



Economic Development Newsletter

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Planet Fitness; Opening Mid-Summer

Planet Fitness is currently under construction at 3601 Center Street in the old H-E-B building (currently being redeveloped into Deer Park Marketplace shopping center at the corner of Center St. and Pasadena Blvd.) Planet Fitness prides itself as being a “judgement free zone”, so even if your legs have never seen a squat machine, you will be cheered on just for showing up. They are known for their low prices, a relaxing environment and friendly employees. Look for their grand opening in late May or June. They will be open 24/7. Until

then, visit their on-site trailer in the parking lot for special membership rates. Pre-sale trailer hours are 10:00am to 7:00pm, Mon. – Fri. and 9:00am to 3:00pm, Sat. and Sun.

Credeur’s Cajun is Cookin’

Credeur’s Cajun Cookin’ recently relocated from their Pasadena location to 6915 Spencer Highway, near the corner of Spencer and Glenwood Drive. Owner Barry Credeur is originally from Lake Charles, LA. He and his wife, Tracy, started the restaurant with the goal of providing the best and most authentic Cajun cuisine, and they have succeeded. Everything is made fresh each morning, served cafeteria-style until the food is gone. Stop by soon and enjoy



crawfish etoufee, shrimp creole, fried shrimp, smothered porksteaks and much more, but be sure to get there early while the food lasts. They currently serve lunch Monday through Friday from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. During crawfish season, however, they will be open on Saturdays from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm with a crawfish boil and live music out on the patio. Be sure to “like” their Facebook page in order to get their invites for these fun events. You can also see their full menu on Facebook or call them at (281) 930-7268.

Deer Park is #1 for Home Sales

According to the Houston Association of Realtors, Deer Park ranked #1 on the list for the fastest home sales in 2016, with the average Deer Park home staying on the market only 27.4 days (the Houston average was 60 days). Deer Park homes’ average sales price for 2016 was \$198,045.





Lubrizol's Groundbreaking

The Lubrizol Corp. just broke ground on a new polyisobutylene (PIB) unit in conjunction with Daelim Industrial. The new unit will be located adjacent to the existing Deer Park facility. This new unit is expected to be fully operational by early 2019. It will provide Lubrizol with capacity for highly reactive polyisobutylene, a key raw material for next-generation dispersants and lubricants. Lubrizol was founded in 1928 and is Deer Park's sixth largest employer with approximately 1,600 employees at this location. They have over 8,300 employees worldwide.



Still Shuckin' Along

Happy 50th Anniversary to Capt. Benny's Seafood. These boat-shaped restaurants first docked in the Houston area in 1967, serving their fresh oysters, jumbo shrimp, gumbo and more. Deer Park's location opened six years ago at 1200 East Blvd. (corner of East Blvd. and East 13th Street).

Tenants Announced:

AT&T Mobile will soon be moving down the street from their current La Porte location to 9315 Spencer Highway as one of the first tenants to occupy The Junction at Deer Park retail center (now under construction next door to H-E-B's gas station). Other tenants will include Nails of America, Ideal Dental and Yo Yo's Chinese Cafe. Leases are still being negotiated with two other restaurants for the remaining two spaces. This is only Phase 1 of the entire shopping center. The developer plans six additional pad sites along Spencer Hwy. (which should be mostly restaurants), plus a 100,000 sq. ft. retail center towards the back of the property.



Brisket House

Brisket House is celebrating their fifth anniversary in Deer Park at 3217 Center St. They are regularly recognized as one of the best barbeque restaurants in Houston by The Houston Press and the Houston Chronicle, and their highly acclaimed pitmaster, Wayne Kammerl, is always featured as one of the top-level Houston pitmasters during the annual Houston Barbeque Festival. Stop by soon to savor one of their delicious plates, sandwiches, stuffed baked potatoes and more. Call to cater your next event at (281) 884-8058 or browse the menu at www.thebriskethouse.com.

