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DESHAUN WATSON TO SPEAK AT ANNUAL GALA by Margie Buentello President & CEO

YES, **Deshaun Watson**, quarterback for the Houston Texans is scheduled to speak at our 42nd Annual Awards & Installation Gala on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at Sylvan Beach Pavilion!!!!!! A BIG THANK YOU to **Ronny Dwairy, CEO of Bestway Oilfield** for bringing Deshaun to us!

Derrick Deshaun Watson is an American football quarterback for the Houston Texans of the National Football League. He was born and raised in Gainesville, Georgia. He played college football at Clemson

and led the team to a CFP championship game appearance in 2015 and a national championship win in 2016. He was selected by the Texans 12th overall in the 2017 NFL Draft.

Please consider supporting the Chamber through a sponsorship or donating a silent auction item of \$150 value or more.

A Silver sponsorship includes a premium table for eight, recognition on marketing flyers and Annual Report, and one complimentary bottle of wine at table. Silver Sponsorships are

\$1,500; corporate tables for eight are \$650; and individual seats are \$80 per person. The dress for the gala is dressy business/ semi-formal.

A big THANK YOU goes out to those who have already committed to a sponsorship: Gold Sponsor is **United Community Credit Union** and Silver Sponsors are **LyondellBasell, Woodforest National Bank, CenterPoint Energy, Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital** and **Port Houston**.

Make note of the new venue this year:



Sylvan Beach Pavilion, 1 Sylvan Beach Drive, LaPorte, TX 77571.

Don't miss out, seats are limited. The deadline to register is January 18th. Make your reservations as soon as possible: go online to www.northchannelarea.com; call the Chamber office at 713-450-3600; or email blanca@ncachamber.com.

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BE ACTIVE IN 2019

The North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce's mission is to promote economic development and provide real solutions for business and community prosperity.

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RIBBON CUTTING



A ribbon cutting was held at HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast's (formerly Bayshore Medical Center) new Center for Neurosciences and Orthopedics on January 7, 2019. The new center is located on the 5th floor of the hospital. An Open House followed.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

A special **THANK YOU** to the following members who have shown their dedicated support of the Chamber and the community by renewing their membership investment.

21-41 Years

Nadolney Real Estate/Broker	41 Years
B.J. Sargent	38 Years
Foster Fence	37 Years
Wendey D. Ley YMCA	37 Years
Don White & Co. Realtors	36 Years
Havard Welding Supply Co.	35 Years
North Channel EMS	35 Years
Pineforest Jewelry, Inc.	32 Years
Galena Park Motors, Inc.	31 Years
Pine Trails Community Imp. Asso.	31 Years
Hubbard Electric Company	30 Years

6-20 Years

Harris County WCID #36	18 Years
Northshore Treatment Center	16 Years
Houston Community College – NE	15 Years
Basic Equipment	14 Years

Community Toyota / Kia / Honda	11 Years
Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition	9 Years
Debbie Palko	8 Years
Landscape & Design	6 Years

1-5 Years

Jacob Stern and Sons – Texas	4 Years
Walgreens – Tidwell	4 Years
San Jacinto Memorial Park and Funeral Home	3 Years
Constable Sherman Eagleton, Pct. 3	2 Years
Chu Architects	2 Years
Communities In Schools, SE Harris Co.	2 Years
Huckabee Architects	2 Years
King Davis	2 Years
The Law Office of Luis Garcia	2 Years
East Harris County Empowerment Council	1 Year



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PORT BRIEFS

Maintaining Submerged Lands



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Port Houston has been responsible for maintaining and leasing submerged lands in the Houston Ship Channel region since 1927. These authorizations require permits and licenses for areas along the waterway.

More than 90 years ago, the Port of Houston Authority was given the responsibility to manage and regulate this function as the local sponsor of the Houston Ship Channel.

Submerged lands are the lands below the line of the higher high tide within the jurisdiction of the Port Authority that lie beneath the Houston Ship Channel and other waters such as Buffalo Bayou, as well as beneath the waterways tributary.

The port's property includes 42 miles of railroad right-of-way, Houston Ship Channel with tributary bayous and streams within Harris County, 7,000 acres of dredged material placement areas and all other Port Authority properties where other entities are permitted use by the Port Commission.

The Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority recently adopted and approved barge fleet standards as reasonable measures for implementation and management of barge fleet leasing in the ship channel region. The new standards are to be used by all public and private industry doing business along the waterway.

Barge fleet leasing is an activity that secures barges for storage for more than 72 hours and includes barge staging activities, shared Garry McMahan, program manager of channel development business for Port Houston.

“The barge fleet leasing policy is another effort that follows along our strategic goals of growth and stewardship,” McMahan said. “We are doing our due diligence to ensure this management process is further supporting the livelihood of our assets.”

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, January 15

Ribbon Cutting
Liberty Tax @ 4:00 pm
816 Uvalde Rd., 77015

Tuesday, January 15

Chamber Board meeting

Monday, January 21

Martin Luther King Day
Chamber office closed

Thursday, January 24

42nd Annual Gala
Sylvan Beach Pavilion, 1 Sylvan Beach
Drive, La Porte, 77571
Social—6:30 pm Dinner—7:00 pm
RSVP: blanca @ncachamber.com
Sponsored by: United Community
Credit Union

Saturday, January 26

Ribbon Cutting
United Health Partners @ 10:30 am
(Open House—9 am—12 pm)
12605 East Freeway, Ste. 510, 77015

Friday, February 1

Monthly Luncheon @ 11:30 am
San Jacinto College North— Monu-
ment Room in Student Center
Program—University of Houston
College of Medicine. RSVP: blan-
ca@ncachamber.com

Wednesday, February 6

Chamber Foundation Meeting

Tuesday, February 12

Ambassador meeting—TBD

NOTE: For an up-to-date listing,
please go to our website,
www.northchannelarea.com.



Happy New Year!



Pictured Right: Dr. John Moore,
2019 Chamber Chairman of the Board
Pictured Left: Shalonda Dawkins,
2018 Chamber Chairman of the Board

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With barge activity continuing to grow in the Houston region, hundreds of acres of submerged lands managed by Port Houston are taking on increased importance. That's why some new standards have been put in place for staging barges.

The barge fleeting leasing program is the start of a larger submerged lands program that will encompass all private docks and wharves along the Houston Ship Channel and its tributaries. Newly leased barge fleeting areas coming online include Lost Lake area and Greens Bayou.

"Barges play an important role along the waterway and the flow of commerce," said McMahan.

The Houston Ship Channel has more than 200,000 barge transits annually, and the demand for barge fleeting has increased in the last several years.

Port Houston's channel development team also oversees licenses and administers permits for the construction of docks and wharves, and manages port-owned dredged material placement areas for private industry use.

The standards were communicated to industry stakeholders through organizations like the Lone Star Harbor Safety Committee, the Gulf Intra-coastal Canal Association and the West Gulf Maritime Association. The standards were released for public comment in August.

"The port has always managed submerged lands from the beginning, but we are now doing it in a more productive, efficient way," McMahan said. "We've developed a process that promotes longevity, expanded use of our assets and enhanced safety along the Houston Ship Channel."

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