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Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar AND SAVE THE DATES for the future events.

Sep 22 – Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting 7:30 a.m. at Cotton Gin

Sep 24 – Ribbon Cutting Brookshire Municipal Water District, 4004 Sixth St.

Oct 5 - WI-10 EDC Meeting at Wyatt Resources in Fulshear, 7:30 a.m.

Oct 12 - Membership Luncheon

Oct 14 - 2010 General Election Candidates Forum , 6:30 p.m. at PAVFD

Nov 6 - Annual Awards Banquet at Brookwood Community

Sep 28 –Grand Opening of the Waller County Recycling Center from 8AM to 6PM at 32159 Morton Rd. 281-291-2009. Drive-through customers dropping off recycling products 8AM-6PM on 8/28 will receive a free recycling bin and other giveaways. Products accepted must be separated into these 5 categories: aluminum cans; plastic bottles 1&2; cardboard; white office paper; mixed paper. This event is sponsored by KEEP WALLER COUNTY BEAUTIFUL AND PREPARED IN COOPERATION WITH THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL AND TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY. For more information contact Waller County Recycling Center Manager, Jim Meader Email: meader@consolidated.net or Rosemary Gambino, Keep Waller County Beautiful Email: rgambino@consolidated.net.

President’s Message

Greg Turner/Turner Duran Architects, LP



Our sincere congratulations to our three board members who won overwhelming votes of confidence at the annual directors’ election conducted at our membership meeting on September 14. Marla Van Overbeke, owner of Eve’s Garden in Brookshire, returns to the board, and will serve her first full term. Likewise, Pat Doucette of Edward Jones in Katy. Both of these directors stepped in to fill directors’ seats which were vacated mid-term, and both have provided great ideas, counsel, and energy. Finally, Deborah Tallman of Career & Recovery Resources returns

for another term. Deborah has been a mainstay on the board and in the community, and her continuing commitment to our chamber and community are an invaluable asset.

Our annual banquet is fast approaching. Once again, we express our sincere gratitude to our Title Sponsor, Texas Children’s Hospital. We look forward to hearing a terrific speaker in Art Roberts, who will address “The Importance of Effective Volunteerism.” The highlight each year of the banquet is the recognition of our community volunteers who make such a difference in advancing the West I-10 area. Announcement of the winners will be made at our October luncheon meeting. Please mark November 6 on your calendar, and plan to come out to celebrate with our awardees!

Please enjoy the (hopefully!) cooler fall weather as we move closer to October.

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West I-10 Chamber welcomes new member

Keep Waller County Beautiful - P.O. Box 235, Pattison, TX 77466. Keep Waller County Beautiful, an affiliate of Keep Texas Beautiful, is a non-profit, grassroots based organization dedicated to a mission to educate and engage citizens to take responsibility for improving their community and environment. Its organizational focus is concentrated on recycling, beautification, and animal control. Keep Waller County Beautiful (KWCB) is currently involved in sponsoring the grand opening of the Waller County Recycling Center, prepared in cooperation with the Houston-Galveston Area Council and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on September 28th - and sponsoring the Lawnmower Race at the Pattison Car Show on Saturday, October 9th. KWCB is looking forward to seeing everyone at both events. For more information, contact Rosemary Gambino at 281.375.8836 or email: rgambino@consolidated.net.

Members News

The Brookwood Community – celebrates 25 years 1985-2010

While the vision for Brookwood was formed in the 1970's and extensive research and early planning for "the country place" and property purchased in 1980, the beginning of its first education-based work program enterprise in 1982, and the beginning of construction for the first few buildings on campus – it was in June of 1985 that the first residents moved into the Inn. In the fall of 1985, Brookwood held the campus dedication and its first Open House. Since then, the Brookwood Community has grown from the original and only house on campus to a community of homes, enterprises, and more – from 2 greenhouses to 47, from a log cabin gift store to the soon to be completion of the expanded gift store and café (and 3 other store locations plus online shopping). We salute the visionary founding parents, the hard-working staff, dedicated volunteers, generous and caring donors, loyal store and café patrons, compassionate foundations and corporations, and the Brookwood "citizens" on their amazing accomplishments. Visit www.brookwoodcommunity.org for all their current events and more.

BMWD – Brookshire Municipal Water District will be celebrating the grand opening of its new facility at 4004 Sixth Street at Velasco in Brookshire on Friday, September 24th 5:00PM. The West I-10 Chamber will host Ribbon Cutting.

Texas Children's Hospital announced on September 8th that Charles T. Hankins, M.D., has been appointed chief medical officer for West Campus, its first community hospital, currently under construction at I-10 and Barker Cypress in West Houston. With 23 years of pediatric practice experience, Hankins will lead the West Campus medical team and oversee the quality of medical care, ensuring Texas Children's standards of excellence. He will serve as the campus' primary medical liaison to community physicians and play an integral role in the strategic growth and development of the facility. For more information on Texas Children's Hospital, go to www.texaschildrens.org. Get the latest news from Texas Children's Hospital by visiting the [online newsroom](#) and on Twitter at twitter.com/texaschildrens. Full press release is posted on chamber's website www.westi10chamber.org under "Announcements."

City of Pattison – The 5th Annual Pattison Car Show is Saturday, October 9th at Royal High School - www.pattisoncarshow.com or J. Meader, 281. 794.0314/info.

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In Case You Missed It

Terri Hall, Director and Founder of TURF, presented an enlightening program on the status of Trans Texas Corridor/I-69, toll roads, and much more at the membership luncheon on Tuesday, September 14th at La Quinta and encouraged everyone to stay current on TxDot projects and to stay in touch with our elected officials on county, state, and federal levels for accountability. Terri brought more information to share than time allowed, however she left no doubt of her passion and that she is a formidable force in the opposition of the Trans Texas Corridor, eminent domain abuse, and runaway taxation without representation. She's also galvanizing Texans and fellow Americans to rise up against another new trend nationally, which is to sell our highway system to the highest bidder by privatizing our public highways and handing them to foreign corporations in sweetheart deals for a half-century at a time - and has resulted in extremely high tolls like a deal just inked in Dallas for 75 cents a mile.

For those attendees who requested the link to the award winning documentary, "TRUTH BE TOLLED" – It is on the home page of www.TexasTURF.org.

Special thanks Terri for driving from San Antonio, to the luncheon sponsor, Gr8 Insurance/Mike and Laura Elam, Brookshire EDC, Igloo Products, Right Choice Credit Union, and KWCB for door prizes, La Quinta Inn & Suites, Galileo's Mexican Grill, and to all the attendees for another great meeting!

And – to Sandy Buller/Sweet Spirit Productions and all of the Board of Directors for accommodating with a *complete* BOD group photo – to be added to the website soon!

2010 Waller County Candidates Forum



The West I-10 Chamber of Commerce and the Citizens for a Better Waller County are hosting a 2010 General Election Candidates Forum on Thursday, October 14, 2010, 6:30PM at the Pattison Area Voluntary Fire Department (PAVFD). The public is encouraged to attend and visit with the candidates. Each candidate will be allotted 4 minutes to represent his/her position for candidacy with 3 additional minutes provided for pre-screened Q&A.

If your organization would like to co-sponsor the refreshments and snacks for this event, along with Amegy Bank, please contact Adam Traweek, WI-10 Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman, Tel: 281.238.7125 or email: adam.traweek@amegybank.com or chamber@westi10chamber.org.