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2018**



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WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BREHAM, TEXAS



Tailgate Party & Community Pep Rally to be held August 23

The countdown is on! TAILGATE 2018 will be held on Thursday, August 23. The Chamber will once again host this exciting event at Silver Wings Ballroom to kick off the Fall football season. Every team imaginable will be represented, and the spirit will be contagious.

Get ready to enjoy all the food you can eat, plenty of foaming cold beverages, a fabulous auction, mingling, networking, and music. Everyone is encouraged to attend!

You can enjoy all of this for the ticket price of only \$35 per person. You know the food will be good...it will be a delicious buffet donated by Design II. Thank you, David Folschinsky!

A round of applause goes to all of the generous sponsors who have already committed to making this event a success. Confirmed so far (as of July 18) are these sponsors:

Super Bowl Level

Baylor Scott & White Medical Center

Blinn College

Blue Bell Creameries

Brenham National Bank

Touchdown Level

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New Chamber Members

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Pipeline

Ribbon Cuttings



New Member

Bridge Ministry of Burton Texas

Executive Director: Pam Knebel
601 N. Main St., Burton



New Member

Support Our Servants

Owner: Sherry Toy
1610 N. Park Street, Brenham (inside Lighthouse Business Solutions)



New Location

Dona Lynn's Unique Gifts

Owner: Dona Lynn and Jr. Parker
202 W. Alamo Street, Brenham



New Member

Rusty Bird Cage Boutique & Salon

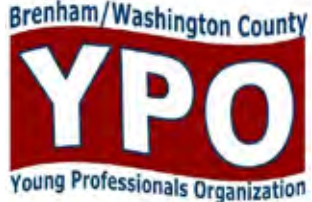
Owner: Brooke Ebert
3355 Hwy 290 West, Brenham



New Member

RBC Buildings

Owner: Brooke Ebert
3355 Hwy 290 West, Brenham



Networking Happy Hour
Thursday, July 26 from 5-7pm
Brenham Elks Lodge
400 E. Germania St., Brenham

For more information about the Washington County YPO, send your contact information to youngpros@brenhamtexas.com or visit online: www.Facebook.com/YPOwashingtoncounty



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As a Chamber member, you are invited to join in the process to nominate future board members. The Chamber needs five to seven new board members each year to fill a three-year term.

- Suitable candidates will fit this description:
- An active member of the local business community
 - Participates in Chamber events and programs
 - A decision maker in his or her field
 - Interested in serving as a volunteer
 - A person with vision & leadership skills
 - Interest in participating in the Chamber's annual Program of Work
 - Able to attend monthly board meetings, held the 3rd Wednesday each month at noon

Please give this some consideration and help us find the right people to steer the Washington County Chamber of Commerce. Submit nominations in writing from now until August 1st. You can send them by mail, fax or email. Thank you!



Renewing Members

June 1-30

Thanks to the following members for continuing your investment in the Chamber. You are long-term "partners" in our mission to promote and preserve this great community, and we appreciate your confidence in the Chamber's ability to promote your business.

- MIC Group — 40 years
- Mitchell Clark & Company — 19 years
- Baymont Inn & Suites — 11 years
- Woodforest National Bank — 11 years
- Wolff Companies — 10 years
- Express Home Furnishings — 9 years
- Republic Services — 9 years
- Stanpac USA — 8 years
- Branded Boutique — 5 years
- Blahuta Advertising — 4 years
- Terry & Robin Luedtke — 4 years
- Lighthouse Business Solutions — 3 years
- Burger King/Kolkhorst Foods — 1 year

Washington County Chamber of Commerce

- Page Michel, President & CEO
- Jane Hinze, Member Services Mgr.
- Shae Janner, Business Programs Mgr.
- Dawn Konieczny, Communications Coordinator
- Jenny Mills, Tourism Director
- Courtney Powell, Assistant Tourism Director
- Jennifer Phillips, Visitor Center Coordinator
- Sarah Bryant, Bookkeeper
- Support Staff: Cindy Ross, Gracie Slattery, Jeanine Presswood and Nelda Snow.

