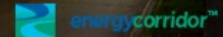


DISTRICT DISCOVERY



May 31, 2022

Bao Bao Banh Mi offers Energy Corridor authentic Vietnamese sandwiches with a little fusion



Uyen Nguyen and her husband, Bao Tran, sit in their restaurant, Bao Bao Banh Mi, at 1127 Eldridge Parkway.

Bao Tran started his career as an electrical engineer in the oil and gas industry when he realized he could provide his co-workers in the Energy Corridor with a better service: great Vietnamese food for lunch.

And that is how Bao Bao Banh Mi was born in July 2017.



"I knew a lot of people in the Energy Corridor. I knew a lot of people looking for good Vietnamese food," Bao said. "It was my customer base that I was trying to hit, the professional lunch crowd."

Quickly, Bao and his wife, Uyen Nguyen, outgrew the first location they opened on North Dairy Ashford as that group crowded the facility eager to enjoy a lunch of the popular Bao Banh Mi sandwich, a steamed bun with a choice of pork, chicken or ribeye.

So three years later, a month before the first wave of pandemic lockdowns, they opened a larger restaurant at 1127 Eldridge Parkway. The kitchen was bigger. There was plenty of seating for folks who kept asking for that in-house option. The customer demand was enormous.

"We were so excited," Uyen recalled laughing ironically. "And then everything shutdown ... and it was empty for two years."

Now, as they celebrate their third Asian-American Heritage Month in the Eldridge Parkway location, things are starting to look up.

During the pandemic, the couple quickly pivoted to a takeaway business to stay afloat and now, while the lunch crowd is slowly starting to trickle back, more than 50 percent of their sales are still pick up.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, when most people seem to be in the office, are the busiest, and the regulars are still there too.

Uyen, who grew up near Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam and moved to Houston in 2006 to get her degree in hotel and restaurant management from the University of Houston, had spent the past few years gathering old family recipes to bring to the Bao Bao Banh Mi menu.

Uyen's grandmother had a sandwich shop in Vietnam while she was growing up but she was too young to learn the recipes and she passed away before the couple opened their Energy Corridor restaurant. So Uyen has drawn on the memory and knowledge of her elderly aunts to bring those recipes back to life.

"My whole family is so proud," she says smiling.

Bao, meanwhile, is a native Houstonian with Vietnamese roots. He has blended some of the tastes and recipes he grew up with to create a fusion feel to some of the items on the menu.

That melding of minds has changed even their own taste buds.

"Now if we eat something and it doesn't have a fried egg on it, which is not traditional Vietnamese, it feels like something is missing," Uyen says smiling.



Common Bond grand opening planned for June 23



Common Bond On-The-Go is opening on Eldridge Parkway on June 23. Free chocolate chip cookies and gift card giveaways are all on the agenda!

In just one month, Common Bond On-The-Go is opening its doors in The Energy Corridor District with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and free chocolate chip cookies to the first 100 drive thru or in-store customers.

You won't want to miss this so come on out! Common Bond at 1127 Eldridge

Parkway will have Frozen Bond samples, a perfect iced coffee on a hot Houston day, and a chance to win a \$100 gift card!



Bus from The Woodlands to the Energy Corridor adds CITGO stop, changes ride times

The commuter bus service from The Woodlands to the Energy Corridor has added an additional stop at CITGO as it enters its sixth month of service.

The \$13-round trip ride from The Woodlands Sawdust Park and Ride to seven different Energy Corridor District stops has seen ridership slowly grow as employees begin returning to the office.

The Wifi-enabled buses offer commuters a convenient, stress-free trip to the Energy Corridor.

The bus has seven stops in the The Energy Corridor District: Energy Center 1&2, Shell, ConocoPhillips/McDermott, CITGO, Memorial and BP 1&2.

New departure times are as follows:

- Sawdust Park & Ride: 5:30 a.m., 6 a.m., 6:30 a.m.
- Depart Energy Corridor: 3:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 4:45 p.m.
- Depart Energy Corridor - Friday: 3:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 4:45 p.m.

Buy your ticket [here](#).



QUARTERLY PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING JUNE 9, 2022

The Energy Corridor District's quarterly public safety meeting will be held virtually at noon on June 9.

[Register today](#) to join the meeting, which will include presentations by Council Member Amy Peck, District A, and Council Member Mary Nan Huffman, District G, on recent public safety ordinances passed by City Council. The Houston Police Department and the District's public safety enforcement team from the Harris County Precinct 5 Constable's Office will share quarterly crime statistics.

