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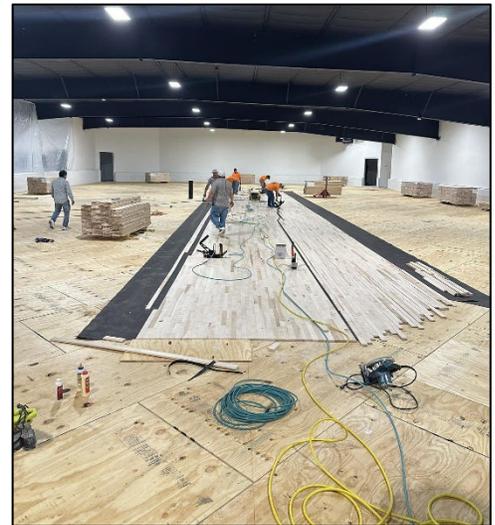
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Almost Ready!

Skateworld, located at 410 W. Pasadena Blvd. in Deer Park, is hoping to open mid-to-late May (depending on weather). The rink received devastating damage after the January 2023 tornado. Owner J. Malone said the building will look completely different on the inside, especially compared to the way it looked when his parents opened the rink in the mid-1970's. It will now have 3,600 additional square footage. The kitchen and

snack bar areas will be much larger, and the bathrooms will be beautifully upgraded. Follow [@Skateworld Deer Park](#) on Facebook to get all of the latest updates and grand opening news.



Ron Wrote a Book!

If you have been to Deer Park's Chick-fil-a, you probably recognize the franchise owner, Ron Acosta, who opened the restaurant in 2012. Ron is an amazing manager, leader, Life and Business Coach, Marriage Coach, Associate Pastor and more. He has recently, however, added "author" to the list. Ron is about to launch his first book, *Unstoppable Grace*. Presale begins May 7, with the official launch on June 11. The book is a memoir sharing his personal story, along with a message of hope. He reveals the no-holds-barred truth behind his skyrocketing early career as an executive with Walmart, along with his secret inner torments. It is a must-read account of a man that went from troubled kid to triumphant leader. Ron invites you to join his journey by receiving periodic updates from him at www.ronacosta.com/newsletter. You can also pre-order the book (starting May 7) and connect with Ron through this site.

Marketing Your Business

The Deer Park Chamber of Commerce is offering a free Marketing Series. Come and be a part of the classes tailored for business owners, marketers, entrepreneurs, or anyone committed to enhancing their business using diverse marketing strategies. The classes are *Linked In for Business* on May 22, *Grow With Google* on June 12, and *Mastering Social Media: Essential Strategies for Business Growth* on July 17. All classes will be held from 9:00 am to 10:00 am at the Deer Park Chamber office at 120 E. 8th St. in Deer Park. Call to reserve your spot at (281) 479-1559 or visit www.deerparkchamber.org.



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Welcome Back

Kirkwood Medical Associates had their office ripped apart during the January 2023 tornado, but they are very excited to celebrate their grand re-opening on May 23 at 1:00 pm at 2231 Center St. (next door to the UPS Store). This family practice's original location in Pasadena has been providing comprehensive medical care from infancy to geriatrics since 1989. The Deer Park location, which originally opened here in 2011, provides complete medical services including general family practice, sports and occupational medicine. The community is invited to join in the celebration and we welcome Kirkwood Medical back to Deer Park. Find out more by visiting www.kirkwoodmedicalassociates.com.





Yum!

Tropical Chill has opened for its annual season of delicious snoballs (snow cones), fruit chills and sodas. Located at 7446 Elbridge Lane (corner of Center St. and Elbridge Ln.), Deer Park's famous snow cone spot offers over 60 different flavors to choose from. You will find them open from noon to 7:00 pm daily throughout the summer months.

Welcome to Deer Park

The house that sits across the street from Ken's Restaurant, at 113 W. 12th St., was formerly the home of Rosie's Photography. The Sexton Group recently purchased the house, and is now in the process remodeling it to better fit their recruiting business for both hospital and health care positions. Founded in 2009, The Sexton Group sources, identifies, and recruits qualified candidates for their healthcare industry clients. You can find out more at www.thesextongroup.org or call them at (832) 556-9448.

Find You Balance

Deer Park welcomes Healing Hands Massage Therapy to 201 E. San Augustine St., Suite A (across the street from the post office). The owner is Amy Gandy, who brings nearly a decade of experience. Let her customize your massage for your needs. Amy specializes in medical massage, lymphatic drainage, cup therapy, warm stone, myofascial release, barefoot massage, deep tissue, and Swedish techniques. You can book your appointment at www.healinghands-massagetherapy.com.



You can also stop by to grab a gift card or contact Amy at (281) 910-4713.

Building Your Vision

Property Guardians is a full-service general contractor specializing in residential, multifamily and commercial renovation, plus new construction. Their main location is in the Webster area, but they also have a home-based Deer Park location. Since 2015, Property Guardians is a company of resources with both skilled labor and owned construction equipment that allows them to react agilely to the wide variety of circumstances that arise during construction projects. Call Veronica Costello at (832) 561-6848 to get your quote or visit



www.propertyguardiansllc.com. You can also call their main office at (281) 352-3400.

Back to the Moon

Intuitive Machines is located at Ellington Field (just 12 miles south of Deer Park) and they have spent the last four years building a 14-foot tall lunar lander called the Nova-C. Two months ago, it became the first commercial spacecraft to safely land on the moon. Nova-C completed a seven-day lunar orbit, and then softly landed near a crater in the South Pole region of the Moon on February 24. The lander was completed at Ellington Field and then moved to Florida's Kennedy Space



Center for launch. Besides assembling this lunar lander, Intuitive Machine's 106,000 sq. ft. assembly building can build up to four spacecrafts at a time that carry 1,500 kg of cargo each. They are also developing a new craft called the Micro Nova lunar drone that will hop around the moon's surface and take the first-ever pictures inside craters close to the lunar south pole. Intuitive Machines was awarded this project through a contract with NASA.

Bits & Pieces



- Barber Joe's Chop Shop is hiring experienced barbers/stylists. Pick up an application at 2816 Center St. or text Joe at (713) 325-3845.
- The building that is the former location of Woodhouse BBQ (and Baytown Seafood) at 2424 Center St. will soon be a new restaurant, so stay tuned.
- The Texas Dept. of Transportation (TxDOT) has three major upcoming projects that will likely affect your life:
 1. Summer 2025 – Highway 225 will receive an overlay. This will be a 2-inch thick layer of asphalt concrete to extend the life of the highway until the highway is replaced through a major re-design (which is in the beginning phases of design).
 2. Summer 2024 – A \$310 million project will begin that constructs the direct connectors at SH 225 and Beltway 8 (no more sitting through red lights).
 3. Fall 2024 – Environmental studies and schematic design begin for the \$2 billion reconstruction of the I-610 bridge over the ship channel.
- Fast Fact: Texas makes more "renewable" power (solar and wind, for example) than any other state – including California.

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