

## TEXAS HIGHWAYS—SHINER—WWH—MALLORY

### **Bock, Bock, Who's There?**

It's Shiner, that's who—the town and its namesake brew—located 85 miles east of San Antonio at the intersection of US 90A and Texas 95. The Shiner Chamber of Commerce, located in City Hall at 810 N. Ave. E (594-4180; [www.shinertx.com](http://www.shinertx.com)), offers information on attractions and events.

Also get information Mon-Fri 9-5 at the Shiner Main Street office, 817 N. Ave. E (594-3999), located in the historic **Ehlers Cigar Factory** (not wheelchair accessible). Both the cigar factory and the **William Green Pioneer Home** next door are open for tours: self-guided Mon-Fri 9-5 and docent-guided Fri-Sat and Mon 1-4 p.m.

For group bus tours, the Shiner Economic Development Board, 817 N. Ave. E (594-4343), offers step-on guides (\$2 per person, plus lunch for the guide, with 2 weeks notice).

**Shiner's area code is 361, and it's zip code is 77984.**

**All venues are wheelchair accessible unless noted.**

### **Attractions**

**Spoetzl Brewery** is at 603 E. Brewery St. (594-3383 or 800/5SHINER; [www.shiner.com](http://www.shiner.com)). Free brewery tours: Mon-Fri 11 and 1:30 (Memorial Day to Labor Day at 10, 11, 1:30 and 2:30) or by arrangement for groups of 20 or more; closed major holidays. Sip free Shiner samples at the hospitality room after each tour. Gift Shop hours: Mon-Fri 9-5 and Sat 11-3. No beer sold on site.

The **Saints Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church**, 306 S. Ave. F (594-3836) is open daily 6-6. For tours (\$1 per person donation requested), call the Shiner Economic Development Board (594-4343) at least 2 weeks in advance.

**Edwin Wolters Memorial Museum** is at 306 S. Ave. I (594-3774). Hours: Mon-Fri 8- 5 and the 2nd and 4th Sun 2-5. Partially wheelchair accessible. Admission: Free (donations welcomed).

**Welhausen Park** is on Ave. E (US 90A) five blocks west of downtown. **Green-Dickson Municipal Park** is 1 mile north of downtown on Ave. B and features limited RV camping with hookups. Call 594-3362 for park info.

**Peachtree Emporium**, 123 E. 7th St. is available for private events and individual tours (call 594-3183 in advance) and group tours (call 594-4343 in advance).

**Kaspar Wire Works** (594-3327; [www.kwire.com](http://www.kwire.com)) is on Texas 95 N one mile north of US 90A. It offers free one-hour tours by appointment (3 weeks' notice required for bus tours). Not wheelchair accessible.

The restored historic Green Building houses the **Shiner Restaurant & Bar**, 103 E. 7th St., 594-2772 (open only for special events; call to rent) and B'Marie (see below).

### **Eating & Drinking**

Enjoy good food and drink at the following: **B'Marie**, 707 1/2 N. Ave. E, 594-2772, open Wed-Sat 7-6; **Home Plate**, 113 E. 7th St., 594-4557, open Tue-Thu 9:30-10, Fri 9:30-midnight, and Sat 9:30-1 a.m. (live music on weekends); **Werner's Restaurant**, 317 N. Ave. E, 594-2928, open daily 6-10; **Country**

**Corner Cafe**, 305 E. 5th (Texas 95), 594-2822, open Mon-Fri 6 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sat-Sun 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; **Friday's Fried Chicken**, 122 E. 5th St., 594-4332, open Mon-Sat 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sun 7 a.m.-10 p.m.; and **Howard's Diamond Shamrock**, 1701 N. Ave. E, 594-4200, open Mon-Thu 6 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri-Sat 6 a.m.- 11 p.m., and Sun 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

### **Meat Markets**

Get several varieties of homemade sausage at **Patek Grocery & Market**, 224 S. Ave. E, 594-3171 (open Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Sat 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sun 7:30-noon) and **Maeker's Grocery & Bar**, 1322 S. Ave. E, 594-3706 (open Mon-Sat 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m., maybe later).

### **Events**

**Bocktoberfest** (Oct. 13, 2001) is at Spoetzl Brewery (see above for location). Admission: \$25 per person at the gate or \$20 in advance (plus service charge) through Star Ticket outlets (888/597-STAR; [www.startickets.com](http://www.startickets.com)) or Albertson's groceries. Hours: noon-10:30. No coolers, cameras, or pets allowed. Bring your own chair.

Buy arts & crafts and flea market items at **Shiner Trade Fair Days** (Oct 20, 2001 and Apr. 20, 2002) at Welhausen Park (see above for location). Trade Fair Days' spring event also hosts a beer can collectors show downtown. Call 594-4343 for details.

The **Gaslight Theatre**, 207 E. 7th St., stages three dinner-theater productions a year. The next show is a comedy, *Beside Yourself*, set for Oct.

[date to come], 2001. For tickets (\$12.50, meal and show), call the Chamber, 594-4180.

Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Houston, the **Shiner BASH**, May [verify date and contact number with Allen Connor, 281/397-7530 or 281/507-9138 (cell)] 2002, features bicycle riders converging on Spoetzl Brewery from Austin, San Antonio, and Houston. Call confirm number with Allen.

The 23rd annual **Half Moon Holidays**, (July 6, 2002) is in Green Dickson Municipal Park with a 5K Run, live music, food contests, and fireworks show. Call 594-3999.

The **Shiner Catholic Church Picnic**, held the Sunday of Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, features food, entertainment, and auction at the American Legion Park, 102 S. Ave. G. Call 594-3836.

The **Shiner Hobo Band** performs Oct. 7, 2001 at the "Come and Take It" Festival in Gonzales and Oct. 20 at Lake Texana State Park in Edna.

### **Lodging**

You'll find laid-back lodging at the following: the **Old Kasper House Bed & Breakfast Inn** (8 rooms in 4 houses at 219 Avenue C; 594-4336; \$59-99 including breakfast; [www.shinertx.com/kasperhouse](http://www.shinertx.com/kasperhouse)); the **Longhorn Saloon** (\$160 for up to 8 with 2-night min. on weekends, breakfast?) and **Old Glory House** (\$80 per night, including breakfast?), both located at 309 N. Ave. F (594-3040); or the **Shiner Country Inn** (1016 N. Ave. E; 594-3335; \$40-45; [www.shinertx.com/countryinn](http://www.shinertx.com/countryinn)).

Note that local lodgings book early for special events. If full, try lodgings in nearby Hallettsville, Gonzales, Schulenburg, Moulton (see accompanying story on page XX), and Yoakum.

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