



# The Latest News

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## Upcoming Events

**Apr 18** – EDC meeting at Igloo, PDR, 7:30-8:30AM

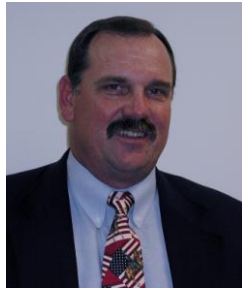
**May 8** - Member Luncheon at Galileo’s in Pattison – 11:30AM-1:00PM:  
Mary Anne Piacentini/Katy Prairie Conservatory

**May 15** – FUNdraiser: 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Ice Cream Social at Pattison Area V.F.D.

**June 12** – Education Spirit Awards; ChamberMaster overview

## President’s Message

### Bill Fry/Severn Trent Services



Be sure and mark your calendars and save the dates for all the upcoming events. Following the luncheons we will be offering short training sessions on our updated website modules.

By now you have received notice that our Chamber has partnered with ChamberMaster. ChamberMaster is a modern, cloud-based management platform that will help our organization reach new levels of service and create additional value for our members.

Each member has a login so they can update their online business directory listing, contact information, submit Hot Deals, job Postings, and Event requests, view their own chamber website statistics, and find other members. You will see new features for our members added nearly every month.

Be sure to make plans to attend our first Annual “It takes a Community” Ice Cream Social Fundraiser being held on May 15th at the Pattison Area V.F.D.

## Members News - and upcoming events

**Keep Waller County Beautiful’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “Don’t Mess With Waller County” Trash-Off and Litter Cleanup** – Saturday, **April 21<sup>st</sup>**, 8AM – 12PM at the Waller County Recycle Center, 32519 Morton Road. The Trash-Off and Litter prevention event is in partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful and TxDOT. The Trash-Off is a part of America’s largest organized litter cleanup, recycling and beautification program, the Great American Cleanup. Businesses, churches, schools, civic groups, and individual volunteers are invited to participate by signing up their teams early for the Trash-Off. Teams consist of 3-5 participants and are limited to adults and children age 12 and older. For more information on participating or to download volunteer forms for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Don’t Mess with Waller County Trash-Off, call 832-496-8836 or visit Keep Waller County Beautiful on Facebook or email [rgambino@consolidated.net](mailto:rgambino@consolidated.net). Forms may be returned via email or in person at the Waller County Recycling Center. The sponsors of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Don’t Mess with Waller County Trash-off – Patriots Junk Removal & Hauling, Severn Trent Services, West I-10 Chamber of Commerce, and Embar Farms. Free pizza and soft drinks for all the volunteers.

The **Brookshire Municipal Water District 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Water Festival** –

Membership  
Karl Skadowski/Texas Landman

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Michael Montgomery/West Engineering Services

Website  
Paul McConnell/Key Insurance Agency

Annual Banquet  
Roberta Meader/West Engineering

Fundraising  
Steve Pierson/Katy Family YMCA

Nominating  
Anthony Francis/LJA Engineering

Governmental Affairs  
Adam Traweek/Amegy Bank  
Jason Holmes/Wyatt Resources

Education  
Robert and Julie Ormond/  
Kyle Custom Homes

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### West I-10 Sustaining Members

West Engineering Services  
Igloo Products Corp  
Texas Landman, Inc.  
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Brookshire Car Care  
Brookshire Municipal Water District  
Brookshire Steel  
The Brookwood Community  
Buller Productions

**Saturday, April 28, 2012, 10:00AM– 2:00PM** at Brookshire Hovas Park. The entire community and the surrounding areas are invited to participate in this event. The primary focus of the Water Festival is to educate students in grades 3-8 about water-related environmental issues. To host an exhibit at the Water Festival, reserve an exhibit space now by calling **Brookshire Municipal Water District** at (281) 375-5010, or email: [bmwd@consolidated.net](mailto:bmwd@consolidated.net) for the festival packet. Exhibitor set-up time is 8:00AM-9:00AM the morning of the event. Rainout reschedule date will be May 19.

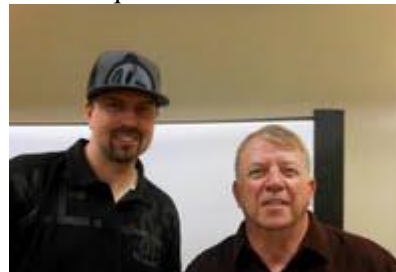
**First United Methodist Church – 2012 SpringFest – Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 11:00AM-7:00PM** at Cooper and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets in Brookshire. This annual event is filled with Fun activities and entertainment for the entire family, Country Store & Pastry Shop, Craft Booths, Silent Auction. Take-out Meals – 11AM to 2PM. Evening Meal– 5PM. to 7PM.; Live Evening Auction starts at 6PM. For pre-sale briskets, call Cindy Stasny at 979-826-6739 or Linda German at 979-826-9888. Craft Vendor Booths available for \$25.00. Contact church office at 281-375-5683 for more information.

**Amegy Bank** held an after-hours Discussion of Small/Mid-Size Businesses & Banking in 2012 at its Cinco Ranch branch on April 12. With Adam Traweek moderating, a panel of Amegy Bank officers shared information on the evolving world of business banking and the impact on businesses. Several chamber members were in attendance to take advantage of the discussion followed by hors d'oeuvres and refreshments, door prize drawings, and socializing.