Happy 10th 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 tenth 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, Lipo B and B-12 injections, spa treatments and more. 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. They were also just recently named as one of 20 Houston area businesses selected for the prestigious SBA Emerging Leaders program. Find them on Facebook or visit their website at www.Eclipse-Massage.com.



LifeStyle Financial Relocates

You might have noticed that Texas First Bank vacated the building at 102 W. Pasadena (corner of Center St. and W. Pasadena, across the street from Sonic). The building was sold to LifeStyle Financial Advisors, who recently moved their offices here from their former location at 2318 Center St. You might remember that LifeStyle Financial Advisors merged with Landers Financial in 2015. Texas First Bank, meanwhile, has another branch close by at 6731 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

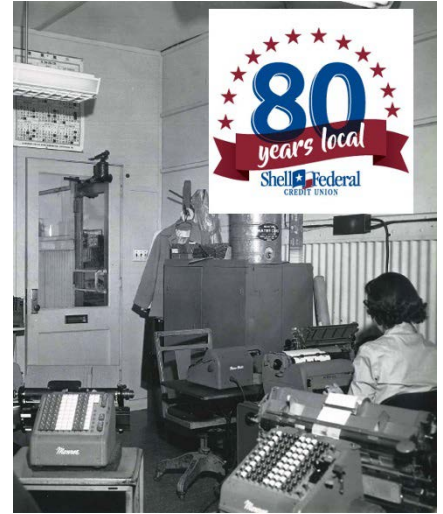


Market Days has Moooooved

Entrepreneurs abound in Deer Park. We have over 500 home-based businesses according to the State Comptroller's office, which likely contributes to the success of Market Days of Deer Park. Because of Dow Park's construction, however, this event's location has changed. Market Days is now held at 1201 Center St., right behind the Maxwell Senior Center. Founded by two Deer Park locals, Becky Geck and Miranda Brown, Market Days gives residents a place to show off their homemade, homegrown or readymade items including food, clothes, jewelry and plants, all while earning extra cash. This monthly event takes place on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you would like to reserve a booth or get more information, find them on Facebook or email Becky Geck at marketdays@yahoo.com.

Shell FCU Turns 80

Shell Federal Credit Union started in 1937 at Shell Oil Refinery's old Clock House building with 40 employees, who all agreed to become its first members for a fee of 25 cents per person. Fast forward to today, when Shell FCU has grown to over 80,000 members, 200 employees and 9 branch locations. For the past 80 years, Shell FCU has made a steadfast commitment to this community and improved countless lives. They were listed on SNL Financial's list of the "Top 50 Best-Performing Credit Unions in the Country", and they have been selected as one of Houston Business Journal's "Best Places to Work" for the past several years. If you live, work, worship or attend school in Harris County, then you are eligible to bank with Shell FCU. As a special way to show their customer appreciation, one Shell FCU customer will win a 2017 Ford F-150 this year. Visit their headquarters location at 301 E. 13th in Deer Park for more details, or go to www.shellfcu.org.



Bits & Pieces



- Chipotle Mexican Grill restaurant is scheduled to open May 13 at 8035 Spencer Highway (next door to 1000 Degrees Pizza).
- Murphy USA plans to re-open the gas station in the Walmart parking lot by mid-May. They will offer six different kinds of gasoline at every pump.
- Altar'd Market recently remodeled and changed their business hours. They are now open 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Thursday through Saturday and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Sunday at 122 W. San Augustine. They have also recently opened a second location in Mt. Belvieu.
- Somethin' Sweet has relocated their delicious bakery to 118 Dixie Dr. (at the intersection of Center St. and San Augustine, across the street from the post office). Stop by for cupcakes, daily lunch specials, coffee and much more.
- Legacy Community Health will soon locate a federally qualified health center clinic at 3430 Center St. (former location of Shipley Donuts).
- Fun Fact: 44% of all Americans have Amazon.com accounts, which is greatly changing the transportation industry; including shipping, rail and trucking.

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