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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

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The Friendswood Community Prayer Breakfast is inviting all to the Friendswood Gathering for the National Day of Prayer on May 5 from noon to 1pm at Stevenson Park Pavilion, 901 South Friendswood Dr. If you or someone you know would like to participate by reading a scripture or praying for a topic on the program please contact steve.n.martin@ sbcglobal.net or text 832-607-1734. May 6

CONCERT IN THE PARK

Concerts in the Park returns on Friday, May 6 with the FHS Jazz Band. Music begins at 7pm. Those attending are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, refreshments, blankets, dinner or snacks. All concerts are free and take place in the gazebo in the park. Prizes are given out during intermission. Concerts are held at Stevenson Park, 1100 S. Friendswood Dr. To sponsor the event or donate prizes, contact James Toney at 281-996-3220.

BLOOD DRIVE

A blood drive will be held at the Friendswood Library on Friday, May 6 from 11am to 5pm. Free beach towel for donors. The best way to find a blood drive and schedule your donation is to download the digital donor app. For more information visit giveblood.org.

May 7 YOUTH FISHING DERBY

Over 600 lbs. of adult catfish will be stocked in the Centennial Park Pond for the City of Friendswood Parks & Rec Youth Fishing Derby slated for Saturday. May 7 from 8:30 to 11:00am. For ages 16 & under. No pre-registration required. Participants are encouraged to bring their own fishing supplies - loaner rods will be limited. No fishing license required. Centennial Park is located at 2200 S Friendswood Dr. For more information 281-996-3220 www.friendswood.com.

FARMERS MARKET

Friendswood Farmers Market will be held Saturday, May 7 from 9am to 1pm at 1100 S. Friendswood Dr. Find local veggies, plants, flowers, tamales, honey, and so much more! To apply to be a vendor go to FriendswoodMarket.com.

LEMONADE DAY

Friendswood Chamber of Commerce annual Lemonade Day will be held Saturday, May 7. Registration is now underway for the free event that teaches entrepreneurship to youth. Register at lemonadeday.org/friendswood.For more information call Carol Marcantel at 281-482-3329.

May 13

CONCERT IN THE PARK

Modulation will be the featured band at the Concert in the Park on Friday, May 13. Music begins at 7pm. Those attending are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, refreshments, blankets, dinner or snacks. All concerts are free and take place in the gazebo in the park. Prizes are given out during intermission. Concerts are held at Stevenson Park, 1100 S. Friendswood Dr. To sponsor the event or donate prizes, contact James Toney at 281-996-3220.

May 13-14 PLANT SALE & FLOWER SHOW

Heritage Gardeners will host a huge plant sale May 13-14 from 9 to 4 pm at 112 W. Spreading Oaks. The community is also invited to tour their Flower Show consisting of a Horticulture Show and Photography exhibit. For more information, follow HG on FB.

May 14 GAZEBO DEDICATION

The public is invited to a special dedication to Tom and Penny Burke for the Stevenson Park Gazebo. The event will take place at the gazebo beginning at 11:30am on Saturday, May 14. A dedica-

tion plaque will be unveiled at that time.

Stevenson Park is located at 1100 S. Friendswood Dr.

May 20 CONCERT IN THE PARK

Gary-Michael Dahl will be performing Smooth Jazz/R&B at the Concert in the Park on Friday, May 20. Music begins at 7pm. Those attending are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, refreshments, blankets, dinner or snacks. All concerts are free and take place in the gazebo in the park. Concerts are held at Stevenson Park, 1100

S. Friendswood Dr. **May 28**

SWIMMING POOL OPENS Stevenson Park swimming pool opens for the season on Saturday, May 28 with free entry from 1 to 7pm. The pool is located at 900 Cedarwood Ave.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022



Art Friends donate third, last sculpture to Friendswood

By KAROLYN GEPHART

A ribbon cutting was held recently for a new sculpture in front of the Friendswood Public Library. The sculpture was placed to promote art and is the final donation by a group, Art Friends of Downtown Friendswood who have worked to promote and provide art to the city. The new sculpture is the third

and final proposed piece to be donated from Chalk Walk proceeds. Spring Awakening by Dale Rogers is 8'6" tall and uses a mixture of Cor-Ten steel, stainless steel and painted steel.

It was placed on the grounds of the Friendswood Library, with concrete pad and installation by the City of Friendswood who also placed a plaque at its base.

Art Friends of Downtown Friendswood is composed of artists and community activists: Luis Briones, Friendswood Frame & Gallery owner: Jan Nemitz, retired Friendswood High School art teacher; Avril Forster, data base & graphics specialist; Betsy Miller, Colors of the Heart Studio; Sally Durand, retired RN educator; and Lynn Shigekawa, retired non-profit organization consultant.

The group came together in 2014 to create an art event to raise

money for a positive cause in the Friendswood community. The event was called a Chalk Walk and was a big success at Captain's Corner where student and adult artists created pastel art squares for public viewing. The consensus was that the funds raised would provide city wide public art for Friendswood.

At about the same time, Friends of Downtown Friendswood was getting active and had designated the downtown area as the length of FM 518 from FM 2351 back to Cowards Creek and one block on either side of FM 518. A grant was written to HGAC for funding of the public mural on the side of the Sherwin Williams building in order to: 1) provide public art; 2) convey information about the history of Friendswood; and 3) help to pull locals and tourists back on Skyview to the historic Frank J. Brown Heritage Museum owned by the Friendswood Historical Society. Since that time, two more beautiful murals have been added in that area. The second sculpture presented

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by the Art Friends was Dog and Cat by Dale Rogers and was installed on the front lawn of the Friendswood Animal Control Center on FM 528. Art Friends of Downtown Frie-

ndswood group used their funds to continue to promote public art in Friendswood. The committee

donated the sculptures using the following criteria for the public art selections: Artistic excellence; Ability to relate to the site in which it is placed; Artist's level of experience with projects similar in scope; Artist's knowledge of and experience with fabrication and installation; Ability of the art piece to communicate the culture of the community; Realistic budget for the work, quality, permanence and safety of the art; and Safety issues with respect to pub-

lic interaction with sculpture. Dale Rogers has over 15 years perfecting beautiful, large 3-D sculptures that are displayed throughout the country in over 160 public and private locations. The City of Friendswood poured the concrete base pads for the sculptures. Cor-Ten steel requires little to no maintenance and can be treated occasionally if needed. Multiple Cor-Ten steel signs exist in Friendswood including the cutout Library sign over the entrance, the monument sign entrances to Eagle Lakes subdivision, and the various monument signs at West Ranch and in the

interior subsections. The signs on sculpture pads consists of the following words: Art sparks the imagination and encourages conversation. Dale Rogers.



Lynn Shigekawa shares the background of the sculpture and why it was selected for the library.

2 receive 5 Star Spirit Award for helping Forest Bend

By KAROLYN GEPHART

Spirit Award for the First Quarter of 2022 was presented to Rene Ibarra and Steven Rhea at the regular Council meeting May 2 at City Hall in Friendswood. According to city reports, city

The City of Friendswood 5 Star

officials received several complaints from residents in the Forest Bend subdivision about an abandoned house that was becoming an eyesore; not only was the grass overgrown, but someone had spray-painted racist and offensive graffiti on the garage door. After several attempts to contact the owner failed, both Rene Ibarra and Steven Rhea took their personal The neighboring residents were

equipment (lawnmower and paint) to the property on a Saturday and mowed the grass and painted over the offensive

incredibly grateful for their Rene Ibarra began working for

the City in 2006 as a Project Manager and is currently Director of Public Works. Steven Rhea began working for the City in

2018 as Assistant City Manager. All of these employee's actions

were noted by city officials to be the attributes of the Five Star Spirit Award: being Courteous, Competent, Reliable, Professional and Enthusiastic. An update on Spring Sparkle

was also presented at the meeting. Keep Friendswood Beautiful and Parks and Recreation collected 85.24 tons of trash, 5,242 lbs. of electronics, and 6.900 lbs. of shredding. At the event, 450 cars drove through the park to participate. The garage sale collected \$1,000 and 45 volunteers worked and they were composed of KFB members and FHS students. City Manager Morad Kabiri

also reported on the Library's Summer Reading Programs with their theme for 2022 being Oceans of Possibilities. Summer kickoff is June 1 and craft programs will be underway for all ages every week. An interactive movie night is planned for June

Committee Annual report was

also presented to Council.