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"Wake Up, Washington County!" Networking Breakfast

Hosted by
Citizens State Bank
2007 S. Day St., Brenham

Sponsored by
John Brieden State Farm Insurance

Tuesday, August 7
Starts at 7:45 a.m.

Enjoy breakfast and a chance to network with other local businesses and organizations. It's a great way to inform them about your products and services and learn what's new in the community.

Everyone gets a chance to give a 30-second commercial about their business/organization. Be sure to bring plenty of business cards and brochures for sharing.

Facebook.com/VisitBrenham
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Thank you to our Chairman's Circle members ...



Thank you to our Presidential Level members ...



Partners for P.E.A.C.E.



WE PROUDLY SUPPORT
BRENHAM ISD AND BURTON ISD

Thank you to these 34 dedicated Partners for P.E.A.C.E. who are making this program a success in Washington County. They help reinforce the Core Essential Values students are learning in local public schools at their businesses and through their employee interactions:

- Ant Street Inn, Associated Credit Union of Texas,
- Bank of Brenham, Baylor Scott & White Medical Center,
- Blinn College, Blinn College Alumni & Friends Association,
- Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Blue Bell Creameries,
- Boys & Girls Club of Washington County,
- Brazos Valley Schools Credit Union, Brenham Clinic,
- Brenham Monument Company, Brenham National Bank,
- Brenham State Supported Living Center,
- Burton Chamber of Commerce, City of Brenham,
- Compass Quarters, DI Truck and Trailer Repair, Faith Mission,
- Germania Insurance, Independence Coffee Company,
- J & P Properties, James Pharaon Creative,
- Mid-Continental Insurance Services, Must Be Heaven,
- Personnel Services, Seidel Schroeder, Sonic Drive-In,
- Thielemann Construction, Unity Theatre, Van Dyke Rankin,
- Webb Printing, Westwood Cinema
- and Woodson Lumber Company of Brenham.

Does your business care about public education and future local workforce?

Sign up to be a P.E.A.C.E. Partner for the 2018-19 school year

The Washington County Chamber was the FIRST Chamber in the nation to implement the Public Education Ambassadors for Community Engagement (P.E.A.C.E.) program during the 2017-18 school year. Chamber staff and volunteer leaders, Brenham ISD, Burton ISD and Brenham GameChangers are again working together to promote P.E.A.C.E. throughout Washington County for 2018-19.

This program provides a way for businesses to join in efforts to strengthen our public schools and contribute to the character development of students...our future workforce!

The P.E.A.C.E. program will kick-off in August when core values are promoted monthly in local schools and communities. Brenham GameChangers along with Brenham ISD and Burton ISD have implemented Core Essential Values in the schools and now, through your membership in the Washington County Chamber, you have an opportunity to join this effort by becoming a Partner for "P.E.A.C.E."

By deciding to become an active member of P.E.A.C.E., you will be connected to the Canopy Community of the Core Essentials program and Brenham GameChangers to enhance the character education of our county's youth. This partnership will equip you with simple tools and enjoyable programs to utilize at your business/office. Your organization will then increase the communities' sphere of influence for our youth and help develop

Partners for P.E.A.C.E.



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inside and outside of the schools you care about. Because your kids go there. Because your grandkids go there. Because these kids will work for you and with you someday.

The Canopy Community component of this program is directed to K-4th grade students and includes a package with web-based tools, strategies for customizing ways to infuse the monthly value in your business, employee activities, downloadable and printable resources, social media tools, email promotions and more. The Chamber team will partner with you and your employees to maximize your usage of the program.

The Brenham GameChangers component allows you and your employees to "Connect with character and value." This will be the vehicle that keeps the Core Essential Values that the youth learn from K-4th grade ongoing through graduation and into the rest of their lives.

The P.E.A.C.E. program membership specific to Washington County Chamber members is only \$50 for the school year (10 months). It extends to all your employees, allowing all of you to participate at the level you desire.

Decide today to be part of the new P.E.A.C.E. program, and you will receive complete details on how to get involved! Reply by July 27 to be prepared with program tools before the new school year starts. Reply to Shae Janner, Business Programs Manager at the Chamber, at 979-836-3695 or shae@brenhamtexas.com.

essential lifelong character traits in them.

