



Deer Park Community Advisory Council

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DPCAC Reviews Census Data about Cities within 30 Miles of Refineries

A 2019 University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) study said there was a correlation between cancer rates of those living within 30 miles of a refinery and between the stage of a cancer and those living within 10 miles of a refinery. While the study data were not specific to Deer Park, the DPCAC Program Planning Committee wondered if 2020 Census data would confirm or counter stereotypes about Deer Park and other ship channel communities.

Facilitator Diane Sheridan presented census data on population, age, race and ethnic background, education, health insurance coverage, median household income, and poverty level that characterize Deer Park and 18 other area cities within 10 or 30 miles of this city. The slides at www.deerparkcac.org also show data for Harris County, Texas, and the United States. In one example, the population 25 years and older between 2015-2019 with a high school degree or more was 88.5% in Deer Park. It ranged from 46.4% in Aldine to 99% in West University Place. Deer Park's rate was higher than 14 of 21 other entities in the report. DPCAC plans to invite the UTMB researcher to speak at an upcoming meeting.

Visit the DPCAC booth and others at Deer Park Chamber of Commerce Chemistry Day on March 28 between 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. at the San Jacinto College Center for Petrochemical Energy and Technology. Learn more about the chemical industry and tour the state-of-the-art facility where future workers are trained.

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