



Economic Development Newsletter

DEER PARK, TEXAS

'Tis the Season to Shop Local

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Chipotle is Coming.....

Deer Park will soon be home to Chipotle Mexican Grill restaurant, coming early next year to 8035 Spencer Highway (next door to 1000 Degrees Pizza and close to Starbuck's). When Chipotle opened its first restaurant over 20 years ago in 1993, the idea was simple: show that food served fast didn't have to be a "fast-food" experience. Their menu includes burritos, tacos, bowls and salads. Visit their website at www.chipotle.com to learn more about their unique approach and great food.



Healthy AND Yummy!

Pho Central Vietnamese noodle restaurant is now open at 8011 Spencer Hwy. (corner of Spencer and Academy and across the street from San Jacinto College). The owner is area native David Nguyen, and this is his first venture into the restaurant business. He has a success on his hands, as customers are raving about the freshness, low prices and authenticity of his delicious cuisine. See the menu on their Facebook page or call them at (281) 930-7281.



Five Years and counting for Firehouse Subs

Firehouse Subs is celebrating its five-year anniversary in Deer Park at 3717 Center Street. Deer Park's location regularly rates as the 'Highest Volume Store' in the Houston region, mostly because of our supportive community. The Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation recognized our community's loyalty, and therefore twice awarded Deer Park's Volunteer Fire Department grants for badly-needed, life-saving equipment. Stop by soon and thank Firehouse Subs for being such a great community partner.

And Now There's Sushi

Deer Park Sushi has officially opened at 3811 Center Street (next door to Lone Star Taco). Their menu is huge, the prices are low and the atmosphere is cozy and fun. Stop by soon and see why customers are giving them great reviews and see their menu on Facebook.





GREAT Reasons to SHOP LOCAL:

- ❖ Keep Our Community Unique – locally owned businesses cater to our unique culture
- ❖ Get Better Service – deal with your neighbors and friends
- ❖ Environmental Impact – use less gas while shopping closer to home
- ❖ Create More Good Jobs – local businesses are one of the largest employers nationwide
- ❖ Invest in the Community – local business owners put their money back into our local community

Music Lessons and More

Lessons with Austin has recently moved from Pasadena to Deer Park at 4514 Center Street (former location of Lola's Resale Shop and across the street from Lil' Rascals Childcare). Lessons with Austin offers music lessons for guitar, keyboard, ukulele and drums, plus vocal lessons for all of you aspiring singers. Austin is so sure that you will love the experience, he offers a money back guarantee after the first lesson. There are both group and private instruction rates. Call him soon at (281) 857-4075 or check out www.lessonswithaustin.com.



EXPANSION UPDATE:

Vopak Terminal Deer Park, a petrochemical storage company that can trace its history nearly 400 years to the Netherlands, is a large third-party storage, import/export and distribution facility handling biofuels, chemicals, and petroleum products. They have recently been given financial approval to execute a large expansion project within the Deer Park terminal. This project will consist of ten new 87,500-barrel tanks along with four new

truck-loading bays. It was just a few years ago that Vopak completed their \$50 million ship dock expansion. This latest project is expected to be completed by the end of 2018. Vopak's terminal is located at 2759 Independence Parkway (close to the San Jacinto Monument, where you can see their two tanks displaying historical-related Epic Art).





U.S. Marine Quality Work!

Deer Park graduate Jeremy Miller has recently returned from serving his country overseas in the U.S. Marine Corps, and has now opened his own home improvement/handyman business – Miller’s Home Solutions. Hire Jeremy for your next home project like sheetrock, painting, fencing, landscaping, maintenance, home theater installation or small appliance repair, plus more (there’s almost nothing he can’t do). Call Jeremy soon at (713) 834-4357.

Business of the Year 2016: LaQuinta Inn and Suites

LaQuinta Inn and Suites was recently named Deer Park Chamber’s Business of the Year for 2016. The hotel actually opened the day after Hurricane Ike hit our area in September of 2008. They have grown to become one of Deer Park’s most community-oriented businesses, partnering with the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce on many occasions. Be sure to swing by and congratulate them at 1400 East Blvd., and check out the new lobby decor as their entire lobby wall is now covered in Battleship TEXAS photo wallpaper and memorabilia.



Industry of the Year 2015: Shell Deer Park

Shell Deer Park was recently named Deer Park Chamber’s Industry of the Year for 2016. Located on the north end of Deer Park, Shell is comprised of both a refinery and chemical company. The 1,500 acre complex is a 24-hour facility that provides work for over 2,700 people. It was founded in 1929 during the Great Depression, becoming the life-blood for hundreds of families looking for a source of income. Our city and school district owe so much of their success to this industry leader, and we appreciate Shell’s commitment to our environment and community.



News from First Choice

First Choice Emergency Room is now accepting all types of insurance at their Deer Park location (3701 Center St., next door to Starbuck’s). They now see commercial insurance patients along with Medicare, Medicaid and Tricare patients. First Choice a fully equipped emergency room staffed with board-certified physicians and emergency trained registered nurses. They are equipped with CT, digital x-ray and ultrasound equipment. First Choice is open 24/7; ready to help you and just minutes from home. You can call them at (281) 884-8700.



Hampton's Award Winning Service

Congratulations to Deer Park's Hampton Inn at 1450 Center Street, as they just received the "Mover & Shaker" award by their parent company, Hilton Worldwide. They were voted #17 overall out of 2,200 Hampton Inn hotels nationwide for customer satisfaction. They also just received the Certificate of Excellence from TripAdvisor. Stop by and congratulate their long-time manager, Jaime Alfaro, on their continued success.

New Hotel Coming Soon....

Townplace Suites by Marriott Hotel will soon start construction at 218 W. Helgra in Deer Park (behind the Hampton Inn and next door to The Wheelhouse). The new extended-stay hotel will be Deer Park's largest with 80 rooms and is expected to create 18 full-time jobs after its completion.



Bits & Pieces



- Deer Park Animal Hospital recently hosted the 8th Annual Spooktacular Howl-loween Family & Pet Extravaganza at Ella and Friends Dog Park in Deer Park, raising over \$3,000 to benefit Deer Park's no-kill animal shelter, A New Dawn.
- Look for Bush's Chicken to open in Deer Park on December 15 at 8055 Spencer Highway in College Park Plaza (across the street from San Jacinto College). This family-friendly, community-oriented restaurant labels itself as the industry's fastest drive-through and also offers catering services.
- Have you stopped receiving your Deer Park Broadcaster newspaper? The Broadcaster recently changed some of its delivery zones. If the paper is no longer being delivered to your home, but you would like to resume delivery, email them at deliveryservice@hcnonline.com or call them at (855) 460-6397.
- Fun Fact: Morgan's Point (a small city that sits north of La Porte, but on the south side of the ship channel) is the richest AND smallest city in Harris County because of their small population (350 residents) vs. the hefty amount of tax revenue received from the Port of Houston.

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