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## Around Town

June 1-July 31

### SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Pearland Library Adult Summer Reading program is back! For every 10 hours spent reading receive 1 branch ticket entry. Adults can also earn 1 ticket just for attending one of the library's programs for adults. Read 40 hours and you will win a completion prize for finishing the program and a ticket for the grand prize drawing. For more information go to <https://libraryaware.com/2JCWY2>. The library is located at 3522 Liberty Dr.

June 16

### RAILROADS, CANALS, RIVERS

The Brazoria County Historical Museum will host "Railroads, Canals, and Rivers" presented by Dr. Paul Pedisich. On Thursday, June 16, at 6pm Dr. Pedisich will explore the evolution of transportation in Brazoria County. From flat boats to railcars, Dr. Pedisich will discuss the role of money, politics, and labor in the ever-changing industry of transportation in Texas from the 1830s to the 1860s. He will also examine the notorious "slave ditch" and address the use of slave and Irish immigrant labor. The Museum is located at 100 East Cedar in Angleton. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information follow us on Facebook or call 979-864-1208.

### LIBRARY TEEN SCENE

Pearland Library Summer Reading Challenge for Thursday, June 16 will be Teen Scene - Escape the Titanic. The event starts at 4pm at Tom Reid Library, 3522 Liberty Dr. Use your wits and clues in the room to escape the sinking vessel. For ages 12-18.

June 17

### CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Texas Unlimited Band will be playing Country/Variety music at Concerts in the Park on Friday, June 17 from 7 to 9pm at Independence Park, 3449 Pearland Parkway. Concerts are free and will feature a variety of local bands. Local food vendors will also be on site. For more information visit [pearlandtx.gov/concerts](http://pearlandtx.gov/concerts).

Jan. 18

### OLD PEARLAND FARMERS MARKET

Old Pearland Farmers Market will be held Saturday, June 18 from 9am to 1pm at Pearland Independence Park, 3449 Pearland Parkway. Bring food donations or cash donations to be entered for a chance to win a great raffle prize from local businesses. Donations are accepted at the welcome table at the entrance of the market. Bring cash, but many vendors also use Venmo and take cards! Overflow parking is located at City Hall Annex Lot, 3523 Liberty Drive.

June 21

### ALVIN ISD BOOK BUS

Alvin ISD Book Bus will be at Pearland Acres Mobile Home Park (18810 Tree Top Dr.) from 11:45 to 12:45pm on Tuesday, June 21. The Book Bus is loaded with brand new books, including the 2022 Bluebonnets, 2X2, Trailblazer, and Tejas award-winning books to ensure that students can read them before the school year starts. The Alvin ISD Book Bus will provide reading resources to students and their families who may not have access to literacy opportunities at home, and those who might not have transportation to public or school libraries during the summer. For more information visit <https://www.alvinisd.net/Page/25549>.

June 24

### REPTILES WITH RUBY

Reptiles with Ruby is slated for Friday, June 24 at 12pm at the Pearland Library, 3522 Liberty Dr. Learn about reptiles of Texas at this hands-on program for all ages. Open to the public.

## Council gains new member, hosts special meeting

By KAROLYN GEPHART  
Reporter News Staff

New Pearland City Council member is Layni Cade who won the runoff election against Zach Boyer June 11. Cade received 70.28 percent of the vote over Boyer's 24.19 percent.

Cade joins two other new Council members: Joseph Koza and Jeffrey Barry.

The Pearland City Council held a Special Meeting at 5 pm Monday, June 13 before its regu-

larly scheduled meeting for June. The special meeting offered a presentation by Freese and Nichols, Inc. on the City's 2022 Water Reclamation Facility Consolidation Study.

The 2022 Water Reclamation Facility Consolidation Study is an informative evaluation of multiple alternative approaches to consolidating and updating the



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City's future wastewater conveyance and treatment for the Barry Rose and Longwood facilities. The study results reflect an intensive seven-month exercise to identify all potential alternatives, define capital and operational costs and provide analysis to guide the planning of this infrastructure development in the City's Longwood, Barry

Rose, and John Hargrove service basins.

The purpose of the presentation was to provide City Council with an objective comparison of the five alternatives fully developed by the team to highlight the most relevant information for planning purposes.

