



# The Latest News

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## Committees & Chairs

## Upcoming Events

- Sep 20 - Texas Children's Hospital West Campus Tour & Bs Mixer  
Sep 21 - West I-10 Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting  
Oct 11 - Luncheon/Program: W.C. Pct 4 Commissioner Stan Kitman  
Oct 19 - West I-10 Economic Development Committee Meeting  
Nov 12 - 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Appreciation Awards Banquet/Brookwood/Dr. Robert Ivany  
Dec 13 - Christmas Membership Luncheon Meeting at Cross Creek Ranch with State Rep John Zerwas MD and WC Judge Glenn Beckendorff; Stewart Title Fulshear/Sponsor
- Remember to Save the dates!*

## President's Message



### Greg Turner/Turner Duran Architects, LP

Congratulations to our newest board member, Adam Traweek! Along with returning members Rosemary Gambino, Jim Vaughn, and myself, Adam was elected by the membership at the annual meeting, our membership luncheon, on September 12. What you might not know about Adam is that he was a pitcher for the Rice University baseball team. He majored in economics at Rice, and is now with Amegy Bank. Welcome to our board, Adam!

Adam will be replacing Michael Montgomery in position #1. As he retires from our Chamber's governing body, we thank Michael for his years of service, and for his and wife Janet's unwavering support for our work. We are very grateful, and look forward to many more years of involvement by Michael, but in different ways!

While we are on the topic of changes in the board, we have also regretfully accepted the resignation of Marla van Overbeke. Marla's ideas, energy, and smile will be missed at our board meetings. But we know we'll still see her at many of our Chamber functions. Thanks for your service, Marla! There will be an announcement soon regarding her replacement.

Please remember our annual banquet on November 12. The Appreciation Award winners will be announced soon, so be on the lookout.

Please also remember to keep in your prayers our neighbors and fellow Texans who have been impacted by the destructive wildfires. And, with the recent anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on our nation in mind, please keep the victims of that infamous attack in your prayers, and pray for the success and safety of our armed forces in their battle against the evil ones perpetrating such deeds.

## Chamber Welcomes New Members

**Green Group Holdings, LLC** - 24644 Highway 6, Hempstead, TX 77445,  
Tel: (770) 720-2717; Thad Owings, Project Mgr 979.530.3687,

[towings@greenfirstllc.com](mailto:towings@greenfirstllc.com), - a development company that specializes in large-scale infrastructure development, environmental permitting, and operations for projects like

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**Annual Banquet**  
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### West I-10

### Sustaining Members

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industrial parks, transfer stations, recycling facilities and solid waste landfills. The leadership of Green Group Holdings has designed and executed successful development projects under the names GreenFirst, LLC and Greenbow, LLC. Many projects are anchored by a landfill and recycling center and also feature an industrial or commercial business park attracting more businesses to the community, providing tax revenues and local jobs. Green Group Holdings' experts specialize in the environment, engineering, local government, and public relations to handle the complicated permitting and communications process for each project. The Green Group Holdings recently filed a permit application for Pintail Park, a proposed mixed-use development and industrial park that will be anchored by Pintail Landfill at a site approximately one mile north of Hempstead. Pintail Landfill will be a highly engineered, environmentally-friendly waste management facility that will provide annual revenue to Waller County in the form of host fees and taxes, good paying jobs and new business opportunities for local contractors and service providers. Pintail Landfill will include a landfill, construction and demolition debris recycling facility, and a green waste composting component, and will include a 200-foot buffer of trees and vegetation on all sides. Additional information is available at [www.greengroupholdings.com](http://www.greengroupholdings.com) or by contacting Thad Owings above.

**One 2 mini Ranch Tack & Feed** – 10191 Bonner Rd., Brookshire, TX 77423, Rhonda and Michael Blodgett, Tel: 281.924.805, 281.236.3594. Bs hours: Mondays, 2-7pm, Tues-Fri, 9am-7pm; Sat, 8am-4pm. In business since 2002, One 2 mini Ranch Tack & Feed offers quality merchandise at a fair price – feed, tack, equine meds, western hats, buckles, and jewelry. Specializing in hats by Stetson, Resistol, Charlie 1 Horse, SunBody Palm, Tony Lama and Western Express as well as equestrian items from Alamo Saddlery and Weaver Leather. Visit their website [www.one2miniranch.com](http://www.one2miniranch.com) for complete line of products offered online – including e-gift cards. For additional information, contact Rhonda at [r.blodgett@hotmail.com](mailto:r.blodgett@hotmail.com) or Mike at [m.blodgett@hotmail.com](mailto:m.blodgett@hotmail.com)

