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Chamber*



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*The Huntsville-Walker  
County Chamber of  
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Heart and Voice of  
Walker County*

*October 2017*



The 43rd Annual Fair on the Square was definitely a crowd pleaser! Pictured is the BEST OF SHOW Winner, Snuggle Monsters!. Also pictured are Fair on the Square Coordinator Laura Green, Fair on the Square Chairman Sue Slater, Chamber Board Member Glen Andrus, Chamber Board Member and Lions Club Member James Logan and Lions Club Member and Judging Chair Liesa Hackett. Look at the middle section for more photos as well on the Fair Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/thefaironthesquare](http://www.facebook.com/thefaironthesquare)

## Member Spotlight...



## Welcome New Members:

- Taco Cabana
- Texas Central- The Texas Bullet Train
- Board & Brush Creative Studio Huntsville
- Velocity Business Products

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## CAROL'S CORNER



Carol Smith

**WOW!! The 43rd Fair on the Square is now history!!** Steaming cups of hot coffee and flash lights were being passed among the Fair on the Square committee assembled in downtown eager for the day to dawn. Even though weary from the evening before, the group was excited about the day ahead. Fair on the Square is a spectacu-

lar way to market our community to the enormous crowd that

descends each year on our wonderful community. And, to make it even better, many local organizations participate and are able to have great fundraisers. Congrats to Sue Slater and her committee for an exceptional job!! Sue, and husband Danny, along with son Cody have been long time organizers of the annual Fair on the Square. Not only do they have a passion for helping make Huntsville the best it can be, they also love "teamwork" with the many sponsors, volunteers and Chamber staff that come together to make this event the caliber it has become. Many, many positive comments are still being passed along about how great the event turned out. Be sure to see the center section of this publication for photos and additional appreciation to our many supporters. Making sure all Chamber events are beneficial to our members are our staff Gwen Lucas, Lydia Montgomery, Shannon Higbie and Laura Green.

When you hear the word **TEAM**, what pops into your mind's vision? For many, it's "**TEAM...Together Everyone Achieves More**", and that's exactly what it means at the Chamber. By mid-October, when this newsletter hits the streets and mailboxes, the Chamber will be busy with the final quarter of 2017. Several major events are on the horizon and we've barely packed away the last of the spring and summer events. As always, everything we do is planned with **YOU** in mind... where "team" is the primary focus... events to recognize the importance of our existing members... events to provide new members reasons to join us... and events to communicate what we as a "**team**" can do for our local economy and community as a whole... teamwork!!

In an effort of "**teamwork**" October 12, 5:30 to 7:30 pm was the "State of the City" address. The Chamber, along with the City of Huntsville, planned this community-wide event at the Walker County Storm Shelter to better inform the local residents. Many of the City's divisions had snacks, along with informational booths and representatives. The Mayor and City Manager each gave great reports on where the city stands now on improvements along with other important city issues. Make plans to attend next year.

In closing, let me encourage each of you to be part of the "**team**"... make sure to watch for Chamber ballots for new board members; and, exercise your right as an American citizen to vote in all levels of elections coming up on November 7. This is especially true for Huntsville ISD!!! My challenge for you this month is to be a team player... be part of helping make Walker County the best it can be!! I hope to see you soon.

Happy Trails, **YOUR** Chamber President, Carol Smith

## Member Spotlight...

The City of Huntsville is led by the Huntsville City Council, composed of nine elected members. They in turn select a City Manager to implement their policy directions and ensure the efficient operation of the City and the services it provides. In-depth information and the annual budget are available on the City website at [www.HuntsvilleTX.gov](http://www.HuntsvilleTX.gov) and through the City's social media accounts (listed at [www.HuntsvilleTX.gov/Social](http://www.HuntsvilleTX.gov/Social)).

