

THE VOICE

Huntsville Walker County Chamber of Commerce Newsletter



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Be aware of the top digital advertising & marketing trends for 2019!

This month's Lunch and Learn featured Ted Gurley of Community News Digital who taught attendees about digital trends that would be of benefit for member businesses to be familiar with. These trends included going digital by creating a website, being active on social media, and even some details regarding cybersecurity. Attendees had the opportunity to receive personalized advice to questions about their specific business and how they could improve their digital advertising and marketing. Tammy Farkas, Advertising Director of The Huntsville Item helped put into action this month's lunch and learn and is available for follow-up advice and consulting.

Feed Your Business Brain

With daily workforce issues such as time management and limited communication learn how you can improve your business meetings by using 5 free apps that have been voted the **BEST** apps for improving meetings by fastcompany.com.

These apps are available on the Apple iTunes Store and Android Google Play store.

Ready to get organized, take digital notes, and make sure everyone is engaged in the meeting?

Download the apps today!

Read how you can utilize these *FREE* apps to improve your business **HERE**



New Chamber Members

**The following businesses recently joined the Chamber and we extend
A WARM CHAMBER WELCOME!**

*The information printed was gained from membership applications.

For any additions and/or corrections, contact
the Chamber as complete membership information is vital to your records with us. *

Julie Mince

Independent DamselPro, Damsel in Defense

Damsel in Defense's mission- equipping, empower, educate.

For more information call

Julie Mince at 936-524-1880

or visit the website at www.damselinddefense.com

Texas Professional Surveying

A Surveying and Mapping firm providing services to both the public and private sectors, serving Montgomery and surrounding counties.

For more information call

Briana Winget at 936-756-7447

Angela George

Broker Associate B & B Properties

Whether you are buying or selling a home contact

Angela George at 214-450-0325 for all your Real Estate needs.

Still Shutter Photograph, LLC

A photography/video production designed for small business, brand awareness, and marketing opportunities.

For more information contact Michael Taylor at 432-251-8945.

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Totally Toned Fitness Spa

Owned by Kelli Bledsoe

a spa featuring Isometric Fitness with no strain/stress of sweating.

\$30 with unlimited Tanning Red Light Therapy and Yoga.

Memberships start at \$39.

For more information stop by her location at

1524 11th St., Suite D, or call 936-291-8663.

Debbie Toney

Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant

The mission of Mary Kay Cosmetics is to enrich the
lives of women and their families around the world.

For more information contact Debbie at
936-661-6750 for your beauty makeover.

Gardner Glass

Want to join the Huntsville Walker County Chamber to grow your business?

Contact us at: (936) 295-8113

Email: chamber@chamber.huntsville.tx.us

Visit: 1327 11th St, Huntville, TX 77340

Thank You to our Recent Renewals!

Lucas Roofing& Gutters

Edward Jones-Zach Pulling

HEB

Leon O'Neal-Dr. Bar B.Q.

Karsan's Kona Ice of Huntsville

Dr.Dimitrios Mantzoros, DPM

Taco Cabana

Focused Care at Huntsville

Huntsville Classical Academy

Dee Dee Dretke-Keller Williams

Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers

Stylecraft Builders, Inc.

The Arbors of Sam Houston

CCC Blacktopping LLC

Park Lane Jewelry-Rosie Ledezma

Texas Grand Ranch

Buffalo Wild Wings #598

Element Dental-Huntsville PLLC

Huntsville High School-Bill Roberts

Sam Houston Electrical Cooperative

Xerox Business Solutions Southwest

Johnny Holland Private Investigator

Scentsy-Mona Peck Consultant

Grace Baptist Church

**Need to pay your Chamber invoice?
Learn how to pay online by calling us at
936-295-8113.**

What's Happening?



Photography by Elizabeth Shae Photography

On August 29th the Chamber held its 10th Annual Diva Night presented by Wiesner of Huntsville in the SHSU Ballroom. It was a fun night full of shopping, food, and prizes! Thank you to all those sponsored the event!

FAIR ON THE SQUARE | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2019

Save the date and join us for our 45th Annual Fair on the Square! Vendor registration, sponsored by Huntsville Toyota, is underway and only a few spots remain available! If you are interested, please call us at 936-295-8113.

LEARN MORE ABOUT F.O.S.



