The Welcome Home Newsletter

April 2023

WELCOME!

We bring community services and businesses to new homeowners.

Meet the Lone Star Greeting Service Team

Sandy

My name is Sandy and I'm the Business Develop Manager for Lone Star Greeting Service. I have been in this role since June of 2022 and really enjoy meeting local business owners who want to find a way to reach new homeowners. I feel like we are the bridge between families who are new to their community and need to find the best services and small local businesses who need to find new customers. I have been on the other side of the business. From 2010-2015, I carried my trusty Longaberger basket over my arm and welcomed all the new homeowners moving into The Woodlands. I loved that part of the job. I got to meet so many new people and hear their fascinating stories. I also got to know the businesses in my basket, to make sure that we are only recommending the best of the best to our new homeowners. It's a very old school way of marketing: word-of-mouth, personal recommendations and building a trust relationship with both the new homeowners and the businesses we represent. I actually tried retirement for a while, but decided last year that I had to get back out there and do something fun and rewarding. I found it!

I have been married to Bob for almost 40 years, I have 4 grown "kids" and my 5th grandchild on the way. I'm really proud of our company and the impact we make on our community and in the lives of those we are blessed to encounter.

Find out more about Lone Star Greeting Service at www.lonestargreetingservice.com.

If you'd like to join our team, contact Trisha (trishag@lonestargreetingservice.com)

Business Spotlight

THE LAUNDRY Fairy LLC

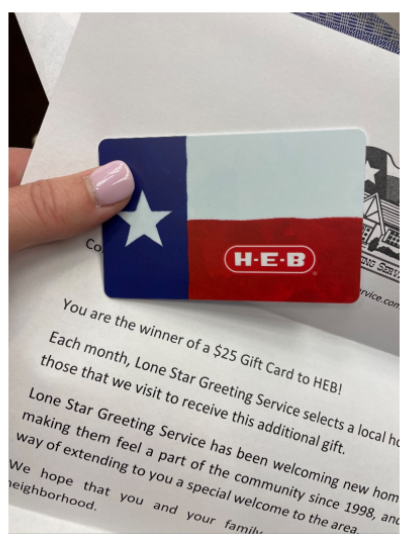
As a local family-owned and operated company, The Laundry Fairy takes great pride in providing families and busy professionals the best laundry service and customer experience. They take extreme care with your garments and cater to your specific laundry needs.

They believe in keeping the pickup laundry service simple for their customers. The pricing is straightforward, there are no hidden fees, and they charge by the bag. You place your order, fill your bag, They pick up, clean your laundry and return to you neatly folded the same day.

They have membership options that can not only have your laundry done for you but save you money! Customers sign up through the website under the pink schedule button. They agree to 4 consecutive services on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. After 4 services they can cancel or continue for free. They measure by the 13 gallon kitchen trash bag. Members can save $$ the more bags they have!

Learn more about The Laundry Fairy
Website: https://thelaundryfairy.biz/
(936) 436-2726 Email: conroelaundryservice@yahoo.com

But wait, there's more! We also offer a suitcase service, commercial services, and have a property management team.



Another lucky homeowner will win a $25 HEB gift card in our monthly drawing. Will it be you?

Welcome Aboard!

We'd like to give a big warm welcome to these new businesses that we have partnered with recently. We are so excited to be working with you! Our new homeowners will be blessed by your welcome gifts and appreciate that they have a trusted business that they can turn to.

Astoria Lighting Co

Total Air Service

Milenium Rose

Primary Literacy Academy of The Woodlands

Pedro Navarrete - Edward Jones

BLESSING BOXES

LONE STAR GREETING SERVICE

Lone Star Greeting Service is excited to launch Blessing Boxes. After years of welcoming in new homeowners, we felt like there were a handful of families (or more!) each year that deserve something above and beyond. Based on nominations, we will hand deliver to some of our new homeowners again after they've moved in! But, that's the fun surprise- they have no idea! There are a few families who have stood out to us over time. For most of the families we visit, the moves are exciting and full of new possibilities and community. But for some, it's because of a loss or a hard transition. Some of the people we've met and the stories we've heard really made an impact. We want to be right at the heart of the community and show love and light in the midst of the hard. Some families are battling illness, loss of a loved one, separation from families or other challenges. We've joined with some of our amazing clients and even a few others in the community to put together a box of gifts, offers and encouragement. Most businesses are offering completely free services as a way to give back. We even have one of our own staff who has graciously crochet a prayer blanket!! Talk about a labor of love! I've never been so proud of our team, clients and community for stepping up as soon as we asked! Houston has an amazing team, for sure! March 2023 will be our first box given to a very deserving family in the Spring area. We can't wait to tell you more! If you're a business and you'd like to contribute in the future, feel free to message us. No gift is too small. At the end of the day, we just want our community to feel loved, valued and cared for.

Contact Us

Texas Bluebonnets

Driving around our beautiful communities this time of the year, we are blessed to be able to see glimpses of beautiful bluebonnets pop up in the most unlikely places. Don't be shocked if you see a car pulled over to the side of a busy road with their flashers on. Don't worry, they are not having car trouble, they just found a patch of vibrant wildflowers, plopped their children down among them and proceeded to take candid pictures.