The pulse of the City is described in their Values Statement, "Public service is our business and our goal. We believe in commitment - not just to our job, but to our faith, our beliefs, and our family. Our pride in our work and the organization compels us to a high degree of professionalism." This statement works hand in hand with the City's Mission Statement, "In order to maintain and enhance the quality of life and the achievement of our vision, the City of Huntsville provides, facilitates, and regulates services, facilities, and infrastructure for citizens, customers, visitors, businesses, and state agencies, in a friendly, efficient, fair, honest, and competent manner with quality and forethought."

When asked what relationship the City has to the community, Mayor Andy Brauninger replied, "Living or operating a business in an incorporated municipality is made possible through an exchange of services for taxes based on value. Local government is closest to residents, providing essential services including water, wastewater, emergency response, streets, infrastructure and development oversight, and more. The City of Huntsville staff annually works with the Council to identify strategic initiatives for short- and long-range planning."

When asked why it is important for them to be a Chamber Member, Brauninger said, "The Chamber has adopted a mission statement to promote an environment to enhance the economic success of business in Walker County. The City has the role of providing infrastructure and services to make success possible. City residents benefit when entities work together to provide an environment that fosters prosperity for all and community pride and cooperation."

On October 12, the City of Huntsville held its fifth annual State of the City address at the Walker County Storm Shelter. Each City department displayed information highlighting their services to the community and visited with citizens in attendance. Mayor Brauninger welcomed everyone and made a presentation on Huntsville's growth, followed by City Manager Matt Benoit's review of the year's projects, and plans for fiscal year 2017-18 (view the entire presentation on Facebook at <https://business.facebook.com/HuntsvilleTX/videos/10154834822196440/>)

**Some things to plan for in the near future** - the City's general election will be on Tuesday, November 7, from 7 a.m.-7 p.m., with early voting through November 3, 2017, at the Walker County Annex (more information is available at [www.HuntsvilleTX.gov/Elections](http://www.HuntsvilleTX.gov/Elections)). On Saturday, October 28, downtown will come alive with fun and treats at Main Street's annual Scare on the Square from 2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., with Costume Contest judging at 4 p.m. Applications for the 2018 HPD Citizens Police Academy will be available at the front desk of the police department from Nov. 6 through Dec. 29, for sessions on Monday nights from January to April 2018.



## Hospitality House

On October 17th, 2017, the Preferred Partners Leads Group proudly presented a check for \$200.00 to Debra McCammon, the Executive Director of Hospitality House. The Hospitality House stands tall as the only overnight inmate family facility within Texas that operates seven days a week. The House has become a vital link between Huntsville's Texas Department of Criminal Justice inmates and their loved ones. Currently, the House welcomes families for visitations and executions in addition to releases, hospice visits, marriage seminars, and funerals.



## HUNTSVILLE &amp; WALKER COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Employment	Huntsville Aug 2017	Walker Co. Aug 2017	Texas Aug 2017	U.S. Aug 2017	Huntsville Aug 2016	Walker Co. Aug 2016	Texas Aug 2016	U.S. Aug 2016
Total Labor Force	11,842	23,687	13,406,779	160,863,000	11,825	23,725	13,295,171	159,800,000
Total Employed	11,167	22,511	12,802,022	153,576,000	11,075	22,327	12,638,955	151,804,000
Total Unemployed	675	1,176	604,757	7,287,000	750	1,398	656,216	7,996,000
Percent Unemployed	5.7%	5.09%	4.5%	4.5%	6.3%	5.9%	4.9%	5.0%

Huntsville Building Permit Values	Sept. 2017	Sept. 2016	% Change
Building Residential	555,480	1,572,975	-0.65%
Commercial Building	10,530,000	23,560,454	-0.55%
Certificate of Compliance	-0-	-0-	-0-
Other	2,789,003	188,462	13.80%
TOTAL	13,874,483	25,321,891	-0.45%