Want to learn more about it? The Core Essentials curriculum used in Brenham and Burton school districts emphasizes a value word and its life application each month during the school year. The value word centers around three BIG IDEAS: Treat Others Right, Make Smart Decisions and Maximize Your Potential. Brenham GameChangers is the active "on the ground" organization that helps implement the Core Essentials to K-4th graders and creates ideas, activities and programs that reach the Middle School, Junior High and High School age students.

By being involved with the P.E.A.C.E. program, you will be supporting an effort to help local kids see how to live out these values with friends at school, at home with their families, and in businesses throughout our great community. You will have the opportunity to be a GameChanger in fostering character-building



Washington County Blue Blazers

The Blue Blazers is a club with 15-20 members and 40 years of tradition. They support the mission of the Washington County Chamber. The volunteers in the club act as official greeters and hosts of our community. Their activities include monthly meetings, greeting at Chamber functions, recruiting new Chamber members, and conducting ribbon cuttings and grand openings.

Michael Branton
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Get Noticed

The ChamberWorks newsletter is published inside The Banner-Press. Chamber members have the opportunity to advertise in this newsletter. Rates start at only \$25 per month.

If you are looking for a new opportunity to advertise, just call Jane Hinze at 836-3695.

Another great way to promote your organization is through targeted emails. The Chamber will forward your "e-message" to all members, as long as it meets certain criteria. For non-profits, it should not have a strong-sell for sponsorships or donations. The message should be newsworthy, typically about an upcoming event. For regular businesses, it should also be about upcoming special events, as long as there is no purchase required for the reader to experience the event.

E-messages are sent a maximum of once per quarter per member during each calendar year.

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Page Michel (left), Jane Hinze and Shae Janner pictured with RaDonna Hessel, CEO of the Grapevine Chamber.

Chamber Wins First Place Award at Statewide Conference

Local Chambers from across the state of Texas convened in Grapevine, Texas June 18-20 for the annual Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives (TCCE) Leadership Conference. The TCCE Annual Excellence Awards banquet was held on June 19th and honored chambers for exceptional efforts in marketing, communications and media outreach. Awards were judged in seven categories: Brochures, Maps, Newsletter/Newspapers, Website, Directories/

Community Profiles, Marketing Campaigns, and Social Media Campaigns.

The Washington County Chamber won First Place for Outstanding Brochure for its new Membership Levels brochure. A combined effort between staff, board of directors, membership committee members, 10X Graphic Design and James Pharaon Creative, is what made this brochure the best in the state in its division.

The Texas Chamber of Commerce

Executives is the statewide association of chamber professionals in the state of Texas. TCCE operates with the primary goal of serving its membership by providing excellence in professional development, networking, resource and idea exchange opportunities and grassroots advocacy information and coordination. Through its publications and other resources TCCE provides operational guidance and leadership to chambers across the state.

Tailgate

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Members have been sent complete details about how to get involved, and it's also posted on www.BrenhamTexas.com. To receive the info directly into your inbox, send a message to tailgate@brenhamtexas.com.

Reserved seating tables are being sold now on a first-come, first-sold basis. Table sponsors enjoy many extra benefits and perks! Don't miss the chance. Get public-

ity and be noticed with a prime spot at the event.

Every member is also invited to contribute an item for the auction. By having an item in the auction, you can help the event be a success and promote your business/organization at the same time. The auction is always a major highlight of the event.

There will be plenty of spirited rivalries going on at TAILGATE 2018 between fans

of the Aggies, Longhorns, Blinn Bucs, TCU Horned Frogs, UH Cougars, Texas Tech Raiders, Houston Texans, Burton Panthers, and Brenham Cubs. Don't see your team mentioned here? Then turn out in your colors and represent them!

"This is the largest tailgate party in Washington County and a great opportunity for members to kick-off a new season," said Chamber Board Chairman Randy

Wells from Faith Mission, "It's unique, casual and fun. Be loud and proud and show off your team spirit!"

Proceeds from this event are used for Washington County Chamber programs and services, so that dues can be kept among the lowest level in the state and nation.

For more information, stop by or call the Chamber at (979) 836-3695 or send an email to tailgate@brenhamtexas.com.

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To ensure the long-term care of the Welcome Sign monuments at the five entry points to Washington County, four landscaping companies from our community have volunteered to oversee their maintenance.