The Study was guided by a set of specific goals and additional considerations that shape the findings and ultimately its recommendations.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pints for Parks to benefit Forever Foundation

By KAROLYN GEPHART  
Reporter News Staff

The community is invited to join the Forever Parks Foundation of Pearland for the 2nd Annual Pints for Parks event at Vallensons' Brewing Company on Saturday, July 16 from 2 to 9 pm.

The event is family friendly and will include Nature Trivia provided by the Delores Fenwick Nature Center, face painting/balloon making, lawn games, live music by Patty O'Beers, a silent auction and raffles.

Wristbands include two beer tokens and are \$20. The wristbands show support for the

Foundation.

Sponsorship opportunities are available now.

Vallensons' Brewing Company is located at 4041 Rice Drier Rd.

The Forever Parks Foundation



To get wristbands and/or become a sponsor, visit [www.eventbrite.com/.../pints-for-parks-2022](http://www.eventbrite.com/.../pints-for-parks-2022).

of Pearland is a non-profit organization that raises funds to support Parks & Recreation in the Pearland area.

The Forever Parks Foundation of Pearland was created to advocate for the Parks & Recreation Department by building strong community relationships to aid in raising substantial funding and the development of additional resources to enhance the Department's ability to provide recreational opportunities to the Pearland community. The Foundation hopes that by working within the community they will be able to promote recreational awareness, increase youth involvement and enhance the overall quality of life for all Pearland residents.

## Asian Music & Food Festival returns to Pearland June 25

Bring picnic blankets and lawn chairs to Pearland on June 25 for a day-long celebration of Korean pop culture, music, and food. It's all part of the 2022 Summer Seoul Festival.

The popular family friendly festival is returning to Pearland at Independence Park at 3449 Pearland Parkway from 11 am to 10 pm.

The event is hosted by SNAP2 Official and the Korean

American Society of Houston.

K-Pop and K Hip-Hop music at the Sarang Stage will feature a variety of performances from talented local dancers and a headlining show from DOE and BROOKLYN to end the night. There will also be three, large K-Pop dance challenges on the lawn throughout the day.

The Myeongdong Market Pavilion will offer food trucks, food tents, drinks, and desserts on site

to satisfy all cravings.

The Eve Pink booth will have items that fit K-Pop needs, and the shopping market will offer variety of items to purchase



Water bottle-filling stations will be available as well as water fountains to help with hydration.

General admission to the Summer Seoul Festival is \$10 per person. At a \$40 silver tier attendees receive a festival shirt, and the \$60 gold tier includes an artist meet and greet experience.

Purchase tickets at [www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-seoul-fest-2022-tickets-348201970467](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-seoul-fest-2022-tickets-348201970467).

The Korean-American Society of Houston is a 501(c)(3) Non-profit organization dedicated to promoting cultural diversity in Houston, empowering young leaders, and bridging the Korean-American community with the larger Houston community.

## Blue Ridge Landfill to offer Free Shred Day

Blue Ridge Landfill is having a Free Shred Day for the community Saturday, June 18 from 8 am to noon.

The landfill will have the shredding equipment in their parking lot at 2200 FM 521 Rd. in Fresno.

There is a limit of four trash bags or bankers boxes per vehicle.

Blue Ridge Landfill has served business and residential customers throughout the Houston Metro since 1992. The Landfill handles approximately 4,500 tons of waste per day, or more than 1.1million tons annually. Located on FM 521 south of the Beltway, Blue Ridge Landfill enables Harris, Brazoria and Fort Bend Counties to grow and prosper by providing safe and environmentally responsible waste disposal services.

For additional information visit <http://BlueRidgeLandfill.com>.



## Dawson's Courtney Day stands out for Texas at WCWS

By DR. DAVID DAVIS  
Reporter News Staff

University of Texas sophomore and former Dawson All-Stater Courtney Day helped lead the Lady Longhorns to the Women's College World Series championship best-of-three series in Oklahoma City.

Texas was one of two unseeded teams in the WCWS and faced Oklahoma State in the national semifinals. Texas, who was playing out of the loser's bracket, had to beat OSU twice to advance to the finals to face No. 1 ranked and defending national champions Oklahoma.

Day blasted a three-run home run against Oklahoma State in Game 1 to provide the Longhorns with a 5-0 win in a must-win contest.

Texas, needing to beat OSU again to advance to the championship series, did so by rallying from a 5-0 deficit to claim a 6-5 win in Game 2.

