# The Welcome Home Newsletter

June 2023

LONE STAR
GREETING SERVICE

*We bring community services and businesses to new homeowners.*

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## Meet the Lone Star Greeting Service Team

### *Lynne*

Lynne has only recently joined the Lone Star Greeting Service team. She is the Marketing Representative in the North Conroe area.
Born and raised in London, England, Lynne was delighted to become an American citizen in September of 2022.
Attending University in England and preparing for her Bachelors Degree in Modern Languages, Lynne was required to live and study in France and Italy. While in Italy she worked on an international project in Milan as a multilingual administrator. Milan is the location of the famous La Scala opera house. So, while living there, Lynne found time out of her demanding work schedule to train as an opera singer. She went on to give many public performances and became a regular soloist at the Anglo-American church in Piazza Duomo, Central Milan.
With her daughter and son-in-law serving in the US armed forces, Lynne decided to move to the USA. In tandem with the family she transferred to several different locations according to their work assignments. She spent a short while in Tennessee and Florida, then finally settling in Montgomery, TX.
While in Florida, Lynne was appointed Resident Artist with the Central Florida Lyric Opera. She later sang as regular soloist with the Coquina Presbyterian church in Ormond Beach, Florida, participating in the church's biennial cantata performances and regular Sunday worship.
Since retiring from treading the boards, Lynne has combined working as a substitute teacher in the Montgomery public school system along with involving herself in the Lone Star Greeting Service welcoming team. She lives by Lake Conroe and is deeply appreciative of the beauty and atmosphere of this area. She cannot wait to promote the many activities and attractions that Conroe, Willis and Montgomery have to offer new comers.

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)

## Are You the One?

Are you outgoing? Are you the sort of person who has never met a stranger, and find yourself making a fast friend in line at the grocery store? Do you want or need a little extra money in your pocket but don't want to be chained to a desk all day? Do you have the time to work about 20 hours a week, but want the freedom to choose your own hours? Do you want to work partially from home? Do you have a dependable vehicle for visiting new homeowners? Can you send an email and are able to work on an Excel Spreadsheet? If you've answered "Yes!" to any or all of these questions, Lone Star Greeting Service may have just the right job for you! We've been around for 25 years, greeting new homeowners and giving them gifts from local businesses. Basically, we help new homeowners get familiar with their new community and help businesses gain new customers.

If you want to find out more, please contact Trisha at 832.928.9078 or trishag@lonestargreetingservice.com.

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# Business Spotlight

Primary Literacy Academy *of The Woodlands*

Primary Literacy Academy provides parents peace of mind by providing a safe place for their children to learn to read by integrating reading foundational skills in our curriculum while children learn and play. It is a place where children will naturally fall in love with reading.

Tashia Beaty is a Texas Certified teacher and children's book author who has over 23 years in education. As an educator she experienced children coming into elementary without the proper reading foundation skills. She believes that reading foundational skill should be taught in the early years to ensure that each child has a successful educational career. Reading is the foundation of all content areas. If a child struggles in reading it is likely that they will struggle in other school subjects. A child's brain grows to 90% of their adult brain by the age of 6, therefore we must ensure that the reading foundational skills are developed in the early years of their brain development.

Primary Literacy Academy specializes in several different age categories and tailors their learning programs accordingly. The teachers are passionate about creating a stimulating environment where your children can enjoy developing their literacy skills.

Primary Literacy Academy Of The Woodlands
26315 Oak Ridge Drive
The Woodlands, TX 77380
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Phone: 281-651-4910
Email: info@primaryliteracyacademy.com

Enroll Now for Summer Camps!

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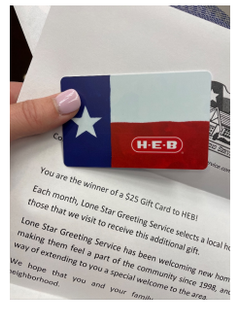


Another lucky homeowner will win a $25 HEB gift card in our monthly drawing. Will it be you?

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# 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.