17 and performers for all ages will be there every week. He also provided information

to Council about the Youth Fishing Derby at Centennial Park May 7 from 8:30 to 11 am and Concerts in the Park. The animal Shelter Advisory

FHS Theatre nominated for Tommy Tunes Awards

By KAROLYN GEPHART The Tommy Tunes Awards will

be presented honoring high school theatrical performances May 27 at 7 p.m. on the TUTS Facebook Page and YouTube Channel. Friendswood High School

received several nominations for its production The Sponge-

Bob Musical. Abilyse Caudle was

nominated for 2022 Outstanding Performance In a Supporting Role as Pearl.

FHS was nominated for 2022 Outstanding Ensemble, Outstand-

ing Orchestra, and Outstanding Music Director (Michael Tyre).

The Tommy Tune Awards (TTA) Program celebrates the educational value, artistry and community of high school musical theatre in the Greater Houston

Area. FHS is one of 42 schools participating in the program. Houston area high schools pro-

duce a full-length musical to compete in over 15 TTA categories.

Each school is adjudicated by a

team of volunteer mentors, professional Houston-based music/ theatre artists, based on a 100point scale rubric.

This process runs October to March with top scorers receiving nominations (announced mid-March).

Finally, after a rehearsal period involving TTA nominees along

with two student representatives each

tual awards show will be presented to the community in celebration of the participant's artistic accom-

plishments. Theatre Under The Stars

awards merit and needs-based scholarships to outstanding students. The recipients range from performers, designers, directors, technicians, choreographers, and musicians who have been involved in their school's Tommy Tune production. To date, Theatre Under The

Stars and the Tommy Tune Awards have awarded 146 student university scholarships, totaling \$454,000 in individual arts-based scholarships.

UTMB Health seeks women participants in Challenge Study

UTMB is offering women ages 65 to 85 an opportunity to be part of the Challenge Study. The new study uses technology to increase physical activity and UTMB is recruiting women who want to be part of it.

Researchers are seeking women ages 65 to 85 that have daily access to a smartphone and who are interested.

If chosen to participate, UTMB Health will provide the participant with a wearable activity monitor to wear on their wrist along with brief counseling on their physical activity levels. Participants will be assigned to one of two different groups randomly.

One group will monitor steps. The other group will play a game with weekly walking challenges.

The challenges will involve taking pictures on a smartphone while walking and then sharing them with other participants in a private Facebook group.

In addition to age criteria, several other eligibility criteria include not currently physically active with less than 150 minutes of physical activity per week, BMI between 18-40, and having physical activity safe for the participant to do. The study will last for 18 months.

UTMB Health will provide parking as necessary and gift cards per participant for those who complete the study. Participants will be able to keep their Fitbit monitors.

For more information contact Lakesha Golliday at lagollid@utmb.edu or call 409-266-9630.

ATTENTION NON-PROFIT PRIVATE SCHOOLS. HOME SCHOOLERS

Non-profit private schools and home schoolers who legally qualify as non-profit (currently hold a 501-C3 certificate) are invited to meet with representatives from Alvin. Clear Creek. Dickinson, Friendswood, Hitchcock, La Porte, Santa Fe, and Texas City Independent School Districts to learn more about federally funded services available for eligible residents of these districts. The meeting will be held virtually at 1:00 P.M on May 4, 2022. For the link, please visit the district website.

ATENCIÓN ESCUELAS PRIVADAS Y ENSEÑANZA EN CASA SIN **FINES LUCRATIVOS**

Las escuelas privadas sin fines lucrativo y los educadores en el hogar que califican legalmente como instituciones sin fines de lucro y que actualmente tienen un certificado 501-C3 están invitados a reunirse con representantes de Distritos Escolares Independientes de Alvin, Clear Creek, Dickinson, Friendswood, Hitchcock, La Porte, Santa Fe y Texas City para obtener más información sobre los servicios disponibles por el gobierno federal para los residentes elegibles de estos distritos. La reunión se llevará a cabo virtualmente a la 1:00 p.m el 4 de mayo de 2022. Para acceder el enlace para la junta, por favor visite el sitio web del distrito.

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Fire Chief Riley retires after 11-year career with PFD

Fire Chief Vance Riley celebrates his retirement from Pearland Fire Department at Fire Station 4 on May 4. The event features an honor guard flag presentation, uniform inspection, comments from City staff and Chief Riley's family and friends. Members of the public are welcome to

Chief Riley announced his retirement in September 2021 after 11 years of dedicated service at the City of Pearland and a total of 42 years in public service. His final day in office was Friday, April 29.

Chief Riley joined the Pearland Fire Department as Fire Chief in April 2011. "I saw that it was a planned but rapidly growing city with the need to expand Fire and EMS services to meet that growth," Riley said when asked why he was attracted to Pearland. Inspired by his late uncle who was

a volunteer firefighter in Canyon, TX,

serving as a Fire Chief.

Chief Riley entered the EMS and Fire Service in 1980, joining the Friendswood Volunteer Fire Department. From there, he served in various fire service positions for several organizations, including Fire Marshal, Fire Chief, Naval Reserve Hospital Corpsman for the U.S. Marine Corps, and board positions for the Texas Emergency Management Advisory Council, Texas Fire Chiefs Association Board of Directors,

During his 11-year tenure with the Pearland Fire Department, Chief Riley oversaw the growth and transformation of the Pearland Fire Department, with achievements including the transition from a mostly volunteer fire staff to a full paid staff department with more than 175 members;

and Chair of the Texas Governor's EMS and Trauma

Advisory Council. Chief Riley has spent the last 30 years

consolidation of the Fire and EMS departments; the conversion and construction of six fire stations, the Fire Administration Building, and Live Burn Training Building; obtaining ISO Class 2 and later Class 1 status; strengthening Community Risk Reduction by bringing in Code Enforcement, and continuously improving the department through training, policies, procedures, and improved safety.

Among those, Chief Riley said he considers his greatest accomplishment the evolution of the department through its personnel.

"Bringing in all these great, professional, dedicated members - all with servant's hearts - into the Pearland Fire Department is my greatest achievement," Riley said. "Seeing the awesome, caring work they do for our residents is inspiring, and I'm proud to have watched our members grow professionally - and in many cases - promote to higher ranks. I will miss working alongside

each and every member of the Pearland Fire Department, as well as City staff," Riley said.

Chief Riley said he plans to spend more time with his wife Ann, his children and grandchildren, as well as going hunting, fishing, and golfing. He also plans to continue to serve on various boards of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, as well as exploring additional opportunities to

Chief Riley's announcement to retire triggered a nationwide search for a new Fire Chief, which culminated in appointment of Jack "J" Taylor, III as incoming Fire Chief. Chief Taylor's first day in office as Pearland Fire Chief is May 16. Assistant Chief Curtis Birt will serve as Interim Fire Chief in the meanwhile.



Pictured left to right: Ty Brantley, Britton Merritt, Emily Thomas, Ryan Flick, Audrey Nguyen, Elaina Chong, Claire Hookstra, Aiden Kaouk, Connor Gibson, Balint Kidd, Christian La Rue.

Friendswood Chamber honors 2022 FHS Top 10 graduates

With graduation less than a month away, the Top 10 Friendswood High School 2022 graduates have been named. The Friendswood Chamber of Commerce honored the group for their academic success on Thursday, April 28, at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

Valedictorian for the Class of 2022 is Audrey Nguyen. She will be attending Rice University this fall to major in Molecular Biology and Biomedical Sciences. Nguyen is involved in the National Honor Society (President), Interact Club (Vice President), National English Honor Society (President), Wranglerettes, National Spanish Honor Society, ballet and Recycling Club.

