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Stripes is Open

Stripes Convenience Store is now open at the corner of Center St. and P Street, and you are invited to help them celebrate with a community ribbon cutting scheduled for Friday, July 11 at noon. Stripes is also set to start construction soon on two other stores near Deer Park—one at Underwood and Pasadena Blvd., and the other at Canada Rd. and Fairmont. Did you know that Stripes has a gas card? You save 11 cents per gallon with the Stripes

Card, which you can get just by asking for one inside the store. You will also find the Laredo Taco Company - home to the “greatest tacos in the history of ever”, according to many. They have served nearly 230 million tacos since their inception in 2002.

New Tenants for Deerwood Glen Business Park

Deerwood Glen Business Park, owned by Clay Development, is located on the south side of Highway 225, just east of Beltway 8. The 5-year-old, light industrial business park first opened with 150 available acres, but only 15 acres now remain due to the strong industrial market and influx of new tenants:

- ❖ Flexitallic Group, Inc.: Located at 6915 Highway 225 in Deer Park for over 25 years, the company is now constructing a 20-acre campus at Deerwood Glen consisting of 3 buildings totaling over 425,000 square feet combined. All 3 of Flexitallic’s Houston locations will merge to into the new campus, including their existing Deer Park operations. The move will take place in 2015.
- ❖ Deerwood Office Building Phase II: This 78,000 square foot, two-story office building is being constructed at 4440 Highway 225. Phase I is the Mustang Engineering building, constructed 5 years ago when the business park opened.
- ❖ Universal Plant Services will soon expand into a 40,000 square foot building at 306 Deerwood Glen Drive.
- ❖ Hastik-Baymont, Inc. will soon expand into a 15,000 square foot building at 220 Deerwood Glen Drive.
- ❖ A local company is negotiating to relocate into a 15,000 square foot building on Deerwood Glen Drive.



You can contact Clay Development at www.claydevelopment.com or call (713) 789-2529.



Movin' In Together!

Barbie Bowtique and Kallie Kouture are two of Deer Park's small-business success stories, both opening in our city within the past year. The businesses' owners, Chrissy McRee and Sarah Evans, have now decided to combine their entrepreneurial talents and move the Kallie Kouture children's resale boutique into some unused space inside Barbie Bowtique, located at 2816 Center St. (across the street from the police station). The move will happen during the first week of July. Both businesses will maintain their own unique inventory, but their customers will love having the advantage of enjoying two distinctive businesses within one convenient location. Barbie Bowtique is your one-stop-shop for custom t-shirts, plus has cute and affordable items like jewelry, hair accessories, home decor, purses and more. Kallie Kouture carries a huge variety of kids' gently-used clothing from newborn to size 12, plus baby gear, toys, new items and custom clothing.



Ken's Big Unveiling

Randy Voltz, owner of Ken's Restaurant at 1122 Center St., has a big surprise for his customers. Randy recently engaged six Deer Park High School art students and teachers to paint a huge mural inside the restaurant on the back wall. The artists worked after business hours, as the mural remained concealed by a huge curtain while the restaurant was open. Randy has also recently remodeled the restaurant, which has been at this location since 1990. The "big reveal" is scheduled for June 12 at 4 pm, and the community is invited to the unveiling event. Come and see this tribute to "all things Deer Park", depicting our community, businesses, events and people that make our area special.

Appliances for Sale in Deer Park

A Quality Appliances & Resale Shop has now opened at 4910 Luella in Deer Park (near the intersection of Luella at Spencer Hwy.) Owner Esmeralda Suchite has been helping her father operate the original store on Southmore Avenue in Pasadena for many years, but decided to open a store of her own last December. A Quality offers new and used appliances such as refrigerators, washers, dryers, stoves, water heaters and coolers. They also have qualified servicing staff, offering service and repair for most major appliances. If you are looking for a unique or hard-to-find appliance, Esmeralda has the means to help you. Call her today at (832) 830-9016 or stop by soon to browse her fast-moving inventory.