Walker County Sales Tax Payments	Oct. 2017	Oct. 2016	% Change	2017 YTD	2016 YTD	% Change
Huntsville (1.5%)	621,373.98	629,396.31	-1.27%	7,406,887.60	6,473,367.77	14.42%
New Waverly (1.5%)	48,096.57	37,112.81	29.59%	419,923.04	371,275.14	13.10%
Riverside (1.5%)	12,837.92	10,601.67	21.09%	119,514.65	118,270.36	1.05%
Walker County (.5%)	272,435.23	268,811.19	1.34%	3,072,803.84	2,685,656.36	14.41%

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

## Seminar Schedule

### November, 2017

**SPANISH**

El próximo Jueves 7 de noviembre  
(5:30 pm - 8:30 pm)  
estaremos dictando una conferencia en Español en el  
SBDC Sam Houston State University.  
Desarrollaremos temas inherentes a cómo crear ne-  
gocios en el estado de Texas y como planea su im-  
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Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least one week in advance. To register for a seminar or latest updates, visit our website at <http://samhoustonstateuniversity.sbdcnetwork.net>





## RECENT MEMBER RENEWALS

Mari Realty  
 The Legacy Group  
 Jerry McGinty  
 Lamar Advertising  
 Emblem Properties  
 Infintech  
 Faith Lutheran Church  
 Autumn Terrace Apartments  
 Senior Villages Huntsville  
 Home Depot  
 Fresh Donuts  
 The Facemaker  
 Raven Property Management  
 Sam Houston Cancer Center, LP

Affordable Plumbing, Inc.  
 Walker County Ace Hardware, Inc.  
 Kiwanis Club of Huntsville  
 Texas Alcohol & Drug Testing Service, Inc.  
 The Divas Duvita Etc.  
 Extreme Signs  
 Jukebox Etc.  
 Eastex Trailers & Eastex Storage  
 George's Garage  
 Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton, Huntsville  
 Sandra Richards - Farmers Insurance Agency  
 The Brazos Apartments  
 Magnolia Lake

Hat's off to the following members who recently renewed their Chamber membership. Marketing, advertising and networking are just a few of the benefits of Chamber membership. We encourage everyone to shop with Chamber members.

**WELCOME TO DEALING WITH DISASTER\* and LUNCHEON!!**

\$15 member/\$25 non-member  
 Chamber Board Room • 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

**With Clint Blinka - Business Coach**  
**October 26, 2017**

**Financial Advisor, Business Lawyer & Insurance Agent**

**Reservations Required by 10/24/17 • Contact Carol: 295-8113 or 661-9361**

\*How to plan and overcome challenges small businesses face during disaster and other difficult times. We will provide valuable insight with this proven strategies and help you apply them directly to your business for powerful results.

## Save the Date

*Coming Soon*

## Business Expo 2018

**March 1st, 2018 at the Walker County Fairgrounds**

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## FAIR ON THE SQUARE SPONSORS



Alpha Omega Academy • Atkinson Toyota  
 Bill Fick Ford • Boys & Girls Club of Walker County  
 Brookshire Brothers • CHI St. Luke's Health Emergency Center  
 City of Huntsville • Tim Deahl, M.D. FACOG • Domino's Pizza  
 Easco A/C & Heating • Encore at Sam Houston  
 Extreme Signs • First Baptist Church • H.E.B.  
 Homegrown Marketplace • Huntsville Arts Commission  
 Huntsville Health Care Center • Huntsville Rental Center  
 Jukebox, etc. • KSAM 101.7/THE HITS  
 KSTAR Country 99.7 • LearningRx • McCaffety Electric  
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 Pete Johnson Towing • Prevailing Hope Partners, Inc.  
 Rockin' D Services, Inc. • Sherwin Williams  
 Smither Company Real Estate  
 Smither Family Bed and Breakfast  
 Texas Central-The Texas Bullet Train  
 Texas Renaissance Festival • The Forum at Sam Houston  
 The Wynne Home/Huntsville Arts Commission  
 Wal-Mart • Ward Furniture & Flooring  
 Wiesner, Inc.- Huntsville • Wilder Dozer Service, Inc.  
 YMCA-Huntsville