Christian La Rue is the FHS Salutatorian. He will attend Texas A&M University and major in Chemical Engineering. LaRue is a member of National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, National English Honor, Spanish Club, College Planning Club, First Baptist Friendswood Youth Group, Recycling Club and Paws Fur a Cause.

Emily Thomas is third in the Top 10. Thomas plans to attend the University of Houston Honors College to study Business. During her time at FHS, Thomas has been involved in Academic Decathlon, National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, National Latin Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society, Math and Science Club, Interact, Recycling Club and Paws for a Cause.

Connor Gibson, four, plans to pursue a degree in Aerospace Engineering and will be attending the University of Texas Austin in the Engineering Honors Program. He is a member of the Band (President and Drum Major), Houston Youth Symphony, UIL Science Team, UIL Literary Criticism Team, FHS Musical's Pit Band, Recycling Club, Paws Fur a Cause, National Honor Society and Tri-M Music Honor

Britton Merritt, five, will attend University of Texas Austin to major in Finance. At FHS, he is involved with Football, UIL Social Studies District (Champion), National Honor Society, and the Class Rank Committee.

Elaina Chong, six, is planning to study Biology at the University of Texas Austin. She is a member of Wranglerettes, National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, Clear Lake Chinese American Culture Group, HOSA, Student Council and YoungLife.

Ryan Flick, seven, will attend the University of Texas Austin to study Electrical and Computer Engineering and Business. He is a member of UIL Mathematics, UIL Science, UIL Computer Science, National Honor Society, Water Polo

Balint Kidd, eight, will attend Columbia University in the fall to pursue a degree in Philosophy. He is a part of the FHS

Musical and UIL One Act Play. Ty Brantley, nine, will study Aerospace Engineering at Texas A&M University. Brantley is a member of the National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the baseball team.

Tying for the tenth spot, Claire Hookstra will attend the University of Texas Austin to study Corporate Comm-unications. She is a member of National Honor Society (Parliamentarian), Interact Club (Secretary), National Art Honors Society and National English Honors Society.

Also tenth, Aiden Kaouk is planning to study Biology at the University of Texas Austin. He participates in National Honor Society (Officer), Varsity Soccer (Captain), French Honors Society (President), Dynamo South Soccer and National Art Honors Society.

The Chamber also honored Nguyen with a scholarship.

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THE BUDDING GARDENER

By MICHELLE THOMPSON

Local Garden Club Presents Flower Show

With gardens waking up and spring flowers emerging there is a good chance to find a flower show listed in area events. I have viewed gorgeous floral displays from some very prestigious flower shows, albeit most were online videos. Probably the most distinguished is the Royal Historical Society Chelsea Flower Show held in the affluent Chelsea area of London, England. This year it will be held at The Royal Hospital May 24 - 28.

In the U.S. our nation's longest running horticultural event, celebrating its 193rd year June 11-19 is the Philadelphia Flower Show. This year's theme "In Full Bloom" will be held at the FDR Park in southern Philly. The event will be held outside, sprawling 15 acres, with promises of spectacular floral displays, juried competitions in horticulture and floral arranging, demonstrations, markets and food. I will be observing the festivities of these two flower shows from the comfort of my home on my

Over the years I have been to numerous local flower shows and have competed in several through my garden club. Flower shows can be presented by garden clubs and horticultural societies such as The Lone Star Daylily Society, The Houston Rose Society and Lone Star Hibiscus



Society each featuring flowers specific to their club's specialty.

Flower Shows can be held at garden clubs, churches, botanic gardens, art museums, historical homes and other venues. Flower shows help educate members and the viewing public, stimulate interest in horticulture and floral design and provide an outlet for creativity.

Those participating in a flower show follow the general rules which are exact requirements provided by the presenter called a flower show schedule. The general rules state who can enter the show, the procedure for making entries, date, time and place for accepting exhibits and the time of judging. The schedule lists a title page with basic club information, show theme, committee chairs, division titles, a scale of points that judges use for scoring and information on any special awards being offered. National Garden Club flower shows, like the ones sponsored by Heritage Gardeners in Friendswood, can have divisions in horticulture, design, education, youth groups and botanical arts (which includes photography).

A flower show presented by the Heritage Gardeners Garden Club with divisions in horticulture, youth and botanical arts will be open to the public on May 12-14. Their clubhouse is located at 112 W. Spreading Oaks, Friendswood, Texas and is surrounded by beautiful gardens also open to the public. The title of the flower show is "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" with eighteen different horticulture sections with fun names like "Tasty Morsels" for herb specimens and "A Buffet" for horticulture displays. "Behind the Glass" will feature youth terrariums and botanical arts photography has classes titled 'Look who is coming to dinner' and 'Caterpillar to Butterfly'. Attendees can expect to see many display tables of cut horticulture specimens, hanging baskets, container grown plantings, cacti and succulents and vegetables. There will be a large number of photography exhibits relating to horticulture, gardening and

The garden club will also be having a plant sale on May 13 & 14. For more information on the Heritage Gardeners Flower or plant facebook.com/FriendswoodHeritageGardeners.

Michelle Thompson is a Galveston County Master Gardener and is a member of Heritage Gardeners of Friendswood. She served as President 2018-2020.

Heritage Gardeners to have huge Plant Sale, Horticulture Show

A huge plant sale is planned by Heritage Gardeners for May 13 and 14 from 9 am to 4 pm at their clubhouse at 112 W. Spreading Oaks in Friendswood. The huge selection of plants will be in the Briscoe Gardens behind the clubhouse. Both annuals, perennials, shrubs and more will be offered in a variety of sizes. Decorative pots and garden art will also be sold. Many plants are what are considered 'passalong' plants and not necessarily sold locally.

At the same time as the sale the club is having their National Garden Club (NGC) Horticulture Specialty Flower Show The Very Hungry Caterpillar inside their clubhouse. The event is judged and ribbons as well as specimens will be on display for the public to view May 12 from 1-4 pm as well

as May 13 and 14 from 9 am to 4 pm.

The show will also have a Botanical Arts Photography Show. This category is also judged and winning ribbons will be on display as well as all photographs entered.

Heritage Junior Master Gardeners under the direction of club member and Galveston County Master Gardener Kaye Corey will have terrariums entered into the show. The club hopes the community will take a

few minutes to walk through the free horticulture show inside the clubhouse.

Heritage Gardeners Garden Club is a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc. South Central Region of National Garden Chinese Indigo (Indigofera Clubs, Inc., Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., District IV of Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., and sale May 13 and 14 by Houston Federation of Garden Clubs



tinctoria) is one of the hundreds of plants that will be on Herit

State Comptroller to speak at Pearland Chamber event

The State of Texas economy is the topic for the upcoining Pearland Chamber of Commerce monthly membership luncheon planned for Thursday, May 19 at Golfcrest Country Club in Pearland.

The featured speaker is Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar.

His keynote is based on the philosophy of Serve Business, Promote growth and Empower community.



Hegar was elected as the 36th Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts in 2014, He is the state's

Chief Financial Officer, the state's treasurer. Tickets to attend the luncheon are \$30 for chamber members and \$35 for non-members.

Sponsorship opportunities include both Industrial Sponsorships for \$500 and Business Level Sponsorships for

The luncheon will run from 11:30 am to 1 pm at Golfcrest located at 2509 Country Club Drive in Pearland.

For more information or to get tickets or sponsorships, contact Leslie Esqueda at Leslie.esqued@pearlandtexaschamber.us or 281-485-3634.

Visit the Pearland Chamber at www.pearlandchamber.org.

Register now for adult basketball league

league. This fun basketball league is open to men 18 and older and takes place at the Pearland Recreation Center & Registration fee includes a seven game regular season

It's almost time for the Pearland recreational basketball

schedule, single elimination playoff, officials, and awards. Game schedule, scores, and league standings will be

updated regularly. For more information or to register, visit the Welcome

Center or online at http://ow.ly/vRMZ50IH6B1. The new seasons begin Monday, May 2 and June 27.

