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MARCH 2021

## Businesses and Citizens of the Year to be honored at Chamber Membership Gala on March 25

The Chamber's annual Membership Meeting and Awards Gala is always a popular event to celebrate the business community and achievements of dedicated volunteers. This year, the theme is "Adventure Awaits," as everyone is eager to add adventure back into their lives and recharge the local economy. The banquet will be held March 25 at the Doyle Convention Center.

Tables have been selling quickly since the event was first announced in January. There is a limited amount of seating still available. A few reserved tables for 6 guests are available for \$750.

At this year's banquet, the Cham-



ber will celebrate 52 years of service to the local business community. Several outstanding businesses and citizens will be honored. Jenny Senter, who retired in December after 29 years of service, will receive the Chamber's "Legend Award." For this celebration, guests will attend both in person and virtually. The in-person event will feature great music, a delicious catered dinner, and networking among business and civic leaders. The event will be live-streamed on Facebook, thanks to KHEA/

Clear Life Media. This way, guests at home also can enjoy viewing the announcement of the Business of the Year awards, the Jimmy Hayley Community Service Award and the 2020 Citizen of the Year Award. Who will win? Tune in on March 25 starting at 7 p.m. to find out. Contact Jessica Spangle, Operations and Events Manager at the Chamber, to inquire about table reservation options by calling 409-935-1408 or sending an email to [jessica@texascitychamber.com](mailto:jessica@texascitychamber.com).



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MEMBER PROFILE: HCA HOUSTON HEALTHCARE MAINLAND



BUSINESS OF THE MONTH: BRADSHAW FLORIST

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# HOT DEALS COUPON BOOK

Do you want to promote your business for free this spring?

A new Hot Deals coupon booklet is launching this month. Don't miss out on this great opportunity!



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The coupon book features special offers from the area's top attractions, lodging, dining, and retail establishments and more!  
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Any chamber member is eligible to be in the booklet for free, plus there are options for paid ad spaces.

All you have to do is create a Hot Deal online for your business. It will be promoted on the chamber website, and it will be printed in the Hot Deals booklet for free.

A Hot Deal is an offer or deal that you create for an exclusive amount of time, similar to a coupon. For example: "15 percent off your purchase until March 30" or "Buy one get one half off until April 15."

This is such an easy way to advertise and attract new customers for your business. You can login to your member portal on the chamber website and do it yourself, or the chamber staff will be happy to help you with it.

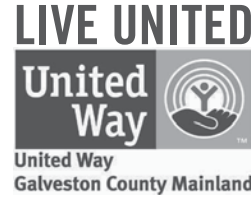
Contact the chamber by March 30 to participate in the new Hot Deals booklet and promote your business.

For more information, call 409-935-1408 or email the chamber at hotdeals@texascitychamber.com.

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# FROM THE CHAMBER PRESIDENT

## Let's join forces to defeat the pandemic

With the recent, terrible winter storm and the on-going pandemic affecting our businesses and loved ones, we at the chamber realize that many among us are struggling and some are in crisis mode.

The chamber exists to serve its members and offers valuable benefits to local businesses. If you are among those needing assistance at this time, please let us know.

With the governor's recent removal of state-wide mandates related to

"Let's work together to stay safe, recover and rebuild."

**PAGE MICHEL**  
chamber president

COVID-19, some businesses in the community are unsure of how to proceed safely through the busy times ahead in Galveston County with spring break and summer approaching.



The chamber's viewpoint is that we must all continue to operate with safety procedures to protect our businesses, our customers, our families and ourselves.

There are three key steps you can take at your business as we navigate our way back to health throughout our community and state:

- Continue to wear masks in the workplace.
- Plan to help employees get vaccinated.
- Communicate to your customers and employees about safety measures.

The U.S. Chamber has a Rally to Recovery effort happening now that highlights these steps and offers a free tool kit for your business. You can

sign up to receive the latest expert guidance and clear, actionable employer resources directly to your email in-box.