## Special Thanks to

Al-Smith Septic Services • Anthem Productions  
 AT&T • Boys & Girls Club of Walker County  
 Brookshire Brothers • City Electric Supply  
 City of Huntsville • City Hall • City Hall Café & Pie Bar  
 Community Service Credit Union • Conroe Coca-Cola  
 Entergy • Events Plus • Extreme Signs  
 Fair Ice Company • First National Bank • Fresh Donuts  
 Gibbs Brothers • H.E.B. • Home Depot  
 Huntsville Feed & Farm • Huntsville Item  
 Huntsville Memorial Hospital • Huntsville Main Street  
 Huntsville Police Department  
 Huntsville Public Library • Huntsville Rental Center  
 Junior Service League • Kampus Korner  
 KSAM 101.7 & KHVL 104.9 The Hits • KSTAR Radio  
 McCaffety Electric • Rockin' D Services Inc.  
 Sam Houston State University • TDCJ-Huntsville Unit  
 TCS Flooring & Design • Texas Elite Events, Inc.  
 Walker County Courthouse and Annex  
 Walker County Citizens on Patrol  
 Walker County Fair Association  
 Walker County Sheriff's Office  
**& ALL THE SPONSORS & VOLUNTEERS!**





# FAIR on the SQUARE

## HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS

Parents been doing this festival for years!!!! Love the people in Huntsville!!  
-Jennifer Okay



H.E.B.'s Buddy was working the crowd. Reminding everyone of their grand opening on November 15th!!

Had a great time! We were one of the vendors there and had a great turnout! Good food and lots of shopping. Loved all of the unique things you find. Will be back next year.

-Celena Stephanie



Congratulations to Kai's Kookies for winning 1st Place! This precious young lady, with a little help from dad and family, created the most delicious cookies and she even gave some of her earnings back to Hurricane Harvey victims! Well done!

The Huntsville Chamber of Commerce created an amazing event. The volunteers did a great job. There were great vendors and so many creative ideas.

-Vicki Sides



They say it takes a village to raise a child...it also takes a village to raise a Fair on the Square. Pictured here are just a few of the AMAZING volunteers who helped pull it all together. Thanks to all the volunteers and thanks to our T-shirt sponsors who helped make us more visible in the crowd: CHI St. Luke's Emergency Health, Easco A/C & Heating, H.E.B., Huntsville Health Care Center and MRC Creekside and to Inkslingers for the great shirts!

My first year at the square. Had the best time. So many shops didn't get to see all of it. But it will definitely be on my calendar for next year. Just moved to Huntsville and looking forward to other excited things happen in our small town.

-Elvira Garcia Buck



Who doesn't like a roasted corn or root beer float! Not to mention everything fried imaginable! Thanks to all our food vendors who kept us fed and quenched our thirst!! Thanks also to our Food Court sponsors Atkinson Toyota, Bill Fick Ford, CHI St. Luke's Emergency Health, Domino's Pizza and Texas Rail-Texas Bullet Train.



Just one of the many organizations/businesses in our community who set a great example at the Fair on the Square. Northside Baptist Church gave out over 3000 bottles of water for free and kept us hydrated!!





Several Texas Vineyards poured samples of their great tasting wines all day in the Wine Knot sponsored by Wiesner, Inc.-Huntsville. Thanks for adding "flavor" to the Fair. Also thanks to Cork and Canvas, Texas Firefighters, H.E.B., City Hall Café & Pie Bar, Farmhouse Café, 1836 Steakhouse and Billy Hillman/Shane Barnhill Duo for creating a great experience with painting, food, music and fun!



**HOT HOT HOT...yes it was!** But that didn't persuade people to stay home. The Fair on the Square was packed the whole day. Thanks to Wal-Mart, our misting station sponsor, we tried to keep everyone cool during the heat of the day!