## In Case You Missed It

**April 10th Luncheon/Meeting** – held at LaQuinta in Brookshire, luncheon catered by Galileo's. Special thanks to the Waller County Fair Association for sponsoring the meeting – and to the guest speakers, Rev. John Boaz and Bobby “Tre9” Herring, for taking time out of their extremely busy schedules to share with us the programs they use to reach out the troubled youth in the Royal school district, by relating to them in their unique culture.



Pictured above: Missionaries, Christian Rap artist, Tre9, and Rev. John Boaz  
Pictured below: Clint Sciba, Board President, Waller County Fair Association



Thank you, **Waller County Fair Association**, for sponsoring the April meeting. The Waller County Fair Association (WCFA) is a non-profit organization with a focus of providing education and scholarship opportunities for the youth of Waller County. WCFA is involved in many projects during the year in addition to the annual Waller County Fair and Rodeo at the Waller County Fairgrounds. For more information and schedules, visit [www.wallercountyfair.org](http://www.wallercountyfair.org).

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Rooms To Go

Roosevelt Alexander  
Rose Hill Ranch  
Royal I.S.D.  
San Jacinto Girl Scouts

Vickie Casto for the photography, Greg Murray/Enterprise for the door prize, and Fundraising Chairman Steve Pierson for working the crowd. *Additional photos on Facebook.*



**Waller County 2012 Candidates Forum** - The West I-10 Chamber of Commerce hosted the 2012 Candidates Forum on Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at the Pattison Area Volunteer Fire Department. Participants included State Representative Dist 3 candidates Cecil Bell, Jr, Bob Bagley, and Troy Bonin; Waller County Sheriff candidates: R. Glenn Smith, Bill Bright, and Wilton White; County Constable Precinct 4 candidates: Joe Trimm and Doug Carr. Forum attendees had the opportunity to ask questions of the candidates during the evening's format. If you missed it, you can access the videos on the chamber's website homepage [www.westi10chamber.org](http://www.westi10chamber.org). Special thanks to Governmental Affairs Committee Chairmen, Adam Traweek and Jason Holmes, for facilitating the event; Greg Turner for moderating, and Paul McConnell for providing the videos; and to all the candidates who participated.

## May 8, 2012 Members Luncheon -

The May 8th luncheon will be held at Galileo's Mexican Grill in Pattison; the program will feature guest speaker, **Mary Anne Piacentini**, Executive Director of the Katy Prairie Conservatory, who is responsible for coordinating land protection programs, conservation assistance to private landowners, fundraising, and facilitating community partnerships with diverse stakeholders.

Ms. Piacentini received a Master of City and Regional Planning from the Harvard University Graduate School of Design (1974) and a Bachelor of Arts in political science from the University of New Hampshire (1972). Ms. Piacentini is the past chair of the Board of Directors of the Texas Land Trust Council and is currently a member of the Advisory Board of Directors of American Festival for the Arts. She received the Army and Sarah Emmott Conservation Award from the Citizens' Environmental Coalition for her prairie conservation efforts.

Katy Prairie Conservancy (KPC) works to protect green space for its conservation and recreational benefits, enhance wildlife habitat, restore tall grass prairie and wetlands, sponsor scientific research, and offer public programming and activities.

## May 15, 2012 West I-10 Ice Cream Social

A big shout-out Thank You to all of the generous financial and in-kind sponsors of the upcoming 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Ice Cream FUNdraiser: - **Blue Bell Creameries, Brookshire EDC, HDH Instruments, Edward Jones, Severn Trent Services, Janet J Montgomery CFP, CWS, Amegy Bank, Brookshire-Pattison Lions Club, Galileo's Mexican Grill, Brookshire Dental, Brookshire Car Care, West Engineering, McDonald's Carmichael Ent., Stan Kitzman, Ted Krenek, Glenn Beckendorff, Steve Pierson, and Joe Trimm, DS Waters of America .**

**Advance tickets are available now at \$5 each** – If you would like a block of tickets to sell to your fellow employees and friends, please arrange by contacting Kathryn at



281.415.2003 or [chamber@westi10chamber.org](mailto:chamber@westi10chamber.org). or Roberta at West Engineering -

Each ticket is good for one admission and a chance in the grand prize drawing for a new iPad!

Plan to attend and enjoy designing you own ice cream sundae and socializing, a chance to win a New iPad, 50/50 raffle, live jazz performed by the Royal Jazz Orchestras, celebrity guest scoopers competing for tips and more. –

All proceeds from this FUNdraiser will go to the West I-10 Chamber's Education and Scholarship Fund which will be used to award scholarships to two graduating seniors and programs to encourage reading and learning on all campuses of Royal ISD.

# 1st Annual Ice Cream Social

Tuesday

**May 15, 2012**

**5:00pm – 7:30pm**

at the

**Pattison Area Volunteer Fire Department**

**Admission:**

**\$7, Seniors \$5 at door**

*Children under 3 free*

**Advance Tickets: \$5 ea.**

**Design you own sundae!**

**Live Jazz & Entertainment**

**Celebrity Scoopers!**

**Prize drawings!**

**FUN!**

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