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DEER PARK, TEXAS

Small Businesses Have Big Hearts ♥ *Shop Local*

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I ♥ mac & cheese



Just Say “Cheese”

I Heart Mac & Cheese is a unique fast-casual restaurant coming soon to 8015 Spencer Highway in the former location of SmashBurger. This franchise specializes in made-to-order and fully customizable Build Your Own Bowls where you pick your base (pasta), cheese, veggies, proteins and sauce. They also have amazing grilled cheese sandwiches, kids’ meals, fresh sides (like cheesy broccoli or tomato soup), Chef’s specials and desserts. Additionally, you will find plenty of health-conscious menu items including vegan options (like excellent vegan mac & cheese) and gluten-free substitutes for pasta. They are set to open in the next few months, so stay tuned for more details. In the meantime, visit their website at www.IHeartMacAndCheese.com or find them on Facebook.

Something New!

Mai Asian Box is an authentic Vietnamese grill coming soon to 8015 Spencer Highway in the former location of Pita Pit. This fast-casual restaurant specializes in fresh made-to-order boxes and sandwiches. The owners have combined generations of family recipes to create a healthy and unique menu. The specialty is banh mi, a sandwich brimming with flavor that is both good for you and satisfying. They start with fresh French bread or croissants and let you build your own with delicious ingredients. They will also serve custom Vietnamese boxes where customers select their own ingredients like grilled



chicken, lemongrass marinated pork, rice, salad, vermicelli noodles or even organic tofu. The menu is extensive and you can see it on their website at www.maiasianbox.com or find them on Facebook. They are hoping to open in just a few weeks.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Shell Federal Credit Union, voted again as one of Houston’s Top Workplaces according to the Houston Chronicle. Shell FCU was listed as #7 in Houston’s midsize company rankings.

Happy Anniversary

Welsh Collision Center at 4201 Center St. (next door to Hellyer Transmission) recently celebrated their 11th year in business. Owner Brad Welsh has grown the business to become one of the region's most successful and trusted collision centers, bringing in customers from as far away as Galveston, Pearland and even downtown Houston. Brad's grandfather, Shelby Welsh, opened the original Welsh Repair Shop in 1945, and Brad's dad, Noel, was an Automotive Paint and Body instructor at La Porte High School, earning 14 Skills USA state championships. Welsh Collision Center offers collision repair, restoration projects, frame straightening and more. Call Brad at (281) 479-3030 or visit their website at www.welshcollisioncenter.com.



Valentine's Day ideas (shop local!)

❁ *Deer Park Jewelry Factory*

4005 Center St., (281)930-8262 or www.facebook.com/dpjewelryfactory

❁ *Flower Cottage of Deer Park*

4506 Center St., (281)542-6900 or www.flowercottageofdeerpark.net

❁ *Deer Park Florist*

806 Center St., (281)479-2374 or www.deerpark-florist.com

❁ *Heavenly Couture Boutique*

5010 Luella, (832) 429-3990 or www.facebook.com/heavenly-couture-boutique

❁ *Beyond Beaute'*

2805 Center St., (281)930-1734 or www.beyondbeaute.com

❁ *Eclipse Massage & Spa*

4321 Center St., (281)478-0300 or www.eclipse-massage.com

New Home Construction

Riviera Palms subdivision has become a reality in the in the 200 block of W. San Augustine (just west of Center Street and right behind Victory Properties' office building). Developer Manny Memon is building this 16-home community with 1,725 sq. ft. residences that will lease around \$1,500 to \$1,600/month. All homes will be "for lease" only, with three bedroom/two bathroom and an office/study. The first four homes should be completed by May, with remaining homes being completed before the end of 2021. Want to lease one? Call Manny's property manager at 713-557-7547.



FUN EVENT!

