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Welcome to Deer Park

Washington Luis recently relocated 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 at (346) 614-1346 or email him at

washingtonluisbjj@gmail.com. The website is www.washingtonluisbjj.com. He also has an informative Facebook page [@academiawashingtonluisbrazilianjiu-jitsu](https://www.facebook.com/academiawashingtonluisbrazilianjiu-jitsu).



Deer Park Recognized

The Houston Association of Realtors (HAR) recently ranked the "hottest" market areas in the third quarter of 2024 (July through September), and Deer Park ranked #8 on the list for home purchases. Here are is the list:

- #1 Brookshire
- #2 Waller
- #3 Conroe Northeast
- #4 Porter/New Caney
- #5 Magnolia/1488 West
- #6 Fulshear/South Brookshire/Simonton
- #7 Montrose
- #8 DEER PARK**
- #9 Fall Creek area
- #10 Dayton

As real estate home prices cooled over the summer, prospective homebuyers eyed the suburbs as a good place to move due to the affordability. Montrose, ranked #7, was the only urban neighborhood, with sales that rose 45 percent despite its home prices rising 15 percent – which was more than double the average home price in Houston.

Teen Night

Survive the Escape Room at 4132 Center Street now has Teen Night every Friday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for ages 13-16. Teens have music, pizza, sodas, old-school PlayStation, giant Connect 4, giant checkers, and several other fun games. The price is \$15 per child for the teen room, plus an additional \$15 if your teen wants to also do the escape room. Use the website to book your next visit or a party room at www.survivetheescaperoom.com or call (832) 780-0122. You can also see photos of the rooms and the latest “escapees” on their Facebook page [@SurviveDeerPark](https://www.facebook.com/SurviveDeerPark).

Houston Pilots 100th anniversary

The Houston Pilots Association, whose headquarters is located in Deer Park’s Derwood Glen Business Park on Highway 225, is celebrating its 100th anniversary as the collective individuals who navigate the arrival and departure of ships through the Port of Houston. Operating in the tricky waters of the Gulf of Mexico, the Houston Pilots’ team has skillfully guided sea vessels



and cargo ships in and out of the port around the clock for the past 100 years. The Houston Pilots skillfully perform their job 24/7, rain or shine, with a commitment to safety first. Given an expanding global economy, larger ships, and worldwide threats of violence, the Houston Pilots' role has become more essential than ever.

Congrats.....

Shell Federal Credit Union has been ranked #7 on the Houston Chronicle’s 2024 List of Top Workplaces in the Houston area. They have actually made this list for 14 consecutive years, and have been repeatedly named the highest-ranking credit union in the midsize category. Shell FCU was started in 1937 at Shell Oil Refinery’s old Clock House building with 40 employees, who all agreed to become its first members for a fee of 25 cents per person. Fast forward to today, when Shell FCU has grown to over 150,000 members, 440 employees and 14 branch locations. For the past 87 years, Shell FCU has made a steadfast



commitment to this community and improved countless lives. If you live, work, worship or attend school in Harris County, then you are eligible to bank with Shell FCU. Get started at 301 E. 13th Street in Deer Park or visit www.shellfcu.org.

Technical Problem?

The Space Alliance Technology Outreach Program (SATOP) is a State of Texas-funded program administered by the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP), which is an organization based in Clear Lake. SATOP provides free technical assistance to small businesses, start-ups, and entrepreneurs located in Texas. This assistance in turn helps



create new jobs, new products for the market, and stimulates the economy. SATOP has assembled a unique network of partners consisting of the NASA Johnson Space Center, local aerospace companies, community colleges, and universities. SATOP's Alliance Partners allow their engineers and faculty members to volunteer to provide technical solutions for small business owners located in Texas. Visit www.SATOP.space and complete the [REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE](#) form to see if you qualify for FREE technical assistance or call them at (832) 536-3255.



Bits & Pieces

- San Jacinto College is again a finalist for the Aspen Prize, the nation's signature recognition for America's community colleges. They are regularly recognized as one of the top 10 community colleges in the nation. The central campus, located at 8060 Spencer Hwy. in Pasadena, has over 15,000 students enrolled. This past May, the youngest graduate was 14 years old and the oldest graduate was 74; both earning their associates degrees.
- Fun Fact: It is the exact same distance from Houston to Kansas City, Missouri as it is from Houston to El Paso, Texas; 744 miles.
- If you purchase water-based paints at Lowes, Home Depot or Sherwin-Williams, you are most likely purchasing paint made with ingredients from Deer Park's Dow Chemical facility, which is the world's largest producer of methacrylic and acrylic monomers.

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