



# Economic Development Newsletter

DEER PARK, TEXAS

*Mom & Pops are Like Sunshine for the Soul*

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## **Happiness = Cake Balls**

Frosting Dreams & All the Things bakery is now open at 910 W. Pasadena Blvd., just south of the South Campus High School. The owner is area native Ashley Gil, who has taken her gift for baking the world's perfect cake ball to the next level by opening her own bakery. You will find a wonderful variety of large, delicious cookies, picture-perfect cake balls, brownies, and thick and yummy cookie-cakes. Ashley also makes custom cakes; the perfect centerpiece for any occasion. So, whether you are stopping by for a quick treat or need dozens for a gift, party or event, let Frosting Dreams be your one-stop-

shop for amazing sweets and great customer service. Call Ashley today at 346-315-5620 or visit the bakery's Facebook page to see the menu.

## **Preserve Your Legacy**

Local resident Scott Holleman has opened Bayou City Photography offering full-service photography. Scott specializes in fine art portrait and branding photography, which starts with a complimentary styling consultation. Together, you will select the location(s) to customize to your personal story through photos. Scott and his team will also work with you on selecting and coordinating your wardrobe, coordinating with a hair and make-up artist so that you look your best, and installing your custom artwork. Let Scott create your timeless portraiture, whether the subject includes personal branding, families, seniors, or executive portraits. Each session is designed specifically with your needs in mind. In



today's digital age, his focus is to create your legacy for generations to enjoy, cherish, and relive their history. With more than 20 years of experience, your session is going to be fun! Scott also offers a lifetime guarantee on your artwork. Begin preserving your own legacy today by calling Scott at (713) 443-1789. You can also see Scott's portfolio at [www.bayoucityphotography.com](http://www.bayoucityphotography.com) or Facebook page @Bayou City Photo by Scott Holleman. You can also email him at [connect@bayoucityphotography.com](mailto:connect@bayoucityphotography.com).

## **Vega's is the "Whole Enchilada"**

Vega's Mexican Restaurant has changed up their menu and added several new delicious items. Located at 3709 Center Street (next to Starbuck's), Vega's moved to their current location in 2017, one year after a fire took their original building on Center Street. The Vega family prides themselves on serving the most authentic Mexican food in the region. They are open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, Monday through Friday. You can reach them at (281) 884-8418. You can also see their menu on their Facebook page @Vega's Mexican Restaurant.



## **Success Story...**

It was 14 years ago that Coastal Hydraulics was founded by President, Wayne Rodick.



Wayne served in the Navy as an aviation hydraulics mechanic, then started this hydraulic repair and maintenance business "with a truck and a toolbox". Coastal Hydraulics, located at 1002 W Pasadena Blvd., serves the Gulf Coast for all hydraulic repair and maintenance needs. They specialize in the manufacturing and repairing of all types of cylinders, motors, valves, and pumps. They can also help with new sales and custom cylinders. To find more information,

visit their website at [www.coastalhydraulics.biz](http://www.coastalhydraulics.biz) or call Wayne at (281) 478-0989.

## **Award Winning!**

The Deer Park Animal Hospital received the 2020 Design Hospital Merit Award earlier this year for their newly constructed facility at 4320 East Blvd. Serving our community proudly for nearly 45 years, DPAH stays current and gives the highest standard of care. Their building was recognized because of its unique features like a cat-only waiting area, cat-only exam room, a kid's nook, snack bar, and fun outdoor play area for the dogs and much more. Dr. Dale Lonsford, his daughter, Dr. Charmel Rodick, and their staff work to make the facility meet a wide range of your pet's needs.



Dr. Lonsford also has unique expertise in exotic pets such as small mammals (including rabbits), turtles, lizards and birds. See their website for more information at [www.deerparkvets.com](http://www.deerparkvets.com) or call them at (281) 479-0405.

## **MY EYELAB**

Eyelab will soon open at 9001 Spencer Highway (in the retail center in front of Walmart, former location of Payless Shoes). Eyelab designs their own frames and works directly with eyewear manufacturers to pass significant savings on to you. Visit [myeyelab.com](http://myeyelab.com).

