



The Latest News

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Upcoming Events

July 21 – WI-10 Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting, 7:30 a.m. at the West Engineering Old Cotton Gin, 907 Bains. Guest speaker to be Vince Yokom, Waller County EDP Executive Director, who will provide updates on Waller County.

Aug 3 – WI-10 Economic Development Committee Meeting, 7:30 a.m. at Wyatt Resources, 5623 FM359 S, Fulshear.

Aug 4 – Board of Directors Meeting at Igloo

Mark your calendar now for the future events.

Sep 14 - Membership Luncheon & Election of Directors

Oct 12 - Membership Luncheon

Nov 6 - Annual Awards Banquet at Brookwood

Dec 14 - Membership Luncheon

President's Message



Greg Turner/Turner Duran Architects, LP

Spending a week in Colorado last month on a family vacation brings into focus the words from the song *America the Beautiful* about “purple mountains majesty.” What a gift and a treasure God has given to all of us in this land of the United States. Although we don't have mountains and cool, dry summer air here in our area, we nevertheless enjoy good weather, a strong economy based on mineral and other resources, and many other blessings. And, we don't have to endure

heavy snowfalls and a ridiculously high cost of living. Best of all, we're in Texas!

At our monthly membership meeting in September, we will have our annual board of directors' elections. The nominees will be announced shortly. Please be sure to participate in the election.

Our annual banquet has gotten off to a great start. We've been in the “silent” phase of early planning, and are pleased that Texas Children's Hospital has stepped up to be the Title Sponsor. We are grateful to TCH, and to our “gold” sponsors (West Engineers/Janet Montgomery CFP, Brookshire EDC, and Wyatt Resources) for their support. Additional sponsorships are still available.

Hoping you enjoy the heat and humidity of the “dog days” of summer!

West I-10 Chamber welcomes new member

Michael Montgomery... Director
West Engineering Services

Marla Van Overbeke... Director
Eve's Garden

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Members' News

Rose Hill Ranch owned and operated by AJ and Rosemary Gambino is a purebred Santa Gertrudis cattle ranch located on FM 359 north of Pattison, TX. Cattle for sale include herd sire bulls; replacement cows and show heifers. In 2009 Rose Hill Show heifers won Grand Champion at the State Fair of Texas, Fort Worth Livestock Show, San Antonio Livestock Show and Houston Livestock Show. Rose Hill Ranch also sells processed beef that is an all natural food product which is hormone free and antibiotic free. From pasture to plate Rose Hill Ranch provides top quality. Visit their website at www.santagertrudiscattle.com and the Rose Hill Ranch fan page on Facebook. M. Boone Smith, son of Rosemary Gambino, recently returned home from six years of service in the US Navy. He is working at Rose Hill Ranch and finishing college. *Rose Hill Ranch Bed and Breakfast* closed its doors in June 2010 and is now Boone's residence.

Brookshire EDC invites you to Brookshire's 4th Annual Business Mixer July 31, 2010, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Eve's Garden, 603 Kenney Avenue, Brookshire, Texas 77423. Reservations Required. Please RSVP by July 26th to Vickie Casto, 281.934.1730. This is a casual business reception where you can bring your business cards and brochures. This is a great opportunity to learn about other businesses in our area, and to promote your own business. Due to shortage of parking space, you may park at First United Methodist Church, 707 Cooper St., Brookshire, and Colorado Valley Transit will shuttle you free to and from Eve's Garden.

Houston Executive Airport (KTME) is now leasing new 12,000 sq. ft Corporate Hanger with office space and restroom available.



Have your own private corporate aircraft space or even share it with some buddies. Take advantage of our base customer fuel discount.

For details, call 281-AIRPORT or email info@houstonexecutiveairport.com.

1900 Cardiff Road, Brookshire, TX 77423

In Case You Missed It

Jack Steele, H-GAC Executive Director, was the guest speaker at the July 13th membership luncheon and in no way during the time on the program could cover all the services and programs provided by the Houston-Galveston Area Council. He did express optimism regarding the present and future economy of our area. Mr. Steele noted that new Waller County Recycle Center, located at 32161 Morton

Rooms To Go

Silver Members

La Quinta Inn & Suites/Brookshire

Texas Children’s Hospital

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Janet J. Montgomery, CFP, CWS

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Road, was constructed with two H-GAC grants and would be used as a model for future recycling centers using H-GAC grants. He also recognized Commissioner Glenn Beckendorff as being a board member of the H-GAC and a great representative for Waller County.



Jack Steele, H-GAC; Laura Elam, Gr8 Insurance



Luncheon Sponsor, Gr8 Insurance/Michael Elam



Sustaining member, Texas Landman Karl Skadowski, winner of June 8 Business Spotlight drawing



Attendees anticipating winners of door prizes donated by West Engineering and Enterprise Bank

Press Release from H-GAC

Houston (July 13, 2010) – The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC), is conducting a survey of Houston-Galveston area businesses to obtain information about the amount of traffic going to and from different types of businesses.

Visitors to some area businesses may soon be asked to participate in a brief travel survey being conducted by TxDOT. Over the next few months, TxDOT sponsored surveyors will be stationed at some area businesses to ask visitors to answer a few questions about their travel to the location. TxDOT would like to encourage all who are asked to participate in the survey, **but emphasizes that participation is totally voluntary.**

The purpose of this *Workplace Travel Survey* is to help local and state officials in deciding:

- Where new roads and transit service should be planned;
- What existing roads and transit routes should be improved; and,
- Which roadway projects being considered over the next few years will be of greatest benefit to the residents of the H-GAC study area.

TxDOT and H-GAC plan for transportation improvement projects every year for Houston-Galveston and the surrounding counties located within the H-GAC Study Area boundary. TxDOT and H-GAC develop a computer model of major roadways

to help in planning and prioritizing area transportation projects. The model will evaluate future traffic conditions based on factors such as traffic generated by residents and businesses within in the study area and traffic coming from outside of the area. The survey will collect information on the amount of traffic going to and from local businesses needed as input into the model.

The Workplace Survey is being conducted along with a Commercial Vehicle Survey to study traffic amounts and patterns. A Household Survey was just completed.

Area businesses will be randomly contracted by phone and invited to take part in the survey. The Weighted Systematic Sampling Procedure will be used to select a business. All area businesses have an equal chance in being selected. TxDOT would like to encourage all employers who are called to participate, but again emphasizes that participation is totally voluntary. TxDOT says employers may find the survey informative and useful.

For more information about this study, contact Mr. Charlie Hall, TxDOT Travel Survey Program Manager, at 512-486-5120.

Congressman McCaul to host Job Fair

Congressman McCaul will be hosting a Job Fair on September 1, 2010 at the Merrell Center in Katy, TX. He is looking for employers interested in participating. The Job Fair will feature employers from across the district, state, and nation. There is **no cost** to participate, but space is limited. If you are an employer looking for qualified candidates, please contact our Austin district office at (512) 473-2357. The registration form for employers is posted on the chamber website homepage Announcements.