Sign up online here:  
**[uschamber.com/rally-recovery-commitment](https://uschamber.com/rally-recovery-commitment)**

Let's work together to stay safe, recover and rebuild. The chamber has several free and low-cost ways for you to boost awareness of your business in the marketplace in the coming months. Take advantage of your membership benefits.

Please call Page Michel, chamber president or Jordan Kleinecke, director of membership, at your soonest opportunity.

Best regards,

*Page Michel*

*Chamber President*

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# MEMBER PROFILE

## HCA Houston Healthcare Mainland

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HCAhoustonhealthcare.com/mainland

Representative:  
Jim Russell, FACHE RN  
Chief Executive Officer

**HCA Houston  
Healthcare**  
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Healthcare Clear Lake



Stepping into a brand new role as chief executive officer of a community hospital at the start of a growing pandemic would not be considered by most people as an ideal opportunity. For Jim Russell, CEO at HCA Houston Healthcare Mainland, it was a challenge he'd been preparing for all his life.

"The timing of my transition from chief operating officer at HCA Houston Healthcare Clear Lake to CEO at HCA Houston Mainland, had been planned far in advance of the COVID-19 outbreak," Russell said.

He assumed his CEO position March 16, 2020.

"Even with the complications the virus would

bring to my new role, I knew I was up for the challenge," Russell said. "The process-based work experience I gained during my career at Boeing has proven to be a valuable asset as we began, and continue, to navigate the demands of the COVID-19 patient surge."

In addition to his engineering experience, Russell has a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and has several years of clinical experience. He was previously an OR director, where he gained experience applying Boeing strategies to create efficiencies to improve patient care.

"In my previous nursing roles, I got to take care of people," Russell

said. "And now, as an administrator, I'm fortunate to take care of the people who take care of people."

Russell still maintains his nursing license, and he had the honor of administering the first COVID-19 vaccine to one of his employees.

Russell lives in Friendswood with his wife Jenna and their two children 11-year-old Benjamin and 6-year-old Sophie. He has an older daughter, who is a nurse practitioner, and hopes his youngest children will follow the family healthcare career tradition.

"Sophie and I love to watch 'Doc McStuffins' cartoons together," Russell said. "I'm hoping this will be the start of her

fascination with helping people feel better."

When he is not busy leading his team of more than 700 healthcare professionals, Russell enjoys watching HGTV. In fact, he admits, he's addicted.

"I am the least handy person you will ever know," Russell said. "But I just love watching other people tackle do-it-yourself projects."

Luckily for his patients and staff, Russell has many other useful talents.

You can learn more about Russell's interests and experiences, including riding horses to school in Aubrey, TX, in a short, 3-minute video at [www.vimeo.com/408051185](http://www.vimeo.com/408051185).



Jim Russell is the chief executive officer at HCA Houston Healthcare Mainland. As an administrative leader, he oversees physician relations, business development and strategic planning for all areas of the facility.

### MEMBER PROFILE

Texas City-La Marque Chamber of Commerce members have amazing talents and stories to tell. With this series, we want to introduce you to some of our members and spotlight their businesses. If you would like to be spotlighted in our Member Profile, contact Lorrie Koster at [lorrie@texascitychamber.com](mailto:lorrie@texascitychamber.com)

# BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



## Bradshaw's Florist

405 Ninth St. N., Texas City  
409-945-3304

Representative: Tammy Hanks

This family-owned flower shop has been at the same location for 72 years and serves the Texas City, La Marque, Santa Fe and Hitchcock areas. Bradshaw's is a trusted local favorite. The company has beautiful arrangements and fresh flowers that last for days.

Bradshaw's Florist prides itself on delivering only the highest quality flowers, plants and custom-made silk arrangements for any occasion.