Vopak's Growth in Deer Park

Vopak Terminal Deer Park West is a project announced last summer and currently wrapping-up construction. It includes the development of the 108-acre site adjacent to the company's existing terminal located on Battleground Road. The site contains a newly constructed rail extension designed for efficient and safe handling of trains up to one-and-a-quarter miles long (approximately 120 rail cars).



Vopak Terminal Deer Park West is at a prime port location on the Houston Ship Channel, and will be instrumental in providing logistics options for Vopak's existing and future customers. With a history spanning almost four centuries, Royal Vopak is the world's largest independent liquid bulk tank storage service provider by capacity, specializing in the storage and handling of oil products, liquid chemicals and gases.

Eddyfi's First U.S. Location

Canadian-based Eddyfi has opened their first U.S. location at 812 W. 13th St. in Deer Park. The 3,000 square foot facility is now home to this developer of top-of-the-line, eddy current, non-destructive testing equipment. Eddyfi focuses on complete, high-end solutions for the inspection of critical components in oil and gas facilities. Eddyfi brings 5 new jobs to Deer Park with plans to double their employee count next year. You can learn more at www.eddyfi.com.

Port's Documentary

A documentary highlighting the 100th Anniversary of the completion of the deepening of the Houston Ship Channel, which opened the Port of Houston to deep draft vessels in 1914, is slated to air on Public Broadcasting System (PBS) later this year. The producers have been touring the Houston Ship Channel, including Port of Houston Authority facilities, during the past several weeks. The program will highlight the grit and determination needed to dredge sleepy Buffalo Bayou into a mega 52-mile shipping lane from Galveston Bay to Houston 100 years ago, and how Houston's huge inland Port is now called the "irreplaceable Port" for the United States. The program will premiere on HoustonPBS, Ch. 8, and then be made available to Texas PBS for broadcast on PBS stations across the state. Check here for more information www.texarts.org/media.



Featured Property:

Looking for 2,200 square feet of office space in Deer Park? The Economic Alliance building (formerly known as the DPISD Administration building at 203 Ivy Avenue) has some space available for lease which would accommodate up to 8 offices or 7 with a board room. There is also access to common spaces including a large kitchen/break area and meeting rooms. If interested, contact Chad Burke or Bridget Yeary at (281) 476-9176.



Bits & Pieces



- Waller County Line Barbeque at 6915 Spencer Highway (at Red Bluff in the old Two Cities location) has Karaoke every Sunday on the patio from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm., and they have a new website at www.wallercountyline.com.
- Lone Star Taco at 3811 Center St. (former location of Gina's Italian) plans to open mid-month, with hot breakfast tacos served daily beginning at 7 a.m. and the main menu served until 11 p.m. "Like" the 'Deer Park Economic Development' Facebook page in order to be notified of businesses' opening days.
- Starbucks (8075 Spencer Highway) will open June 30.
- Chick-fil-A is celebrating "Cow Appreciation Day" on July 11, so wear your black and white spots, cow bells and furry ears and be awarded a free meal (or a free entree for only partially-dressed cow attire).
- Look for the Kake Chick Bakery to open soon at 4914 Luella (near Spencer Highway). Owner Ruby Rodriguez will offer ready-made cakes, plus custom cakes and other goodies.
- Lil' Rascals Daycare owners are breaking ground in June or July for their new, large daycare facility at 4509 Center St. (at the corner of Center and Lambuth St.) Construction should be completed by the end of the year.
- Booth space is limited for the super-successful Petrochemical & Maritime Outlook conference, scheduled for September 4 at the Pasadena Convention Center. Reserve your booth soon by calling Marisela at (281) 476-9176.
- The Port of Houston has the 2nd largest petrochemical industry in the world. Can you guess who is #1? It's Rotterdam, 2nd largest city in the Netherlands.

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