The Kids Korner stage kept the entertainment "jumping" all day. Thanks to the Family Faith SEALS team for a great performance along with many others! Thanks to Dr. Timothy Deal and LearningRX for their sponsorship to make this happen!



Joel the balloon artist **ALWAYS** brings his "A" game at the Fair. Sponsored by Ward Furniture and Flooring, hundreds of kiddos took home a great memento from the fair!



The Kids Korner featured other areas of fun including the Monster Mural sponsored by The Wynne Home Arts Center & YMCA, free Arts and Crafts station sponsored by the Boys & Girls Club of Walker County and Home Depot, the Bungee Run sponsored by Alpha Omega Academy and the Monster Slide sponsored by First Baptist Church.



The Beer Garden brought LIVE music Friday and all afternoon Saturday to a packed crowd who enjoyed the sounds from Cody Joe Hodges, 594, Brazos Valley All Star Band and Don Martinez all while sipping on beer provided by Faust Distributing and Stevenson Distributing and soft drinks from Conroe Coca-Cola. Bearkat fans celebrated a WIN against SFA as they watched the game on the TV provided by City Electric & Suddenlink! Thanks to Team Dodge, Stevenson Distributing, Faust Distributing, Prevailing Hope Partners, Homegrown Marketplace, Moak & Moak Attorneys at Law, Sherwin Williams, Wilder Dozer Service, Anthem Productions and McCaffety Electric for making all this possible.



## More Ribbon Cutting



**Taco Cabana**

**Taco Cabana**- celebrated their Ribbon Cutting on September 22, 2017 with Corporate Members, Chamber Members, Ambassadors, and friends. When it comes to eating right and making good choices, we specialize in Mexican-inspired food made fresh by hand, including fajitas, quesadillas, burritos, tacos, and more. We do the work. You get the "bravos." For more information, call 936-755-4830, or stop by their new location at 253 IH-45 South.

Mark Your Calendars....

## Friday, December 8 2017 Chamber Gala & Auction

It is not too early to make your plans....

The Silent and Live Auctions at the Gala provide an excellent opportunity of market your business in addition to supporting the Mary Frances Park Scholarship Fund. If your business would like to make a donation to this cause please give the Chamber a call today.

**Corporate Sponsor: Wiesner, Inc.-Huntsville**  
**Auction Sponsor: American Civil Engineering Services**

## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS SEPTEMBER

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. **Our most recent new members we welcome:**

**Taco Cabana**- Was founded more than 35 years ago in San Antonio. Eating right means making good choices. We specialize in Mexican-inspired food made fresh by hand, including fajitas, quesadillas, flautas, enchiladas, burritos, tacos, flour tortillas and a selection of made-from-scratch salsas and sauces. We do not like to brag, but people really seem to enjoy inviting us to their parties. Our catering service offers delicious steak, or chicken fajitas and more, complemented by freshly made sides and salsas. We do the work. You get the "bravos." You may also order online, and pick your order up in a timely manner. For more information, call 936-755-4830 or stop by their new location at 253 IH-45 South.

**Texas Central** – is the investor-owned firm developing the high-speed Texas Bullet Train that will connect Houston and North Texas in 90 minutes, including a stop that serves Huntsville and Bryan/College Station. The train will utilize safe, reliable technology and will provide another travel option for the population along this route, projected to be over 25 million by 2035. The train will create billions of dollars in economic development and thousands of jobs; help alleviate congestion and accidents on I-45; and serve as a model for the rest of the nation. For more information, call David Hagy (703.835.2735), email (dhagy@texascentral.com), or visit the website at [www.texascentral.com](http://www.texascentral.com).

