

New company makes life comfortable away from home

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We've all been there - from outdoor festivals and carnivals to city parks, when nature calls, you head to the nearest portable toilet.

Usually, that means cramming into a closet-like, odoriferous container that looks like it hasn't been cleaned in weeks.

But Peter Venegas and his wife, Wimberly, owners of South Texas Waste System believe nature's business does not have to be business as usual. This year, the pair decided to try their luck at the portable sanitation industry, with some serious upgrading, they said.

Peter, who is also owner of Venegas Bail Bonds, and Wimberly, a teacher at United Middle School, knew this much, "We don't have anything to sell but service."

"We give service on site - that's what makes us different," Peter said, while inside his office at 428 Hilltop. "We have our crews on

events and our bathrooms are aqua colored units that are easily identified."

"The community is demanding cleaner facilities and each year there are more events that need these types of units," the 36-year-old said.

The Venegases said all of their 300 portable toilets are brand new. They each come with four rolls of paper, a sink unit, a urinal tablet to control bad smells and perfume for the toilets. STWS also has handicap accessible units available.

The service STWS provides include: pump at holding tank, recharge with safe iron, non-toxic deodorant solution, scrub unit interior seat and urinal, towel dry interior and door, wash and squeegee floor dry, replenish tissue paper, make any minor repairs to unit and also add scent block as needed.

Peter said his portables are found at major events, from ASRC Constructors, the builders of the

new Border Patrol checkpoint site, to City of Laredo parks, the WBCA parade and carnival, Laredo Chamber of Commerce events, and the Freer Rattlesnake Competition, to name just a few.

Peter said the units leased at construction sites are the same type but separate from those used at private parties or household events.

Word of mouth and referrals continue to bring STWS new business every week, Peter said. And that customer list keeps growing.

STWS currently has five employees - Cristina Alarcon is operations manager, and Rolando Rodriguez, Carlos Rodriguez, Andrew Mackey, and Roy Samaniego are assistants.

For more information visit South Texas Waste Systems at 428 Hilltop, right behind Best Buy or call them at (956) 726-9444.

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