# what's COOKING

## **HOURS**

Mon - Fri 11:00 am to 10:00 pm Saturday 3:00 pm to 11:00 pm Sunday 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

## Father's Day

Sunday, June 20 Open 10:00 am until 10:00 pm

# Grandparents & Grandchildren Texas History Tour

Monday, June 21st 9:00 am - 11:00 am

## **Adult History Tour**

Saturday, September 11 9:00 am - 11:00 am

## Wine Dinner

Monday, September 20 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

## **Adult History Tour**

Saturday, October 9 9:00 am - 11:00 am

## **Christmas Decorations Tour**

Saturday, November 6th Multiple times available

# ★ RESERVATION PRO TIPS

Taste of Texas takes reservations for both lunch and dinner! Go to Tasteoftexas.com right from your smart phone, select "Make a reservation" and in moments you will have a reserved spot for your next dining experience. We accept reservations 14 days in advance, and you will need your cell phone number to have the table reserved.

If reservations are full for the time slot you want, we accept a limited number of "Join the Waitlist" slots on the day of, and you will be told the approximate time to return to the restaurant and be seated as quickly as possible. Simply select "Join the Waitlist" at Tasteoftexas.com.

# FATHER'S DAY - June 20th

We can't wait to celebrate Dad with your family for a great steak dinner! We will present Dad with a complimentary 2021 Grilling Apron – a tradition we have continued for 20 years. Gather the family together for a special photograph in the Wagon Barn just outside our front door where we will set up a special backdrop for your complimentary Father's Day Family Photo. We love being a part of your family celebrations and Father's Day, one of our absolute favorite family gatherings!



This Father's Day, show love for Dad with perfectly aged steaks and more from the Taste of Texas. We've chosen 5 of our most loved gifts below. For more ideas and to order, please visit <a href="TasteofTexas.com/dad">TasteofTexas.com/dad</a> or call 866-TX-STEAK, Monday to Friday.

- 1. Signature Father's Day Package
- 2. Tomahawks and Knives
- 3. Texas Bar Board
- 4. Come and Steak It® YETI Flip Cooler
- 5. Master Grilling Package

# WINE DINNER - September 20th



Family businesses are the lifeblood of our nation's economy, and Taste of Texas is delighted to be featuring a Family Business Wine Dinner! The Reynolds Family Winery on the Silverado Trail in Napa Valley, CA will be our featured winery. They are well known in Napa for working the vines, harvest, crush, fermenting, barreling, and bottling processes as a family.

The guest Chef's for this dinner are a Father/Son Duo, Dr. Mike Duncan and his son Brian, who will be creating a dinner

experience you will never forget. The Duncan's are treasured family friends and Dr. Duncan is enjoying his new 2nd career as Chef having recently retired.

"We're not as big or as famous as some of the wineries down the road and that suits us just fine. We hope you'll find your way here." - Reynolds Family

Note: Much easier to travel to Taste of Texas than Napa Valley! Limited availability. Reserve your spot today at TasteofTexas.com/events.

# **Return of our famous Carrot Cake**



It has only been three decades since we served this hometown favorite and by popular demand our Carrot Cake has returned to the dessert tray. Next time you dine in or pick up to eat at home try this fantastic addition which is served with pecans and caramel drizzle.

# Taste of Texas To-Go

Last year when the virus shut down indoor dining the only way to serve our precious customers was curbside to-go service. This was something we had always done, but we never dreamed it would be our sole focus for 6 weeks. It was a bear! We were determined to offer an exceptional experience that was worthy of our Taste of Texas name, and we still are. You can order online at <a href="IasteofTexas.com">IasteofTexas.com</a> and pick up curbside or in the Grill-At-Home store where you will also find our fresh options to cook at home.

# FAMILY NEWS



# Edd

I love leading our amazing team at the Taste to solve the challenges of this past year. Praise the Lord and thanks to our customers, we came through it all in great shape. But I am loving helping coach grand daughter Hannah's softball team. Life is full and happy with my precious Nina, 3 adult kids, and 12 grandchildren. BTW, turning 70 this year and Nina is throwing a big celebration at Big Cedar Lodge in Missouri. Wow, those 70 years went by fast! Many more to come!

The past 15 months have been the most challenging (and yet the most incredible blessing) of our 43 years in business! Your constant encouragement, love and prayers have meant the world to our Taste of Texas family during this very trying time. Because of YOU, we were able to keep our entire staff employed, continue our employee scholarship program and continued support of our single parent staff members. It is a privilege to be a part of the H-Town community! Philippians 1:3 " I thank God when I remember you"

# Blackards

Lisa and Chris and their family are staying busy with volleyball, softball, dance recitals, and school programs. They are blessed every day to be parents of three special girls Hannah 10, Elizabeth 8, and Madeline 3 years. Chris continues to enjoy his career at Shell Oil, and Lisa is glad to be back at Taste of Texas helping in all facets of the restaurant.



Kristin and Corbin are loving managing the growing Taste of Texas ecommerce business and overseeing the remodel of their home after burst pipe damage during the February freeze and blackout. Baby Ann Campbell is 6 months old and older brother Henry is five years. Henry is loving swimming, soccer, and t-ball, and cannot wait for kindergarten in the fall.