BMI Management is now hiring for

Apartment Community Porter/Groundskeeper

in Friendswood area.

Responsibilities included groundskeeping, pool maintenance, completion of assigned work orders and assist in preparation of make-ready units. Qualifications: High School diploma or GED, valid Texas Driver's License, Bilingual a plus.

Contact **281-996-7778** for further information and to schedule interview.





A large nectarine tree is in bloom in the Discovery Garden of Carbide Park. The garden is maintained by Galveston County Master Gardeners. It is one of the three free fruit tours planned for Saturday, May 14.

Master Gardeners offer tours of 3 fruit orchards

Home Fruit Growers Tours will be offered by Galveston County Master Gardeners free to anyone interested Saturday, May 14 from 9 am to noon in three locations.

Three local fruit orchards are on the tour this year. Vegetable gardens at each site will also be open.

The tour sites contain a wide variety of fruit trees, including a peach orchard and container highbush blueberries in Dickinson, the Galveston County Master Gardener Discovery Garden Orchard in La Marque, and a sizeable home orchard in Santa Fe.

Each site will be open from 9 am to noon with no pre-registration needed; visit sites in any desired order.

There is no rain date for this event. It will occur, rain or shine. Wear appropriate shoes and bring other rain gear as needed.

Orchard locations include the following: Galveston County Master Gardener homeowner at 5202 Highland Road, Santa Fe; Galveston County Master Gardener Demonstration Orchard and Garden at 4102 Main Street (Hwy 519), La Marque; and Wilson and Renee Hillman's Fruits 'n Such Orchard at 6309 Ave. U, Dickinson located off Bowerman Road and FM 517; ph. 832-443-6733.

For additional information: https://galveston.agrilife.org/ horticulture/mgseminars/.

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FAITH MATTERS

By Rev. Dr. Brian Gigee

ON ELECTION

"His divine power has given us everything needed for life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Thus he has given us, through these things, his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may escape from the corruption that is in the world... Therefore, brothers and sisters, be all the more eager to confirm your call and election, for if you do this, you will never stumble. 11 For in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you."

-2 Peter 1:3-4a, 10-11

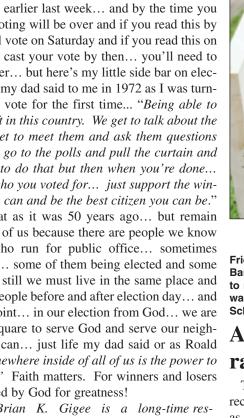
How many times were you ever that last one picked? Once was always enough, right? The only time it was ever good to be last was in the Spelling Bee at school because then you were the winner and oh yes... there was musical chairs... hide-n-seek and don't forget... the cheese stands alone... all being the winner, too. But all childhood games aside... most of us learn early on in life that our world is full of winners and losers... from Little League to Superbowls... from band competitions to choir tournaments... from lottery tickets to Las Vegas weekends... from city and state to federal elections, too... all placing us in a position to win or lose and in those cases it's not always about how you play the game. The next-to-the-last-one standing is still left out. But that's not God's way.

Election is God's way of reminding us how important we really are... each and every one of us... and that in God's way of thinking we are never losers but, rather... all winners... all important... as the Bible reminds us, "God is no respecter of persons" (Acts 10:34)... above all saying... we all count... we all matter... as we are loved the same by the one who has enough affirmation for us all recalling what St. John wrote... "God so loved the world that he gave us Jesus... " a love that is as much personal as it is eternal... for each and every generation... which is and was or is to come... I like that kind of love!

Over the years, I've had a lot of fun striking up conversations with folks wearing a Nike "swoosh" cap or t-shirt. I say to them, "Oh you're blessed!" And then I wait for that look and then go on after a "huh?" or two... saying ... "blessed... you know you're wearing your blessed cap. When God made everyone, he gave them a cap (or T-shirt), walked by and checked off..." you're mine," "you're, mine," "you're mine," I pick you, etc." That's what God's election is all about. Being chosen, first and last and everyone in between... as it's God's way...

It's election season around the country and in this part of the state as I voted earlier last week... and by the time you read this... early voting will be over and if you read this by Friday you can still vote on Saturday and if you read this on Sunday and hadn't cast your vote by then... you'll need to wait until November... but here's my little side bar on elections... something my dad said to me in 1972 as I was turning 18 and able to vote for the first time... "Being able to vote is a sacred gift in this country. We get to talk about the candidates... we get to meet them and ask them questions and then we get to go to the polls and pull the curtain and vote. You'll want to do that but then when you're done... don't tell anyone who you voted for... just support the winners as best as you can and be the best citizen you can be.' Something like that as it was 50 years ago... but remain good words for all of us because there are people we know and care about who run for public office... sometimes against each other... some of them being elected and some of them not... and still we must live in the same place and care for the same people before and after election day... and maybe that's the point... in our election from God... we are put in the public square to serve God and serve our neighbor... the best we can... just life my dad said or as Roald Dahl put it... "Somewhere inside of all of us is the power to change the world." Faith matters. For winners and losers as we are all elected by God for greatness!

The Rev. Dr. Brian K. Gigee is a long-time resident of Pearland, having pastored four churches over the last four decades in Texas and Louisiana. Read more fol-'murmurings' https://briangigee.wordpress.com/. Send comments and/or questions to godworks247365@gmail.com.





NEW TINY LIBRARY

Friendswood has a new tiny library and it is in front Gimme A Bark by Stevenson Park. Anyone can stop by and select a book to read, and/or leave a book for others to enjoy. The structure was created by engineering students at Friendswood High School and painted by the Quest students at the campus

Alvin ISD Transportation Dept. ranked top ISD in nation

The Alvin ISD Transportation Department was recently recognized by the National Fleet Management Association as one of the 100 Best Fleets in America for the 5th year in Fleets are judged on 12 criteria and ordered 1-100. This

year, Alvin ISD Transportation ranked #65 and the highest ranked ISD in the nation.

"Our Transportation managers have to submit a great deal of factual data and statistics to be judged and ranked.

The program recognizes peak-performing fleet operations. This program identifies and encourages the everincreasing levels of performance improvement and innovation within the public fleet industry.

Congratulations to Alvin ISD Executive Director of Transportation, Jeff Dungan, Director of Transportation, Greg Bingham, Fleet Maintenance Manager, Andres Montes, and the entire Alvin ISD Transportation team for their hard work and dedication!



Pictured left to right (back row) Jennifer Corl, Debbie Hebert, Joe Burst, Delma Bush, Richard Bradley, Buck Stevens; (front row) Lewis Barnes, Judy Armstrong, Cassidi Corl.

Exchange Club of Pearland installs Child Abuse Awareness Field on FM 518

The Exchange Club of Pearland, a 32-year-old community service organization in Pearland, installed a Child Abuse Awareness field for the month of April. Regions Bank grathe bank and Casa Ole. 514 pinwheels were installed and 2 crosses. Each pinwheel represents one confirmed case of child abuse in Brazoria County for 2021. Sadly, each cross represents each confirmed death at the hand of child abuse in Brazoria County in 2021. The club was extremely happy with the turn out. Mayor Cole gave a Proclamation and many public officials, the police chief, and some local busi-

ness owners were in attendance.

The Exchange Club of Pearland meets every 2nd and 4th Wed at noon at Casa Ole. Members Exchange their time and ciously allowed the club to use the lot on FM 518 between talents to bring awareness and better their community thru projects in Americanism, Community, Youth, and the Prevention of Child Abuse. To help with their latest fundraiser - the club is bringing back Founders Day with a Craft Show and Car Show at Pearland Town Center Sept. 23 & 24. Please visit our website to sign up as a crafter, vendor, sponsor, and car show participant at www.pearlandexchangeclub.org.



