



Economic Development Newsletter

DEER PARK, TEXAS

Behind Every Small Business is a Local Family

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25 Years!

Stockstill & Associates is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. Owner Becky Stockstill Cobb opened Stockstill & Associates in January 1999, and has since dedicated herself and her team to helping clients find the right solutions for all of their insurance needs. They ensure peace of mind by offering a variety of insurance plans, business strategies and group benefits designed specifically for each client's needs. We also thank Becky for participating in countless community volunteer positions and events. You can find out more by visiting

www.stockstillandassociates.com or call (281) 476-9063. You can also stop by for a visit at 125 E. San Augustine (across the street from the post office).

Can You Do Taxes?

Staley's Tax Service at 812 Center St. is looking to hire an experienced income tax preparer for the upcoming tax filing year. Candidates must have a Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN). Experience is necessary. Interested candidates should send their resumes to Margaret.S@StaleysTaxService.com or call them at (281) 479-5626.



Teaching Kids to Fly

Sandoval Gymnastics has recently expanded yet again at 2610 Center St. in Deer Park. The owners are Deer Park's Kelly Callens and her finance' Javier Sandoval. Javier happens to be an elite gymnast and is still a member of the Columbian National Gymnastics Team. There are a total of four top gymnastics coaches teaching recreational gymnastics (non-competitive) to both boys and girls ages 3 and up. The boys have training in all six events (floor, pommel horse, rings, vault, parallel bar and high bar) and the girls train in their four major events (bars, beam, floor and vault).

Gymnasts develop strength, ability, teamwork and discipline, while having a ton of fun. New spring class enrollment dates will be announced in late January. Find out more on their website at www.sandovalgymnastics.com or call them at (281) 595-7990.

Businesses – Need a Hand?

Deer Crossing is DPISD's vocational program for adult students with disabilities ages 18-22. The program offers its students opportunities for volunteer/internship opportunities and job training. If you know of a business that would like to invite one or more of these students to help with projects, volunteer opportunities or with a paid job, please contact Stephanie Rainer at (832) 668-7156 or srainer@dpisd.org.



Second Year in a Row!

Barber Joe's Chop Shop, located at 2816 Center Street (across the street from the police station), just received Best Barbershop of Deer Park for the second year in a row from Cities-Honors.com. Owner Joe Kane, a Master Barber with 20 years of experience cutting hair, started the shop in 2017. He attracted immediate attention with his Cali-style barbershop and his team of talented tattooed barbers. His focus, however, was also on community engagement – especially kids. He sponsors school teams and partners with DPISD for annual events like “Back to School Haircuts for Kids in Need”. He also holds “Haircuts for the Homeless”, partnering with churches and shelters. The back section of the building has a hair salon called Do or Dye, which is owned by Joe's wife, Olivia. Stop by soon and congratulate the crew on a job well done. Walk-ins are welcome, but you can also call them to set an appointment at (832) 212-3135. Go to www.barberjoeschopshop.com for more information. To contact Do or Dye Salon, call or text (281) 739-1642.



Expanded....

Hydromax LLC provides safe, non-destructive hydro excavation services for the most critical underground projects. Their offices were formerly located north of Highway 225 at 425 Independence Parkway, but they have now relocated to a larger location at 1246 Underwood Rd. in Deer Park. These experts in excavation perform services in all of southeast Texas. Visit their website at www.hydromaxllc.com to see their services or call them at (832) 953-6004.



A Bold Idea

Barbours Cut, which is the longest-standing container terminal at Port Houston, has been in operation for more than 45 years. It was named after the great Captain Clyde Barbour. An event was recently held at the Sylvan Beach Pavilion to induct him into the Texas Transportation Hall of Honor. Captain Barbour's family, including his great-granddaughter Nancy Potter, attended the event, and after the induction, they were given a tour of the terminal. The tour provided them with a firsthand experience of just how Port Houston plays an essential role in the lives of many and contributes significantly to the growing economy of the region. As a young man, Barbour worked with his father on a flatboat in the late 1800s, collecting and selling junk and sorting rags. He learned the art of negotiation, and later became an ambitious steamboat captain, eventually living in Houston for 20 years in the early 1900s. Captain Barbour had the bold idea to dredge an inlet and build a terminal to shorten the trip up the Houston Ship Channel. His foresight helped make Port Houston what it is today. Port Houston also operates Bayport Container Terminal, and collectively these terminals handled nearly 4 million TEUs in 2022, making Port Houston the fastest-growing container port in the U.S., and the fifth-largest container port in the country.



Bits & Pieces

- Heavenly Couture Boutique has closed their doors at 5014 Luella Ave. after six years in business, but owner Myrna Garza will continue selling her clothing and accessories with a new online business and through pop-ups and shows.
- Eclipse Massage & Spa now offers Biotin injections to aid in weight loss, thyroid support, improve hair growth and more. Call them at (281) 478-0300 or stop by 4321 Center St. to make an appointment.
- Time Out Sports Bar #3 at 1200 East Blvd. (intersection of 13th St.) is hiring for all positions, including bartenders, barbacks, servers, cooks and management. Apply in person or send your resume to adf51@timeoutsportsbars.com.
- Fun Fact: There is one Amish community in Texas comprised of 70 people living in Bee County (near Beeville – 56 miles north of Corpus Christi).

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