**Board & Brush Creative Studio Huntsville**- Our goal is to turn you into a "DIY master" by encouraging you to understand and appreciate the beauty of raw materials...the wood, the knots, the color variations and the simple imperfections that will make your project unique. **EXPERIENCE NOT NEEDED!** Just bring your creativity and personality, and we will provide the instruction, materials and **FUN!** We offer a wide variety of hands-on experiences from workshops, private parties, corporate events, and fundraisers. Enjoy a glass of wine with your friends and family and hone your inner woodworking skills. All projects are a flat fee and include everything you will need to leave with a beautiful, classic wooden piece to adorn your walls. For more information, visit their website at [www.BoardandBrush.com/HuntsvilleTX](http://www.BoardandBrush.com/HuntsvilleTX) or contact Tommy or Kathy Ferguson at 936-438-3286, to schedule an appointment.

**Velocity Business Products**- Is a leading office furniture, and supply company servicing Houston, Brazos Valley, Walker County and surrounding areas. We help streamline your furniture project with professional space planning. 2D/3D drawings (to help visualize your project), quick-ship lead times, and installation. Velocity is a full solutions B2B provider of breakroom, janitorial, and office products. Veteran Owned Certified HUB. For more information, call 936-577-1669, or stop by their location at 1329 University Ave., Suite E. Also, check out their website at [www.velocitybp.com](http://www.velocitybp.com)

## Prize Patrol Makes Stops All Over

The Chamber Ambassador "Prize Patrol" continues to be very busy celebrating with many business members. The Ambassadors make "surprise" visits, complete with balloons and cookies to show appreciation to Chamber business members. Shown here are September visits made to (1) Bill Fick Ford (2) Hyundai of Huntsville (3) Team Dodge Chrysler (4) Wiesner, Inc.-Huntsville (5) Wish Wash Car Wash (6) Firehouse Subs. Don't be alarmed if you notice a group of excited individuals entering your business soon with balloons and goodies to share. This is a great way the Chamber is helping to highlight and market our members. For more information on being an Ambassador call the Chamber at 295-8113.



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# Small Business Breakfast

Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce

Thanks to **LearningRx** for sponsoring the Chamber of Commerce Small Business Breakfast in October.

LearningRx has been in business and active in the Chamber since 2010. LearningRx is not a tutoring program. Instead of simply re-teaching material that wasn't "gotten" the first time around, they train the brain, working on the cognitive skills the brain uses to think and learn. At their brain training center in Huntsville, they are a team of experienced, compassionate trainers who work one-on-one with struggling students, as well as with children and adults of all ages. Go by and see them, they will be happy to give you a tour of the brain training center. Contact Lisa Branch by phone, 936-295-4579, or email them at [huntsville.tx@learningrx.net](mailto:huntsville.tx@learningrx.net).



Pictured are: Lisa Branch, Owner and Melissa Howell, Assistant Director

## Ribbon Cuttings



### Cork & Canvas

**Cork & Canvas** celebrated their Ribbon Cutting with Family friends, Chamber Members, and Ambassadors on September 7, 2017. At Huntsville's own paint and sip studio you will leave with a finished original piece of artwork you will be proud of. They provide the art supplies, and you can bring your own drinks and snacks. For more information call 936-577-4493, or you can register online at [www.corkandcanvastx.com](http://www.corkandcanvastx.com)



### LUSH Hair Salon

**LUSH Hair Salon**- Chamber Members and Ambassadors celebrated the Ribbon Cutting with Founders and sisters who opened their salon after one of them attended Paul Mitchell, The School. Their mission is to create a beautiful appearance, nurture the spirit, and relax the mind. For more information, contact Norma or Maria Ramirez at 936-439-6767, or stop by their location at 2100 Sam Houston Ave., Suite C. You may also visit their website at [www.lushsalon.org](http://www.lushsalon.org)

# business after hours

Thanks to **Texas ENT & Allergy** for sponsoring the September Chamber Business After Hours. Texas ENT & Allergy is a full service Ear Nose and Throat, Allergy and Audiology practice. The physicians and staff provide services for adults and children including the diagnosis, medical management and surgical treatment of diseases affecting the head and neck. Problems that they commonly treat include hearing loss, ear infections, tonsil problems, sinus infections, allergies, nasal congestion, snoring, hoarseness, thyroid masses, skin cancer, and head and neck cancer.

