

Economic Development Newsletter

DEER PARK, TEXAS

“Keep Calm & Shop Local”

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H-E-B News!

It is exciting to announce that H-E-B is now under construction, building an 83,000 square foot store in Deer Park on the northeast corner of East Boulevard and Spencer Highway (just north of NTB Tire and directly across East Blvd. from Walmart). For the sake of comparison, the current H-E-B on Center Street is only

20,000 square feet and the Fairmont Parkway store is 70,000 square feet. Construction is expected to be completed by Thanksgiving 2015. It is not known what will happen to the current store on Center Street. H-E-B started over 100 years ago in a small, family-owned store in Kerrville, Texas. Today, H-E-B serves families all over Texas and Mexico.

Let Brico Keep You Cool

Local residents Doug and Cindy Wagner are the owners of Brico Services Air Conditioning and Heating in Deer Park, which is celebrating its sixth year in business. Brico is actually a combination of their children’s names Brian and Courtney. Brico specializes in residential and light commercial air conditioning and heating maintenance and replacement, plus attic insulation. All technicians are state registered, and Brico even offers financing. Call them at (832) 878-8146 for a tune-up before summer gets here. You can find them at www.deerparkac.com.



Tania Supports our Local Artists

Tania Alejandra Artistry/Jewelry/Leatherwork has opened a studio at 8361 Spencer Highway (near the intersection of Luella). Tania has been making one-of-a-kind jewelry for over two decades, but started leatherworking seven years ago. She recently opened this Deer Park shop to feature not only her creations in leather and jewelry, but also other local artists’ wall art, wood bowls, wall crosses and much more. From hatbands to toe rings, and everything in between, visit Tania’s Facebook page or www.TaniaAlejandra.com.



RE/MAX - Happy Anniversary

RE/MAX Bay Area at 2502 Center St. recently celebrated their 10-year anniversary in business. Owner and long-time Deer Park resident Peggy Jaks has also enjoyed a significant increase in business this past year since relocating to their more prominent location next door to Las Hadas Restaurant. RE/MAX Bay Area offers residential and commercial real estate services throughout the bay area. Call them at (281) 542-6300.

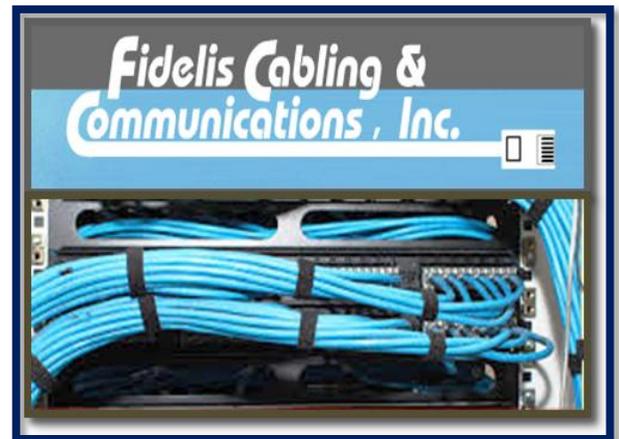


Bibi's Turns Six

BiBi's House of Kabob will soon celebrate their sixth anniversary. This family-owned, Mediterranean restaurant is located at 3121 Center St., priding itself on using only the finest ingredients (MSG-free) and serving home-cooked, healthy food. Owners Ali and Zeba Karimian chose the name "BiBi's" because it translates to Grandmother, in honor of both of their grandmothers who taught them the value of yummy, wholesome food. Open for both lunch and dinner, visit them soon and reach them at (281) 542-7777.

Not Your Average Cable Guys

Fidelis Cabling & Communications is a Deer Park-based company that has serviced the entire Houston region for over 15 years. Fidelis (which is Latin for "faithful") offers network cabling, phone systems, fiber-optics, security systems and access controls. Owner and Deer Park resident Mike Jaks offers free consultation, free estimates for new installs or upgrades, and has a staff with over 100 years of combined experience working in the telecommunications field. Call (281) 542-1111 or visit www.fideliscabling.com.



2014 is Record Year for Port of Houston

The Port of Houston Authority set records for both steel and container cargo in 2014. Its terminals handled more than 37 million tons of cargo last year; an increase of 5% over the previous year. A total of 6.6 million tons of steel crossed its docks, breaking the previous record of 6.3 million tons. Other businesses like grain and bulk exports also had one of their best years in 2014. Fun fact: The Port of Houston Authority has created or sustained over 3,000 acres of marshland, has an award-winning environmental program, and Bayport Container Terminal is one of the "greenest" terminals in the country.