Dawson senior Noah Haileab won the gold medal at the Class 6A Region III track meet with a personal best 9:08.05 which was 14 seconds better than his previous personal record in the 3200 meters. Haileab will compete at the 6A state track meet in



Headed to State

Pearland sophomore Madison Peters won the Gold Medal in the 3200 which qualifies her for the 6A state track meet in Austin. Peters also placed second in the 1600 meters to qualify for state



2022 SOUTH TEXAS REGION BOYS COACH OF THE YEAR



South REGION **CHAMPIONS**

The Dawson boys Water Polo team beat **Brazoswood** 18-13 to capture their second consecutive **South Region** Championship. The Eagles will advance to state as the No. 1 seed from the south with a 25-game win

streak.

SPORTS

From the Cluttered Desk

by Dr. David Davis

Mother's Day Thoughts

This coming Sunday in Mother's Day. I hope it is a special time at your home. I know I



am thankful for my mom. Two years ago, at the age of 94, she went to her heavenly home. still get amused when you ask children about their

family. The following things were sent to me last week so I thought I would share them with you. I'm sure you would agree that only through the mouths of babes can you get these kinds of insights about mom.

WHY GOD MADE MOMS

Answers given by 2nd grade school children to the following

Why did God make mothers?

- 1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
- 2. Mostly to clean the house.
- 3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.
- How did God make mothers? 1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
- 2. Magic plus superpowers and a lot of stirring.
- 3. God made my mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

What ingredients are mothers

- 1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.
- 2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

Why did God give you your mother and not some other

mom? 1. We're related.

2. God knew she likes me a lot

more than other people's mom What kind of a little girl was

your mom?

1. My mom has always been my mom and none of that other

- 2. I don't know because I was-
- n't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
- 3. They say she used to be nice. What did mom need to know about dad before she married
- him?
- 1. His last name.
- 2. She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer?
- 3. Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores?

Why did your mom marry your dad?

- 1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mom eats a lot.
- 2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
- 3. My grandma says that mom

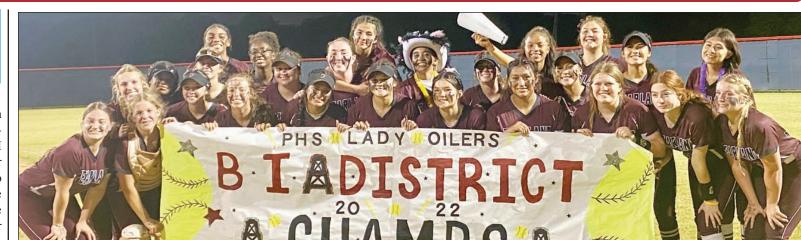
didn't have her thinking cap on. Who's the boss at your house?

- 1. Mom doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because dad's such a goof ball.
- 2. Mom. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.
- 3. I guess mom is, but only because she has a lot more to do than dad.

What's the difference between moms and dads?

- 1. Moms work at work and work at home and dads just go to work at work.
- 2. Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
- 3. Dads are taller and stronger, but moms have all the real power cause that's who you got to ask if you want to sleep over at your friends.
- 4. Moms have magic, they make you feel better without med-
- Old friend Robert said, "HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!"
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6A REGION III BI-DISTRICT CHAMPIONS - The Pearland Lady Oilers swept the Clear Lake Lady Falcons 10-3, 4-3 in the best-of-three series to win the Class 6A Region III bi-district championship. The Lady O's advance to the area round where they will face the Summer Creek Lady Bulldogs in a best-of-three series on Friday and Saturday, May 6-7. Photo by Michelle Robinett

Lady Oilers sweep Lady Falcons in opening round

By DR. DAVID DAVIS

Pearland faced the Clear Lake Lady Falcons in the opening round of the Class 6A Region III bi-district playoffs and came away with a 10-3

and a 4-3 sweep in the best-of-three series.

The Lady Oilers advance to the area round where they will face the Summer Creek Lady Bulldogs in a best-of-three series that begins on Friday, May 6 at Summer Creek at 7:00 p.m. Game 2 is schedule for Saturday, May 7 at Pearland HS at 5 p.m. If necessary, Game 3 will follow 30 minutes after Game 2 ends.

PEARLAND 10 - CLEAR LAKE 3

Clear Lake scored the first run in the top of the first inning, but Pearland answered with a pair of runs in the bottom half of the first frame for a 2-1 lead.

The Lady Oilers added another run in the bottom of the third making the score 3-1.

But the fourth frame proved to be the backbreaker for Clear Lake as the Lady Oilers broke the game open with five runs and an 8-1

Players that sparked the big inning were

Hailey Golden, Alayna Calvillo, Raenna Liscano, and Kristyn Whitlock who all drove in Pearland increased the lead to 10-1 with a run

in the fifth and a run in the sixth. Clear Lake continued to battle with two runs

in the seventh, but it was too little too late as the Lady Oilers prevailed 10-3. Leading hitters for Pearland included Golden

(3-for-3, 2 runs, 2 RBIs), Calvillo (1-for-3, 2 runs, 1 RBI), Liscano (1-for-4, 1 run, 3 RBIs), Whitlock (4-for-4, 1 run, 2 RBIs, 2 doubles), Lydia Njus (1-for-3, 1 run, double), and Trinity Perry (1-for-2, 1 RBI).

Abigail Guttierrez was the winning pitcher for the Lady Oilers as she pitched 2.1 innings and gave up no runs, no hits, and struck out four. Flores pitched 3.1 frames and gave up two hits, one run, and struck out four while Carpenter tossed 1.1 innings and allowed two runs and two hits.

PEARLAND 4 - CLEAR LAKE 3

Pearland faced Clear Lake in the second game of the best-of-three series with the Lady Oilers leading the series 1-0.

This game was much closer as Pearland scored a run late in the game to pull out the 4-3 win and the series to advance to the Class 6A Region III area round to face the Summer Creek Lady Bulldogs.

Pearland took an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning and scored two more in the third for a 3-0 advantage, but Clear Lake cut into the lead with two runs in the bottom half of the third making the score 3-1.

The Lady Falcons tied up the game in the bottom of the fifth with a run making the score

The Lady O's scored the winning run in the top of the sixth when Kelsey Martin reached base on an error by the third baseman. After Martin advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Lydia Njus, Trinity Perry singled to move Martin to third. Hailey Golden hit a one-out RBI single to make the score 4-3 that stood as

Abigail Gutierrez picked up the win after allowing nine hits, two runs, four walks, and three strikeouts.

Friendswood sweeps Port Neches-Groves in bi-district round

By DR. DAVID DAVIS

Friendswood got a 4-0 win over Port Neches-Groves in Game 1 of their Region III-5A bidistrict playoff opener at Goose Creek Memorial High School.

"This team is very different from any team I've coached. They're very business oriented, whereas the other ones I've had before ... if they're not emotional about it, I'm usually worried," Williams-Yates said. "This team is a little bit different. I usually don't know what they're going to bring to the table until they show up."

Friendswood is now 26-6 on the season. They managed to string together four hits for a 2-0 lead in the top half of the first inning.

Janelle Wilson, Chloe Riassetto, Lainie Schaefer (RBI) and Charleigh Esparza (RBI) hit consecutive singles to push across two In the fourth inning, Friendswood freshman

Nevaeh Cason opened with an infield single

and came home one out later on a long double to left by Madelyn Wilson. Baileigh Burtis then brought in Wilson on an infield single off the glove of Vines making the score 4-0. Riassetto, who was steady in the circle,

allowing just three baserunners while she finished with eight strikeouts to get the win.

"It's playoffs. You can have all the scouting reports you want. You still have to execute," said Williams-Yates. "I thought we stayed pretty even keeled ... not too high emotionally, not too low."

FRIENDSWOOD 7 - PN-G 1

Friendswood led 1-0 after three innings, then hit PN-G with a six-run fourth, including a pair of errors, a passed ball and a wild pitch into a base-running parade.

