

A LETTER FROM THE CHAMBER PRESIDENT:

The 14th Annual World Championship Shrimp Cookoff is just around the corner and the holiday season is heating up.

Twenty-eight professional and amateur chefs will be presenting their favorite recipes to the judges and cookoff attendees. The addition of a Children's activities tent and a new shrimp eating contest promises to add even more fun to this annual celebration. Don't miss it!

The Chamber office will be closed for Thanksgiving on November 22nd, but we'll also be busy planning the 21st Annual Christmas Lighted Boat Parade, set to be held Saturday, December 1. Our annual community caroling at the Lighthouse is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 13. For more information on any of these events, please contact the Chamber office at 943-2262.

Our monthly All Member meeting is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 2nd at 8:30 am at Pirate's Landing and we hope you plan to attend. Our guest speakers will be Frank Williams with Gondo and Wendy Hanson with the VITA program. We look forward to seeing you there.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!
Sincerely,

Betty Wells

President Port Isabel Chamber of Commerce

OCTOBER NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

Tropical Texas Vacation Rentals LLC
Yellow Petals
Sandi's Cafe & Coffee Shop
Cece's Mexican Restaurant
RVL, LLC (Mariner's Point)

CHAMBER TO PRESENT SLATE OF BOARD NOMINEES

Nominees for three expiring terms on the Board of Directors of the Port Isabel Chamber of Commerce will be presented to Chamber members at the November All Member meeting on Friday, Nov. 2nd at 8:30 am at Pirate's Landing.

Incumbents Berenice Settles, Calvin Byrd and David Privett will all be seeking reelection to their positions. They will be joined on the ballot by Jay Carlsen, Manual Hinojosa and Kanta Thomas. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the meeting.

Ballots for the upcoming election will be mailed in early November and must be returned in the marked envelope to the Chamber within 10 days. The deadline for ballots will be indicat-

ed on the form sent to business members.

Each elected director will serve a two year term on the Board. Directors may not serve more than three consecutive terms. Please be sure to cast your vote and return your ballot. Your vote is important to the Chamber.



14TH ANNUAL SHRIMP COOKOFF IS SET FOR NOVEMBER 4TH

Dozens of amateur and professional chefs will compete for top prizes at the 14th Annual World's Championship Shrimp Cookoff, scheduled to be held Sunday, November 4th from 10:30 am to 6 pm at the intersection of Highway 100 and 48 in Port Isabel.

The community event will be held in the parking lot of the Las Palmas Shopping Center, in front of Beall's and other retail stores. The new site location is provided courtesy of Tarantino Properties.

Live music will be provided by The Agency all day long, and festival goers can browse the booths of gifts, food items, art and more. A minicarnival and Children's area will be set up on Third Street-which will be closed for the one day event. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children 10 and under.

Proceeds benefit the Port Isabel Chamber of Commerce.

"This event is made possible through the generous support of our corporate sponsors," said Co-Chairmen Berenice Settles and Calvin Byrd. "In addition, the many volunteers who contribute their hours of time and efforts are what make this such a successful festival." This year's sponsors include The City of Port Isabel, The Port Isabel Economic

Development Corporation, South Padre Island Convention & Visitors Bureau, AEP Texas, H.E.B., Port Isabel-South Padre Press and South Padre Parade, Glazer's/Miller Lite, The Coastal Current Weekly and Island Breeze, Coleman, Hall & Heinze Insurance, L & F Distributors/Budweiser, IBC, First National Bank of Edinburg, Brownsville South Padre Island International Airport, and Tipton Ford.

For more information on the World's Championship Shrimp Cookoff, contact the Chamber office at 943-2262.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES PLANNED IN DECEMBER

The Port Isabel Chamber of Commerce will present its 21st Annual Christmas Lighted Boat Parade on Saturday, December 1st.

The event will be held rain or shine and will begin at 6 pm at the City docks in Port Isabel. Participants will follow the designated route and the route ends at Louie's Backyard on South Padre Island. Prizes and trophies will be awarded in six divisions for first, second and third place winners. Designated viewing locations throughout the route will offer ample opportunity for the public to appreciate the sights.

For more information on the Boat Parade, contact the Chamber office at 943-2262. There is no fee to enter the Boat Parade.

On Thursday, December 13th, the Chamber will host the Community Caroling at the Lighthouse. Further details will be announced in the near future.

November Community & Chamber Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1-Mariner's Point Mixer 5:30p	2-All Chamber meeting 8:30a (Pirates Landing) 8:30a	3-Merchants Committee Art Walk 3-8p. Lighthouse Square
4-PICC Shrimp Cook-Off 11a-6p	5-Parks & Rec (City Hall) 6p	6-Yellow Petals Ribbon Cutting 419 E. Maxan St. 5:30 p	7	8-Beautification Committee Meeting (City Hall) 5p	9	10
PI Antique & Flea Market (Beulah Lee Park) 9a-4p						
11	12	13-Causeway Run Meeting (Cece's Rest.) 5:30p City Commissioners (City Hall) 7p	14-Merchants Mtg. (Treasures) 8:30a P & Z (City Hall) 6p	15-Sandi's Cafe & Coffee Shop 412 A. Queen Isabella Blvd. Ribbon Cutting 5:30p	16-Tropical Texas Vacation Rentals Ribbon Cutting 2600 Padre Ste. B. 5-7p	17
18	19	20	21-Ambassador's Meeting (Treasures) 8:30a PI EDC (City Hall) 6p	22-HAPPY THANKSGIVING! CHAMBER CLOSED	23	24
25	26	27-Cece's Restaurant Ribbon Cutting 6p City Commissioners (City Hall) 6p	28	29-MoPI's Telling Our Stories 7p (Treasures Museum) Free admission.	30	

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