



Economic Development Newsletter

DEER PARK, TEXAS

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Building Coming Soon on Newly Annexed Land

City Council recently approved the annexation of 37 acres that sit north of Hwy. 225 on Independence Parkway (north of Love's Travel Stop). The property is owned by Molto Properties, who petitioned the City late last year for annexation approval. Molto now plans to construct

a 410,000 square foot logistics warehouse and once it is completed, it will be the largest commercial building in Deer Park. The site was formerly a chemical plant that was closed and shuttered over 20 years ago. Molto plans to start construction later this year and the building should take 10 months to complete.

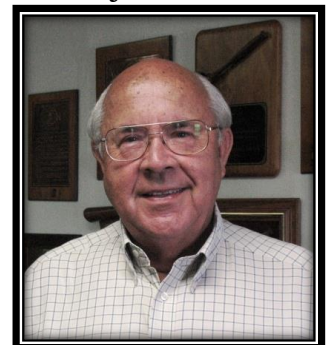
King's Barbeque Loves to Cater

It was nine years ago that King's Barbeque opened their location in Deer Park at 1322 Underwood (corner of Underwood and Pasadena Boulevard). Their original location is on Main Street in La Porte, and another is located in Baytown. The restaurant is open daily, 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., but they also love to cater. Let them take the work out of your next event by letting them cater with their great meats and sides; perfect for company meetings, parties, fund raisers, team parties and more. Call (281) 478-6851 or visit www.KingsBBQCatering.net for more information.



Happy Retirement, Mayor Riddle

Wayne Riddle has announced his official retirement effective June 1 from Wayne Riddle Insurance after 50 years in business. Located at 110 W. Pasadena Blvd. in Deer Park, Wayne has sold his agency to Harris County Insurance Center, which has been in business for over 40 years and has five other locations. The business will stay in the same location and will continue to service Wayne's clients. Wayne's assistant, Robin (who has worked with him for 32 years) will also remain an employee with the new owners. Mayor Riddle served on the Deer Park City Council for 32 years, including 14 years as Mayor, so we greatly thank him for his leadership and serving our citizens in the most profound, unselfish manner.



Great Food is Rollin' In

The City of Deer Park recently approved an ordinance allowing food trucks to operate within the city limits, provided they have the appropriate permits and permission from the property owner. They may also be invited by the City to operate on public property or in city parks with the appropriate written permission from the City. The truck owners must apply for a 90-day permit from the City Secretary's office, and they must have valid insurance and health permits, along with other stipulations. These popular attractions will now be seen during the summer concerts in Dow Park and at other special City events. Vendors wanting more information can contact the City Secretary's Office at (281) 478-7248.



“Keto Wednesday’s” for Low-Carb Lovers

The Health Nut now caters to those low-carb lovers who follow the Keto Diet, which is a ketogenic diet featuring low-carb/high-fat foods, by offering “Keto Wednesdays”. Located at 2606 Center Street (across the street from Beyond Beaute’), their Wednesday daily special always features a delicious low-carb dish. You can follow this up with a low carb dessert item baked especially by the Ugly Crust Bakery, who is there at the restaurant every Monday, Wednesday and Friday with their amazing, fresh-baked homemade treats. Celebrating their 40th year in Deer Park, The Health Nut is a health-food style café, plus a great store for finding natural beauty products, gluten free foods, local honey, loads of vitamins and herbal ingredients, plus a knowledgeable staff that can recommend products for whatever ails you. They also host Mini Market Days, which allows our local vendors to display their merchandise. Check their Facebook page for information or call (281) 479-7713.

They Know a Thing or Two.....

Bradford Insurance Agency is now open at 4126 Center Street in Deer Park. Chris Bradford is both a Farmers Insurance agent and Deer Park High School graduate who is thrilled to be opening his agency in his home town. He provides insurance products to help you protect your life and assets, including Home, Windstorm, Auto, Business, Life, Commercial Auto, Pet, Umbrella and more. Give their office a call at (713) 270-0265 for more information, and be sure to visit their Facebook page because they frequently have some great giveaways.





Closed Car Wash is First Sign of Shell FCU Expansion

Shell Federal Credit Union 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. That initial \$10 investment has now grown to over \$1 billion in assets and 94,000 members and 10 locations. Shell FCU's impressive growth has presented some challenges in terms of location and space, as they moved their main Deer Park headquarters location to 8th Street in 1959, and then moved again to their present day location at 301 E. 13th Street in 1980. They are again at capacity in terms of office space and parking, so their conceptual plan for expansion is now starting to be implemented. They first purchased the car wash property across the street to the south along with some other lots, which totals 2 ½ acres. Their plan is to construct a 400-car parking garage on the south property, an enclosed "sky-bridge" over 13th Street connecting the parking garage and the main credit union building, and a new 100,000 square foot administrative building on the corner of Center St. and 13th St. Customers would still bank in the current main building and park on the current surface parking, but new space would allow Shell FCU to consolidate operations and hire additional people. The drive-thru would be moved to the east side of the current building. Plans are still being finalized, but Shell FCU is working with surrounding residents to ensure that the new additions are aesthetically pleasing. They also plan to construct new detention capacity so drainage will improve in that area. Stay tuned for further developments as Shell FCU moves to finalize the project.

Falzo's Fundraising Division

FALZO Filter Supply Company is excited to announce they have launched their fundraising division, which is now available to all school districts, non-profit organizations, sports teams, benefits and charities. The goal is to put as much back into our community as possible. Upon signing up with FALZO, your organization will be assigned a promotion code, which will be printed on promotional flyers (provided by FALZO). The use of that promo code will add up to donations for your organization. If you are interested or have questions, email cclark@falzofilters.com. You can also check out their Facebook page or website at www.falzofilters.com.



Dogs, Cats, Birds & Bunnies

Deer Park Animal Hospital has now moved into their new, beautiful facility at 5320 East Blvd. (across the street from Heritage Elementary School). Proudly serving our community for 45 years, the new facility is over 8,000 square feet (3,000 square feet larger than the former location), and built to provide the highest standard of care. DPAH is one of only a few Certified Cat Friendly Practices in the Houston region, and they also have unique expertise in exotic pets such as small mammals, turtles, lizards and birds. Like alternative medicine? Talk to them about their pet acupuncture and other alternative methods available like herbalism. They feature premium and luxury boarding, plus grooming. Come see if for yourself at their Grand Opening event on June 30 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and take a tour! See their Facebook page for more information, visit www.deerparkvets.com or call (281) 479-0405.



Bits & Pieces



- CAP Barbell has begun construction on a new 300,000 square foot distribution warehouse at 402 Deerwood Glen in the Deerwood Glen Business Park. Headquartered in Houston, this 25-year old company is the leading distributor and provider of fitness equipment, carrying more than 1,000 products in over 30 categories including weight-training equipment, strength equipment, medicine balls, storage racks, mats, inversion tables and much more.
- At the turn of the century (in the early 1900's), there were 30 million farmers in the U.S. whose crops fed 100 million people in this country. Now, there are 300,000 farmers in the U.S. whose crops feed over 300 million people in this country and overseas. This is due to the incredible advances in farming technology, some of which we owe to research performed by NASA.
- Interesting Fact: Cancer rates for Harris County are actually below the National and State average levels.

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