



Economic Development Newsletter

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Meals Made Easy!

Crystal Addison has moved her home-based meal prep business, The Hungry Nurse, to a storefront location at 912 W. Pasadena Blvd. (next door to Frosting Dreams bakery). Crystal started her business several years ago, but the popularity allowed her to now open in a larger location that makes it easy for pick up. Your family will love the Hungry Nurse Meal Prep meals. Crystal does not strictly count calories, but she does focus on making nutritious, home cooked meals. They have a good amount of protein and are packed full of fresh veggies and other ingredients. New menus are posted every Wednesday. You place your order for the week, and then pick up your meals on Sunday or Monday evening. There is a limited amount of the pre-order

meals each week, so you will want to place your order early. You do this by joining her Facebook group at @The Hungry Nurse Meal Prep. Please comment your order on that post. Commenting will be turned off when she has reached the order limit for the week. Crystal is also working towards having pre-made meals available for walk-in business, but she is not offering that just yet. She also has a “day job” as a school nurse for DPISD’s Early Childhood Center.

Try to Survive....

Survive the Escape Room is expanding. They originally opened last summer at 4132 Center St. (same retail center as Darque Tan and Papa Johns), and the owner is Deer Park resident Ronald Wyatt. They currently have two rooms with the themes of “Pirate Ship” and “Gold Rush Cabin”. More rooms are coming soon, plus a bigger party room for birthdays, team building, Christmas parties, etc. They are also redesigning their website to make it more user-friendly. Survive the Escape Room is entertainment for all ages. Find out more at www.survivetheescaperoom.com or call them at (832) 780-0122.





New Menu!

A & A Bakery opened last year at 3709 Center Street. This quaint little Mexican panaderia (the Spanish word for “bakery”) smells incredible when you first walk through the door. The bakery cases are filled with delicious desserts like cookies, Mexican sweet breads, pastries, cakes and flan. They also make home-made tamales. Just a few weeks ago, they unveiled their new menu that features breakfast tacos, pork roast, threaded meat, gorditas, tamales and more. This family-owned bakery is dedicated to providing authentic Mexican dishes and pastries, plus they can make specialized cakes for any occasion. You will certainly want to make this place one of your daily pit stops. Call them for more information at (281) 884-8786.

Another Masterful Mural

Have you seen the beautiful new mural on the side of Tresses Salon at 2506 Center St.? This is another work of art by local artist Alan Davis with Davis Artistry. Alan has also painted the mural on the south-facing wall at Cream of the Crop Daycare building at 2202 Center St., and the lovely dancing girl mural at Revels Performing Arts Center at 4227 Center St. He has also painted wall murals at Deepwater Junior High and the Cuban Café at 1625 Center St. One resident recently hired him to paint nature scenes on their dining room walls. Let Alan use your home or business as a pallet for a beautiful piece of art by calling him at (832) 272-4979 or email him at AlanDavisArtistry@gmail.com. You can see his Facebook page for photos of his projects.



Happy Retirement

After deep reflection, owner Kim Furrh has decided to close her store, Belvieu Bridal, sometime in July. She hopes to sell the business “as is” and is open to discussing with interested folks. You can reach her at (281) 884-8429. Belvieu’s brides can all rest assured that your gowns are all okay and her announcement will not affect your orders in any way. Brides looking for gowns should shop soon because Kim wants to sell all of the existing gowns before July. You will likely find a bargain. Kim was a wedding planner for many years before opening the store in 2018 and has truly loved serving our brides (and grooms) with their wedding attire needs. She thanks our community for the love and support. The 3,000 square foot building is for sale or lease at 122 W. San Augustine. Call Shawn Decandria at (832) 349-8971 for information.



Happy 17th Anniversary

Deer Park's long-time residents Carina and Jose Pantoja are the owners of Eclipse Massage & Spa, and they are celebrating their seventeenth anniversary in business during the month of April. Their beautiful Tuscan-style building is located at 4321 Center Street. Eclipse offers a wide variety of services intended to relax, soothe and increase wellness for clients, including massage, infrared sauna, body sculpting, botox, weight loss services and vitamin injections including B12, B7 (Biotin), Folic Acid, Vitamin C and Vitamin D. 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 services. Book your appointment today at (281) 478-0300 or find them on Facebook or Instagram. You can also see all of their services on their website at www.Eclipse-Massage.com.



Building for Sale

The building that formerly housed Beyond Beaute' is now for sale. The commercial building is 5,359 square feet with 120 feet of frontage and is priced at \$874,600. It sits on a highly visible corner at 2805 Center Street. The building started out as a one-room house and was remodeled several times throughout the years. It is well suited for a medical office, office or restaurant in addition to general retail. You can find the complete listing at www.LoopNet.com or call Joanne Roemer at Gary Greene Real Estate at (281) 703-7328.



The Re-Build

2318 Center Street is beginning "the re-build" after being devastated by the tornado in January 2023. Steel was delivered and you will now see workers bring it back to life as a beautiful new building with covered parking. Interested in leasing space? Call Brock at (713) 477-1770.



Flex Office Space

The SmokeStack Workspace is now open at 2409 Maxwell Lane (just off San Augustine and near the post office). The office building (that resembles a castle) is now a co-working and meeting space for those that work from home and just need a meeting room or desk. Perhaps you need to host a small group event or just need a workspace occasionally? You will find low prices, high speed wi-fi, audio and visual equipment, presentation tools, catering options and more. The meeting room can accommodate 25-30, plus there are other flexible workspace solutions for a small meeting or conference. Call to find out more at www.SmokeStackWorkspace.com or call them at (713) 300-1074 to set up a tour.

Oldest Business

The owners of Deer Park's oldest retail business are actually responsible for forming many of Deer Park's subdivisions. After working at Shell for 18 years, W.D. Lawther bought a struggling lumber company in 1955. Two years later the business officially became Deer Park Lumber Co. It started small, but now sits on 7 acres at 1600 Center St. and employs 50 people. W.D. used the business initially to supplement his desire for building residential homes, starting with the construction of Deer Park Terrace subdivision in 1957. Since that time, W.D. and his son, Dean Lawther, have developed or built over 2,500 lots and homes in Deer Park. Deer Park Lumber is the Deer Park's oldest business and the second oldest Ace Hardware store in Harris County. These days, the business is mostly run by Jeff and Warren Lawther, W.D.'s grandsons. The bulk of their business is providing lumber to industries along the ship channel, although they also have contracts with building construction companies all over Houston. What an amazing impact this business and family has had on Deer Park and the Houston region.



Bits & Pieces

- Have paper documents that need to be shredded? The Deer Park Police Academy Alumni Association is hosting a Shred Day on April 20 from 10AM to 1PM in the St. Hyacinth Church parking lot at 2921 Center St. Please also help them restock the local food bank by bringing non-perishable food items, paper products and or toiletries.
- Attention History Lovers: The Texas Historical Commission is hiring an educator/interpreter for the San Jacinto Battleground State Historical Site. They are also hiring full and part time positions for ticket/gift shop sales clerks. You can find the listing on the Facebook page call (281) 479-2421.
- Apartment Rates: The average Houston apartment rate is \$1,300 per month and the overall average occupancy rate in Houston is 88%.
- Interest Rates: One-third of economists believe the Federal Reserve Board will begin cutting interest rates by June of this year.
- Mortgage Rates: The consensus among industry professionals is mortgage rates will gradually decline across 2024, and the majority believe they will fall to 6.5%.

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