## \$\$ Chamber Raffle \$\$

Imagine waking up every Monday for an entire year with the chance to win a gift card of various amounts. The Deer Park Chamber of Commerce's "Bucks & Beauties" raffle tickets are on sale now for \$50 each. Raffle contestants keep their same number for all 52 weeks. Then as each Monday arrives, the suspense grows until the 10 a.m. *Texas Lottery's Monday morning "Pick 3"* announcement, because that's where the official winning number will come from (so you can win more than once all year long). Prizes will be either a Visa gift card or an Academy Sports + Outdoors gift card in amounts ranging from \$200 to \$850. The first drawing will be Monday, November 2. Must be 21 or over to participate. Stop by the Chamber to purchase tickets at 120 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street (former JSC FCU building). Call and speak with Paula or Melissa at (281) 479-1559 for purchase details.

## Fit to Fabulous

Elite Fitness started out as a small section of a gym in La Porte, but then expanded into 7,000 square feet of workout space. So now, they are excited to announce they are now moving to a MUCH larger facility. In early 2021, Elite will be moving into 9701 Spencer Highway in Deer Park (the former FoodTown location at Spencer and Underwood Road). Members will have 24/7 access to a 50,000 square foot facility (including 10,000 square feet of outdoor workout space). Elite will also feature commercial-style and warehouse-style training areas, plus large luxury locker rooms, sauna, group classes, kid's club (child care), smoothie bar, supplements and apparel shop. Stay updated by liking their Facebook page at @Elite Fitness Gym or call (832) 348-6377.



## HUGE Changes Ahead for Shell FCU Deer Park

Shell Federal Credit Union has begun construction on a Corporate Office Expansion project at 301 E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street in Deer Park, Texas. The project – which includes construction of a parking garage and sky-bridge – will significantly increase both staffing capacity and parking at the corporate location. Specifically, the four-phase construction project includes a four-story parking



garage with 668 parking spaces with a sky-bridge which will expand across 13<sup>th</sup> street to connect the parking garage to the current building, a new five-lane drive-through for the current credit union building including 2 through the wall ATM's, a new four-story building designed to office nearly 500 employees, and a remodel of the current credit union building which will hold over 200 employees. The full construction project is scheduled to take between 20 and 24 months, with the project scheduled for completion in spring 2022.



## Your Weight Loss HQ

Deer Park's long-time residents Carina and Jose Pantoja are the owners of Eclipse Massage & Spa, located at 4321 Center St. Eclipse offers a wide variety of services intended to relax, soothe and increase wellness for clients, including massage and infrared sauna. They also offer vitamin injections that actually help you lose those unwanted pounds and inches, including Super Lipo B which contains B1, B2, B3, B6 and B12 and other supportive nutrients.

Another injection, LipoLean, helps preserve lean muscle mass during a weight loss phase. It contains calorie-burning Leucine, an essential amino acid that helps keep your body lean. Eclipse also offers a Body Composition service, which measures body fat, body age, body weight, muscle mass, resting metabolism rate, and visceral fat. Learn more about the weight loss services at Eclipse by visiting their website at [www.Eclipse-Massage.com](http://www.Eclipse-Massage.com), call (281) 478-0300 or find them on Facebook @Eclipse Massage & Spa.

## Extend Your Stay, but Not Your Budget

Studio 6 has now opened at 825 Center St. Classified as an "apartment motel", Studio 6 provides an extended stay experience to match your needs and your budget. Rooms feature comfortable and clean sleeping areas, fully equipped kitchen, free WIFI, kitchen amenities



including microwave, stovetop and refrigerator, and an expanded work area. Studio 6 is kid and pet friendly, plus there is also 24/7 front desk staff for your convenience.

## Bits & Pieces



- Smashburger restaurant at 8015 Spencer Highway has permanently closed.
- Pita Pit restaurant at 8015 Spencer Highway has permanently closed.
- The Deer Park Chamber of Commerce has office space for lease in their beautiful former bank building at 120 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street (Wi-Fi & utilities included). Various sizes of offices and suites. Call Paula or Melissa at the Chamber (281) 479-1559.
- The fastest road in the United States is located in Texas. In a rural stretch located between Austin and San Antonio, the speed limit on this 40-mile stretch of toll road is 85 mph. Texas also has the fastest average legal speed of 78.3 mph.

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