Introducing our Inaugural Newsletter

The Greater Conroe Economic Development Council (GCEDC) is leading the charge for Conroe business growth. To create and maintain the sturdy Conroe business climate, the GCEDC has laid a framework for past, present and future success. The mission of the GCEDC is to enhance the strength and stability of the greater Conroe economy through support of existing industry and attraction of new businesses which bring new capital and employment opportunities into the community.

Every quarter, continue to check this spot for updates on the diverse Conroe business climate. We will be highlighting the people, places, and things that make Conroe such a great place to live, work, learn, and play. We look forward to landing in your inbox soon!

Record-Setting Job Fair Displays Breadth of Conroe's Workforce and Industry

Nearly 600 job seekers flocked to Conroe as they looked north for opportunities at the fourth annual Greater Conroe Job Fair. The Greater Conroe Economic Development Council (GCEDC), with help from the Greater Conroe/Lake Conroe Area Chamber, Workforce Solutions and Lone Star College-Conroe Center, continued their efforts of filling workforce needs on January 26 at The Lone Star Convention and Expo Center.

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Lone Star College Begins Bond Projects

Lone Star College has issued at least $150 million of its latest bond package to "get things going," with groundbreaking scheduled and ongoing, according to the college's chancellor.

In November 2014, voters approved a $485 million bond measure for Lone Star College to fund new technology centers and academic buildings as well as security updates, building renovations and an additional 3,300 parking spots across the various campuses.

If everything goes according to plan, officials will complete the last bond project by 2020, says Lone Star College Chancellor Stephen Head.

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LUC Urethanes "Makes it Happen" By Locating First U.S. Facility in Conroe

"Just make it happen." That was the line that LUC Urethane's president, Charles Krutzen, remembers Marco Voragen, a manager with LUC, telling him when the company was looking to invest in the United States. Eventually Krutzen heeded to what Voragen had to say and LUC did make it happen. It was no coincidence, too, that LUC came to a place where strong economic investment is happening.

Voragen joined Krutzen at LUC’s grand opening of their new 20,000 square foot facility in booming Conroe Park North on November 20th. The facility is LUC’s first in the United States.

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Conroe is in the News for all the Right Reasons

As rapid as the growth causing the news, Conroe is finding itself in headlines across the country. A recent population boom has pin-pointed Conroe on the map as an ideal midsize city, which comes as no surprise to those already here. Keeping a watchful eye on this growth is the Greater Conroe Economic Development Council (GCEDC). Through long-term planning, the GCEDC is well prepared for population growth and looks to turn a growing population into a flourishing economic climate.

Recently, the Houston Chronicle published a story
highlighting this population growth. Citing the U.S. Census, the Chronicle explains that Conroe’s population grew by 5.2 percent from 2013 to 2014. That growth rate made Conroe the nation’s sixth fastest-growing city with a population over 50,000. The entire story can be found here.

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GCEDC Reaccredited by IEDC

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) announced that the Greater Conroe Economic Development Council (GCEDC) has been recognized as one of 44 economic development organizations accredited by IEDC in 2015 as an Accredited Economic Development Organization (AEDO). Originally accredited in 2001, and the first accredited in the greater Houston region, the Greater Conroe organization was reaccredited by IEDC following 14 successful years of activity as an AEDO member.

“The Greater Conroe Economic Development Council displays the professionalism, commitment, and technical expertise that is deserving of this honor,” said IEDC President and CEO Jeff Finkle.

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