



# Economic Development Newsletter

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## **Time Out Opens Very Soon!**

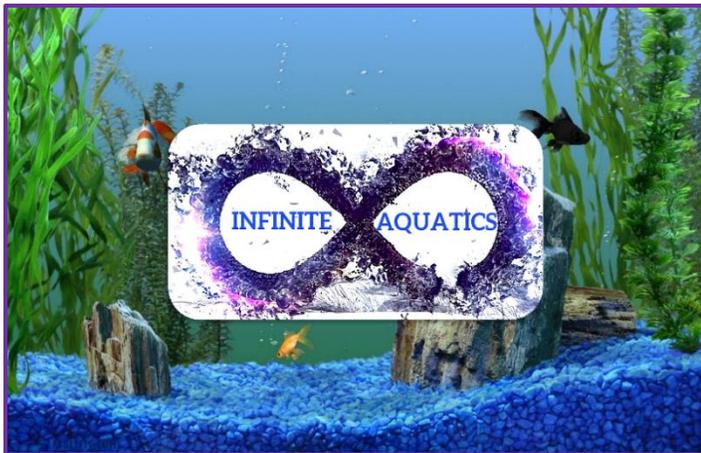
Time Out Sports Bar #3 will open in early August at 1200 East Blvd. (corner of East Blvd. and 13<sup>th</sup> St. in the former location of Capt. Benny's). This is a family-owned business that has been in our area for 32 years, and they have four other locations in the region. Time Out features a full-service kitchen serving appetizers, burgers, salads, sandwiches, crawfish and more. They will also have a giant outdoor covered patio, signature Time Out bar and plenty of sports to watch.



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## **Calling All Fish Fanatics**

Deer Park has a new premier tropical fish store. Infinite Aquatics is now open at 7407 Spencer Hwy., Suite 440. The store faces Durant Street and is located at the opposite end of the retail center containing Sassy Sisters. Infinite Aquatics is owned by local resident



Mike Campbell and has a large variety of beautiful, healthy freshwater tropical fish. You will also find an assortment of live plants, soil, substrate, wood, rocks and aquascaping supplies for all types of aquarium setups. Aquariums are good for the soul, providing serenity and relaxation, plus they are excellent educational experiences for the whole family. Stop by soon and find your “wet pet”. Call them at (281)884-8431. You can also find out more

on their Facebook page [@Infinite Aquatics](#) or visit [www.InfiniteAquatics.net](http://www.InfiniteAquatics.net).

## **Body Sculpting**

Eclipse Massage & Spa at 4321 Center St. has several new body sculpting services coming soon that will reduce wrinkles, reduce fat, tighten skin and improve overall appearance. Call them for more information at (281) 478-0300. Find their website at [www.eclipse-massage.com](http://www.eclipse-massage.com).





### **FOOD NEEDED**

Looking for an easy way to support your community? The Deer Park Animal Shelter and Adoption Center is accepting pet food donations for the homeless animals of Deer Park. They accept all brands, but their preferred brands are dry Purina or Pedigree for dogs (both adult and puppy) and dry Purina food for cats. You can drop off the donated food at 4221 Luella Avenue. Please call (281) 478-7274 for more information.

### **ART/ESTATE SALE**

Dr. Merlyn Harger served the Deer Park community for 47 years as our trusted optometrist, while his wife, Helen Harger, is one of our great local artists. Dr. Harger passed away a few months ago, and Helen has recently moved out of their family home in Deer Park. Helen's art works will be offered for sale in an Art Auction to be held at the home on August 19 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. There will also be a large estate sale at the home during August 24 through August 26 (actual start and end times are pending). The address is 3113 Dow Circle, Deer Park, TX. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Deer Park Art League.



### **Trip of a Lifetime in 2024**

Are you ready to embark on an unforgettable pilgrimage? Deer Park-based TNT Travel Group Dream Vacations is offering a sacred sojourn to the Holy Land that will take you from Jerusalem to the Sea of Galilee. Brace yourself for a once-in-a-lifetime adventure and get ready to be transported to a realm where miracles and wonders abound. Reserve your spot today by calling (832) 721-6499 or visit [www.tnttravelgroup.com](http://www.tnttravelgroup.com). Dates for the trip are September 11-18, 2024. If you would like to hear more details, come to the kick-off meeting Tuesday, August 8 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the Gilruth Center Inspiration Room, 18600 Space Center Blvd. Visit TNT's Facebook page for many other exciting trips.