Like us on Facebook to stay up to date with our events, ribbon cuttings, and more!



Like our Huntsville Chamber Ambassadors on Facebook

Click below to find more ways to stay connected to your community!

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Economic Indicators

HUNTSVILLE & WALKER COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Employment	Huntsville June 2019	Walker Co. June 2019	Texas June 2019	U.S. June 2019	Huntsville June 2018	Walker Co. June 2018	Texas June 2018	U.S. June 2018
Total Labor Force	12,099	24,497	14,015,086	162,981,000	11,836	23,969	13,823,795	162,129,000
Total Employed	11,489	23,472	13,532,432	157,005,000	11,167	22,813	13,291,680	155,592,000
Total Unemployed	610	1,025	482,654	5,975,000	669	1,156	532,115	6,537,000
Percent Unemployed	5%	4.2%	3.4%	3.7%	5.7%	4.8%	3.8%	4%

Huntsville Building Permit Values	July 2019	July 2018	% Change
Building Residential	1,386,617	1,174,347	18%
Commercial Building	217,627	4,804,415	-95%
Certificate of Compliance	280	-0-	-0-
Other	540,659	708,230	-24%
TOTAL	2,145,183	6,686,992	-68%

Walker County Sales Tax Payments	August 2019	August 2018	% Change	2018 YTD	2017 YTD	% Change
Huntsville (1.5%)	840,143.74	848,283.55	-0.95%	6,003,148.74	6,006,138.79	-0.04%
New Waverly (1.5%)	53,363.09	57,507.14	-7.20%	429,465.38	470,242.35	-8.67%
Riverside (1.5%)	14,254.42	14,156.25	0.69%	105,196.58	97,470.84	7.92%
Walker County (.5%)	339,087.66	352,584.14	-3.82%	2,531,831.79	2,536,914.94	-0.20%

Sources

Employment: Texas Workforce Commission (www.tracer2.com)
 Bldg. Prmt. Valuations: City of Huntsville
 Sales Tax Payments: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Window on State Government Web Site (<http://www.window.state.tx.us>)

August Ribbon Cutting



Welcome Infinite Glow & Body Wellness to the chamber community! Our board members, chamber members, and ambassadors visited earlier this month for a red ribbon cutting ceremony.

VISIT INFINITE GLOW & BODY WELLNESS

August Chamber Breakfast



Thanks to our August Chamber Breakfast Sponsor

Kimberly Dyan-Academic Life Coach

How often is this the scene in your house?

Your teenager feels:

School is too hard

They feel like they will never pass a test

Behind their peers

Stressed out all the time

Disorganized

"As a high school English teacher, I saw a lot of stressed out students who constantly exclaimed that school was too hard. These students were capable of good grades, but lacked the skills to complete .

the day-to-day tasks needed to stay on track. I became an Academic Life Coach so I can help students who are struggling with the transition from high school to the real world.

This includes high school students who recently realized the importance of high school, but feel behind and need to catch up, and new college students who never learned some of the key skills needed to be successful in a less structured environment. I help these students find their groove, so they feel confident and find success as they navigate school toward their desired goal."For more information call 936-978-0728



Networking Events

August Business After Hours



Thanks to our August Chamber Business After Hours Sponsor Taco Cabana Huntsville, TX



Marketing Director Erica Hernandez shared, "Taco Cabana specializes in Mexican-inspired food made fresh by hand from unique authentic recipes and ingredients that reflect our rich Mexican heritage.

The TC menu includes a delicious variety of loaded tacos, flame-grilled fajitas, quesadillas, flautas, enchiladas, burritos, bowls, freshly-made flour tortillas and a selection of made-from-scratch salsas and sauces."



"From our Dozen Breakfast Taco Boxes, daily Happy Hour from 4-7 pm, refreshing tequila margaritas and sangrias, and NEW plant-based Beyond Meat options, there is something for everyone at Taco Cabana.

Stop by your neighborhood TC at 253 I-45 S in Huntsville! Open 6am-1am daily."

Chamber First!

Please support your fellow chamber members.

Help build success in our community by shopping local and utilizing our members for all of our purchasing needs.

Please visit our
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Support The Voice

Be our featured sponsor!

For only \$350 a month, become our official sponsor for The Voice. Have your business advertised on the cover of this newsletter and sent to all chamber members each month! Interested? Call us at 936-295-8113.