

New Chamber Members Ribbon Cuttings



STX Gym had a great grand opening celebration with the Chamber's Ambassadors all wearing their Red Coats helping to celebrate the new gym and were treated to a delicious healthy lunch including the nutritious shakes offered by the gym located at 310 W. Expressway 83. STX has professional trainers to help the members get a workout that won't damage the body's structure. For more information about the gym call 687-9997 or stop by and visit with one of the friendly staff members.

Members of the Chamber's Red Coat Ambassador committee were on hand to help celebrate the Ribbon Cutting ceremony and grand opening of the new AT&T store that recently opened its doors at 601 E. Expressway 83 Suite 500. For more information call 371-3485.

Dahl — a Xerox company moved to their new location in Pharr. As a valued member of the Weslaco Chamber since 1999, our Red Coat Ambassadors participated in the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony alongside the Pharr, McAllen and Mission chambers. For great service for your copying needs call Dahl at 283-8800.

Congratulations businesses on your recent ribboncuttings!

Welcome New Chamber Members

VALLEY CARE CLINIC
To get the medical care you need, call Valley Care Clinic in Weslaco. The clinic offers high quality primary medical care, health maintenance checks and minor surgery. The staff encourages personal relationships between the doctors and patients. Make an appointment or walk-in to visit Dr. Martha Cano at 2017 W. Expressway 83 from 8 am to 5 pm. Call 956-969-5995 or visit their website at valleycareclinics.com/weslaco. Valley Care Clinic, the care you need all for your good health.

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Good Morning Weslaco

City Manager gives vision for Weslaco

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Mid-Valley residents attending a recent Good Morning Weslaco Inaugural from the Leo Olivares, City Manager of Weslaco regarding the direction as well as vision he has planned for the community.

Olivares said his first priority is to reconcile the services the city provides with the budget set forth; gauging workload distribution and efficiencies using established performance measures. "Taxpayers expect the money they provide for their

city services to be managed professionally and ethically," stated Olivares. "I work closely with the Mayor and the City Commission to manage the resources on behalf of the community," he added.

Several business leaders listened attentively to the City Manager at the morning event. The future growth and management of all assets Weslaco has to offer is the key to the success of business. "We want people to see Weslaco as a great place to do business and raise a family, but it takes careful management of the resources," Olivares concluded.

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What's Happening at Your Chamber of Commerce

APRIL 27th - 12 p.m. Lunch & Learn - SBA - STARTING/EXPANDING BUSINESS BASICS

Department of Public Safety 1015 and Mile 9 14th - 4 p.m. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - Inter National Bank - 400 N. Texas Blvd.

27th - 6 p.m. Candidates Forum Weslaco Chamber - Business Visitor Center - 301 W. Railroad

14th-16th - DRAGONFLY DAYS - Estero Llano State Park & Valley Nature Center 16th - 12 - 9 p.m. Fiestas Patrias - Weslaco City Park

28th - 5 p.m. Business After Hours Moore - Payne Auto Group - Entertainment - Chris Marshall

26th - 5 p.m. Business After Hours Moore - Tierra Santa Country Club - Celebrating Mothers

MAY 5th - 11 a.m. Top Secret Security Briefing - seminar by Security Depot Weslaco Chamber - Business Visitor Center - 301 W. Railroad

27th - 7:30 a.m. Good Morning Weslaco - Brownsville Zoo Director Dr. Patrick M. Burchfield

Weslaco Chamber of Commerce Coffee Bar sponsors Weslaco Winter Visitors

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The Weslaco Area Chamber of Commerce's Business Visitors Center held a daily hospitality area with coffee and donuts sponsored by different businesses each week. The center was visited by almost 8500 visitors throughout the winter peak season.

Each week a different business sponsored the morning coffee, taking advantage of the opportunity for one-on-one face time with the Winter Texan. The local businesses who took advantage of the opportunity were: B&P Bridge Co.; Wells Fargo Advisors;

Weslaco Rehab Hospital; State Rep. Armando Martinez; Lackey Financial Management; Apple Dental Cosmetics; Valley Grande Manor; Weslaco Nursing & Rehab; PACE Health Care; Bugambillas/Villa de Cortez; Sudarshan Eye Experts; Knapp Medical Center; B&M Home Health; and Holiday Inn Express.

Sponsorship Opportunities were available where businesses received exclusive time to greet visitors, display space for promotional material and the sponsor name was displayed on the Chamber's electronic sign on Texas Blvd.

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The 11th Annual Dragonfly Days will be held May 14-16 — Explore the amazing world of dragonflies and damselflies at the 11th Annual Dragonfly Days, being held May 14-16 at the Valley Nature Center and Estero Llano Grande State Park. Attendees can look forward to live music, arts and crafts and learning more about these fascinating winged creatures. The Rio Grande Valley is known as one of the most biologically diverse areas in North America. More birds and butterflies are found here than in most parts of the country, as well as many different species of odonates, dragonflies and damselflies. Many of these species are found nowhere else in the United States, and Dragonfly Days will offer a chance to discover some of these rare insects.

Texas Onion Festival a great success

Special to MVTC

The 2010 Texas Onion Fest was held at the Weslaco City Park on March 27th with attendance peaking over 9,500 people.

The Texas Onion Fest celebrates the development of the World famous Texas 1015 Onion which was developed

in Weslaco, Texas, by scientists at Texas A&M University Extension Service. The name of the 1015 onion came from the suggested planting date, October 15. The Onion Fest brought the community together for a fun filled day of onion eating contests, cooking demonstrations, recipe contests, as well as live entertainment by

musicians, magicians, and clowns. For the first in the event's history a Culinary Center was built on site, by Weslaco's Lowe's store. Cooking demonstrations and the recipe contests were held in the kitchen. The audience was treated to samples as well as professional chef tips, including the proper way to chop an onion.

It was standing room only most of the day while many of the Valley's favorite chefs revealed some of their recipe secrets. Cooking techniques and recipes were revealed by Reno Cafe, Antonio's Bar & Grill, The Blue Onion and the Interim Food Services Director from STC as well as the renowned Chef James Carter of

Alhambra's Restaurant. The Texas Onion Fest is a community event planned by the Weslaco Area Chamber of Commerce staff and volunteers in collaboration with the City of Weslaco. Other photos of the event are posted on the Chamber's website at www.weslaco.com.



Look for more photos of the event at weslaco.com

A successful event cannot happen without the support and help of the entire community!

Special thanks to the City of Weslaco, volunteers & our sponsors.

2010 Texas Onion Fest Corporate Sponsors

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