The Deer Park Rotary Club will be hosting its first annual "Bubba Bingo" on Thursday, March 25 at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center in Deer Park. Twenty games of bingo will be played with awarding prizes like hunting trips, fishing trips, liquor, sports items, knives, meat packages, etc. There will also be both a live and silent auction, card draws, and plenty of door prizes. Tickets to the event are \$50 each, or you can reserve a table of eight for \$500, which comes with extra bingo cards. Dinner is included in the ticket price. The event is BYOB, and all proceeds benefit the Deer Park Rotary Club in funding their annual scholarships and community projects. Purchase tickets by calling Justin League at (832) 493-1075 or Tim Culp at (713) 444-6685.



Now Giving Tours

Sodalis Senior Living is now open. This gorgeous 94-bed facility specializes in home-like memory care and assisted living for seniors. The facility is located at 4320 East Blvd. in Deer Park. They are now offering tours of the new Deer Park facility. Interested families should call Kim Persyn at (210) 748-1404 to get information or schedule a tour. You can also visit www.SodalisDeerPark.com.

Pamper Yourself

Marcel Nails & Spa opened five years ago at 3424 Center St., next to Burke's Outlet. No expense was spared in the building of this beautiful salon. Treat yourself soon to a service at Marcel, including eyelash extensions, waxing, facials, spa manicures and pedicures. Be confident in their sanitizing practices, plus everything is disposable - never being reused on the next customer, including files, buffers and pumices. Stop by soon and get pampered, having a luxury experience while paying oh-so-affordable prices. Call (832) 429-3871 for your next appointment and find coupons on their Facebook page.



40 Years for Deer Park Rentals

Wallace Anderson first opened Deer Park Rentals at 1904 Center Street in 1980. His strategy was to provide "outstanding service" to his customers. Forty years later, the business is still flourishing under the leadership of his sons, Rick and Hal, because the level of service is still top priority. Deer Park Rentals provides equipment rental to residential, commercial and industrial customers. Whether it is a chainsaw, post-hole digger, or a welding machine, you can count on a great experience backed by thirty years of consistent outstanding service. Congratulations to Rick and Hal for continuing their father's vision and we look forward to the next forty years! You can contact Deer Park Rentals at (281) 479-8125.

Mayor's State of the City Luncheon

Deer Park Mayor Jerry Mouton will present this year's "2021 State of the City" address on February 25 at the Jimmy Burke Center in Deer Park. There is very limited seating because of social distancing, but there will also be various "watch parties" during the event. Contact the Deer Park Chamber for information at (281) 479-1559. You may also view the full address, including a video recording of the Mayor's live presentation, bonus videos and an accompanying publication on the City's website - www.deerparktx.gov - following the live event. Just navigate to the website, scroll over the "Government" tab and look under Mayor & City Council.



Bits & Pieces

- The Waterford at Deer Park has changed its name to Morada Deer Park, as they were purchased by Morada Senior Living last December. This senior living community offers safe and private independent living. Call them at (281) 542-9445 or visit them at 201 McDermott Street in Deer Park.
- Houston Methodist Emergency Care Center is now open at 3701 Center St. They are open 24/7/365 with board-certified doctors and private screening rooms.
- Tacos La Bala will open soon at 3601 Center Street (next door to Planet Fitness and former location of Brick Oven Pizza). This family-owned restaurant has eight other locations around the Houston region and offers authentic Mexican food, fast service, breakfast, lunch and dinner...."Con Sabor a Mexico!"
- The town of Dish, TX in Denton County used to be named Clark, TX. That changed in 2005, when satellite television company Dish Network made Clark's residents an unusual offer. In exchange for re-naming the town DISH, each of its 201 residents would receive free basic television service for ten years and a free digital video recorder. The residents of Clark happily accepted the offer!
- Speaking of Texas' town names, you can almost take a European vacation in Texas. Just hop in your car and drive through Paris, Athens, Naples, London, Dublin, and Florence, Texas. There is even a town called Earth in the plains of Llano Estacado—and it is the only town on the planet to bear that name.

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