The Energy Corridor District's

QUARTERLY PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

Presentations by the Houston Police Department,
Precinct 5 Constable's Office
Updates on Houston City Council public safety measures and ordinances by
Council Member Amy Peck, District A
Council Member Mary Nan Huffman, District G



THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2022 | 12PM - 1PM | VIA ZOOM

Houston wastewater construction project continues down Eldridge, cause new lane closures



Houston Public Works' wastewater construction project is continuing down Eldridge Parkway leading to additional lane closures that are expected to last for at least a year.

The project began earlier this year, causing lane closures on Park Row and Eldridge Parkway north of I-10. Now, as the construction continues, lane closures will extend from Park Row/N. Dairy Ashford down Eldridge Parkway to the intersection with Memorial Drive.

The lane closures will impact traffic, especially during peak hours. Partial lane closures on Eldridge Parkway are expected to last until Summer 2023.

The Park Ten Wastewater Treatment Plant Abandonment and Flow Diversion Project is designed to divert wastewater from the Park Ten Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) to a newer sanitary system east of State Highway 6.

Public Works has adjusted project construction plans to accommodate supply chain issues.

To receive District information about the project, please sign up for our newsletters [here](#).

For more information from the city about the project, please visit the Houston Public Works [website](#).



Hurricane season is here! Get prepared!

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This is a good time to ensure you have a plan and the tools you need to weather any storm.

[NOAA](#) is predicting an active Atlantic season due to an ongoing La Nina that is expected to persist throughout the coming months.

The [National Weather Service](#) offers tips on how to prepare a hurricane kit and what to do ahead of a storm.



Upcoming events in The Energy Corridor District

May 31-June 3: [Family Point Resources summer programs](#)



June 1: [First Day of Hurricane Season](#)
June 7: [Soak Up the Sun and Save Lives Blood Drive](#)
June 10: [District G Council Member Mary Nan Huffman and Precinct 4 Commissioner R. Jack Cagle Summer Movie Series](#)

Do you have an event or story you want included in the newsletter?

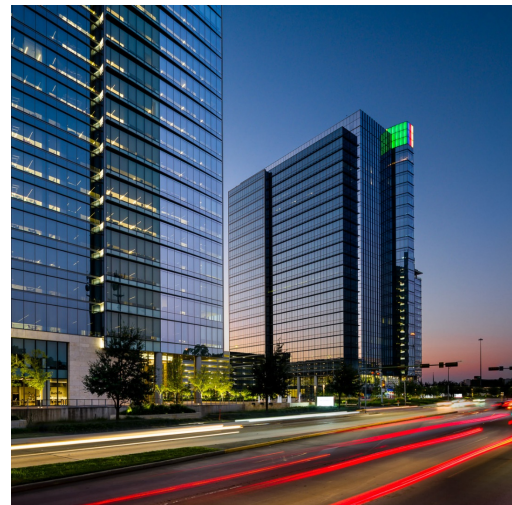
The Energy Corridor District has two monthly newsletters, one for events and one for stories

If you have a story or event you would like to share in one of these publications please email Ramit Plushnick-Masti at rmasti@energycorridor.org.



District News

- [BP, Linde ready CCS mega project for greater Houston area](#)
- [Biden has just weeks to come up with a plan for leasing in the Gulf. Here's what happens if he can't](#)
- [Houston's cheerleaders are ready for H-town to lead the way on hydrogen. Are its players?](#)
- [CITGO reports higher profits as demand for fuel soars](#)



About The Energy Corridor District

The Energy Corridor District is an advocate for one of Houston's premier business centers and destinations. Established in 2001 by the Texas Legislature as Harris County Improvement District #4, The District was created to promote, develop, encourage, maintain employment, commerce, transportation, housing, recreation, arts, entertainment, economic development, safety and the public welfare within its boundaries.

Home to the headquarters and regional offices of prominent global firms within the energy sector and beyond, the District consists of over 2,000 acres, stretching along IH-10 from Kirkwood Road to west of Barker Cypress Road, and extending south along Eldridge Parkway to south of Briar Forest Drive. The District also offers access to assets such as Buffalo Bayou, Terry Hershey Park, various recreational trails and adjacency to over 26,000 acres of parks and open space.



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If you have news about a business that is located within the Energy Corridor District, let us know by responding to this email. We will gladly consider your submission for future e-newsletters.

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