



Economic Development Newsletter

DEER PARK, TEXAS

“Small Business is a Big Deal; Shop Local”

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Fingers, Fries & Toast

Every year, Americans consume 8 billion chickens. So, what's a few more? Looks like Raising Cane's is coming to Deer Park this fall. They have already started construction in the former Bush's Chicken building at 8055 Spencer Hwy. A second drive-thru lane is being added, as well as a complete remodel the building's interior. Raising Cane's is a 25-year old, Louisiana-based chain that specializes in freshly fried chicken fingers. The fact that they are not fried in advance and left to sit for hours explains why Raising Cane's is hailed supreme in their chicken fingers' taste. Look for the Deer Park location to open later this year.

A Reason to Smile

Dr. Gregg Mosley, DDS, is still working daily at 2705 Center St., but he recently sold his 35 year old dental practice, Deer Park Dental, to Rainforest Dental. You will still see the friendly faces of his original staff, as they have all remained on board with the new owners. Rainforest Dental of Deer Park has renovated the office; even constructing an enjoyable outdoor area complete with waterfall, koi fish and fun train, all viewable through the floor-to-ceiling windows as you relax in the dental chair. Children and adults are sure to enjoy the view of this rainforest-like atrium. Services include general dentistry, cosmetic dentistry, pediatric, dental implants, teeth whitening, dentures and much more. Their original location is in Baytown. Call them at (281) 479-8668 or visit www.rainforestdental.net.



300 Luxury-Style Homes

The Heritage Glen apartments at 800 W. Pasadena Blvd. (just south of the South Campus High School) were demolished last year, and in its place the Dakota at Deer Park apartments are being constructed. The apartments will be three-story and consist of efficiency units, plus 1, 2, and 3-bedroom apartments. There will be a total of 300 units upon completion. These apartments will feature luxury amenities and upscale interior features, balconies, walk-in closets and more. Construction should last 18 months and they are working feverishly to get the major street infrastructure work done before school starts in August. Interested in more information? Visit www.dakotaprop.com.



“Laissez le bon Temps Rouler”

New Orleans Seafood Kitchen restaurant is coming soon to 3709 Center St (former location of Vega’s restaurant). The New Orleans’ inspired menu focuses on Cajun and Creole style dishes, including fried and grilled seafood, po’boys, burgers, gumbo, crawfish bisque, etoufee, fried alligator, Cajun tacos, salads and so much more. The owner is local resident Juan Jacinto, who also owns the original location on W. Main Street in La Porte. This location has been highly rated on delivery platforms and social media. He plans to open this Deer Park location in early August. In the meantime, you can see their menu on the Facebook page at [@NewOrleansSeafoodLP](#).



Serving Deer Park for 50 Years

The Deer Park Animal Hospital is celebrating its 50th anniversary in August 2022. Now located at 4320 East Blvd., the hospital was originally founded by Dr. Tom Godwin on West San Augustine in Deer Park. Dr. Don Lonsford began his practice in a renovated Shell station at the corner of Center St. and 8th St. in 1978 before purchasing Godwin’s practice in 2005. Dr. Lonsford now co-owns the practice with his



daughter, Dr. Charmel Rodick. Dr. Lonsford will step back into a “mentorship” role later this year, and the current medical director, Dr. Dominique Gras, will become co-owner in his place. The hospital’s focus will continue to grow in technology and medical advancements, but their main focus will always be their excellent care of animals, including cats, dogs, birds, rabbits, wildlife, turtles, lizards and more. See their website for more information at www.deerparkvets.com or call them at (281) 479-0405.