**YMCA Greater Houston – Katy Family YMCA**, 22807 Westheimer Parkway, Katy, TX 77494; Matthew Salazar, Youth Development Director-Sports and Play, Phone : 281.392.5505; contact email: [matthew.salazar@ymcahouston.org](mailto:matthew.salazar@ymcahouston.org). The YMCA is the nation's leading nonprofit committed to strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living & social responsibility. YMCA programs teach and model Judeo-Christian values in order to strengthen kids, families and communities. Honesty, respect, responsibility, and faith are core values evident in all that it does. The YMCA works side-by-side with its neighbors to make sure that everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow & thrive. Visit [www.ymcahouston.org/Katy](http://www.ymcahouston.org/Katy) and check out all the programs offered by the Y in Katy. Those who attended the July chamber luncheon received a great overview of the YMCA and its plans to expand services to the Brookshire/Pattison area and had the opportunity to meet Matthew Salazar. We look forward to hearing updates from him soon.

## October 11th Chamber Luncheon



Mark your calendars now for the October 11<sup>th</sup> luncheon which will be held at Galileo's Mexican Grill in Pattison. Waller County Pct 4 Commissioner Stan Kitzman will be the guest speaker – and he will have much to speak about. Stan has been more than a full-time commissioner since taking office in January 2011, meeting the unprecedented challenges facing Waller County – including the struggle to manage growth on our terms and to have in place the infrastructure to support the changes to come, and most recently dealing firsthand with the devastating Waller County wildfires.

Stan grew up and spent his life in southern Waller County, as a Royal Falcon, small business owner, high school teacher and father. Public service has been a constant part of his adult life. His life experiences here, at Texas A&M, 20 years in the Texas National Guard, including three combat tours in Iraq, have reinforced his commitment to protect private property rights, individual's freedoms, and to keep Waller County the best place to live, work and raise a family.

## Silver Members

Texas Children's Hospital

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## Members News - and events

**Waller County Fair Assoc.** The 2011 Waller County Fair starts September 24<sup>th</sup> and ends October 1<sup>st</sup>. The Fair features rodeos, livestock projects of area youth organizations such as 4H and local FFA classes, carnival rides, lots of good food, and nightly live music and entertainment - Entertainment information can be [found here](#). So much to see and do - For schedule <http://www.wallercountyfair.org/Downloads/schedule.pdf>

The Waller County Fair and Rodeo in Hempstead, TX is taking its respected rodeo to the professional ranks. This year's event, scheduled for Friday, September 30-Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, is its inaugural year in the PRCA, and they are giving back to the contestants – Buckles made by Montana Silversmiths will be presented to event champions. All the cowboys who take part in the “Tough Enough to Wear Pink” celebration on Saturday night will be eligible for a free gas card, and they are putting in an additional \$3,000 for each event, one of the biggest purses in our area.

**The City of Pattison 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Pattison Car Show** is happening October 8, 2011, 8a.m.-2p.m. at Royal High School, 34499 Royal Rd, Brookshire 77423. Last year's show drew 180 entries and this year's show expects to grow to 200. There will be additional food vendors this year and great entertainment for the kids. Corporate and individual sponsorships help fund the event. Sponsors names and logos are printed on the Car Show T-shirts seen by thousands of people each year all over the Greater Houston Area; and, sponsors' marketing give-away items are used to fill entrants' goody bags. Those interested in being a sponsor of the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Pattison Car Show should contact Show Coordinator, Jim Meader – 281.794.0314 or [meader@consolicated.net](mailto:meader@consolicated.net). Visit [www.pattisoncarshow.com](http://www.pattisoncarshow.com) for event entry forms, vendor applications, as well as sponsor forms.

**Keep Waller County Beautiful** will be presenting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lawn Mower Races at the Pattison Car Show on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Gate Opens at 8a.m – Mower Races start at noon. In addition to the \$100 and trophy for 1<sup>st</sup> Place, trophies will be for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Places, Best-Dressed, Best Looking Mower, Loudest Mower, and Most Original. Lawn Mower racers must be at least 18 years of age. Several members of the Mow-It-All's from the San Antonio Area will be returning to exhibit their mowers and racing skills again this year. For additional info, contact Julie Ormond at 281.733.8943 or

[Julie\\_Ormond@yahoo.com](mailto:Julie_Ormond@yahoo.com).