The season for bluebonnets in Texas only lasts about a month (roughly mid-March to mid-April), so once you find a nice patch of them you'll have to act quickly! Here is a resource to find some of the best places to see our lovely state flower! https://www.lonestartravelguide.com/bluebonnets-in-texas/

Things You Need to Know

What is MUD, and Why Do I Have to Pay for it?

A Municipal Utility District (MUD) is one of several types of special districts that function as independent, limited governments. The purpose of a MUD is to provide a developer an alternate way to finance infrastructure, such as water, sewer, drainage, and road facilities.

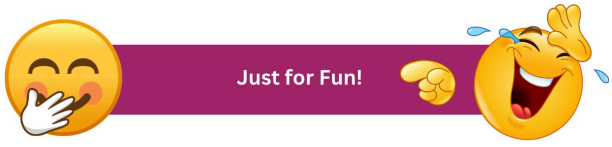
In Texas, most homeowners pay a Municipal Utility District (MUD) tax in addition to their regular property taxes. The MUD tax is a fee assessed by your municipal district to help fund the development and maintenance of infrastructure in areas with new homes.

Municipal Utility Districts (MUDs) engage in the supply of water, conservation, irrigation, drainage, fire fighting, solid waste (garbage) collection and disposal (including recycling activities), wastewater (sewage) treatment, and recreational facilities. A MUD can require its customers to use its solid waste services as a condition for receiving other MUD services. A MUD may provide solid waste and recycling services through a private company. While they can develop, maintain, or acquire parks or recreational facilities, MUDs are prohibited from issuing bonds to pay for these facilities. They can, however, set and charge user fees.

You can find out more about your MUD and other services here: https://districtdirectory.org/

I had the honor of visiting with Mr. Nguyen this week. He came to the States as a very young man, served 12 years in our Air Force as a technician during the Vietnam War. He returned his country after the war, living in a refugee camp. He became a Christian because of a preacher that ministered to them. He and other believers were able to get a broken down boat and decided to cross the ocean to America for the hope of a better life. On their journey, the boat broke down and a hurricane was coming their way. He and a few other men worked feverishly to fix the boat…while huge waves were lifting and dropping the boat. He said only because of God did that boat start and they survived that harrowing trip to America. Mr. Nguyen, now in his late 70's, has recently moved into a new home. He has no family or friends nearby. He doesn't attend church but worships and prays daily, one with God and His Son…the Spirit is strong in him. He has a Vietnamese Bible but lost his English Bible long ago. But don't you know, I'm bringing one to him!

~Sheri - Spring Area Representative



Question: What do you call a row of rabbits hopping away?
Answer: A receding hare line!

Question: Why don't they play poker in the jungle?
Answer: Too many cheetahs!

Question: What has four wheels and flies?
Answer: A garbage truck!

I tried to organize a professional hide-and-seek tournament, but it was a complete failure. Good players are hard to find.

Community Events

Click on images below to go to event website.

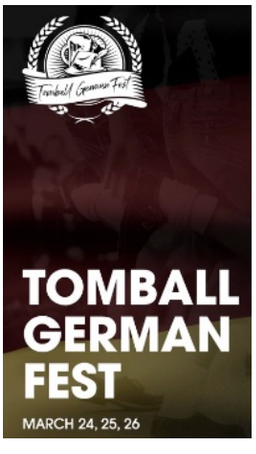
Saturdays 9 AM - 1:00 PM

MONTGOMERY FARMERS MARKET

KOA HOLIDAY CAMPGROUND
19785 Highway 105 West, Montgomery, TX 77356

FRESH FROM THE FARM
THE WOODLANDS FARMER'S MARKET

7 Switchbud, Pl, The Woodlands, TX 77380



Feb. 28 – March 19, 2023 NRG Park

HOUSTON Livestock Show and Rodeo

Some Businesses We Know and Trust

Bayway Cadillac of The Woodlands

Stuebner Airline Veterinary Hospital

Julio's Mexican Grill - Spring

TJ Hayes & Co

Precision Family Eyecare

Suzanne Short - Edward Jones

Precision Camera and Video

"Lone Star Greeting Service has been very beneficial to me over the years in securing new customers for my Avon business. They are very easy to work with, reliable, dependable and are always trying new ways to promote my business."

JOIN US

TEAM!

LONE STAR GREETING SERVICE ● EST. 1998

If you own a business, or know someone who does, we would love to partner with you in welcoming our new homeowners to the area. Our goal is to help new homeowners become familiar with their communities and help your business gain new customers. If you refer a business and they decide to use Lone Star Greeting Service for their marketing needs, we will give you a referral fee of $25.

WANT TO BE FEATURED IN OUR NEWSLETTER?

Each month we will spotlight one of the businesses we partner with. We would love to feature you in our next newsletter! Contact our business development manager, Sandy Flowers for more details. sandy.f@lonestargreetingservice.com

ARE YOU A NEW HOMEOWNER?

Whether you are new to Texas, new to the area, or just moved across the street, our team wants to welcome you to your new home! We all know how hectic and intimidating it can be to move, and we want you to know that if there is anything we can do to help you get to know your new community, just ask! We love our new homeowners!

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Contact Sandy Flowers, Business Development Manager
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