



Economic Development Newsletter

DEER PARK, TEXAS

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New Children's Boutique

Sweet Threads Boutique is now open at 4134 Center Street (across the street from the big car wash and next to Papa John's Pizza). The new owner, Tiffany Watton, purchased the former business, Bows & Beaus Boutique, and has now re-opened with some new brands, including Mud Pie. They carry a wide variety of boys' and girls' boutique clothing, adorable shoes, hand-made bows and accessories for infants through tween size 14. See store specials and highlights on their Facebook page or call them at (281) 884-8959.

Great Way to Start the New Year!

You might have heard of Marie Kondo, the world-famous organization consultant that uses a method called KonMari, which helps you purge physical items that do not bring joy into your life. Well, Deer Park resident Andrea Pressley is the owner of Full Circle Style, a great home-based business using the KonMari method to help you (1) declutter your space, (2) organize your home and (3) find storage solutions. Great service begins and ends with an experienced and friendly professional, so let Andrea know how she can be of service to you. She provides unbeatable rates and incredible customer service to not only meet your needs, but also exceed your expectations. You can find Andrea on Instagram at [@full.circle.style](https://www.instagram.com/full.circle.style), or visit www.fullcirclestyle.wixsite.com/website. You can also reach her directly by emailing her at andrapressley3@gmail.com.



Opens This Summer

Whataburger is now under construction on their second Deer Park location at 715 Center St. (southeast corner of Center St. and 6th Street, formerly the location of the Wells Fargo drive-through building). Construction is moving fast and they estimate being open by May or June 2020. This 3,942 square foot, 24-hour restaurant will be one of their larger floorplans with plenty of parking.

WHATABURGER





APACHE

Apache Industrial Services has opened their new state-of-the-art hiring office at 1803 Center Street, in the same retail strip as their training center. The new 1,500 square foot hiring office allows hopeful applicants to streamline their process with space specifically designed for each step. The interior is brightly colored and features the latest technology, enabling applicants to go through the onboarding process in a matter of minutes. Apache has also collaborated with the Houston Area Safety Council to house a clinic inside the hiring center, allowing craftsmen to go through the complete hiring process in one convenient location. For more information, visit www.apacheip.com or call (713) 450-9307.

Final Days.....

Norma Moses is retiring and closing Norma's Country Dreams at 4705 Center St. after 34 years in business. Plans are to close the store hopefully by the end of February. New inventory is still arriving daily from Norma's other warehouses. Prices are slashed up to 75% now and expected to be further reduced through February. You will find all types of furniture, jewelry, gift items and apparel. The 14,100 square foot building is also for sale. It sits on 1.06 acres and includes a warehouse. Contact Alix Fox at (832) 687-7533 for information regarding the building.



New Concept in Banking

Deer Park will soon be home to one of Bank of America's new "virtual banks" at 9315 Spencer Highway (retail strip in front on H-E-B and next to MOD Pizza). As consumers grow ever more accustomed to banking electronically, financial institutions like Bank of America are re-thinking their branch locations. Bank of America's latest attempt to maintain an affordable and usable physical presence for customers has resulted in them opening hundreds of new, small virtual outposts. These automated branches are rather like ATM vestibules, equipped with several ATM machines, plus they offer a videoconference room where customers can have a private, Skype-style meeting with mortgage loan officers and other specialists. Security guards are also in place and other security measures are enforced. Look for Deer Park's new Bank of America virtual branch to open this spring.



Your Child's Smile

Tots & Teens Pediatric Dental Specialists opened their original location in League City, but will soon open a second location at 3317 Center St. (next door to Dunkin' Donuts). Pediatric dentist, Dr. Sandra Mbibi, DDS, is passionate about catering to children and providing healthy smiles throughout their childhood. Her goal is to make your child's dental visits as comfortable as possible by providing an office with fun amenities and a playful demeanor. They will offer pediatric and general dentistry, and plan to offer orthodontics in the near future. Find out more at www.tntdentistry.com.



Deserving Veteran Recognized

Deer Park's Chad Milner is the owner of Lawn Vets LLC, a lawn service company that employs only veterans. After graduating from Deer Park High School in 1993, Chad was



in the U.S. Marine Corps for 8 years - serving in Afghanistan. His lawn business, Lawn Vets, was up and running successfully until someone decided to steal all of his equipment from a storage lot last October. The story was featured on Houston's local news, resulting in donated equipment and cash being given by a generous community. Chad was quickly able to restore all of his stolen equipment and put his crew back to work. Bill Spencer

with Channel 2 News and Keith Sullins, President of Papa John's Houston, recently showed up to give Chad some amazing tickets to the Texan's playoff game. Support a great local businessperson and our vets by calling Chad today for your lawn service. You can reach him at (832) 247-7050 or (832) 777-5266, or email him at chad@lawnvetsusa.com. You can also visit www.lawnvetsusa.com or find him on Facebook @Lawn Vets LLC.

Coming Soon.....

Lady Elite Studios will soon open at 5014 Luella Ave. (near the intersection of Spencer Hwy. and next door to Heavenly Couture Boutique). Look for them to offer modeling, etiquette and dance classes for kids, along with photography and yoga lessons for adults.



Bibi's House of Kabob Update: The owners of Bibi's House of Kabob at 3121 Center St. (across the street from Walgreens) have announced they will re-open the restaurant upon completing repairs from the electrical fire that happened late last year.

Entire Building Leased

Victory Commerce Center at 2851 E. Pasadena Blvd. (between East Blvd. and Underwood Rd.) was constructed last year by Crow Holdings. The 350,000 sq. ft. distribution center has now landed a tenant, who is taking the entire building space for lease. Cadeco Industries, Inc. is currently located in Pasadena, but is in the process of moving their sugar division to Victory Commerce Center. Cadeco imports organic sugar and agave nectar from all over the world, re-packages these into several different brands of granulated and liquid sweeteners, and then ships these products out to distributors throughout the United States and globally. Cadeco is a Houston-based company that is also the leading service provider of raw coffee. Cadeco is part of a group of companies whose origins date back to Spain in the 1920's. Find out more at www.cadeco.cc.



Bits & Pieces



- JSC Federal Credit Union is closing their branch office at 120 East 8th Street (near Center Street) effective February 8. You can still visit them in Deer Park at their branch located at 2200 East 13th Street (intersection of East Blvd.).
- Lone Star Taco has re-opened and is under new management at 3811 Center St.
- The Vapor Reserve, an electronic cigarette store at 3302 Center Street, has closed.
- This month marks the 127th month of U.S. economic expansion arising out of the great financial crisis in 2008, making it the longest run on record going back to 1854.
- Fun Fact: Texas has its own power grid, separate from the rest of the United States. There are three power grids in the U.S.: one for those states east of the Rocky Mountains, one for states between the Pacific and the Rocky Mountains, and one for Texas. The Texas power grid was established during WWII to make sure all the Texas factories producing critical war supplies were self-sustainable.

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