**Pattison United Methodist Church** will have its Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 15, 2011, 7am-7pm. This all-day family event has been a tradition for 22 years with a portion of the proceeds going to a deserving charity. **Big Flea Market 7am-3pm** You must see to believe this big tent sale. Everything at a bargain! From **8 am to 3 pm: Greenhouse** - Potted plants, scrubs, trees, **Sweet Shop**- Cookies, cakes, pies, candy, all homemade and so delicious. **Craft Market** – Décor and personal accessories with a lot of bling, seasonal wreaths, all are unique and imaginative: **Country Store**- Bounty from the country, a bit of everything; and a new booth this year, **Jewelry & Accessories**, with very creative and unique items; **Children's Activities**-Free supervised entertainment and activities; **Silent Action -10am-1:00pm**, **Fast Food Lunch – 11am-2pm**, hamburgers and hotdogs grilled on the spot! The gospel music trio of Jimmy Sanders, Lillian Williams, and Sandy Buller will be performing during the day. At 4pm, the event moves inside with **Dinner Take-Out – 4pm to 6pm**; **Dinner Eat-In 5pm-7pm**, roast beef and all the fixin's for \$10. At **6pm: Live Auction** begins – and it does get lively! At Pattison United Methodist

Church, 3711 Avenue H, Pattison, Texas 77466, 281-375-8488. : From I-10 at Brookshire, travel north on FM 359 to Pattison, Texas. Look for the big tent!

**Congratulations Repka's celebrating 25 years!** In 1986, Rickey and Barbara opened Repka's in Sunnyside and for 25 years Repka's has been a popular destination for good food and good fun with good friends! If by chance there is anyone who has not been to Repka's – visit [www.repkas.com](http://www.repkas.com) for menu and directions. “All roads lead to Repka's.”

## In Case You Missed It

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 Joe Garcia  
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 Jones & Carter, Inc.  
 Katy Area EDC  
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 Pattison Area Voluntary Fire  
 Department  
 Pattison United Methodist Church  
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 Repka's Grocery & Kitchen  
 Right Time Real Estate LLC  
 Rio Brazos Hunting Preserve  
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 Royal I.S.D.  
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 Texas Children's Hospital  
 Texas Landman, Inc.  
 The Best Years Antiques &  
 Collectibles  
 The Oaks at Brookshire  
 Thomas Instrument  
 Turner Duran Architects  
 TXU Energy  
 Waller County Economic  
 Development Partners  
 Waller County Fair Association  
 West Engineering Services  
 Weston Lakes Country Club  
 Wilson Engineering Company  
 Wyatt Resources, Inc.  
 YMCA – Katy Family

**August 18, 2011 - Brookwood Community's** latest entrepreneurial venture, The Art Gallery at Brookwood, was celebrated with a Ribbon-Cutting with the West I-10 Chamber, friends, staff, and Brookwood Citizens. Guests had an opportunity to view the one-of-a-kind original art pieces and were treated to coffee, scones and muffins from the Café at Brookwood and welcoming words from Brookwood founder, Yvonne Streit. Mrs. Streit was assisted by (left-right) Gallery Manager Judyanne Durkin, Executive Director Vivian Shudde, and Director of Operations Nancy Cathey. Click [here](#) for more photos.



**September 13, 2011** – Chamber Luncheon/Meeting at La Quinta/Brookshire was packed to hear Dan Byfield, CEO of American Stewards of Liberty, speak on private land rights and his advocacy to protect them. Dan is testimony to what can be accomplished by a very small group – and we were especially appreciative that he created the time to travel to Brookshire to share his experiences with us.



Special thanks to Enterprise Bank, Texas Landman, and Waller County Fair Assoc. for providing the door prizes - and to Adrian Alaniz and his crew from Galileo's for their great catering and cuisine – and to all the members and guests who attended and participated in the meeting and annual elections of directors!

**Send us your news**  
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**2011 Banquet Title Sponsor  
Texas Children's Hospital**

**West I-10 Banquet Committee** greatly appreciates the generosity of Texas Children's Hospital and our banquet sponsors who are partnering with us to make the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banquet the best ever, as well as, making it possible to keep the individual banquet tickets at the same price of \$60 while our costs have increased substantially.

It is never too late to purchase a sponsorship; however, if you are considering a banquet sponsorship, please let us know before September 26<sup>th</sup> which the deadline for being listed in the formal invitation.

The 2011 award recipients will be announced in press-release on October 5<sup>th</sup>!

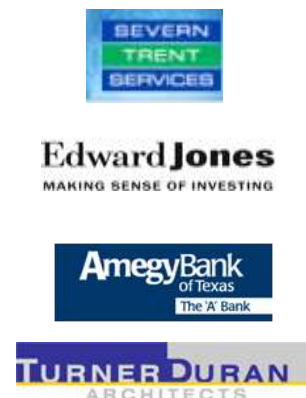
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