_VillaSport Athletic Club and Spa

Milenium Rose

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BLESSING BOXES

LONE STAR GREETING SERVICE

In April, Lone Star Greeting Service delivered our second Blessing Box. After years of welcoming in new homeowners, we felt like there were some families that deserve something extra special. For most of the families we visit, the transition is exciting and full of new possibilities. For others, the move is due to a loss or a hardship. Some of the people we've met and the stories we've heard have really made an impact. We want to be right at the heart of the community and show love and light in the midst of all the hard.

We've joined with some of our amazing clients and others in the community to put together a box of gifts, offers and encouragement. Some businesses are offering free services as a way to give back. One of our staff members has crocheted a blanket for each family that our entire team has prayed over. Another has donated a beautiful insulated cup. Others have donated gifts in hopes of letting the families know that they are not alone. They have moved into a community who cares about what they are going through and wants to help in any way they can. Our team, clients and community stepped up as soon as we asked!

Trisha was honored to deliver a Blessing Box to Dana. Dana's husband, Robert, retired from Baytown Fire Department in January of 2022. Eight days later he was diagnosed with glioblastoma. His biopsy confirmed this tragic diagnosis, so he was given radiation treatment to possibly slow the growth of the large tumor in his right frontal brain. She brought him home after discharge and cared for him for 5 months until he died on July 2, 2022. Dana was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2018 and had a second recurrence of it after her husband died. She's currently going through chemo treatments and all looks great! She gives this diagnosis to Jesus each morning and it keeps her from having anxiety. They have five children in the area, three of them were adopted siblings.

If you have 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.

The following businesses graciously contributed to our Blessing Box. Click on the image to visit their website.

MARY KAY

thekeyesingredients
TEACHING THE BEAUTIFUL TRUTH ABOUT FOOD

GREENFORCE PEST SOLUTIONS

QUALITY HOME PRODUCTS of Texas

CRAFTSMANSHIP CTC BY CALLAHAN

POPPIN' Pops

Edward Jones

Total Air

WeClean4You

UNIVERSAL SMILES
WHERE SMILES COME TO LIFE

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Our Team often goes above and beyond their usual job of delivering gifts and area information to our new homeowners. When asked about specific needs that we don't currently have in the basket, Sheri emailed her list of recommendations to this newcomer to the community. We love when we get such positive feedback!

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*Hi Sheri,*
*Thank you for your email. We really appreciate the information you provided below. The mechanic you use sounds like what we are looking for. The distance is not a problem if we are getting someone with experience who is honest, affordable, and reliable.*

*The dr recommendation is also high on my priority list as I was under doctors care for several conditions when we left. I also wanted a female dr affiliated with Methodist so your recommendation checked all my boxes. I will definitely make an appointment with her.*

*Thank you so much Sheri! The information provided is very helpful. :-)*

*Best Regards,*
*Cheryl*

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*Hi Cheryl,*
*I hope the information provided helps you get settled into your beautiful new home and community.*

*Blessings,*
*Sheri*

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## Things You Need to Know

*Vacation or Stay-cation?*

Summer is approaching.....quickly. I know, I know, we're in the middle of Spring, but temp-wise, Summer will be here soon! Time to start thinking about your vacation plans. Whether you are new to Texas, or a seasoned veteran, I've compiled a list of the most popular destination spots right here in our own little slice of Heaven.