Mary Whitmire, Practice Administrator, shared "Recognizing the importance of allergy in many ear, nose, and throat problems, Texas ENT and Allergy provides allergy testing and allergy shots in addition to sublingual immunotherapy (allergy drops). We also have a broad range of diagnostic capabilities including advanced hearing and balance testing. We offer a full line of hearing aids and auditory rehabilitation options, including Cochlear Implants when hearing aids are no longer an option. Treatment options are patient focused, as the physicians and staff at Texas ENT & Allergy strive to provide the highest quality patient care for each individual patient."

Texas ENT & Allergy is located at 122 Medical Park Lane, Suite A, Huntsville Texas. You may also reach them at 979-693-6000 or on the web at [www.texasentandallergy.com](http://www.texasentandallergy.com)



Pictured L to R: Mary Whitmire, Practice Administrator, Texas ENT & Allergy, Rodolfo Roman, RN, Texas ENT & Allergy, Sarah Northcutt, Audiology Coordinator, Texas ENT & Allergy, Dr. Christi Madsen, Audiologist, Texas ENT & Allergy, Marsha Matcek, Office Manager, Texas Brain & Spine, Erica Gonzalez, Outreach Coordinator, Texas Brain & Spine

## NUPLISTEN UPLISTE

Be sure to vote November 7 on Huntsville ISD tax bond!!

## What's Happening!

- **Business After Hours**- October 26 at 5:15, sponsored by Global Financial Partners-located at 1211 Financial Plaza
- **Small Business Breakfast**- November 9, 7:30a.m. at Golden Corral, sponsored by Postcards
- **Lunch & Learn** - October 26, 2017 **"DEALING WITH DISASTER - How to Plan & Overcome Challenges"** Chamber Board Room from 11:00 am-1:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. \$15 Member/\$25 Non-Member. Reservations required by 10/24/17. Contact Carol: 295-8113 or 661-9361
- **Save the Date, December 8th** - GALA at the LSC Ballroom Make reservations NOW for tickets or a table. Auction information will be available soon! Thank you to our: Presenting Sponsor - Wiesner Inc.-Huntsville, Auction Sponsor - American Civil Engineering Services, Dinner Sponsors - Sam Houston State University and Huntsville Memorial Hospital.

# Your 2017 Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce

## 2017 Officers

Carol Sullivan, Chairman of the Board .....Community Service Credit Union  
 Bart Davis, Immediate Past Chair/Nominating .....Davis Construction Management  
 Ken Holland, Treasurer/Secretary .....University Heights Baptist Church  
 Sam Donnell, Vice Chair Community Affairs .....Rockin' D Services, Inc.  
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 Tammie Nokes, Vice Chair Membership/Communication .....McGilberry Mechanical  
 Dr. Kristy Vienne, Vice Chair Business Services .....Sam Houston State University  
 Trey Wharton, Vice Chair Community Growth .....Wharton Insurance Network  
 Carol Smith, President .....Chamber of Commerce

## Directors

Glen Andrus, Community Events Council .....Huntsville Rental Center  
 Jason Bay, Community Services Council .....First Baptist Church  
 Jack Choate, Communications/Resource Council .....Special Prosecutors Unit  
 Jennifer Davis, Networking Council .....First National Bank of Huntsville  
 Tom Fordyce, Economic Development Council .....Salt Creek Ranch  
 Jimmy Henry, Economic Development Council .....Walker County Commissioner  
 Mark Holt, Economic Development Council .....Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3  
 Tim Hooks, Education Council .....Huntsville ISD  
 James Logan, Existing Business Council .....MRC Creekside  
 Jacob Paschal, Natural Resources/Ag Council .....Haney, Moorman, Paschal, P.C.  
 Marcus Payne, Community Growth Council .....Citizens National Bank  
 Murphy Smith, Community Events Council .....Global Financial Partners  
 Kyle Whisenhunt, Community Growth Council .....First Financial Bank  
 Lee Woodward, Membership Development Council .....City of Huntsville

