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Join the Take ‘N’ Bake Revolution

Papa Murphy’s “Take ‘N’ Bake” Pizza has recently opened at 3717 Center Street in Shoppes at Town Square retail center. The concept is this: your pizza is custom-made fresh in front of you, and then you take it home to bake in your own oven and enjoy it piping hot



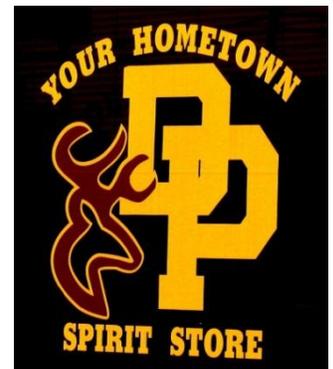
whenever you want. They also offer kid’s pizza-making kits, sides, salads, desserts, and



just in time for Halloween is their “Jack-O-Lantern” pizza. Started in 1981, Papa Murphy’s is now the fifth-largest pizza company in the U.S. with over 1,200 stores in 37 states. See the menu at www.papamurphys.com or call (281) 542-7272.

Boost Your Spirits at Trademark

Congratulations to Trademark Images at 4126 Center St., celebrating their 5th anniversary as Deer Park’s spirit-wear store. Owners and Deer Park natives, Sue Terrell and Cassie Pullig (mother and daughter), sell everything needed to support your favorite sports team including stickers, shirts, cups, and “bling” items. They can also do embroidery, screen-printing or custom rhinestones on virtually any garment and can help with a spirit-boosting design. Find them on Facebook or call Sue and Cassie at (281) 930-4700.



New Eclipse on the Horizon

Eclipse Massage & Spa has started construction on their new 4,000 square foot, Tuscan-style building at 4321 Center St. Owners and long-time Deer Park residents, Carina and Jose Pantoja, anticipate moving into the new building in early December, vacating the current location of 4132 Center St. This beautiful new spa will include separate sauna rooms for men and women, a relaxation lounge and outdoor covered patio. Eclipse focuses on promoting health, weight-loss and skin-care, featuring all types of massage, skin treatments, facials, waxing, laser hair removal, B-12 injections, Lipo B injections, and recently started teeth whitening services. Treat yourself soon by calling (281) 478-0300 or visiting www.eclipse-massage.com.



Safety Council to Build Mega-Campus

In 1990, The Houston Area Safety Council (HASC) opened its original one-room office in a Deer Park shopping center on Center St. with a mission to build safer workplaces by improving the quality and integrity of industry's workforces. By 1997, HASC moved to their current building at 1301 West 13th St., which they have now outgrown. Consequently, construction is now underway on a mega-campus at the southeast corner of Spencer Hwy. at Center St. This 30-acre campus will include a 67,000 square foot training facility, plus task-oriented structures with hands-on training opportunities and will bring people here from all over the world. HASC expects to see as many as 2,000 visitors per day once all phases are built. The first of 3 construction phases should be completed by mid-2013. Although technically located in Pasadena, the campus will bring many new customers to Deer Park businesses, especially our hotels and restaurants.

Excel Starts Moving Dirt

Excel Modular Scaffold recently broke ground on a new 16,000 square foot building that will be the company's operations headquarters at the intersection of Hwy. 225 and Independence Parkway. This 3-year-old company, currently based in Baton Rouge, provides innovative scaffold products to commercial and industrial customers and has 750 employees nationwide. The office/warehouse project will house 30 new employees and is slated for completion by the end of 2012. Learn more at www.excelcaffold.com.



Cars Cars Cars!

John's Auto Sales has opened at 4312 Center Street, selling pre-owned cars at affordable prices. The owner is Mr. Sherif Saber, who opened his original location on Richey Road five years ago. Sherif brings his many years in the auto industry to this new venture, and maintains to do everything he can to meet your expectations. You can find a sampling of his inventory on the website www.johnautosaleshou.webs.com or call their sales office at (281) 476-1700.

More Deer Park Developments.....

- ★ Blooming Creations Flower Shop moved across the street to 5001 Luella
- ★ Lydia's Hair Boutique moved across the street to 5005 Luella
- ★ R.T. Willis Law Firm moved around the corner to 205 E. San Augustine
- ★ Sun Dental will open soon at 3811 Center St.
- ★ Rubylicious Snow Cones has opened at 4910 Luella
- ★ Titlemax recently opened at 3201 Center St.