Janelle Wilson scattered five hits and fanned nine as Friendswood improved to 27-6. PN-G ended at 22-10-3.

After Nevaeh Cason and Maddie Wilson reached on Lady Indian errors to open the fourth, Chloe Aldrich brought home the first run with a sacrifice fly. Halle Cordova then reached base on a fielder's choice, Baleigh Burtis followed with a single and Chloe Riassetto added a run-scoring hit as the Lady Mustangs batted around for their six runs.

Pearland diamondmen capture district title with Dawson sweep

By DR. DAVID DAVIS

Reporter News Staff

Pearland faced their cross-town cousins and swept Dawson 5-3 and 6-2 to win the District 23-6A outright. The Oilers will be the No. 1 seed when they begin the 6A Region III playoffs.

In the first game, it appeared that Dawson would take the game as they built a 3-0 lead after four frames.

But Pearland began to chip away scoring a run in the fifth, sixth, and seventh innings to finish the game tied 3-3 in regulation and sending the game into extra innings.

After two scoreless innings by both teams, Pearland finally broke through with a pair of runs in the top of the 10th frame for a 5-3

The winning rally began when

Anthony Avalos reached base on an error by the Dawson shortstop. John Moya hit into a fielder's choice and Avalos was thrown out

at second base. Ferraro Caden and Jace Caceras both walked to load the bases to set up a sacrifice fly by Brett Smajstrla to score Moya and take a 4-3 lead. Caceras would then score on a passed ball to give the Oilers an insurance run for a

Dawson was unable to score in their half of the 10th inning which gave Pearland the 5-3 win.

Jake Mader-Cooper got the victory on the mound for the Oilers as he surrendered no runs, no hits over two innings, striking out two. Josh Graf and Daniel Ontiveros entered the game out of the bullpen and helped to close out the game in relief.



Dawson senior pitcher Trevor Brigham threw 5.2 innings vs Pearland with three strikeouts while giving up just five hits and only two runs. The Eagles were ahead 3-2 after his outing but Pearland was able to claw back into the game and win 5-3 in extra innings.

Mark Zapata started the game for the Oilers as he allowed six hits and three runs over two and two-thirds innings.

Trevor Brigham started the game for Dawson. Brigham went five and two-thirds innings, allowing two runs on five hits and striking out three.

Travis Minard took the loss for Dawson in relief as he allowed no hits, two runs over three innings, striking out three. PEARLAND 6 -

DAWSON 2

Pearland trailed early in the game against Dawson who had built a 2-0 lead through the first

three frames. The Oilers scored a run in the bottom of the fourth when blasted a solo home run over the left field

wall to cut the lead to 2-1. Pearland sealed the win in the bottom of the sixth when Anthony Avalos ripped a three run triple to center field to drive in Franco Aguilar, Logan Scott, and Partida scores to make the score 6-2. Brett Smajstrla scored earlier in the inning after reaching base on an error. Caden Ferraro earned the win

for Pearland as he lasted six and a third innings, allowing six hits and two runs while striking out 14 and walking zero. Jake Mader-Cooper threw two-thirds of an inning in relief out of the bullpen.

Jacob Dugas took the loss for Dawson. The hurler lasted five and a third innings, allowing five hits and six runs while striking out

The Eagles tallied six hits. Jonah Reynolds and Trevor Brigham all managed multiple hits for Dawson.

Pearland senior pitcher Josh Graf delivers a strike vs Dawson in a relief appearance in the first game between the two teams. Graf went four scoreless innings with one hit, one walk and six strikeouts. Graf's clutch performance kept the Oilers in position to make a comeback in extra innings and win the game 5-3 in the tenth frame. The Oilers would go on to sweep the season series with Dawson on Friday with a 6-2 win as well.

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INVITATION TO BID

BDD # 4 MIMOSA ACRES DETENTION FACILITY

The scope of the project includes (approximately): 1,865 Square Feet of RediRock retaining wall and all associated improvements. Bid Documents may be obtained on the CivCast website at

www.civcastusa.com. Bids shall be submitted on CivCast no later than May 17, 2022 at 10 a.m. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the offices of the District, 4813

Broadway, Pearland, Texas 77581 on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. A Cashier's Check, or bid bond payable to Brazoria Drainage District No. 4 in

the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the bid submitted, as outlined in the Contract Documents, is required. Upload a fully executed PDF copy of the bond or cashier's check with your bid to avoid disqualification. Successful low bidder shall hand deliver the cashier's check or bid bond to the District office at 4813 West Broadway Street Pearland Texas 77581 within two (2) business days of being notified the he/she is the low bidder for the project to avoid disqualifica-

The successful bidder receiving Contract awards must furnish Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) each of the total Contract price. The successful bidder must also furnish a maintenance bond which shall guarantee all work embraced by the Contract against defective workmanship and materials for a period of one (1) year. Each such bond shall be executed by a corporate surety authorized to do business in the State of

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive bidding informalities. Those bids deemed most advantageous to the Owner will be considered for the award of a Contract.

Bid Documents and Specifications were prepared by Lentz Engineering, LLC at 11511 North Garden Street Houston, Texas 77071, Telephone No. 713 839-8900. Plans not available for pickup at Lentz Engineering, LLC for this bidding opportunity. The retaining wall design and plan were prepared by JC Hines & Associates but please direct any and all RFIs through CivCast and not directly

ALL REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION, BID CLARIFICATIONS, ETC ARE TO BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE CIVCAST SYSTEM AND NOT TO THIRD PARTY VENDORS OR DESIGN FIRMS.

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NOTICE TO RESPONDERS CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS

Request for Statements of Qualifications (RSOQ) For General Engineering Design Services for Drainage, Utilities, Transportation and Public Facilities City of Pearland, Texas RFQ NO.: 0322-01

The City of Pearland is Requesting Statements of Qualifications (RSOQ) from firms who can adequately demonstrate they have the resources, experience, and qualifications to fulfill the role of Engineering Design Consultant for Engineering and Design Services for Drainage, Utilities, Transportation and Public Facilities.

The respondent should highlight its team of in-house professionals within one or

more of these specialty fields to provide the above described services in an efficient manner in the best interest of the City of Pearland and that will provide successful, on-time, and on-budget project delivery. Information should be provided for each above specialty services the firm possesses personnel practicing in.

The RSOQ is available through the City's E-bid System and the responding RSOQs will be accepted through the City's E-bid System. All interested Respondents are required to register as a "supplier" on the City's E-bid System at: http://pearlandtx.gov/business/doing-business/bid-opportunities by clicking on "Supplier Registration". The RSOQ is available for download upon approval of registration. Once approved, registration provides automatic access to the RSOQ, any changes to the RSOQ, and any changes to the submission time or date. Submitting Firms accept sole responsibility for downloading all of the necessary documents required to provide a full response to the RSOQ.

RSOQs shall be submitted in the format described in the RSOQ and be submitted electronically through the E-bid System. Questions regarding electronic submission of the SOQ should be directed to City Purchasing Office at ebids@pearlandtx.gov and reference RFQ #0322-01

All RSOQs submitted electronically will remain confidential until the opening date and time when they will be opened and the names of the submitting firms read into the public record. No Fee information should be included with the submittal.

RFQs will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 19, 2022

Intent of this Request for Qualifications

From this RSOQ, the City will select a Primary Design Firms for upcoming projects based solely on the firm's qualifications to perform that work. Some projects may ultimately have a Primary Design Firm with sub-consultants under the direction and management of the City's Projects Department. The Primary Design Firm will be responsible for the successful management of their team, preliminary and final design services, bid phase services and limited Construction Phase services for the overall project. In addition, they will be responsible for managing, directing, and coordinating their team of engineering firms as assemble

Leslie Crittenden City Secretary, City of Pearland

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS

Sealed Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 26 2022 and read aloud into the public record for the following project:

> Intersection Improvements - Broadway at Dixie Farm City of Pearland, Texas **COP PN: TR1804** BID NO.: ITB 0322-08

The project will entail the improvements for the intersection of Broadway (FM 518) and Dixie Farm Road. Both approaches of Dixie Farm Road will be widened to add a second left-turn lane. The improvements will include removal of existing roadway elements, widening of concrete payement, installation of curb, concrete median, islands, driveways, pavement markings, drainage inlets and pipes and traffic signs. Existing signals will be modified to accommodate this change The modifications will be limited to additional relocations of vehicular signal heads, installation of pedestals, pedestrian signal heads and detectors, ground boxes, new conduit, and cables.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held in person at the City of Pearland City Hall Council Chambers at 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas 77581 at 11:00 a.m. on May 12, 2022.

