



# LAVON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## NEW VISION

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### SAVE THE DATE

2019 Annual Banquet  
Bear Creek Event Center  
April 25, 2019  
TIME: TBA

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Chamber Luncheon  
April 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM  
Grand Heritage Clubhouse

Josephine Easter Egg Hunt and  
Pancake Breakfast  
April 13<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM to 10:30 AM  
First Baptist Church Lavon

Lavon Spring Bazaar  
April 13<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 3 PM  
Lavon City Hall Gymnasium

Lavon Spring Fling  
April 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 AM to 11 AM  
Lavon City Hall Park

### GREAT NEWS – NEW WEB SITE IS UP AND RUNNING

Our NEW web site is LIVE! We are so excited to announce each member has access to their business information and is able to update and change it as necessary! We have sent out the

# Live!

emails with your username and password and instructions on how to update your page. If you have not gotten it, please email [kylee.lacoc@gmail.com](mailto:kylee.lacoc@gmail.com) with your information and she will get it out to you. Or if you are having trouble accessing it, she's also your gal!

If you are interested in advertising on the web site with a banner, please **contact us at [info@lavonareachamber.org](mailto:info@lavonareachamber.org) we have spots available and are ready to start running your ad!**

### LUNCHEON MOVED TO GRAND HERITAGE

Our March luncheon was FANTASTIC! The new location was very nice and encouraged open networking. **Betsy Colter from the Collin Small Business Development Center** was our guest. Betsy gave out a lot of information about the services offered at the Small Business Development Center, including a list of **FREE training classes**. To be honest, I had no idea there was so much assistance out there for small business owners. Find out more at [www.collinsbdc.com](http://www.collinsbdc.com) you will be glad you did!



Our April luncheon will be held on **Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.** At the Club House at Grand Heritage, 200 Grand Heritage Blvd, Lavon. Our guest will be **Blair Thomas with Gateway Mortgage**. He will be talking about credit scores for small businesses including how to protect and boost your score. **Veteran's Benefit Realty Group** will be the

luncheon sponsor. We will be serving a Mexican fajita bar!

We have changed our policy; you will no longer be charged a penalty to sign up at the door. The luncheon will cost \$15.00 no matter when you sign up. **We do ask that you RSVP** so we know to expect you.

## Got an Idea?

If you would like us to feature an article about your business in an upcoming newsletter, please let us know!

### *Breakfast with the Bunny*

City of Lavon Spring Fling  
Saturday April 20  
120 School Rd. - City Hall Park  
9:30am-11am



Bounce House provided by  
Lavon Area Chamber of Commerce

**Free  
breakfast tacos,  
egg hunts,  
bounce house &  
face painting**

**Bring your  
camera for  
photos with  
the bunny**

**The Josephine Volunteer Fire Department  
Invites you to the 2019 Easter Event!**

**Pancakes and Easter Eggs!**

**Oh my!**

**Come have breakfast with the Easter Bunny  
8A - 10:30A at First Baptist Church in Josephine**

There will be an Easter egg hunt

Afterwards at the Josephine Park

We will also be having a raffle  
for 2 boys and 2 girls  
Easter baskets

April 13th 2019

This is a free event, but donations are always appreciated

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## ANNUAL BANQUET



We are super excited to announce that we have **SOLD OUT** all of the sponsorships for the awards banquet. It's **not too late to help out though**, we are looking for various silent auction items. If you or your business would like to donate any item for the **silent auction contact [vcleveland@cityofjosephinetx.org](mailto:vcleveland@cityofjosephinetx.org)** for coordination.

We are selling tickets like hot cakes! ***It is important to note that you will ONLY be able to attend if you PRE-PURCHASE an event ticket.***

The **Annual Banquet** will be held at the **Bear Creek Event Center on April 25, 2019**. Come see who your community award winners are this year.

## AN ARTICLE FOR EVERYONE – SPRING CLEANING

Today we are finally be able to celebrate the official start of SPRING! I am a spring person, there is nothing like the refresh button that spring brings. All of the plants are beginning to bloom; the air seems clean and fresh. The days are getting longer and it is not too hot. I love opening all of the windows in the house and letting the stale winter air out.



or get more use out of them is important. It refreshes my spirit and gives the item new life as well.