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*Thank you!*  
Page Michel, IOM • President/CEO  
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For more information about the new Chamber map and to schedule a 10 minute appointment to reserve ad space, contact:

**Becky Julian**

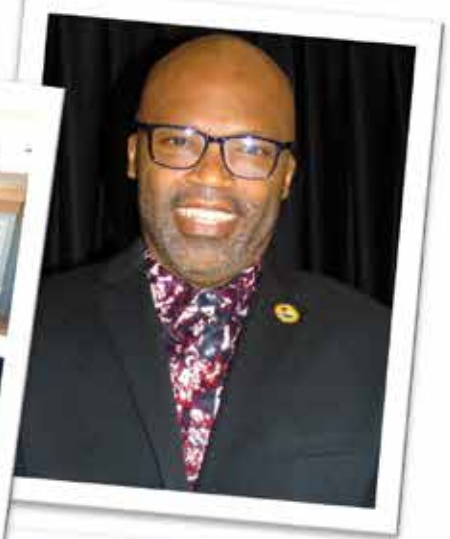
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## BUSINESS LUNCHEON



# INDUSTRIAL TRADE SHOW SET FOR JULY 20

The petrochemical industry is the heart and soul of Texas City and La Marque. It defines what we do and how we live in this community.

Many times, we take for granted the magnitude of the importance that industry plays in the life of our city and those who live, work and play here.

The number of direct jobs to major industry is in the thousands, but that number does not reflect the many more thousands of indirect jobs that are functioning as a result of our industry partners' location.

The Industrial Trade Show is focused on making the right connections for those ancillary businesses. Meeting a new contact or reconnecting with a client is what the event is all about.

Small businesses contribute to the local economy by bringing growth and innovation. Small businesses also help stimulate growth by providing employment opportunities to people, who may not be employable by larger corporations.

Larger businesses depend on local small businesses for outsourcing various business functions. Everyone gets together at this annual trade show to form valuable vendor-supplier partnerships.

Before the trade show, the 2021 Industrial Direc-



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The Industrial Trade Show is focused on making the right connections for those ancillary businesses.

tory will be published, listing all the registered vendors and more. There are low-cost advertising options available.

For details about how to be included in the 2021 Industrial Directory, contact Chamber President Page Michel by April 20 at [page@texascitychamber.com](mailto:page@texascitychamber.com).

Plan to attend the Industrial Trade Show on July 20 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Doyle Convention Center, located as 2010 Fifth Ave. N in Texas City.

You can help support and promote commerce in Texas City-La Marque and get down to business!

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Watch the videos at  
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Click on "Resources/Video Library."

# Confirm your spot on the 2021 schedule!

### Contact information

For more information about the Video Power Package, contact Jessica Spangle at 409-935-1408 or [jessica@texascitychamber.com](mailto:jessica@texascitychamber.com).





# GROUNDBREAKINGS

## **Gulf Coast Water Authority Administration Building**

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Brandon Wade, General Manager

GCWA will move from its 50-year-old office building to its new location on Emmett F. Lowry Expressway in 2022.



## **La Marque Middle School**

7451 Monticello Drive,  
La Marque, TX

Representative:  
Dr. Melissa Duarte, TCISD Superintendent

It was a great day ceremoniously breaking ground at the new La Marque Middle School. The facility was part of the approved 2018 bond election. The architects are IBI Group, and the construction company is DivisionOne Construction. The building is expected to open in August 2022.



# MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

*A big 'THANK YOU' to these businesses for their long-standing support of the chamber and this community. Renewals from Jan. 22 to Feb. 22.*

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James Crowder Funeral Home	56	Texas City Family Dentistry	21	Bay Area Auto & Truck Rental	8
Fattig Office Systems	49	Matthews, Inc.	21	H-E-B	6
Sherwin-Williams Co.	48	IBI Group, Inc	20	Blazer Inspection, Inc.	4
Whitley Penn LLP.	46	Team Industrial Services	20	Terracon Consultants, Inc.	3
Sunrise Realty	39	Coastal Community Federal Credit Union	19	Orion Industrial Construction, LLC	3
Texas First Bank	39	31st Street Store & Lock	18	DataVox	2
A to Z Trophies & Fence	37	Midwest Steel Company, Inc.	18	Industrial Commissioning	
D. Michael Bartholomew, P.C.	32	Aqua Drill International	17	Consultants International ( ICCI )	2
Industrial Material Corporation	31	Animal Alliance of Galveston County	15	Tycoon Trucking	2
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