

A LETTER FROM THE CHAMBER PRESIDENT:

Summer is flying by and we have welcomed thousands of visitors at the Port Isabel Chamber of Commerce office.

The Lighthouse Establishment Cinema will be showing "Kung Fu Panda" on Friday, August 14 at 9:30 pm and then will wrap up its summer season with "Grease" on Friday, August 28th at 9:30 pm. Fishing is also booming and the results of the Texas International Fishing Tournament, proved that! The Ladies Kingfish Tournament is scheduled for this coming weekend.

Our August All Member meeting is set for August 7th at 8:30 am at Pirate's Landing Restaurant and we look forward to seeing you there! As always, we encourage you to contact our office with any suggestions or questions you might have about the services we provide to our membership. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Betty Wells

President Port Isabel Chamber of Commerce

PIEDC RECEIVES \$300,000 USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Port Isabel Economic Development Corporation is to receive Recovery Act funding as one of four Texas rural communities selected for a \$300,000 grant through the USDA Rural Development's Rural Business Enterprise Program (RBEG).

The Port Isabel EDC has just been awarded \$300,000 in USDA Rural Development funding through the Recovery Act. Businesses in Port Isabel will be able to apply through the EDC for access to critical capital that will help with start-up and working capital loans, building and/or renovations, transportation improvements, project planning and other business needs.

PIEDC will be using these grants to increase economic growth, employment and prosperity in the community through a revolving loan fund. The revolving loan funds will help sustain existing businesses, recruit new businesses and help retain existing

For more information, contact PIEDC Administrator, Jill Francisco at jfrancisco@copitx.com or call 956/943-2682.

**NEW CHAMBER MEMBER!
PAPA'S RESTAURANT**

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES FUNDRAISER MIXER

The Port Isabel Beautification Committee is proud to announce a Port Isabel Beautification Mixer scheduled to be held on Thursday, August 13th at 6:30 p.m. in Lighthouse Square. Wine, beer and food will be served. Proceeds from ticket sales will be used for a variety of beautification projects around the city of Port Isabel. Tickets can be purchased from any Beautification Committee member or at the City Secretary's Office at the Port Isabel City Hall. For more information, please call (956)943-0702. Tickets are \$20.00 per person or \$25.00 at the door.

70TH TIFT PRODUCES GREAT FISHING & FAMILY FUN!

The 70th Annual Texas International Fishing Tournament is in the bag and it was an exciting angling adventure. 1263 registrants, 479 boats and two days of fishing resulted in 40 billfish caught, four weighed in and 36 released. And the action wasn't just in the offshore division as species ranging from snook, redfish, trout, drum and the popular piggy perch made their way

*The Museums of Port Isabel and Laguna Madre Museum Foundation
Cordially invite you to attend the unveiling of the Charles Champion Cemetery Plot Renovation at the Historic Point Isabel Cemetery Saturday August 8, 2009 at 1:00 pm Reception following at the Treasures of the Gulf Museum 317 E. Railroad Ave.*



Call 956/943-7602 for more information

dockside to the weigh ins on Friday and Saturday. The most unusual fish was a 16.40# Smooth Dogfish Shark. A complete winners list can be found on the TIFT website at www.tift.org.

AUGUST COMMUNITY & CHAMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1-TIFT
2-TIFT PI Antique & Flea Market (Beulah Lee Park) 9a-4p	3-Friends of the Family (PI Library) 4:30-5p Parks & Recreation (City Hall) 6p	4-Historical Preservation (Treasures) 5:30p Board of Adjustments (City Hall) 6p	5-PI Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting (White Sands Rest.) 8:30a Beautification Committee (City Hall) 12p Gonzalez Tile Ribbon Cutting (114 E. Hwy. 100) 6p	6-Veteran's Committee (City Hall) 5:30p	7-All Chamber Member Meeting (Pirates Landing) 8:30a	8-Champion Family Cemetery Plot Unveiling (City Cemetery) 1p Reception @ PI Historic Museum following
9	10-Laguna Madre Museum Foundation (Treasures) 10a Harbor Committee (City Hall) 53p	11-City Commission Meeting (City Hall) 7p	12-PI Merchants Committee 8:30a Planning & Zoning (City Hall) 6p	13-Beautification Committee Wine Tasting (Lighthouse Square) 6:30p	14-LHEC! Movies @ the Lighthouse "Kung Fu Panda" 9:30p	15
16	17	18	19-Ambassadors Meeting (Cece's) 8a PI EDC Meeting (City Hall) 6p	20	21	22
23	24	25-Public Hearing (City Hall) 6p City Commission Meeting (City Hall) 7p	26-PI Merchants Committee 8:30a	27-Comprehensive Planning Committee (City Hall) 5:30p MoPI's Telling Our Stories (Treasures) 7p	28-LHEC! Movies @ the Lighthouse "Grease" 9:30p	29
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