All bids should be submitted through the E-Bid system located on the City's website at: https://pearland.ionwave.net/Login.aspx. All interested Bidders are advised to register as a "supplier" on the City's E-Bid System at the above website by clicking on "Supplier Registration" and completing a short registration questionnaire. Electronic Bid Documents, including Plans, Technical Specifications and Bid Forms are available for download after registration is approved by City Purchasing office. No plan fees or deposits are required for bid documents obtained through the City's E-bid System. Questions regarding electronic bidding should be directed to City Purchasing Office at ebids@pearlandtx.gov.

Bid Documents are also available for review at the following plan houses:

(713) 956-0100 Amtek Plan Room The Associated General Contractors of America, Inc. (713) 334-7100 (832) 613-0201 Virtual Builders Exchange McGraw Hill Construction - Dodge Reports (800) 393-6343

Bid Security, in the form of Cashier's Check, Certified Check, or Bid Bond, payable to the City of Pearland in the amount of 5% of the total base bid price must accompany each Bid proposal. See Instructions to Bidders for Bond submittal information and instructions.

The City of Pearland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Crystal Roan, TRMC City Secretary, City of Pearland

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Pearland, Texas (the "City") will meet at its regular meeting place at City Hall, Pearland, Texas at 6:30 p.m. on the 13th day of June, 2022, which is the time and place tentatively set for the passage of an ordinance and such other action as may be deemed necessary to authorize the issuance of the City's certificates of obligation, payable from ad valorem taxation and a limited (in an amount not to exceed \$10,000) subordinate pledge of certain revenues of the water and sewer system of the City, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$8,380,000 bearing interest at any rate or rates, not to exceed the maximum interest rate now or hereafter authorized by law, as shall be determined within the discretion of the City Council at the time of issuance and maturing over a period of years not to exceed forty (40) years from the date thereof, for the purpose of evidencing the indebtedness of the City to pay all or any part of the contractual obligations to be incurred for the construction of public works and the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, machinery, buildings, land and rights-of-way for authorized needs and purposes and for the payment of contractual obligations for professional services, to wit: (i) construction and improvements to Shadow Creek Trail Phase II within the City, (ii) construction and improvements to Shadow Creek Parkway landscaping, street lighting and sidewalks within the City, and (iii) professional services rendered in connection with the above listed projects. The esti mated combined principal and interest required to pay the Certificates on time and in full is \$10,819,433. Such estimate is provided for illustrative purposes only and is based on an assumed interest rate of 4.00%. Market conditions affecting interest rates vary based on a number of factors beyond the control of the City. and the City cannot provide any assurance regarding the rate of interest that the Certificates will bear upon their issuance. As of the date of this notice, the aggregate principal amount of outstanding public securities of the City secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes (excluding public securities secured by an ad valorem tax but designated by the City as self-supporting) is \$325,555,000 and based on the City's expectations, as of the date of this notice the combined principal and interest required to pay all of the outstanding public securities of the

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time and in full is \$423,486,807.

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City secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes (excluding public securities

secured by an ad valorem tax but designated by the City as self-supporting) on

(the "City") will meet at its regular meeting place at City Hall, Pearland, Texas at 6:30 p.m. on the 13th day of June, 2022, which is the time and place tentatively set for the passage of an ordinance and such other action as may be deemed necessary to authorize the issuance of the City's certificates of obligation payable from ad valorem taxation and a limited (in an amount not to exceed \$10,000) subordinate pledge of certain revenues of the water and sewer system of the City, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$10,715,000. bearing interest at any rate or rates, not to exceed the maximum interest rate now or hereafter authorized by law, as shall be determined within the discretion of the City Council at the time of issuance and maturing over a period of years not to exceed forty (40) years from the date thereof, for the purpose of evidencing the indebtedness of the City to pay all or any part of the contractual obligations to be incurred for the construction of public works and the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, machinery, buildings, land and rights-of-way for authorized needs and purposes and for the payment of contractual obligations for profes sional services, to wit: (i) construction and improvements to the Cowarts Creek Detention Pump Station Generator within the City, (ii) construction and improvements to the Orange Street Service Center Phase II within the City, (iii) construction and improvements to the Police Training Center within the City; (iv) construction and improvements to the Public Safety Building within the City, (v) construction and improvements to Hillhouse Road Annex Phase II within the City, (vi) acquisition, construction and installation of a natatorium air handling replacement, (vii) construction and improvements to McHard Road extension, from Mykawa Road to Cullen Parkway, (viii) construction and improvements to Smith Ranch Road extension (CR-94), from Hughes Ranch Road to Broadway, (ix) con struction and improvements to Dixie Farm Road transition near Mary's Creek and Cowarts Creek Bridge, and (x) professional services rendered in connection with the above listed projects. The estimated combined principal and interest required to pay the Certificates on time and in full is \$15.092.678. Such estimate is provided for illustrative purposes only and is based on an assumed interest rate of 3.25%. Market conditions affecting interest rates vary based on a number of factors beyond the control of the City, and the City cannot provide any assurance regarding the rate of interest that the Certificates will bear upon their issuance As of the date of this notice, the aggregate principal amount of outstanding public securities of the City secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes (excluding public securities secured by an ad valorem tax but designated by the City as self-supporting) is \$325,555,000, and based on the City's expectations, as of the late of this notice the combined principal and interest required to pay all of the outstanding public securities of the City secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes (excluding public securities secured by an ad valorem tax but designated by the City as self-supporting) on time and in full is \$423,486,807.

Leslie Crittenden Pearland City Secretary

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Pearland,

Texas (the "City") will meet at its regular meeting place at City Hall, Pearland, Texas at 6:30 p.m. on the 13th day of June, 2022, which is the time and place tentatively set for the passage of an ordinance and such other action as may be deemed necessary to authorize the issuance of the City's certificates of obligation, payable from ad valorem taxation and a limited (in an amount not to exceed \$10,000) subordinate pledge of certain revenues of the water and sewer system of the City, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$49,205,000 bearing interest at any rate or rates, not to exceed the maximum interest rate now or hereafter authorized by law, as shall be determined within the discretion of the City Council at the time of issuance and maturing over a period of years not to exceed forty (40) years from the date thereof, for the purpose of evidencing the indebtedness of the City to pay all or any part of the contractual obligations to be incurred for the construction of public works and the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, machinery, buildings, land and rights-of-way for authorized needs and purposes and for the payment of contractual obligations for professional services, to wit: (i) construction and improvements to Surface Water Plant Phase I in the City, (ii) construction and improvements to Bailey Water Plant in the City, (iii) construction and improvements to Barry Rose Water Reclamation Facility Expansion in the City, (iv) construction and improvements John Hargrove Environmental Complex Water Reclamation Facility Expansion in the City, (v) other construction, repairs, improvements, additions and extensions to the City's water and sewer system and (iv) professional services rendered in connection with the above listed projects. The estimated combined principal and interest required to pay the Certificates on time and in full is \$65,174,407. Such estimate is provided for illustrative purposes only and is based on an assumed interest rate of 3.25% Market conditions affecting interest rates vary based on a number of factors beyond the control of the City, and the City cannot provide any assurance regarding the rate of interest that the Certificates will bear upon their issuance. As of the date of this notice, the aggregate principal amount of outstanding pub lic securities of the City secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes (excluding public securities secured by an ad valorem tax but designated by the City as self-supporting) is \$325,555,000, and based on the City's expectations, as of the date of this notice the combined principal and interest required to pay all of the outstanding public securities of the City secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes (excluding public securities secured by an ad valorem tax but designated by the City as self-supporting) on time and in full is \$423,486,807. Leslie Crittenden

Pearland City Secretary

Apartment Community Porter/Groundskeeper in Friendswood area. Responsibilities included groundskeeping,

BMI Management is now hiring for

pool maintenance, completion of assigned work orders and assist in preparation of make-ready units.

