Port Isabel Chamber of Commerce JUNE NEWSLETTER

A LETTER FROM THE CHAMBER PRESIDENT:

Summer is here and it promises to be a busy one for the Laguna Madre area.

The month of May brought busloads of students to visit the Lighthouse and the Museums of Port Isabel and, now that school is out, family vacationers are stopping by to find out more about our area.

The Port Isabel Chamber is already planning for our two major events—the Shrimp Cookoff in November and the Causeway Run and Wellness Walk in January. If you are interested in serving on one of these committees, please contact the Chamber office. In addition, our Christmas events committee will be forming soon and we can always use good help.

Our new Port Isabel Visitors Guide has arrived and it promises to be an excellent tool for providing information on our area. Feel free to stop by the Chamber and pick up a copy.

Sincerely,

Betty Wells
President Port Isabel Chamber of Commerce

Citizen Input Opportunity

U.S. Congressman Solomon Ortiz will have a representative of his office at the Port Isabel City Hall on June 6 and June 20 from 9 am to noon to address concerns of area residents.

If you have an issue you would like his office to discuss, please feel free to stop by City Hall during the designated times for a one on one visit.

Visitors Guide has Arrived

The Port Isabel Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that its annual Visitors Guide is now available.

A total of 20,000 copies of the guide have been printed and will be distributed to visitor and relocation inquiries, Texas State Travel Centers and high traffic locations throughout the Valley. A copy of the guide will be mailed to each Chamber member and you can request additional copies through the Chamber office.

"We are very pleased with our first guide," said Chamber Chairman Bob Patterson. "It's a tool that we have felt was needed for some time and we are glad to get the first edition out in print."

In addition to other distribution methods, the Guide will be uploaded on the Chamber's website and links will be included on all outgoing email.

Insurance Survey To Address Health Coverage

The Port Isabel and South Padre Island Chambers of Commerce will be distributing a health plan survey to determine the level of interest in group health insurance plans.

"The survey is one we decided to pursue when we were looking at health care options for our employees," said Chamber Chairman Bob Patterson. "We know that a lot of our Port Isabel business members are small business operators and, many times, providing health insurance plans for them and their employees is just not cost effective. We decided to partner with the South Padre Island Chamber and initiate a joint effort to determine whether or not this is something our members want to pursue."

Once the surveys have been returned and forwarded to a health care agent, the results will be tallied and anonymous medical questionnaires will provide necessary follow up information. Patterson urges all members to respond to the survey as soon as possible.

JUNE Community & Chamber Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1-All Chamber meeting 8:30a Pirates Landing Isla Blanca Park Boat Ramp Ground Breaking 10a LHEC- "*Shark Tale*" 9:30p	2
3-Antique & Flea Market 9a-4p Buelah Lee Park	4	5-Board of Adjustments (City Hall) 6p The Pampered Pet Ribbon Cutting 5:30p	6-Office of Solomon Ortiz (City Hall) 9a-12 noon Parks & Rec (City Hall) 5:30p	7- Port Isabel Beautification Committee (City Hall) 5p Veteran's Committee 6p	8-La Paletera Open House Summer Fruit Blast 3-8p	9
10	11	12-City Commissioners Meeting (City Hall) 7p	13-Merchants committee Meeting (Treasures of the Gulf Museum) 8:30a Planning & Zoning 6p	14-Wine Tasting (P I Beautification Committee) @ Lighthouse 6:30-9p Ground Breaking- The Resort of South Beach 5-7p	15	16
17	18-Hurricane Preparedness Meeting (City Hall) 6p	19-Community Center Committee (City Hall) 5:30p	20-Ambassador Meeting (Treasures of the Gulf Museum) 8:30a Office of Solomon Oritz (City Hall) 9a-12 noon EDC- 6p	21-Modern Venice Committee Meeting (City Hall) 5:30p	22	23
24	25	26-City Commissioners 6p	27-PICC Board Meeting 8:30a 1st Natl Bank of Edinburg Merchants Mtg. 8:30a	28-MoPI's Telling Our Stories 7p Treasures Museum. Free	29-LHEC "*The Legend of Zorro*" 9:30p	30

MAY's New Chamber Members~

Ramada Ltd.
Aace Condo Rentals
Gladys Porter Zoo
The Pampered Pet
Laguna Madre Yacht Club
P I Industrial, Ltd.
Padre Island Brewing Co.
Torlau South Beach Developers, Inc.

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