Tourism News

Where's Della?



"After stopping by this aromatic attraction in Washington County, Della left feeling calm and relaxed, with souvenirs to remind her of her time there."

Do you know where Della is this month? Email your name, phone number and location guess to Della@BrenhamTexas.com by July 31. A winner will be chosen on August 1 from all correct entries.

Congrats to Krystal Glaeser for guessing correctly that Della was at Pleasant Hill Winery! Washington County



is home to four wineries, including Texas Star Winery, Saddlehorn Winery, Windy Winery, and the oldest, Pleasant Hill Winery. During the harvesting months of July and August, both Pleasant Hill Winery and Windy Winery offer grape

stomps where you are able to help with the harvesting of grapes and experience squishing and squeezing the grapes first hand (or foot rather!).

Both Pleasant Hill and Windy Winery offer personalized commemorative t-shirts. Windy Winery will hold its Harvest Grape Stomp each weekend in July and the first two weekends in August. Pleasant Hill's Crush for Fun is held the last two weekends of July and the first two weekends in August.

THANK YOU!

Puppy Dawgs & Cat Tails, located at 321 S. Baylor St. in Downtown Brenham, for being the "Where's Della" partner and gift sponsor!

Travel Tip:

"The World is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page."

— Saint Augustine



Tourism College

The Texas Travel Industry Association hosted another successful year of Travel & Tourism College at Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort in Bastrop at the end of June. Chamber-CVB staff members attended. Courtney Ginn for her second year, and Jenny Mills for her third year. Upon completion of the third year, participants have the opportunity to complete a Capstone Project to earn the Certified Tourism Executive designation.

During Travel & Tourism College, a week of classes are held on topics such as crisis management, tourism trends, marketing methods, management tools, and tips for media attraction and stakeholder nurturing. "Each day we learn something new and have opportunities to network with our peers. In my class there were folks from all over Texas and even Oklahoma and Illinois," Jenny said. "I have enjoyed the last three years of education opportunities, and now it's time to start on my Capstone Project."

Tourism Update

Several times a year the Chamber-CVB hosts a networking meeting for tourism related business and organizations. It's called "Tourism Tuesday" and it's typically held on the third Tuesday of the month, three or four times a year. At these meetings we share about advertising and promotion activities of Washington County as a tourism destination, and everyone present has the opportunity to share what's going on at their organization. This keeps everyone informed for maximum collaboration.

If you have a business that contributes to the local visitor experience (lodging, shopping, dining, attractions), you are invited to join in at Tourism Tuesday!

Please contact us at 979-836-3696 or visit@brenham-texas.com for more information.

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WALK-INS

<i>Visitor Center</i>	<i>HQ Building</i>
June 2018 — 508	June 2018 — 560

WEBSITE

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<i>Unique Visitors</i>	<i>Total Pages</i>
June 2018 — 7,025	June 2018 — 17,793

WEBSITE

www.VisitBrenhamTexas.com

<i>Unique Visitors</i>	<i>Total Pages</i>
June 2018 — 15,061	June 2018 — 35,255

Courtney's Corner

Are you a part of an organization or a social group that is looking for something different to do for your next getaway or outing? Call me for ideas! Have your group take part in wine and beer making demonstrations with Brenham Homebrewer Supply, or learn how to make decadent chocolates with Jet Set Chocolates. Plan an overnight stay to include four wineries, a brewery, and diverse dining options and entertainment in your itinerary. Contact me today at (979) 836-3696 or courtney@brenhamtexas.com for free assistance with planning your next event.



Ask Jennifer

"What is Hot Nights, Cool Tunes?"

It's a great concert every Saturday in July starting at 7pm! Each week there is a different band, a classic car "cruise-in", and concessions. Alamo Street and Baylor Street are blocked off to traffic and people set up lawn chairs to enjoy the concert and socializing. July 7 was the Brown Sugar Band, July 14 was Suede, July 21 is The Fab 5, and to close out the series on July 28 is Texas Unlimited Band.



Upcoming Fun

Hot Nights, Cool Tunes – July 14, 21, 28 at 7pm in Downtown Brenham. Bring your chairs, kids, dogs and dancing shoes for a fun night on the square listening to cool tunes.

