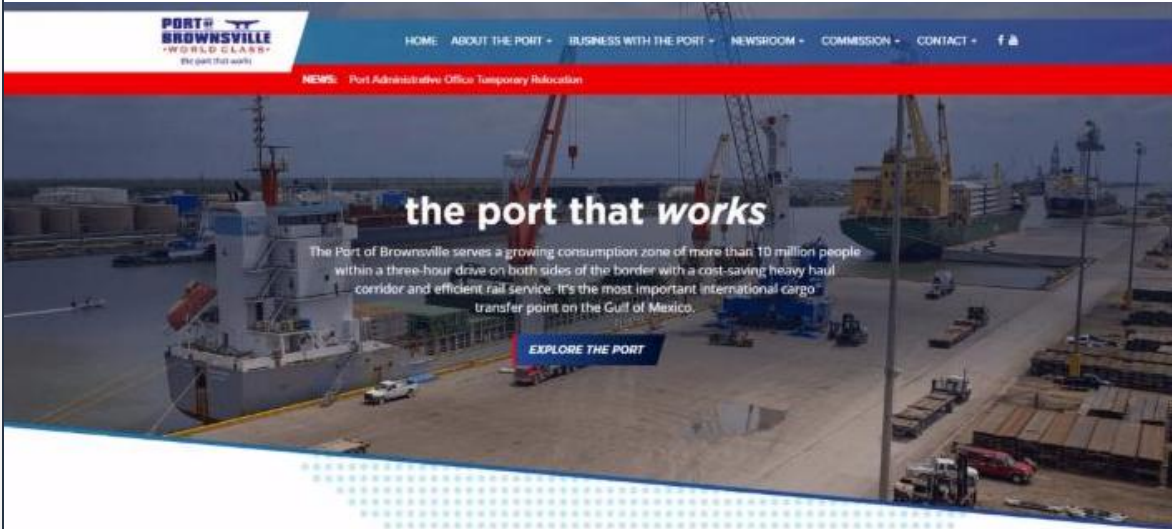


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## the port that works

The Port of Brownsville serves a growing consumption zone of more than 10 million people within a three-hour drive on both sides of the border with a cost-saving heavy haul corridor and efficient rail service. It's the most important international cargo transfer point on the Gulf of Mexico.

EXPLORE THE PORT

### ABOUT THE PORT

The Port of Brownsville is a deepwater seaport in Brownsville, at the southernmost tip of Texas. Opened in 1936, the port is connected to the Gulf of Mexico by a 17-mile-long ship channel. With approximately 40,000 acres, the Port of Brownsville is also the largest land-owning public port authority in the nation.

## Port of Brownsville Launches New Website

BROWNSVILLE--The Port of Brownsville launched its redesigned website at [www.portofbrownsville.com](http://www.portofbrownsville.com) on February 7, 2017.

The new website is an improvement from the previous site and features a cleaner and more visually impactful design providing visitors greater detail and information about the port, along with downloadable and printable forms to accelerate business activities. It also features enhanced content for marketing, media relations and public information.

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DISTRICT BOARD OF  
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## Class-A Warehouses Coming to GEOTRAC Industrial Hub

Brownsville’s first Class-A warehouse park is in the works after OmniTRAX, Inc. landed an agreement with Majestic Realty Co. to develop the project on a 200-acre parcel within the GEOTRAC Industrial Hub at the Port of Brownsville.

The development of up to 2.8-million square feet during 15 years is expected to attract diverse companies, particularly wholesaler distributors, to the region, driving job creation and helping to grow the economy in the Rio Grande Valley.

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## Port Administration Office Temporary Relocates to Keppel AmFELS

The Port of Brownsville administration office has moved to its temporary location at Keppel AmFELS, 20000 SH 48, Brownsville.

The administration complex at 1000 Foust Road will undergo a complete renovation and expansion expected to take about 18 months. The project includes rehabilitation of the current building, construction of a new pod featuring a new boardroom, a new parking area, and construction of a new permit office in an adjacent building.

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## CALENDAR



### February 13-15

[NAFTZ Legislative & Regulations Conference, Washington, D.C.](#)

**February 14**  
Valentine's Day

**February 20**  
Presidents' Day - **Port offices closed**

Hours of operation at the new location will remain Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m. All visitors to the temporary port office are required to show proper government-issued photo identification (i.e. driver license, passport, etc.) at the Keppel AmFELS security gate.

For the duration of the renovation, the port mailing address will be 2993 N. Indiana Avenue, Suite B, Brownsville, Texas 78526.



