

A LETTER FROM THE CHAMBER PRESIDENT:

If you missed the Chamber's Annual Awards Banquet on April 18th, you missed a great meal and a great time! This is our once a year opportunity to recognize just a few of the many individuals and organizations that contributed to our success in 2007. For a complete list of awards recipients, please see the list included in this month's newsletter.

I'd also like to remind you that the deadline for advertising in our 2008-2009 Visitors Guide is rapidly approaching. Please feel free to contact me at 943-2262 to reserve your space today.

Committees are also being formed for our two major events-the World's Championship Shrimp Cookoff and the Longest Causeway Run & Wellness Walk. If you would like to volunteer your services, please contact the Chamber office.

Sincerely,

Betty Wells

President Port Isabel Chamber of Commerce

VISITORS GUIDE AD SALES DEADLINE APPROACHING

The deadline for advertising in the Port Isabel Chamber of Commerce's 2008-2009 Visitors Guide is May 15th, according to Chamber President Betty Wells.

Now entering its second year of publication, Chamber officials will increase the print run of the guide from 20,000 to 30,000 and commit one-third of the total guides for local distribution. "We hope to attract visitors to the area and capture those who are already in our communities," said President Betty Wells. "The only way we can effectively accomplish this is to print more guides."

Chamber businesses should have received rate information in the mail and are encouraged to respond as soon as possible to meet the May 15th deadline for advertising commitments. For more information, please contact Betty Wells at the Chamber office at 943-2262.



APRIL NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS
Point Isabel Masonic Lodge #33
Chili's Grill & Bar
Curves of Port Isabel

LIGHTHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT CINEMA
"PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN" 5/9 @ 8P
FREE ADMISSION ~ CONCESSIONS

NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2008
May 10, 2008 Election Day
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Early Voting Begins April 28
Early Voting Ends May 6



Curves of Port Isabel hosts Ribbon Cutting on Monday, 4/28 and an Open House through Tuesday, 4/29. Located at 105 Maxan St., Curves of Port Isabel is under new ownership and management. Herlinda Bates, invites the community to come in and check out all that Curves has to offer.

PICC AWARDS CEREMONY RECIPIENTS:

Outstanding Service Award~ Port Isabel Economic Development Corporation
In Appreciation~ Town of South Padre Island, South Padre Island CVB, SPIPD & SPI Public Works

In Appreciation~ City of Port Isabel, PIPD, City of Port Isabel Public Works

Special Recognition~ Ralph Ayers

Outstanding Community Improvements~ Jay Carlsen

Outstanding Community Citizen Award~ Shelton Coleman

Volunteer of the Year~ Caroline Barber Ferrell

Lifetime Achievement Award~ Imelda de los Santos

Chairman's Award~ Bob Patterson

MAY COMMUNITY & CHAMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	4/28-Early Voting Starts 8a-5p thru Friday 943-2682		4/30-Port Isabel Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting. White Sands Restaurant 8:30a	1	2-All Chamber meeting 8:30a (Pirates Landing)	3
4-PI Antique & Flea Market (Beulah Lee Park) 9a-4p	5-Early Voting 7a-7p 943-2682	6-Early Voting Ends 7a-7p 943-2682	7	8-Beautification Committee 5p (City Hall)	9-LHEC! Movies at the Lighthouse "Pirates of the Caribbean" 8p	10-Election Day 7a-7p
11	12	13-City Commission Meeting (City Hall) 7p	14-Merchants Committee Meeting (White Sands) 8:30a P & Z (City Hall) 6p	15-Harbor Committee 5:30p (City Hall)	16	17
18	19	20	21-Ambassador's Meeting (Treasures) 8:30a PI EDC (City Hall) 6p	22-Comprehensive Planning 5:30p (City Hall)	23	24
25	26	27-City Commission Meeting (City Hall) 7p	28-Merchants Committee Meeting (White Sands) 8:30a	29-Museums' Telling Our Stories Program 7p	30	31

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