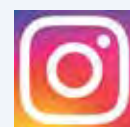
Weekends in July & August – Grape Stomps at Windy Winery and Pleasant Hill Winery. Check online for details at VisitBrenhamTexas.com. Grape stomps and wine tastings have fees.

Living History Day, Farmers Market, Escape Room, Hands on History – July 21 at Washington on the Brazos State Historic Site. Farmers market features local produce, honey, artisan products and more, from 9am-2pm. Museum and farm have admission fees.

Lavender and Wine Fest – August 11 at Chappell Hill Lavender Farm and Windy Winery. Lavender cutting, demonstrations, live music, vendors, grape stomping and wine tasting.

For more information go to VisitBrenhamTexas.com.

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What's Happening in July

Now thru Nov. 14

100th Anniversary of WWI Exhibit: Texas & Washington County in the Great War

Brenham Heritage Museum and Chappell Hill Historical Society Museum partner to bring this multi-media interactive experience at Chappell Hill Historical Society Museum, 9220 Poplar St. (www.chappellhillhistoricalsociety.com).

July 19

Friends of Bluebonnet Opry

Featuring Holly Tucker and the Bluebonnet Opry House Band, doors open at 5:30pm, food served at 6pm, show starts at 7:30pm, \$7 admission (www.FriendsOfBluebonnetOpry.com).

July 19-22, 26-29, Aug 2-5

Brazos Valley Brewery Patio Open

Enjoy craft beer with friends, Thurs 4-8, Fri 4-10pm, Sat 12-8pm, Sun 1-6pm, 201 W. First St., Downtown Brenham (www.BrazosValleyBrewery.com).

July 20, 24, 26, 27, 31, Aug 2, 3

Aqua Cardio Class

Improve range of motion, balance and coordination while strengthening and toning. Classes at 9am, Tues, Thurs and Fri, Blue Bell Aquatic Center, 1800 E. Tom Green, Brenham (www.cityofbrenham.org).

July 20, 24, 26, 27, 31, Aug 2, 3

Water Aerobic Classes

Classes offer movements to improve range of motion, balance and coordination. Classes Tues, Thurs and Fri at 10am, Blue Bell Aquatic Center, 1800 E. Tom Green, Brenham (www.cityofbrenham.org).

July 19, 24, 26, 31, Aug 2

Play in the Clay

One night make your own pieces, return a second night to decorate/glaze. \$80 per person for 2 classes, Tues and Thurs from 7-9 pm. Reserve seats (979-289-3765, www.BluebonnetPottery.com).

July 20-21, 27-28, Aug 3-4

Live Music at The Kenney Store

Varying artists. Grill opens at 3pm weekdays, noon on weekends, music starts around 8:30pm, 811 S. Loop 497 (www.TheKenneyStore.com).

July 20 - July 21

Christmas in July

Special event at Hermann Furniture, 213 W. Alamo, Downtown Brenham (www.hermannfurniture.com).

July 20-22, 27-29, Aug 3-5

Live Music at Home Sweet Farm

In the biergarten enjoy live music, craft beer, wine and fun outdoors. Musical acts change weekly. Visit website for info (www.HomeSweetFarm.com).

July 20, 27, Aug 3

Brenham Elk Lodge #979 Steak Night

Every Friday night is Steak night, 6:30-8pm. Menu may change so check out the Facebook Page at Elks Lodge Brenham for more information and updated details. 400 E. Germania St.

July 21

Licensed to Carry Class

Held at Salem Fire Dept., 251 Salem Rd., Brenham, 8am - 2pm, \$110 (979-836-0986).

July 21

Living History Saturday

Travel back in time to when a nation was born in 1836, Washington on the Brazos State Park, 23400 Park Road 12, Washington, 10am-4:30pm (www.wheretexasbecametexas.org).

July 21

"Runaway Scrape" Escape Room

Blinn College's Star of the Republic Museum invites you to put on your thinking cap and find your way out of the museum's newest attraction: a Texas-themed escape room. Now open the 3rd Saturday each month 10am-4pm at Washington on the Brazos. Admission \$15 adults, \$13 students 18 and under, \$10 Blinn employees and students. Advanced registration is recommended (www.starmuseum.org).