# Hendee Hartlands

David and Claudine are staying busy raising 5 kids while managing a major remodel of their home as they all reside above the garage. That pretty much paints the picture for the Hartland family this year! The end is in sight just as the kids finish their school year and begin summer activities. Sam is 17, a junior in High School and is driving. Campbell turns 16 and will attend St. Thomas in the fall. Hudson is now 14 and is enjoying playing rugby and soccer at school. Reagan turns 12 in June and keeps all four of her brothers in line. Conrad is 7 and loved his baseball year at West U Little League. This is the last child of the Hartland family for that activity, and we have relished the games at West U this spring.



# Poulsons

Kyle and Erin have moved back into their home in Ft. Worth after a devasting house fire in 2019. Their last 3 months were spent in a hotel as construction ran behind. Kyle and Erin win the "Perseverance and Patience Award" to get through that adventure. Grayson (19) is completing her first year at TCU, and Jackson's (16) steer won the Tarrant County Grand Champion on March 2nd, Texas Independence Day! The Steer sold for a record price at auction! Congratulations Jackson!





# **Banquets and Private Event Room** at Taste of Texas

The Sam Houston Room is the perfect place for a large event or corporate gathering.

- · Completely private and available for Lunch or Dinner
- · Reservable for special events, banquets, company meetings.
- · Up to 75 seated for dining.
- · Audio Visual Capabilities
- · Contracts and guaranteed minimums will apply.

For details, view menus and contracts at TasteofTexas.com/privateevents.

# Landscape Update with Janell Luce







Meet our Landscape Fairy God Mother Janell Luce! Nina called Janell the day BEFORE the freeze began and asked to be put on the schedule for a "Post freeze extreme makeover"! Janell owns IVY LEAGUE LANDSCAPE of West Houston, and she has a "GREEN WAND"! The before and after pictures of the Taste of Texas are pretty stark causing us all to ask her, "What the heck happened to our plants??" The answer is the depth of the temperature drop and the duration of the freeze which caused plants and trees that were well established to freeze and die leaving our yards looking like a nuclear waste dump! The plants and trees established with a good root system had the best chance of survival and recovery. Time, trimming and replanting is the only answer and soon our yards and our city will be healed. Thank you, Janell, for all you do.

# How Many Broken Pipes at Taste of Texas?

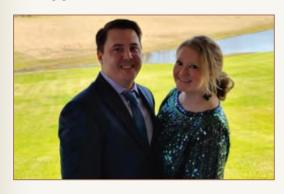




This is not a contest we wanted to win, but we may have the top frozen burst pipe count for Houston: 21 pipe breaks! Luckily the damage was minimal, and our plumber and maintenance crews had us up and running in short order. Our longtime friend and Plumber, Bic Bicknell, sent us his best guys and saved us again! Bic has been our friend and plumber for 30 years and did the construction on this building. We recently lost Bic very suddenly and our thoughts and prayers are with this family and friends.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants." Psalm 116:15

# Staff Updates



Tiffany Lee has moved into her career as a full-time counselor and handed off the management duties of the Grill at Home Store to Ashley Newton who is exceptional. Tiffany has announced her engagement to Donnie Nowak and they are planning a wedding at the end of August 2021.

Austin "Evel Knievel" Henry is recovering from a dirt bike accident which broke his right elbow and will begin physical therapy next week. In the weeks ahead you may see Austin seating customers or hosting the Salad Bar "one handed". Hurry back Austin, we have been missing you!



**Armondo Ocampo** and Jamie Tatum are celebrating their engagement. They met working together at the Taste, and we think this makes 46 marriages from staff who met working here.

# **HPD SWAT K9 Officer Hutch Update:**

Last year, Taste of Texas sponsored a very special K9 Officer named after our longtime HPD friend Janice Hutchison, HPD retired. On April 16, "Hutch" came in for lunch and our customers were delighted to see Hutch devour a 10 oz cut of Prime Rib in one bite! His handler, Officer Taylor Roccaforte, told us that within an hour of his lunch, "Hutch" arrested a suspect! We think it was the lunch that set him up for success, but the truth is "Hutch" accomplishes that task regularly! "Hutch" is well known in the department and is loved and appreciated for his amazing sense of smell and hard work. Keep up the good work "Hutch"! "Hutch is giving new meaning to the phrase "taking a bite out of crime".





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# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Please check our website for details and register online at www.TasteofTexas.com

## Father's Day

June 20th, 10:00 am

We open at 10:00am serving continuously through till 10:00pm. Bring the whole family to celebrate Dad and get a complimentary Father's Day Photo!

# **Grandparents & Grandchildren TX History Tour**

June 21st, 9:00am - 11:00 am

Join Nina for her presentation of Texas History and Legends like you have never heard it before. You are invited to bring your grandchildren ages 8 and older for a special morning together. Cost is \$50 plus tax for adults and \$25 plus tax for children and includes lunch.

## **Adult Texas History Tour with Nina**

September 11th & October 9th, 9:00 am

Adult Texas History Tour with Nina: Join Nina for a morning of Texas History and Legends like you have never heard it before. Lunch is included. Cost is \$50 plus tax per person.

## Wine Dinner

September 20th, 6:00 pm

Join us for another amazing 5 course dinner and wine pairing. Special Guest Chefs for this event you will not want to miss. Cost is \$175 per person includes tax and gratuity. Space is limited.

## **Christmas Decorations Tour with Nina**

November 6th, Tours are at 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, & 1:00 Nina will be giving a Christmas tour and talk about her favorite Christmas collections and more. Come and enjoy the spectacular Christmas décor that has become a Houston holiday destination. Refreshments will be served. Cost is \$30 plus tax per person. Space is limited.