Spring also signals the start of spring cleaning. I am not a fan of cleaning but I love getting rid of things that don't fit my lifestyle anymore. I think moving them on to someone who will enjoy them

Today there seems to be a push toward minimalism and paring down the things that people consume. I was watching a show the other night on Netflix that talked about the cycles of fashion and how they used to run on a 4 season cycle. They went on to say that today, fashion is running on a 52 season cycle. Think about that for a second. That's one new fashion cycle per week!

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More, more, more that's what advertising has programmed us to believe. We want more, new, bigger, better. Has the pendulum hit its peak and now we start downsizing? Ask the followers of Marie Kondo, they are tidying up their spaces and making room for only the things they love and that bring them happiness. So this spring, are you going to join the trend and downsize some of your belongings?

Here is an interesting statistic for you to consider. If you increase your possessions every year by 10%, in 7 years your possessions will DOUBLE!

### JOSEPHINE EASTER EVENT



The Josephine Volunteer Fire Department is hosting their annual Easter Pancakes and Easter Eggs event at the First Baptist Church of Josephine on **April 13th**.

**Pancakes will be served from 8AM to 10:30AM.** After breakfast the Easter Egg hunt will be at Josephine City Park. They are also

going to be raffling Easter baskets. Do you feel lucky?

**The event is FREE** and a good opportunity to **support the Josephine volunteer fire department with donations.** Donations to the fire department help to cover the costs of community events and raise money for critical equipment and gear for their volunteer firefighters.

**After the Egg hunt...slide on over to Lavon and enjoy their Spring Bazaar!**

### LAVON SPRING BAZAAR

Are looking for a fun place to shop...AND **support small businesses in our area?** Mark your calendar to shop the Lavon Spring Bazaar on **April 13<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to 3PM.** The bazaar is going to be held at the City Hall Gymnasium and the adjacent City Park located at 12 School Road in Lavon.



Come shop and learn about our many local small business vendors. There will be plenty of arts, crafts, great BBQ and many other unique finds. **There is truly something for everyone.**

### A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**There are 3 C's in life: Choices, chances and changes.**

**You must make a choice to take a chance or your life will never change.** – Zig Ziggler



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## MORE WAYS TO ADVERTISE



We are ALWAYS looking for members in the community for our **Facebook Selfie Shout Outs**. If you are out and about working in or enjoying the community, just snap a selfie and send it to **admin@lavonareachamber.org** and we will send a shout out on Facebook! Best part? **It's FREE!**

## COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER



The ribbon cutting we had for the Community Resource Center at Edge Middle School was a huge success. For those of you who are not aware of the Center, it was established this year by the CISD Special Education Team to assist current and new students with approved dress code items. **The**

**center is supported 100% by local donations.** They only accept new or gently used school dress code clothing and items listed below:

- ❖ **Solid color polo style shirts with collar** (any color)
- ❖ **Khaki, blue, black or grey pants, Capri's or shorts** with a 7" or longer inseam
- ❖ **CISD Braves spirit shirts and hoodies**
- ❖ **University or college shirts and hoodies**
- ❖ **Casual or athletic shoes** (no open toes)
- ❖ **Basic school supplies** (pens, pencils, colored pencils, markers, spiral notebooks, calculators, ear buds)
- ❖ **Personal items** (socks and underwear – must be NEW and unopened)
- ❖ **Monetary donations** are always appreciated to purchase any needed items.

**The BEST part** about the Resource Center is that **it is operated by the Life Skills students** under the supervision of aides and partners.

If you would like more information or have questions Shirley Ekwelum is your gal. She can be reached at **Shirley.ekwelum@communityisd.org** or by phone at **972-843-6041**.

## LOOKING TO HELP?



We are looking for a **Hospitality Coordinator** to help us with the planning and implementation of events where we serve food and drink! If you or someone you know

is interested please contact us for more information.

**AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO SUPPORT OUR VISION.**