Qualifications: High School diploma or GED, valid Texas Driver's License, Bilingual a plus.

Contact 281-996-7778 for further information and to schedule interview.

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CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 2022-10** FM-518 ILLUMINATION INSTALLATION PROJECT

Request for Proposals (RFPs) shall be submitted via two (2) electronic copies, each copy on one flash drive or CD. Each flash drive/CD must contain only one (1) file in PDF format and must match identically. The PDF files must include the ink signature of a person with the authority to bind the vendor into a contract. All submitted materials must be clearly marked with RFP NO. 2022-10, and addressed to the City of Friendswood, Attn: City Secretary, and are to be received at Friendswood City Hall, City Secretary's Office, 910 S. Friendswood Dr., Friendswood, TX, 77546, before 2:00 P.M., Thursday, May 26, 2022.

The City of Friendswood (the "City") reserves the right to reject any or all propos-

als. Any contract resulting from this RFP shall be awarded to the responsible

offeror whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the City considering the relative importance of price and the other evaluation factors included in this request for proposals. Specifications and related information may be downloaded from the City of Friendswood's website at https://www.ci.friendswood.tx.us/Bids.aspx or may be reviewed/inspected during regular business hours in the City Secretary's Office.

City Hall, 910 South Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546 A Non- Mandatory Pre-RFP Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 10:00 A.M., via video conferencing using the following link:

https://friendswood.com/RFP-518-illumination. For additional information, please contact Jildardo Arias, PE, CFM at (281) 993-3411 or via email to engineering@friendswood.com.

/s/ Leticia Brysch, City Secretary

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CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Pearland Purchasing Division, 3523 Liberty Dr., until 2:00 PM on Thursday June 9, 2022, and all bids will be read aloud via virtual meeting. Interested parties may join meeting by calling: #281-652-1775; Meeting: #1790, Access Code: #0971 on that date for:

RFP 0222-06 Playground Safety Surfacing and Related Equipment

Bid forms, specifications and all necessary information may be obtained from the following website: https://pearland.ionwave.net. Vendors are encouraged to return the bid response electronically using the City's e-bid system, but may submit by hard-copy, with either manner due by the closing date and time stated

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at City Hall Annex Texas Room located at 3523 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas 77581 at 2:30 PM on Thursday, May 16, 2022. See bid solicitation for virtual link option if preferred.

Vendors should register on the City's e-bid system https://pearland.ionwave.net. Once registered on the City's e-bid system, bid documents may be viewed on the site. If further assistance is needed, please email <u>ebids@pearlandtx.gov</u> no later than 5:00 PM on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, and refer to RFP 0222-06. Bid Closing Date: 2:00 PM on Thursday, June 9, 2022.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

This serves as formal notice of a hearing to address in an open court the code violations located at 6209 Butler Drive, Pearland, Brazoria County, Texas 77581, Brazoria CAD Property ID 215551 and 215552 and formally recognized as Hickory Creek Place (Pearland), Block 2, Lots 3 and 4. The court date has been scheduled at 3:00 p.m. on May 24, 2022, at the Pearland Municipal Court, using the Zoom virtual meeting platform.

The City of Pearland Chief Inspector and Acting Building Official inspected the property on March 3, 2022, and generated an Inspection Report. The Acting Building Official found the structures at 6209 Butler Drive to be substandard based upon violations of the minimum standards adopted under the Pearland Code of Ordinances and the International Property Maintenance Code. Specifically, the violations include:

- 1.) Int'l Prop. Maint. Code 108.1.1 The property contains an unsafe structure that is dangerous to the life, health, property, or safety of the public or the occupants of the structure because such structure is damaged, decayed, dilapidated, structurally unsafe, or of such faulty construction or unstable foundation, that partial or complete collapse is possible.
- 2.) Int'l Prop. Maint. Code 108.1.3 The property contains a structure that is unfit for human occupancy because the code official found that the structure is unsafe, unlawful, or because of the degree to which the structure is in disrepair or lacks maintenance, is unsanitary, vermin or rat infested, contains filth and contamination, or lacks ventilation, illumination, sanitary or heating facilities, or other essential equipment required by the code.

3.) Int'l Prop. Maint. Code 302.5 - All structures and exterior property shall be

- kept free from rodent harborage and infestation. Where rodents are found, they shall be promptly exterminated by approved processes which will not be injurious to human health. After pest elimination, proper precautions shall be taken to eliminate rodent harborage and prevent reinfestation.
- 4.) Int'l Prop. Maint. Code 304.1 The property contains a structure, the exterior of which is not maintained in good repair, structurally sound, and sanitary, such that it poses a threat to the public health, safety, and welfare. 5.) Int'l Prop. Maint. Code 304.2 - The property contains a building on which
- exterior surfaces, including but not limited to, doors, door and window frames, cornices, porches, and trim are not maintained in good condition, and siding and masonry joints, as well as those between the building envelope and the perimeter of windows, doors and skylights, are not maintained weather resistant and 6.) Int'l Prop. Maint. Code 304.4 - The property contains a structure including
- structural members that are not being maintained free from deterioration, and therefore are not capable of safely supporting the imposed dead and live loads. 7.) Int'l Prop. Maint. Code 304.6 - The property contains a building on which exterior walls are not free from holes, breaks, or loose or rotting materials; or is not maintained weatherproof and property surface coated where required to prevent deterioration.
- 8.) Int'l Prop. Maint. Code 304.7 The property contains a building on which roof and flashing are not sound, tight, or have defects that admit rain, or on which roof drainage is not adequate to prevent dampness or deterioration in the walls or interior portions of the structure. 9.) Int'l Prop. Maint. Code 304.13 - The property contains a building with win-
- dows, doors, and frames that are not kept in sound condition, good repair, or 10.) Int'l Prop. Maint. Code 304.15 - The property contains a building on which

exterior doors, door assemblies, and hardware are not being maintained in good

condition and on which locks at entrances do not tightly secure the doors. 11.) Int'l Fire Code 311.1.1 - Buildings, structures, and premises...which persistently or repeatedly become unprotected or unsecure, which has been occupied by unauthorized person for illegal purposes, or which present a danger of structural collapse or fire spread to adjacent properties shall be considered abandoned, declared unsafe and abated by demolition or rehabilitation in accordance

with the Int'l Prop. Maint. Code and the Int'l. Building Code.

These violations cause the building to be considered dilapidated, substandard, and/or unfit for human habitation and pose a hazard to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community.

The scheduled court date described above is for a public hearing to determine

the actions that must be taken by you and/or the City regarding the vacation, securing, repair, removal, or demolition of a substandard building located on the property listed above. The hearing will be before the Municipal Court Judge. At the hearing, the owner, lienholder, and/or mortgagee will be given the opportunity to comment, testify, or present witnesses or written information about any matter relating to the substandard building. At the hearing, the City shall have the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the building is substandard as described in Chapter 54 of the Texas Local Government Code. The owner, lienholder, or mortgagee shall have the burden of proof to demonstrate the scope of any work that may be required to comply with State Law and City Ordinances, and the time it will take to reasonably perform the work.

According to the real property records of Brazoria County, Texas, and appropriate records of the Secretary of State, Central Appraisal District, tax rolls, etc., Maria Victoria Castillo is an owner, lienholder, or mortgagee of the real property described in this notice. If you no longer own or have an interest in the property, please notify the office of the City Attorney on or before the hearing date.

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