Vulcan's mine in Calica sits adjacent to federally protected land, seen right. Since it began mining operations on the Yucatan Peninsula, Vulcan has maintained a leadership role to protect both the environment and Mexico's archeological heritage.



Mining operations have responsibly protected archeological remains of the ancient Maya on Vulcan's properties, while working to preserve and restore Mayan ruins discovered while planning excavation activities.

## Vulcan Rocks!

Since 1987, Vulcan Materials has shipped crushed limestone throughout the Gulf from its 5,900-acre mine in Calica, Mexico, on the Yucatan Peninsula.

Unique to Vulcan's operation is a proprietary harbor constructed adjacent to its mine, just south of Playa del Carmen. The harbor is connected to the mine by a five kilometer-long high speed 60-inch-wide conveyor system, moving up to 12 million tons annually of various grades of limestone, fines and related products to waiting ships. Vulcan operates three of its own Panama-max sized vessels to transport products to eager markets, in a completely vertically integrated operation.

At the Port of Brownsville, Vulcan imports about 700,000 short tons of crushed limestone annually,

### February 23-25

Charro Days

### February 28

[Eagle Ford Consortium, Laredo](#)

### March 1

Ash Wednesday

### March 12

Daylight Saving Time Begins - **Do not forget to move your clock forward**

### March 13-18

Spring Break (BISD, UTRGV and TSC)

### March 17

St. Patrick's Day

### April 9

Palm Sunday

## Overweight Permit Office Moved to Foust Road Gate

Due to renovation work being performed on the Port of Brownsville administration building the Overweight Permit office has temporarily moved to the Foust Road entrance guard house.

Hours of operation at the new location will be Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon, and from 1 to 4 p.m.

Additionally, the inner outbound lane of the Foust Road gate will be closed to vehicular traffic to allow pedestrian traffic to purchase permits.

Parking for truck owners acquiring permits will continue at Fishprint Road, across the street from the current port administration building.

To avoid delays, drivers are urged to obtain permits online at <https://texas.promiles.com/brownsville/> or use the SH 550 port entrance to activate the permits.



consumed by regional construction industries, where it is used for road and general construction projects in support of the RioGrande Valley's accelerating growth.

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Officer Jorge Moreno is sworn in by Port Police Chief Carlos Garcia during the BND Commissioners regular board meeting January 18, 2017.



Officer Alejandro Saucedo addresses the BND Board of Commissioners January 18, 2017, after being sworn in as port police officer.

## New Officers Join Port Police

The Port of Brownsville added two new officers to its police force during the Brownsville Navigation District Commissioners regular board meeting held January 18, 2017.

Port of Brownsville Police Chief Carlos Garcia administered the oath of office to officers Alejandro Saucedo and Jorge Moreno.

Saucedo, 23, from Brownsville, received his peace officer certification after graduating from the Texas Southmost College Justice Institute in 2015. He previously worked as jailer with Cameron County.

Moreno, 27, also from Brownsville, served in the U.S. Army Reserves, having received an Army Commendation Medal and a National Defense Service Medal. Moreno worked as a dispatcher for the Harbor Master Office and resigned in 2016 from his position to join the police academy. He received his peace officer



BND Vice-Chairman John Reed holds a replica of the Bill Reed Road sign during the unveiling ceremony December 21, 2016. John Reed is the son of Bill Reed.

## BND Commission Dedicates Road in Honor of Bill Reed

The Brownsville Navigation District Board of Commissioners passed a resolution December 21, 2016, naming the SH 550 extension "Bill Reed Road," in honor of William "Bill" Reed for the contributions he made to the Port of Brownsville as a BND board member.

Reed was elected to the BND Board of Commissioners in 1978 and served until 1996. He was board chairman from 1986 to 1990. Bill Reed was the father of John Reed, former chairman and current vice-chairman of the BND.

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## Registration Open For Annual Port of Brownsville 5K/1M Run/Walk

Registration is open for the annual Port of Brownsville 5K/1M run/walk event scheduled for March 4, 2017.

The event is part of The Challenge-RGV, an initiative by the University of Texas School of Public Health encouraging local residents to increase physical activity and live a healthy life.

To register download form [HERE](#), visit [www.portofbrownsville.com](http://www.portofbrownsville.com), or call (956) 831-4592. There is no entry fee.



## USS Independence Ready For its Trip to Brownsville

After delays, USS Independence is ready for its final trip to the Port of Brownsville.

International Shipbreaking is the company responsible for dismantling the decommissioned supercarrier.

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