July 21

Farmers Market at Washington on the Brazos

Fresh vegetables, fruit, baked goods, artisans and more, an average of 200 cars will be at the park at these 3rd Saturday events, 10am-2pm, Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park (www.wheretexasbecametexas.org).

July 21-22, 28-29, Aug 4-5

Flying Horses Antique Carousel

Ride a piece of history at Fireman's Park, \$1 per rider. Sat 11am-4pm and Sun 1-4pm, 901 N. Park St., Brenham.

July 21-22, 28-29,

Aug 4-5, 11-12. 18-19, 25-26

Harvest Grape Stomp at Windy Winery

Grape picking, barrel stomping, T-shirt. Tastings, food, and activities have fees. Sat 11-4:30 and Sun noon-4:30 (www.WindyWinery.com).

July 21-22, 28-29, Aug 4-5, 11-12

Crush for Fun at Pleasant Hill Winery

17th Annual grape stomping event! Get purple feet and a souvenir t-shirt. Food and other vendors along with regular tours and tastings. Tastings and stomps have fees. Winery hours are Sat 11-6 and Sun noon-5pm (www.PleasantHillWinery.com).

July 21, 28

Hot Nights, Cool Tunes Concert Series

Bring lawn chairs to the Courthouse square and enjoy live music with the community, Classic Car Cruise-In, food and beverage vendors, free to the public, begins at 7pm (www.DowntownBrenham.com).

July 22, 29, Aug 5

Sunday Brunch at Bevers Kitchen

Serving chicken and waffles, eggs benedict, pancakes, omelets, breakfast toast-ada, shrimp stuffed avocado plus a full lunch menu, 10am-3pm, 5162 Main St., Chappell Hill.

July 22

Beginner Yoga Workshop

Why yoga? Brief history, breathwork, common poses. Space is limited, \$20 includes one class credit, Genesis Yoga, 202 E. Commerce, Downtown Brenham (www.genesisyoga.net/workshops).

July 23-25

Sewing Class: Sew-A-Friend

Sew a doll. Class open to students ages 9 and up. Bring your own sewing machine! (some class machines are available). Class size is limited to 6, \$90, 1-3:30pm (www.SewFunSewing.Weebly.com).

July 23-25, 30-Aug 1

Beginning Wellness

Let the BBAC aid in your rehab. Classes at 5pm, Blue Bell Aquatic Center, 1800 E. Tom Green, Brenham. Monthly Aerobic Pass \$65, Senior \$55, Yearly \$600, Senior \$550 (www.cityofbrenham.org).

July 23, 25, 30-Aug 1

P90X Live

Total body workout incorporating strength and cardio. Bring a set of light to medium dumbbells, water and towel, Mon 6:45pm, Wed 5:20pm, \$40, Old Alton Gym, 1209 Mangrum, Brenham (www.brenhamisd.net/page/commed.hom).

July 24

Education Update Forum

At Blinn College Student Center, Brenham, 11:30am, advanced reservations required, \$25 Chamber Members (979-836-3695, www.BrenhamTexas.com).

July 25

Brenham Area Real Estate Investors and Landlords Meeting

Helping new and experienced investors in real estate investing/landlording, networking opportunities, vendors welcome, at Citizens State Bank, 2007 St. Day St., Brenham, 11:30am-1pm (512-468-3235, jamesh7213@gmail.com).

July 25

Young Professionals of Washington County Lunch Mob

Held the last Wednesday of every month, location announced the morning of via e-mail and Facebook, send your name to be added to list (washcoypo@gmail.com).

July 26-29

"Alice in Wonderland" Musical

Summer youth production at Unity Theatre, 300 Church St., Downtown Brenham, Thurs and Fri at 2pm, Sat and Sun at 1pm and 4pm (www.UnityBrenham.org).

July 26

Young Professionals

Networking Happy Hour

Poolside at the Brenham Elks Lodge, Hawaiian themed, 5-7pm, 400 E. Germania St.

July 26

Central Texas Beekeepers Association meeting

Meeting in the VIP Building at Washington County Fairgrounds, Brenham (www.centraltexasbeekeepers.org).

