

Economic Development Newsletter

DEER PARK, TEXAS

New Year's Resolution: Shop & Dine Local

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New Chapter; Same Great Service

Deer Park Florist has been a beloved staple at 806 Center St. for more than 40 years, and it's now under the new ownership of local residents Tammy and Randy Adair. The shop is truly a family operation, with their adult children (and even the occasional grandchild) pitching in to help. Deer Park Florist is a full-service shop offering premium fresh flowers, plants, silk arrangements, gifts, baskets, collectibles and more. Their skilled designers can help you create beautiful pieces for weddings, holiday events, or any special occasion. They also provide same-day delivery throughout the surrounding area. To place an order or learn more, call (281) 479-2374 or visit www.deerparkt Florist.com.



A Decade of Doing Things Right

Pho Central Vietnamese Noodle Restaurant is celebrating a decade of serving the



community at 8011 Spencer Hwy., on the corner of Spencer and Academy and right across from San Jacinto College. Owned by local native David Nguyen, the restaurant was his first step into the food industry in 2016, and it is safe to say that the restaurant is a success. Thousands of glowing online reviews and a constant flow of loyal customers tell the story. The menu offers something for everyone: steaming bowls of pho, dumplings, Vietnamese sandwiches, noodle bowls, fried rice, smoothies, and more. Diners love the fresh ingredients, authentic flavors, and wallet-friendly prices. View their menu on Facebook or call (281) 930-7281.

Born in the Garage

Aqua Solutions started the way a lot of great ideas do; with more ambition than square footage. In 1971, Deer Park resident Tom Bedford launched Aqua Chem Laboratories from his garage in the College Park subdivision. After a short stop at 101 Center St., the growing company settled into its long-term home at 6913 Hwy. 225 in 1982. Over the past 55 years, both the original company and its spin-off successor, Aqua Solutions, have become true Deer Park success stories. What started in a neighborhood garage has evolved into a leader in the chemical industry, manufacturing and distributing high-quality laboratory chemicals and solutions for industrial, pharmaceutical and institutional customers. The commitment to quality, perseverance and leadership is an inspiration. Find their website at www.aquasolutions.org or call them at (281) 479-2569.



SNACK ATTACK

Deer Park's Valerie Vasquez is coming up on her 3rd anniversary for the Deer Park Snack Bar at 2506 Center St. (next door to El Jalisciense Mexican restaurant). This is a fun family gathering spot where the whole family can hang out, play games, eat great food and desserts, and just spend time. Valerie serves tasty desserts, snacks and light meals, like hot dogs, quesadillas, popcorn, Flaming Hot Cheetos with cheese, Mexican corn-on-the-cob, shrimp cocktails, banana splits, ice cream, shakes and much more. Call (346) 289-0607 or find them on Facebook.



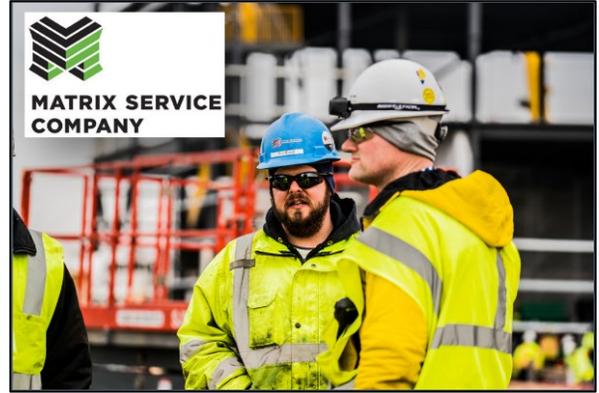
Healing Help

Julia Meadows has recently relocated Meadows Counseling Center to its new home at 2318 Center St., inside Deer Park's recognizable "high-rise" near the corner of Center St. and San Augustine. Meadows Counseling Center offers a comprehensive range of services, including anger and stress management, counseling, support for depression and anxiety, and grief, behavioral and play therapy, and assistance with adolescent and school-related issues. Julia works with individuals ages 6 and up, as well adults and families. The center provides both in-person and virtual appointments for your convenience. To learn more or schedule a session, call (832) 794-0646 or visit www.meadowscounselingcenter.com.



Big Re-Opening Event!

Matrix Services will soon re-open their building at 1422 Center St. (at the corner of W. Helgra). The company originally moved into this location in 2014, but they have been completely renovating the building for the past several months. This will now serve as the company's training center for their personnel that specialize in engineering, construction, maintenance and fabrication for industrial clients. While headquartered in Tulsa, they have a strong local footprint for major projects in the Gulf Coast region. To celebrate the remodel of their Deer Park office, Matrix Service is hosting an open house on January 13 from 7AM to 11AM and is looking for candidates to fill craft and welding jobs during the event, as a recruitment team will be onsite offering job applications, breakfast and chances to win big giveaways.



Doing the Work.....

Mustang®Cat is a privately-held Cat dealership that has been at the forefront of construction and power systems equipment for 70 years. The company is headquartered in Houston on Hwy. 290, and has over 20 locations throughout Texas, including a large rental store that recently relocated from Pasadena to 316 Georgia Ave. in Deer Park. This store provides rental equipment, parts and service repair. They are also a full-service heavy equipment supplier with low-hour rental equipment from Caterpillar. They are happy to serve you at the store's front counter, or you can submit a rental request at www.mustangcat.com. You can also call the store at (346) 335-9588.



Success has a New Address

PSI Pressure System Corp. has relocated from Baytown to 4804 Railroad St. in Deer Park. Established in 2013, PSI has rapidly become a major source in the water-blasting industry for equipment, technology and services. They are both a manufacturer and a distributor for state-of-the-art water blasting equipment which uses high-pressure water up to 40,000+ PSI that cleans surfaces and replaces harsh chemicals. The patented pumps are among the safest in the industry along with low cost of operation. Their hard-working team provides first class customer service 24/7. Find out more at www.psipressuresystems.com.



Clearing for the Big Ships!

Port Houston has completed their portion of Project 11, which is the dredging of the Houston Ship Channel. Working in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), this project expands the Galveston Bay reach from 530 feet to 700 feet, improving two-way vessel movement and operational efficiency for larger ships. It allows much larger vessels matching the capacity of the Panama Canal to be able to maneuver the Channel. Upon its completion for navigation, some beneficial aspects of this project are ongoing, including marsh areas that are being built with the dredged material. To the extent possible, all Project 11 dredged material in the Galveston Bay area was used to construct environmental features, which will ultimately include approximately 10 acres of bird islands, 276 acres of marsh, and 324 acres of oyster reefs. In addition to these environmental benefits, Project 11 channel expansion is expected to provide air quality benefits, as vessel's nitrogen oxide emissions are expected to be reduced by 3% to 7%. This project is expected to generate massive additional economic benefits to our region, and it has also been honored with multiple awards, including the 2025 Environmental Excellence Award from the Western Dredging Association (WEDA) and the 2025 Texas American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award (OCEA).



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Bits & Pieces



- Have a small business? Let AI become your best unpaid intern. Find out how by attending this free local training on Jan. 26, led by the Small Business Development Center. Go to www.uh.edu/sbdc and click on “training – in person”.
- Harris County's annual Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is \$542 billion – nearly \$1.5 Billion every day. This places it fourth amongst the Top 10 U.S. counties.
- Fun Fact: Unlike the big shipping vessels in our ship channel, the average draft (the distance from the waterline to the lowest point of the hull) for a large, passenger cruise ship is only 21 feet. These ships can now weigh up to 250,000 gross tons. The Titanic, for comparison, only weighed 58,000 gross tons.

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