowercottageofdeerpark.net

☀ **Deer Park Florist**

806 Center St., (281)479-2374 or www.deerpark-florist.com

☀ **Blooming Creations**

5006 Luella, (281)542-7400 or www.bloomingcreationsflowers.com

Mayor's State of the City Luncheon

Deer Park Mayor Jerry Mouton will present this year's "State of the City" address at a luncheon to be held on February 25 at the Jimmy Burke Center in Deer Park. Join fellow residents and business leaders as the mayor brings us up-to-date on issues impacting our city, as well as the direction our city is headed. For more information or to make reservations, contact the Deer Park Chamber at (281) 479-1559.



Bits & Pieces



- Now Open: KZ Sweet Boutique at 3428 Center St. (right next door to Shipley Donuts), serving ice cream, cookies and more. They are open daily until 10 p.m.
- Taco Bell on Center St. first encountered a setback when trying to engineer their new building, but the re-build has now commenced. The new Taco Bell building will be more "drive-thru" friendly and should open this spring.
- If you love the new Mod Pizza over near Fairmont at Beltway 8, then you are going to really love what's coming soon to Spencer Highway next to Smashburger. Full details coming in the April newsletter.
- Steps Performing Arts Center has moved from their location at 3432 Center St. (next door to Shipley Donuts), consolidating with their Pasadena location at 4012 Strawberry Road.
- The Harris County Toll Road Authority has transitioned the Sam Houston Tollway (Beltway 8) Ship Channel Bridge to EZ TAG-only.
- Deer Park High School was recently ranked as the 13th largest high school in Texas with an enrollment of 3,917 students (the #1 ranked largest high school in Texas is Plano East High School with an enrollment of 6,015 students). Deer Park ISD is currently showing their total current student enrollment for all grades (pre-k through grade 12) as 13,180. That is more kids than the entire population of Seabrook, TX.
- Fun Texas Fact: Oscar, the Academy Award statuette, was named for Texan Oscar Pierce. His cousin, Margaret Herrick, worked in Hollywood for the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences. When Margaret first saw the gold statuette in 1931, she reportedly said, "Why, that looks just like my Uncle Oscar" – an affectionate name she called her cousin. The name stuck. The 88th Academy Awards ceremony will be aired on February 28.

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