July 28

Walk With A Doc

Take steps to a healthier lifestyle, brief "health talk" followed by 30-minute walk, take part in one walk or entire series. Water, refreshments, t-shirts available (979-337-7254).

July 31

Resonance Opera

Young Artists Program

Classically trained college students will present an evening of songs, arias and opera scenes. Inaugural performance of program started by Dr. Linda Patterson and Dan Bircher for college students studying voice. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 2310 Airline Dr., Brenham, 7:30-8:30pm, free (www.stpetersbrenham.org).

August Highlights

Aug 2

Ribbon Cutting - Grace Cottage

Join in welcoming this new member at 213 Granville St. in Bellville, 11am.

Aug 7

Wake Up, Washington County! Networking Breakfast

Hosted at Citizens State Bank, 2007 St. Day St., Brenham, 7:45am, and sponsored by John Brieden State Farm Insurance.

Aug 9

Grand Opening Ceremony

Citadel Christian School Join in this celebration and learn more about the school at 2111 S. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham, at 5:30pm.

Aug 23

Tailgate Party & Community Pep Rally

All are invited to this annual Chamber fundraiser/tailgate party at Silver Wings Ballroom! Tickets must be purchased in advance, \$35 (979-836-3695, events@brenhamtexas.com).

Shae Janner Graduates from Institute for Organization Management

A Leadership Training Program Produced by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation

Institute for Organization Management, the professional development program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, is pleased to announce that Shae Janner, IOM, Business Programs Manager of the Washington County Chamber has graduated from the program and has received the recognition of IOM. Awarded to all graduates of the Institute program, the IOM Graduate Recognition signifies the individual's completion of 96 hours of course instruction in nonprofit management. Nearly 1,000 individuals attend Institute annually.

"Institute graduates are recognized across the country as leaders in their industries and organizations," said Raymond Towle, IOM, CAE, the U.S. Chamber's vice president of Institute. "These individuals have the knowledge, skills, and dedication necessary to achieve professional and organizational success in the dynamic association and chamber industries."

Since its commencement in 1921, the Institute program has been educating tens of thousands of association, chamber, and other nonprofit leaders on how to build stronger organizations, better serve their members and become strong business advocates. Institute's curriculum consists of four weeklong sessions at five different university locations throughout the country. Through a combination of required courses and electives in areas such as leadership, advocacy, marketing, finance, and membership, Institute participants are able to enhance their own organizational management skills and add new fuel to their organizations, making them run more efficiently and effectively.

Institute for Organization Management is the professional development program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. It is the premier nonprofit professional development program for association and chamber professionals, fostering individual growth through interactive learning and networking opportunities.



Why Go to Connect After 5?

The Chamber's "Connect After 5" (formerly "Business After Hours") networking events have always been outstanding events each month. Chances are if you want to see someone from the local business community, you will find them at "Connect After 5."

Many know the social benefits of attending. Many more are discovering the business benefits of attending. If you are not yet taking advantage of these networking opportunities, you should. Here are some tips for making the most of the opportunity:

- Wear a name tag. If you don't have one from your place of business, the Chamber will have some blanks at the event for you to fill in and wear. Name tags help people to remember your name and the business you represent. (And some of us need more help than others in the memory department!)

- Bring your business cards. Give one to everyone you meet. This gives people your direct contact information, so they can do business with you after the event.

- Talk to people. Don't be shy! Initiate conversations with people you don't recognize.

Let that be your conversation starter, "Hello, I don't believe we've met." Most people who attend are Chamber members, so you already have something in common. And most will be very willing to tell you about their business, so start by asking them what they do.

- Donate a door prize. Another way to get recognition at the event is to contribute a door prize to be given away. Bring it to the Chamber before the event, or bring it with you that night. Everyone loves to win something, and this is a great way to make

a connection with others.

- Get to know the host. Meet the business owner(s). Be sure to find the host and say hello. Take the tour of the property, if offered. Thank them for hosting the event.

- Come early and stay late. The longer you are there, the more people you will get to meet and the more who will meet you.

- Have fun! There is always great food and drinks. Everyone has a good time at the Chamber's after hours events. Make it a point to attend. It may be your most important business meeting of the month!



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