## Chamber Staff

Carol Smith .....President  
 Laura Green .....Events & Communications Manager  
 Lydia Montgomery .....Membership Coordinator  
 Shannon Higbie .....Office Manager  
 Gwen Lucas .....Receptionist/Secretary

## OUR MISSION:

*To promote an environment to enhance the economic success of business in Walker County.*

## Contact Us

The Chamber V.O.I.C.E. is the monthly newsletter of the Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce. For story ideas, calendar of events, advertising information or any other contributions to this publication, please contact the Chamber at 295-8113 or toll free 877-646-8068, by mail at PO Box 538-Huntsville, TX 77342, by fax at 295-0571 or by e-mail at [chamber@chamber.huntsville.tx.us](mailto:chamber@chamber.huntsville.tx.us). The chamber web site can be viewed at <http://www.chamber.huntsville.tx.us>. The Chamber office, located at 1327 11th Street in Huntsville, is open from 9-5 weekdays. Switchboard from 8:30-5.

## Chamber Calendar

### OCTOBER

- 24 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 24 Ambassador Meeting, 10:30 am @ Chamber
- 26 Thursday LEADS Exchange, 8:00 am Chamber, Dealing with Disaster Lunch & Learn 11:00-1pm @ Chamber
- 26 Business After Hours, 5:15-6:15 pm sponsored by Global Financial Partners
- 31 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Chamber

### NOVEMBER

- 2 Thursday LEADS Exchange, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 8 Tourism Meeting, 8:30 am @ Chamber
- 9 SBB, 7:30 am @ Golden Corral sponsored by Postcards
- 14 HLI, Criminal Justice
- 14 Executive Board Meeting, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 14 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Holiday Inn Express
- 14 Youth Leadership, 10:50 am @ Huntsville Memorial Hospital
- 16 Board Meeting, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 16 Thursday LEADS Exchange, 8:00 am @ TBA
- 16 Business After Hours, 5:15-6:15 pm sponsored by HBI Office Solutions
- 22 Chamber Office closes at Noon for Thanksgiving
- 23-24 Chamber Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- 28 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 28 Ambassador Meeting, 10:30 am @ Chamber
- 30 Thursday LEADS Exchange, 8:00 am @ Chamber

## Community Calendar of Events

### OCTOBER

- 27 7:30 pm HHS vs. Tomball HOMECOMING @ Bower Stadium
- 27-28 8:00 am-6:00pm HEARTS Veterans Garage Sale @ 463 SH 75N
- 28 7:00 pm SHSU @ SE LA
- 28 2:00 pm- 5:30 pm Scare on the Square @ Downtown Huntsville
- 28 5:30-10:00 pm WCFA Halloween Carnival @ Walker Cty. Fairgrounds

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- 3 7:30pm HHS vs. Brenham SENIOR NIGHT @ Bower Stadium
- 4 10:00 am-2:00pm Spinning & Weaving Demonstration @ Woodland Home
- 4 6:00pm SHSU vs. Incarnate Word Football @ Bower Stadium
- 10 7:30pm HHS @ Magnolia West
- 11 6:00pm SHSU @ ACU Football
- 11 10:00am-2:00pm Woodworking Demonstration @ Guerrant Cabin
- 13 5:30pm 8th Annual Photo Contest @ Walker Education Ctr.
- 18 TBD SHSU vs. HBU @ Bower Stadium
- 18 10:00 am-2:00pm Kick Wheel Pottery Demo @ Ravens Pottery Shed
- 25 10:00am-2:00pm Blacksmithing Demo @ Joshua's Forge