1. The Alamo - San Antonio is home to one of the most famous attractions in Texas, the Alamo, built in the early 18th century. It's the site of a former Spanish mission, now converted into a museum experience. With over 4M visitors every year, it's one of the most visited historic sites in the state.
2. Space Center Houston - Where the golden age of America's space program is on full display. Visitors can take in the majesty of a range of spacecraft and equipment that helped the United States to pull ahead in the famous Space Race.
3. San Antonio River Walk - The history of this river walk goes all the way back to the 16th century when the river was first discovered and renamed for St. Anthony. This area has seen a lot of change since then, culminating in a vibrant social and cultural scene that draws locals and visitors in droves.
4. Moody Gardens and Aquarium, Galveston Island - It's divided into three distinct pyramids: the Aquarium Pyramid, which features penguins, sharks, and seals; the Rainforest Pyramid, which highlights the diverse flora and fauna; and the Discovery Pyramid, which hosts a rotating lineup of traveling exhibits. Visitors can also cool down in the Palm Beach water park or have fun on the zip line and ropes course.
5. Texas State Capitol - When it was first constructed, it was billed as the 7th largest building in the world. The rotunda is a "whispering gallery," meaning that its acoustics allow even whispers to carry clear across the room.
6. Dallas World Aquarium - It features many species of endangered animals and educates visitors about the importance of conservation. Although it's known as an aquarium, it also features a replica of the Orinoco Rainforest. Here, toucans and ibises fly around the aviary, and three-toed sloths hang out in the trees.
7. Schlitterbahn Waterpark, New Braunfels - The waterpark invites guests to cool down in a variety of ways: whether by waterslide, floating on an innertube, riding a water coaster, or diving in a wave pool, there's something for everyone with varying degrees of thrill available.
8. Natural Bridge Caverns - The largest underground tourist site in Texas. Guide tours of the extensive caverns lead visitors 180-feet below the ground to discover the unique limestone formations. The interior conditions of the caverns are wet and humid. The caverns were discovered in 1960.
9. Kemah Boardwalk - The extensive boardwalk along the Galveston Bay includes lots of things to do, including dining, shopping, rides, fun, and entertainment.
10. The Houston Museum of Natural Science - Founded in 1909 on the idea that science can enhance everyone's lives. HMNS at Hermann Park has five floors of permanent exhibits, spanning astronomy, space science, Native American culture, paleontology, energy, chemistry, geology, seashells and Texas wildlife, alongside a slew of rotating special exhibitions.

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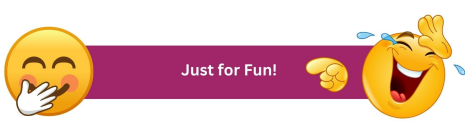
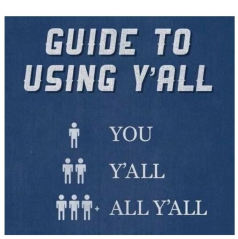
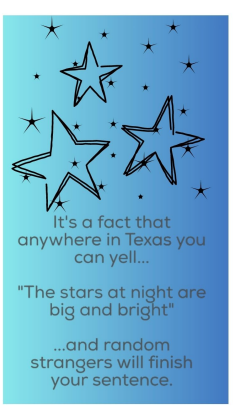



Question: Why did the chicken cross the road in Texas?
Answer: To prove to the armadillo that it could be done.

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# Community Events

Click on images below to go to event website.

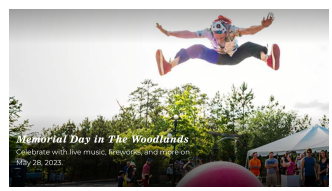
Saturdays 9 AM - 1:00 PM

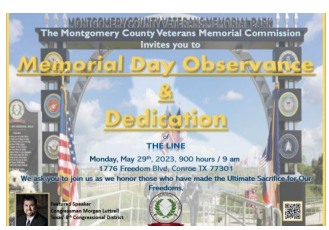
MONTGOMERY FARMERS MARKET

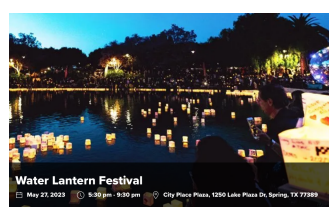
KOA HOLIDAY CAMPGROUND
19785 Highway 105 West, Montgomery, TX 77356

FRESH FROM THE FARM
THE WOODLANDS
FARMER'S MARKET

7 Switchbud, Pl, The
Woodlands, TX 77380





## Some Businesses We Know and Trust

Quality Home Products of Texas

Green Force Pest Control

Two Maids and a Mop

Precision Camera and Video

Universal Smiles

Austin Summerlin - Northwestern Mutual

Hacienda Real Mexican Grill and Cantina

# JOIN US

TEAM!

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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
sandy.f@lonestargreetingservice.com for more information

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