### **Opening !!**

Sycamore Grounds Coffee House has announced their new Deer Park location will open August 2 at noon. Their new location is 313 W. San Augustine (near the intersection of Center St. and next door to Victory Properties). They recently moved a 100-year-old house from The Heights in Houston to the new Deer Park location. They also have two locations in Pasadena. Sycamore Grounds is a neighborhood-style traditional coffee house with bakery items, teas and juices. Found out more at [www.SycamoreGrounds.com](http://www.SycamoreGrounds.com).

### More Workout in Less Time

HOTWORX is coming to Deer Park at 3401 East Blvd. (corner of East Blvd. and Pasadena Blvd., near Marco's Pizza). HOTWORX offers their members unlimited, 24-hour access to a variety of virtually instructed, infrared sauna workouts. Members achieve fitness goals in less time because the infrared heat accelerates your workout and recovery. Interval training includes workouts like hot yoga, hot Pilates, hot core, hot cycle and more. Discounted membership rates are available. Visit [www.hotworx.net/studio/deerpark](http://www.hotworx.net/studio/deerpark) or call (832) 821-7829.



### Shell FCU Headquarters Update

It has been over a year since construction commenced on Shell Federal Credit Union's 100,000 square foot administrative building at 301 E. 13<sup>th</sup> St. (corner of Center St. and 13<sup>th</sup> St.) The building is nearing completion. The windows are installed and the air conditioner has been turned on. You might remember that when Shell FCU first announce their expansion project back in 2019, they first purchased and demolished the car wash property across the street to the south. A 400-car parking garage was constructed on that property, along with an enclosed "sky-bridge" over 13<sup>th</sup> Street. The drive-thru was then relocated to the east side of the current building, making room for construction of the beautiful new four-story administrative building. The new facility will surely become an iconic landmark in our area, and will be a far cry from their humble beginnings in 1937 inside the Shell Oil Refinery's old Clock House building with 40 employees and a membership fee of 25 cents per person. Thank you, Shell FCU, for your commitment to our city, your volunteer efforts and service excellence. The new building should be completed later this year.



### Meador Will Soon Turn 55

Meador Staffing Services will celebrate their 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary later this year. Created in 1968 in Pasadena, Meador has grown to a full-service human resources partner, and was recently recognized as one of Houston's best family-owned businesses by the Houston Business Journal. They have grown to multiple locations in the Houston area, including their Deer Park location at 4001 Center St. Meador is a family-oriented business that built a reputation based on quality and service. Let their experienced staff help you find a job or help your business find staff. Call today at (281) 542-7348 or see their extensive website at [www.meador.com](http://www.meador.com).



## La Porte's Train Depot

In the late 1800's, La Porte was known as the "Coney Island of the South", after northern state's publications touted La Porte as being a fig and citrus growing area, which drew settlers from all over the country and created a land boom. La Porte became a regular stop on the popular "Moonlight Excursion" train that ran from Houston to La Porte's train depot, as there were still no automobiles at this time. The area continued for decades as a popular playground. Sylvan Beach was developed with a pier, rides and later a pavilion where dances were held and the sounds of the "Big Bands" could be heard throughout the 1920's and 1930's.



Automobiles arrived in the 1930's and the train depot started to lose its popularity, but it survived the Hurricane of 1900 (which destroyed much of the city) and the 1915 fire (which destroyed much of what is today Main St. in Old La Porte). The Old Sylvan Beach Depot Museum at 604 Park Dr. is now a

remarkable museum and library operated by La Porte's Heritage Society. It is open 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. on the weekends.

### Bits & Pieces



- Got Bee's? Bee removal questions – contact Harris County Bee Keepers through their website [www.HarrisCountyBeeKeepers.org](http://www.HarrisCountyBeeKeepers.org) or email them at [hcb2022@gmail.com](mailto:hcb2022@gmail.com). This is a Pasadena-based club that meets monthly.
- Pho Barr restaurant is coming to 3717 Center St. (in the former location of Krab Kingz). This will be a Vietnamese and seafood restaurant. It looks great and they have three other locations in our region. Find them at [www.phobarr.com](http://www.phobarr.com).
- The Zero-G Experience is coming this September to Ellington Airport at 11602 Aerospace Ave. You will truly experience weightlessness inside a Boeing 727 as you float, flip and soar like an astronaut (without going to space). The price is \$9,070 per person. Find out more at [www.gozerog.com](http://www.gozerog.com).

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