Rothland's 5 New Buildings

Rothland Commercial Real Estate is constructing 5 new buildings at the corner of Hwy. 225 at Georgia Ave., ranging in size from 5,000 - 15,000 square feet and spanning 9 acres. The buildings are being built "spec", but one has already been leased by an existing Deer Park company. Rothland's owner, Steve Rothbauer, is excited about the project and feels that Deer Park is at the heart of Houston's eastside "Energy Corridor". You can get all the building details on Rothland's website at www.rothlandcommercialrealestate.com or call Steve at (832) 243-1550.



More New Buildings under Construction

- ☑ A 34,000 square foot spec building is breaking ground at 2700 E. San Augustine St. and should be available January of 2013. The building will feature a 4,000 square foot brick office, 3 overhead doors and a fenced yard with automatic gate opener. Call CBRE for lease rates at (713) 577-1846.
- ☑ A 22,000 square foot spec building on 2.1 acres is under construction at 208 Deerwood Glen in the Deerwood Glen Business Park. The building has excellent access to Hwy. 225, Beltway 8 and the Port of Houston. Deerwood Glen Business Park is a deed restricted park with professional management. Call Charlie Christ at Clay Development for more information at (713) 789-2529.



Conroe's Hempel Expands to Deer Park

Hempel USA is constructing a 10,000 square foot storefront-warehouse at 4900 Railroad St., near Deerwood Glen Business Park. Headquartered in Conroe, TX, Hempel is a global company specializing in coatings for marine vessels, rail, oil & gas structures, plus much more. The new facility will be similar to a Sherwin Williams store, except on a massive scale serving marine, chemical and refinery facilities with industrial paints and exterior coatings. Hempel will initially bring 3 new employees to Deer Park. See their website at www.hempelus.com.

First U.S. Location - Deer Park

Four Quest Energy recently opened its first U.S. location at 4820 Railroad in Deer Park. This oilfield services company provides pre-commissioning, commissioning, and regular shutdown and maintenance services to the energy industry. Started by 6 people in Canada in 2008, Four Quest has grown to 260 employees worldwide and 9 global offices. Since January, the company has been searching the Houston region for the perfect location and found it in Deer Park. They plan to hire 25 people their first year and employ 100 by 2015. Learn more at www.fourquest.com or call their new office at 281-476-9249.



Big News for Small Business

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) *Skills for Small Business* Program provides funding to train employees of small businesses (defined by size; less than 100 employees). They pay up to \$1,450 per new-hire or \$725 per incumbent employee to take courses at the local college. The small business identifies the training course their employee requires, and then makes application to the TWC. For more information, including an application and Frequently Asked Questions, visit <http://ssb.texasworkforce.org> or call their team at (877) 463-1777. Locally, you can contact San Jacinto College's Director of Business and Professions, David Lewis, at david.lewis@sjcd.edu or (281) 542-2061.



Bits & Pieces



- Happy 3rd Anniversary to InsideDP.com, now enjoying over 500,000 hits each month.
- Chick-fil-A now celebrates "Family Night" every Monday night at 5:30 p.m. with special happenings and guest appearances by cows, clowns and more. You can text CFADEER to 411247 to receive weekly happenings.
- The Brisket House, 3217 Center St., is a great place to watch your favorite college and pro-football games, and if you BYOB, they will even keep it on ice for you while you enjoy the match-ups.
- The Fish Place restaurant at 9001 Spencer Hwy. has a new owner and a new look after being purchased and remodeled by developer Rob Johnson (who also owns the new Fish Place on Center St.).
- Congratulations to ProSource Staffing at 108 E. San Augustine. The company recently made the Houston Business Journal's "Houston's Fast 100" list as one of the fastest growing companies in the region.
- Right now, Houston is #1 in the U.S. in job creation, #1 out of the recession; #1 in fastest growing wages, and #1 in in-bound U-Haul rentals.
- The Port of Houston Authority has earned the distinction of being a Gold Circle Award recipient, the Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle's highest honor for organizations that strive for high standards of financial transparency.
- Deer Park's community is unique, and our one-of-a-kind businesses are an integral part of our distinctive character. Remember to support our local merchants.

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