



# DOWNTOWN DELIVERS

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The Board of Directors meets the second Thursday of each month at 9:00 am @ The Art Center, 100 Shoreline Blvd. Please feel free to join us and be part of helping DTown grow. For more information, call the DMD at 882-2363.

## DTOWN Restaurants Exceptional!

Congratulations to some of our downtown restaurants for their great reviews in Texas Monthly Magazine. Out of the six restaurants featured in the Corpus Christi section of the restaurants around Texas, four are DTown eateries: *Agua Java*, *Katz 21*, *Tango Tea Room* and *Vietnam*.

Texas Monthly calls *Agua Java* a "friendly downtown meeting spot" that "still serves the best coffee in town." And what better praise than "pure perfection" could be given to *Katz 21*'s signature dish, *Katz Meow*, a sautéed shrimp dish with white wine and lump crabmeat on toast points topped with a béarnaise sauce. *Tango Tea Room* receives kudos for "chef John Butts' superior chicken salad flavored with sun-dried tomatoes" and their selection of loose-leaf teas. *Vietnam*'s ambience and cuisine are also celebrated, stating that "We must warn you, though, that any item (soft-shelled crab, oysters, fish, chicken, tofu) fried in Lien's black-pepper batter may become an addiction."

All of this proves what the DMD has promoted for a long time: the fantastic restaurants located in DTown is a highlight of our city. Thanks to the owners, proprietors and their staff who make DTown such a special place to eat!

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## Grant Dollars At Work

When Don and Chad Magill purchased the old Patterson Building 18 months ago, they had a vision. They have made remarkable improvements to the building since it's purchase and as a result, new tenants are filling the available retail spaces as fast as they can ready the spaces.

The enhanced sidewalk-scape in front of their building is the most recent improvement. The Magills have taken advantage of the DMD's Partnership Sidewalk Grant that allows a reimbursement of \$3.00 per square foot of sidewalk tear-out and replacement, or sidewalk enhancement. The Magills are one of four property owners to partake of this grant.

What some property owners may not be aware of is that if anyone trips, or in some manner, injures themselves on the sidewalk adjacent to a property, the property owner is liable. The sidewalks are the property owner's responsibility.

Mindful of this, we encourage other property owners to take advantage of this wonderful assistance opportunity as we move forward towards a safer and more attractive sidewalk-scape in DTown.

ARTROCK  
Thurs., Jan. 26, 2006  
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



This month, we're kickin' down the doors of the establishment and celebrating ARTROCK. House of Rock is hosting the popular local band SCARECROW PEOPLE and showcasing artists that pay tribute to musical legends. Identity Theft Solutions will display the winners of the YWCA and IBC Bank Martin Luther King, Jr. poster contest. Other venues and artists include:

*KSPACE Art Gallery* – Mike Stephens and the Students of TAMU-CC

*Axis Tattoo*—Chris Lain, Davis Eiermann, Josh Wagnon

*South Texas Tactical Gear* – Dinah Bowman

*El Zocalo* – Leonel M. Gómez

*Atomique Art Gallery and Studio* – Juan Vela, Trudy Sween and many more!

**Delicioso munchies provided by Nuevo Café.**

It's going to be a hard rockin', serious butt-kickin' good time. And, as always, ART-Walk is free to the public.

GOT  
BEADS?



The DMD is proud to announce the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Mardi Gras Celebration in DTOWN. Several downtown property and business owners, downtown advocacy groups and interested citizens are working together to coordinate Mardi Gras events in DTOWN. From FYI's Mardi Gras on the Marina to a Pub Crawl, DTOWN will be celebrating like never before. More information is on the way, but save the dates: February 23 – February 28.

*It's not too late to get in on the planning and the fun. There are several sponsorship opportunities available. If your business is interested in participating in this great DTOWN event, please contact Heidi at the DMD offices.*



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Mark Your Calendars

### JANUARY

Thurs., 26th : ARTRock  
5:30 pm

Mon., 30th: DTown Improvement Comm. Mtg.  
12 noon, 410 Peoples St.

### FEBRUARY

Wed., 1st: *Dimension II*, Art Center  
100 Shoreline Blvd.

Thurs., 2nd : Art Opening & Chamber Mixer,  
Atomique Art Gallery & Studio  
5:30 pm, 413-D Peoples St.

Thurs., 9th: DMD Board of Director's Meeting  
9 am, Art Center, 100 Shoreline

Sat., 11th: *Erotica*—K-Space  
7 pm 415 Starr St.