



Economic Development Newsletter

DEER PARK, TEXAS

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Have a Perfect Pool

Pinch-A-Penny Pool Supplies is now open at 9001 Spencer Hwy. (in the retail center in front of Walmart). The owner is La Porte graduate Ricky Bowles. Let Ricky and his fully-trained experts help you with your pool's water testing, chemicals, cleaning and more. They also offer pool restoration, equipment installation, renovation and upgrades. Call them for a quote today at (346) 489-7665. You can also find them on Facebook at [@PinchAPennyPoolPatioSpa-DeerParkTX](https://www.facebook.com/PinchAPennyPoolPatioSpa-DeerParkTX) or visit www.pinchapenny.com.



Unpaid or Underpaid Insurance Claim?

Don't settle for less than you deserve. Santex Public Adjusters can guide you through the complex insurance claim process and help you get the maximum compensation your claim deserves. Even if your claim has already been paid out, there is a two-year window to re-open and re-submit. The owners have been in our community since 1994 and they are experts at reviewing your claim, plus they offer a free consultation. The company recently expanded and moved to 208 W. San Augustine in Deer Park (across the street from Sycamore Grounds Coffee Shop). Call them at (713) 999-1954 or email javier@teamsantex.com, or find out more at www.santexpublicadjusters.com.



SUMMER FUN

Survive the Escape Room has expanded again, as they now have a third room themed "Pharaoh's Curse". Their fourth room, "Bank Heist", is under construction and should be ready soon. They also have a bigger party room that is perfect for birthday parties, team building, etc. Come have some summer fun at 4132 Center St. (same retail center as Darque Tan and Papa Johns). This is entertainment for all ages, and you can book online at www.survivetheescaperoom.com or call (832) 780-0122.



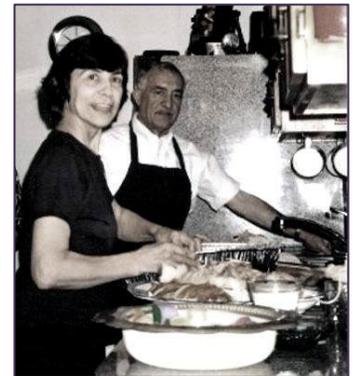
Women Only

Area local Vanessa Ramos has opened V's Strength Training fitness studio at 5014 Luella Ave. (near the intersection of Spencer Hwy.) She is a NASM Certified Personal Trainer, and her passion is to empower and guide women to a stronger, healthier life. This women's-only gym offers daily classes that should fit your schedule, plus they have fun special events. Swing by and visit this encouraging group of strong women. Their class schedule is on Facebook at [@V's Strength Training](#) or call (281) 946-9948.



53 Years!

It was 1971 when Deer Park residents, Jeanne and John Phillipos, moved to Deer Park from Chicago and started their restaurant Charburger. They brought with them previous restaurant experience and several delicious Greek family-recipes. Since then, Charburger has been serving up hot and tasty burgers, gyros, home-made onion rings and more to hungry customers at 1921 Center Street. Their time-honored original recipes have kept customers coming back for 53 years.



A Deep Commitment

VLS Environmental Solutions acquired the former Texas Molecular facility in December 2022. Located at 2525 Independence Parkway in Deer Park, Texas Molecular originally opened this hazardous waste processing site in 1983 with one injection well and small amount of waste storage. Fast forward to today, and the site has three injection wells, which all reach over one and half miles down into the ground. It has become a world class waste company for the most challenging industrial hazardous aqueous waste and wastewaters. In fact, they received most of the run off water from the ITC fire in 2019, and they also were hand picked to receive over 30 million gallons of run off water from the massive train derailment in East Palestine, OH in 2023 (despite having similar facilities already close by in Ohio). Facilities such as this are rare, with only three companies in the United States permitted to do this type of work. Injection wells must be located an area that has no earthquake potential, so these companies are consequently located in the Great Lakes, Ohio, Texas and Louisiana. The VLS/Deer Park is one of the oldest companies of its kind in the U.S. and they have an impeccable safety record. Find out more at www.VLS.com.



Relocation - Complete

Deer Park Vision has moved from their former location on Center Street to 3401 East Blvd., Suite 300 (next door to HotWorx and Marco's Pizza – near the intersection of East Blvd. and Pasadena Blvd.) The office was first started in 1967 by Dr. Harger, who later sold to Dr. Jerrad Mills (DPHS class of 1993). Deer Park Vision offers many services include exams, prescriptions and industrial vision consultations. Their phone number has remained the same at (281) 479-4570 or you can visit www.dpvisioncenter.com.



Wanna Get Away?

Deer Park-based TNT Travel Group Dream Vacations is dedicated to making your vacation dreams come true. They specialize in all fashions of leisure, from cruises to all-inclusive resorts and international travel. Business or pleasure, they are here to assist you. Whether it's a catamaran adventure in Bermuda, or a trip to Sweden, Alaska, Morocco or Portland, Maine, you can relax before your vacation begins and let them do the planning. Owners Tammy and Marcie will provide that personal touch when you call (281) 816-7792 or visit them on Facebook at [@TNT Travel Group Dream Vacations](https://www.facebook.com/TNTTravelGroupDreamVacations).



Local Powerhouse

It was over 10 years ago that the Economic Alliance Houston Port Region moved its offices from La Porte to 203 Ivy Avenue in Deer Park. This non-profit organization, headed by Deer Park native Chad Burke, provides professional, region-wide economic development services for local cities and communities in our area.



They spear-head this region's legislative representation, branding, global trade development, public policy, and more, plus over 1,000 visitors come to their Deer Park office annually for various meetings and events. They also routinely host international delegations at their Deer Park offices, and these groups are from places like Libya, Romania, Columbia, Japan, France, Oman and Egypt. Their visitors are looking for information on doing business with U.S. companies – specifically those located in our region. Learn more about the Economic Alliance at www.allianceportregion.com.

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Let's Have Lunch in Tokyo!

Just 12 miles down the road, Ellington Field's Spaceport is home to Venus Aerospace, a unique start-up company founded in 2020 that is working on a plane they claim will fly passengers around the world and back home in time for dinner. The Mach 9 hypersonic aircraft will be capable of "one-hour global travel" as the spaceplane flies at hypersonic speeds at the edge of the atmosphere. The development team consists of aerospace, military and research veterans



who are pushing the boundaries of high-speed transportation. Just recently, they successfully flight tested a supersonic drone, and the inaugural flight of this eight-foot, 300-pound drone reached a high speed of Mach 9 and flew for 10 miles. They are well on their way to making history.



Bits & Pieces

- Stephen Terry Pest Control Services has relocated to Pasadena. They were formerly at 4640 Center St., but have moved to 7407 Spencer Hwy. (near Sassy Sisters).
- Ron Acosta is the franchise owner and manager of Deer Park's Chick-fil-A, and he is also an official author after writing *Unstoppable Grace*. This book is a memoir sharing his personal story, along with a message of hope. It is a must-read account of a man that went from troubled kid to triumphant leader. You can buy the book on Amazon or visit www.ronacosta.com/newsletter.
- You can book your skating parties online for Skateworld in Deer Park. Just go to www.skateworlds.com.
- You kid's sports physical is only \$35 at CareNow Urgent Care. Stop by 9055 Spencer Hwy. (across the street from Chick-fil-A) before the special ends on August 31.
- Area News: Four years ago, Randall's grocery store vacated the retail center at 2323 Clear Lake City Blvd. (at the corner of Space Center Blvd.) The empty space was completely remodeled and Elite Pickleball Club will be moving in next January. It will feature 14 pickleball courts, a snack bar and pro shop.

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