And the Winners are.....

Congratulations to these Deer Park businesses which won 2015 Reader's Choice awards, as chosen by subscribers of the Deer Park Broadcaster and Pasadena Citizen newspapers.

Best Golf Course:	Battleground Golf Course, Deer Park
Best Kid's Camp:	City of Deer Park Camp Crabgrass (runner up)
Best Day Spa:	Eclipse Massage & Spa (runner up)
Best Day Spa:	Beyond Beaute (runner up)
Best Community Event:	Totally Texas in Deer Park
Best Place to Work:	Deer Park Chamber
Best Place to Work:	JSC Federal Credit Union (runner up)
Best Asian Food:	Imperial Court (runner up)
Best Bakery:	Somethin' Sweet
Best Barbeque:	Cattle Drive
Best Barbeque:	Brisket House (runner up)
Best Breakfast Spot:	Ken's Restaurant
Best Hamburger Joint:	Charburger
Best Mexican Food:	Las Hadas (runner up)
Best Italian:	Antonio's Italian - Deer Park
Best Seafood:	Captain Benny's (runner up)
Best Pizza Delivery:	Papa John's
Best Pizza Delivery:	Pizza Hut (runner up)
Best Health Food Store:	Health Nut
Best Walk-In Clinic:	Deer Park Family Clinic
Best Weight Loss Center:	Eclipse Massage & Spa
Best Weight Loss Center:	Curves (runner up)
Best Garden/Landscape:	Deer Park Arbor
Best AC/Heat:	Brico Services (runner up)
Best Boarding Services:	Deer Park Animal Hospital
Best Boarding Services:	Doggie Styles (runner up)
Best Veterinary Clinic:	Deer Park Animal Hospital
Best Bank/Credit Union	Shell FCU
Best Bank/Credit Union	JSC Federal Credit Union
Best Florist:	Ed's Flower Cottage
Best Florist:	Deer Park Florist (runner up)
Best Funeral Home:	Grand View Funeral Home
Best Funeral Home:	Deer Park Funeral Home (runner up)
Best Insurance Agent:	Les Ellerd (runner up)
Best Real Estate Agent:	Troy Cothran - Victory Properties
Best Real Estate Agent:	Summit Realtors
Best Antique/Vintage Store:	Altar'd Market (runner up)
Best Local Children's Store:	Kallie Kouture
Best Local Frame Shop:	Deer Park Frame Shop
Best Gift Shop:	Norma's Country Dreams
Best Jewelry Store:	Deer Park Jewelry Factory
Best Children's Resale:	Kallie Kouture
Best Children's Resale:	Lola's Resale Shop (runner up)

Deer Park Firm Constructing Hobby

William P. Hobby Airport has come a long way from the unpaved landing field on a 600-acre pasture in 1927. Deer Park's own CBIC Construction & Development partnered with Colorado-based Hensel Phelps in 2013 and headed up construction on the \$156 million expansion project now scheduled for

completion later this year in October. The expansion is the addition of an international terminal featuring 5 gates. To commemorate the project, Southwest welcomed its first international flight from Aruba to Hobby with a water cannon ceremony on March 7. The new terminal will be capable of handling up to 800 passengers an hour. Hobby Airport currently sees over 11 million passengers each year and employs 4,000 people.



Bits & Pieces



- Smashburger on Spencer is the #1 performing store in the Houston region.
- Pizza Bella plans to open by the end of April at 3310 Center Street (formerly Honey Bee Ham), offering New York style pizza and a great salad bar.
- Mojo's Dance Boutique will soon open at 2504 Center St. (near Las Hadas restaurant), featuring dancewear for girls.
- Koby's Fine Jewelry at 3428 Center Street has half price appraisals for the month of April. All wedding sets and engagement rings are 50% off and Citizen Watches are 25% off for the month of April.
- KZ Boutique at 3428 Center Street has Buy 2 Items-Get the 3rd Item FREE.
- According to comptroller's office, there are 562 active store front businesses in Deer Park right now, plus 285 active home-based businesses.
- The employees at two Shell plants in Deer Park passed agreements on March 19 to end the strike at their sites – returning to work in a phased approach.
- If Wal-Mart was a country, it would be the 26th largest economy in the world. Their top-selling item is the banana. If you combined every Wal-Mart store's square footage, it would equal 1.1 billion square feet – exceeding the size of Manhattan. Every hour of every day, Wal-Mart averages a profit of \$1.8 million.

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