New Discount Store

Deals and Steals #2 has opened at 3310 Center St. (in the same shopping center as Food Town – next door to S-K Liquor). Deals and Steals #2 is an ever changing discount store, where you never know what you will find. Items and deals change daily. You will find large bins filled with all sorts of things including clothing, toys, shoes, household items, bedding and more. They even periodically have furniture. Bins are filled with new items every Tuesday and each item is \$7. They lower the price to \$5 per item on Wednesday, and lower again each passing day of that week. They are closed on Sunday and Monday, but by the following Tuesday, bins are filled with new items again and the price cycle starts over. You can see their weekly specials and featured items on their Facebook page [@Deals and Steals #2](#).



Spud-tacular News!

The former location of Lone Star Tacos at 3811 Center St. will soon be home to Spud Shack and More. The owner is Deer Park local James Thompson, and the concept is a large menu featuring (of course) baked potatoes with over 20 different options for toppings, plus appetizers, soup, seafood platters, salad bar, desserts and more. Don't forget the "Big Kahuna Challenge", where you can get free potatoes for a year if you finish the 3-pound baked potato filled with 10 toppings in under an hour. Visit www.spudshackdp.com for the complete menu. They hope to be open by mid-August.



Build a Better Life

CRM Counseling is now open at 2318 Center St., suite 105 (in the "high-rise" near the intersection of San Augustine). Clara Monroe is the owner/founder and is a Licensed Professional Counselor. Also on staff are Dr. Candace Southall, PhD, LPC, Kendall Phillips, LPC, Sherry Roberts, a Registered Dietician Nutritionist and Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist, as well as Ray White, Life Coach. CRM offers counseling, talk therapy, life coaching and wellness. If you are struggling, take the first step and let CRM Counseling provide you with mental health counseling and/or life and wellness coaching. Sessions can be either in-person or through Telehealth. Contact them at (281) 962-9017. Rates and more information are listed on their website at www.crmcounseling.net.



Taste of Cuba

The Cuban Café has recently expanded their restaurant at 1625 Center St. (located in the retail center behind First Horizon Bank). They have doubled in size and can seat many more customers, plus they have expanded their menu and now serve fountain drinks. Get the taste of Cuba for breakfast, lunch and dinner with authentic Cuban dishes including flavored coffees, breakfast dishes, plantains, sandwiches and meat plates. Operating hours are Monday – Friday, 5:00 am to 6:00 pm and Saturdays 8:00 am to 2:00 pm (closed on Sundays). See the menu on their Facebook page [@Cuban Café Deer Park](https://www.facebook.com/CubanCafeDeerPark) or call them at (832) 429-3273. They also have locations in Baytown and La Porte.



OPENING THIS FALL

Elite Fitness is changing its name to Apex Gym once they open at 9701 Spencer Highway in Deer Park (the former Food Town location at Spencer and Underwood Road). The facility should be open by September or October, depending on when the equipment gets shipped. Members will have 24/7 access to a 50,000 square foot facility (including 10,000 square feet of outdoor workout space). Apex will also feature commercial-style and warehouse-style training areas, plus large luxury locker rooms, sauna, group classes, supplements, apparel shop and more. Stay updated by following them on Facebook or Instagram at [@theapexgym](#) or call (832) 348-6377.



Bits & Pieces

- Michael Woods' artist studio has moved into the former Meineke Muffler building at 4610 Center Street.
- Upon completion of the four-story Shell FCU administrative offices, which are currently under construction at Center St. at 13th St., the final phase will commence. This consists of renovating the existing credit union building, as it will remain the Deer Park branch. Estimated completion of the entire project is the end of 2023.
- T-Roy's Music at 2506 Center Street has closed.
- Fun Fact: Deer Park's peak elevation is 23.95' above sea level.
- Another Fun Fact: Houston has a very old law (likely over 100 years old) still on the books that bans the sale of Limburger cheese (a very smelly, pungent type of cheese) on Sundays.
- More Very Old Texas Laws: It is still illegal to milk someone else's cow in Texas, or shoot a buffalo from a second-story hotel window. There are also old laws still on the books that say you cannot flirt with your eyes in San Antonio, and ladies are not allowed to show their stockings in Dennison, TX.

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