City of Friendswood Business News

Third Quarter 2012

Save the Date - 10th Annual Broker and Developer Day

Patrick Jankowski

Keith Schoonover

Commercial Brokers and Developers - Mark your calendar for this year's 10th Annual Broker and Developer Day workshop hosted by the Community and Economic Development Committee and sponsored by CenterPoint Energy. The event will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2012 at Timber Creek Golf Club and includes a morning workshop with guest speakers Patrick Jankowski of the Greater Houston Partnership and Keith Schoonover of Friendswood Development Company . Complimentary golf is provided to commercial brokers and developers who attend the morning workshop. Space is limited.

Live Here Work Here: Featuring Blaise Guzzetta, Guzzetta Benefit Services

Blaise Guzzetta, a thirty-five year resident, recently relocated his business to downtown Friendswood at 699 S. Friendswood Drive, Suite 102. Blaise's firm, Guzzetta Benefit Services, provides employee benefit services for small and medium businesses and individuals. The new office consists of 2,600 square feet with six specialists who can provide a variety of benefit services including group insurance, retirement plans, individual coverage, mutual funds, and investment plans. One of their tenured specialists, Kimberly Wilson, has worked for the firm for over twenty-three years. Kimberly is also a Friendswood resident and a graduate of Friendswood High School. Blaise stated, "I enjoy providing services to the local community and surrounding areas and like working closer to home. My family is in Friendswood which include my wife, Rhonda's parents, and some of our children and grandchildren." Another benefit of moving to downtown - Just outside of Blaise's office at the curbside, new downtown pedestrian amenities are being installed in front of Huntington Professional Park and Huntington Woods Apartments which include brick-paved sidewalks that are eight feet wide and park benches. Blaise is community and service-oriented. He served in the Air Force Reserves and has served on local church boards. He was the Co-Chairman for Friendswood High School Project Prom for eight years and was active with the Mighty Mustang Band. He is on the Presidential Council for Baylor University and received the Presidential Award. He is also a lifetime supporting member of the University of Houston Alumni Association and a new member of the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce.

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Friendswood Fast Facts

- 52% of residents having earned a Bachelor's degree or higher
- 97.7% high school graduation rate
- 61% of families have an income over $75,000
- Average new home permit in 2011 was $328,000.
- Low property tax rate of .5902 and sales tax rate of 7.75%
- One of the lowest crime rates in the Houston-Galveston region

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New Businesses:

- Bossi Restaurant Pizzeria, 709 W. Parkwood Ave. Ste G
- T-Jin China Chef, 3141 FM 528 #332
- Cricket Communications, 1606 Harold Whitaker Dr., Ste B
- Sam The Plumber, 200 E. Edgewood Dr.
- Gilbreath and Company, 407 S. Friendswood Dr.
- Guzzetta Benefit Services, 699 S. Friendswood Dr #102
- Thornton Law Firm, 699 S. Friendswood Dr. #107
- Re-Invintage, 105 S. Friendswood Dr., B1
- G & C Nutrition, 607 S. Friendswood Dr., Ste 19
- Zimmerman Law Firm, 1309 W. Parkwood Ave., #103
- R.L. Del Bello, LLC, 105 W. Heritage
- Khanh Hoang, 3526 FM 528, #100

Business Relocations/ Expansions/ Remodels:

- Spuhler Medical Associates, 1111 S. Friendswood Dr.
- Friendswood Family Chiropractic Clinic, 1111 S. Friendswood Dr.

Residential Development

2012 Single-family home building permits

Month	#Homes	Valuation (in millions)
January	14	$ 5.00
February	5	$ 2.35
March	16	$ 5.88
April	25	$ 6.38
May	22	$ 8.20
June	20	$ 6.82
July	15	$ 6.04
Total	**117**	**$40.67**