



Economic Development Newsletter

DEER PARK, TEXAS

Support Our Local Businesses!

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It Runs in the Family

Welsh Collision Center opened 14 years ago at 4201 Center St. (next door to Hellyer Transmission). Their excellent reviews draw customers from as far away as Galveston, Pearland and even downtown Houston. Owner Brad Welsh's grandfather, Shelby Welsh, opened the original Welsh Repair Shop in 1945. Brad's dad, Noel, proudly served our area with his extraordinary accomplishments as an Automotive Paint and Body instructor at La Porte High School by earning 14 Skills USA state championships. Noel has now joined his son, Brad, at Welsh Collision Center, and they are excited to apply their family's excellent expertise in collision repair, restoration projects, frame straightening and more. Call them at (281) 479-3030 or visit their website at www.welshcollisioncenter.com.



Office Space Available (with covered parking!)

The office building at 2318 Center Street (near the intersection of San Augustine St.) should be completed by late September or early October. The owner, Brock Bihm of Mr. Electric, is now pre-leasing office space. He has a variety of office sizes to choose from, including smaller, one-office spaces, as well as larger areas that can be subdivided or built out as is. This is a beautiful new building with the added bonus of covered parking. Interested in leasing office space? Call Brock at (713) 477-1770.



Welcome!

Deer Park's own Jeremy Dyer has opened High Tide Processing, a home-based business which excels in merchant services, credit card processing, and POS systems. Get in touch with Jeremy by calling him at (832) 499-5608 or email him at hightideprocessing@gmail.com.



Coming Soon!

Washington Luis will soon be relocating his jiu-jitsu academy from Pasadena to 4202 Center Street. Washington is a third-degree black belt Brazilian Jiu-jitsu competitor and instructor from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He is a two-time Master World Champion, two-time Abu Dhabi Pro Champion, and NoGi World Champion. Academia Washington Luis Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu was established to allow Washington to share his love of Jiu-Jitsu with people of all ages. You can call the studio now at (346) 614-1346 or email him at

washingtonluisbjj@gmail.com. The website is www.washingtonluisbjj.com.



TapSnap – What’s That?

Deer Park resident Mark McVey has owned a TapSnap franchise for the past 10 years.



TapSnap is a technology similar to the old photo booth, but with a digital twist and perfect for any occasion. Once delivered to the event site (the machine is about the size of an ATM machine), TapSnap allows guests to take high-quality digital photos, and make them their own by adding graphics, backgrounds, doodles, personal messages and company logo. TapSnap staff is there on hand to take care of the details so you can relax, have fun and enjoy the event. It’s the perfect solution for a

social event and a great way to market your brand. For a true insight to the technology, visit www.TapSnap1088.com or call Mark at (832) 407-6181. You can also find him on Facebook at [@TapSnap1088](https://www.facebook.com/TapSnap1088).

Still Somethin’ Sweet...

Leona Roberts and Sarah Riggs, sisters and Deer Park natives, opened Somethin’ Sweet over 13 years ago. Located at 118 Dixie Dr. (next door to Salon Sophisticut and near the intersection of Center St. and San Augustine St.), their bakery serves the most delicious gourmet cupcakes and other scrumptious treats. Leona first started baking in her spare time as a hobby, but passion led her to quit the day-job and open a cupcake counter at the old Honey Bee Ham & Deli on Center St. The bakery was so successful that she moved to the larger location and branched out into other types of desserts and retail items, including a daily lunch. Somethin’ Sweet cupcakes also make great gift ideas and can be designed with edible images and logos, making them perfect for parties, meetings, weddings, etc. Call (281) 476-4441 or visit www.somethinsweetdp.com. They are also on Facebook.



Count on Loree

Loree Dodd E.A. is a self-employed bookkeeper, accountant and tax preparer. She lives right here in Deer Park, and can help you clean up your accounts and keep them current. She also offers Excel budget forecasting and business-based consulting. Loree has a Master's degree in Accounting and became an Enrolled Agent in 2024, which means she has earned the privilege of representing taxpayers before the IRS because she passed their three-part test. She has over 25 years of experience in accounting, and her passion is helping business owners understand and improve their financial position. Visit www.LoreeTax.com or email her at loreedodealle@gmail.com. You can also call Loree at (713) 737-5023.



400 Years in Business and Still Growing

Vopak's history goes back to 1616 when the world-renowned Dutch East Indies Company was flourishing, bringing coffee, tea and spices from the Far East and making the Netherlands a rich and powerful nation. Today, Vopak is the world's largest provider of conditioned storage facilities for bulk liquids. Vopak's Deer Park facility, located at 2759 Independence Parkway, continues to expand as they recently constructed a \$6 million office building at their current facility. This location now has 253 tanks and a capacity to store over 1.2 million barrels of liquid chemicals and gasses. Find out more on their website at www.vopak.com.



Bits & Pieces

- Victory Properties is slowly moving back into their newly remodeled original location at 201 W. San Augustine. They should be fully moved in over the next few weeks.
- Hers & Mine clothing store will soon open at 4102 Center St.
- Celebrating their 110th birthdays in 2024 are the Panama Canal and the Port of Houston.

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