Day pulled Texas within 5-3 in the top of the fourth inning with another three-run home run.

It should be noted that Day's home run came off former Clear Springs standout Kelly Maxwell, who had no-hit Texas through the first three innings.

Texas beat OSU to be the first unseeded team to reach the WCWS finals, but they were swept by Oklahoma in the best-of-three series 16-1 and 10-5 allowing the Sooners to repeat as national softball champions.

Day was a four-year standout at Dawson HS. She was selected as the District 23-6A "Most Valuable Player" after she led the Lady Eagles to a share of the league title and a third round playoff series her senior year.

Day hit .561 while going 46-for-98 with 15 runs, 43 RBIs, 12 doubles, one triple, and 10 home runs. She pitched 125 innings with 178 strikeouts for a 1.06 ERA.

## Pearland adds another entry monument

Construction was recently completed on Pearland's newest entry monument as everyone enters the City from the west on Shadow Creek Parkway.

The sign is located just east of FM 521 and the entrance to the Crystal Cove neighborhood.

The Pearland Prosperity Strategic Plan outlines the need for City gateways to signal a sense of arrival and stronger identity for the community.

In 2014 PEDC completed a City Gateways Strategy that developed a conceptual entry monument along with identifying potential locations.

Ten entry monuments have since been constructed along Cullen Parkway, Dixie Farm Road, Pearland Parkway, Kirby Drive, Broadway on the eastern city limit and SH35.



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# OBITUARY



## Justice

Charles A. Justice went to be with the Lord on Friday, May 27, 2022, at the age of 86. He was born in Frankford, Delaware on August 8, 1935 to Clarence and Emma Justice. He really enjoyed attending functions at the Apartment Clubhouse, the Senior Center in Friendswood, and especially Services at the Church each Sunday. He always looked forward to Sundays and attending services, singing, and sharing in the fellowship. His Faith was unwavering.

Chuck was a Master Carpenter and had his own business for over 35 years. There was nothing that he could not make or was

afraid to tackle. He never met a person that he didn't like and most times, they became longtime friends. He always looked for the best in people, never talked bad about anyone, and would help them in any way he possibly could. You could not find a bigger Astro fan than Chuck! He watched them religiously and when the opportunity arose, you could bet he would attend a game at Minute Maid.

Friends are cordially invited to attend a visitation with the family at 10:00am on Monday, June 27, 2022, with a Celebration of Life to follow at 11:00am at Freedom Fellowship Pearland, 1201 North Main, Pearland, Texas 77581.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Freedom Fellowship Church of Pearland or the Senior Center in Friendswood Texas.

Condolences may be made to the Justice Family in care of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home at <https://www.shmfh.com/>.

## VFW Auxiliary hosting craft show

The VFW Auxiliary is hosting its 2nd quarterly fundraiser craft show from 9am to 5pm on July 23 at Pearland VFW Post 7109 at 4202 Walnut in Pearland. There will be crafters, vendors, and food!

School supplies for our local military families stationed at Ellington Field will be collected as well.

Proceeds from these craft shows assist the auxiliary in their community service projects, scholarships, and our Veteran service projects.

For more information call Jennifer Corl at 713-825-2214 or visit [www.post7109.com/BackToSchoolVFWVendorFair](http://www.post7109.com/BackToSchoolVFWVendorFair).

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## FHS STUDENTS CREATE MURAL FOR NASA

Thirty Friendswood High School art students created an 8 ft. x 8 ft. mural for NASA. During the last week of school, the students had the opportunity to install the mural in Building 48 on the third floor to be enjoyed by the space program employees. According to FHS art teacher Mandy Harris, the students included such details as the Artemis which is planned to return astronauts to the moon, the Houston skyline and zinnias to represent the first flowers ever grown in space. "They also wanted to make sure they included the American flag," Harris said. "We had over 30 students contribute their creativity and artistic talent to this piece. We are so thankful for this incredible opportunity and congratulations to all of the amazing artists who created the mural."



## AMSOIL NAMED BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

The Friendswood Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the June "Business of the Month" is Cary Haskell, Area Representative with Amsoil. Give Cary a call at 832-385-1727 and check out his website at [www.oilforme.com](http://www.oilforme.com). Cary has been a supportive Chamber Member since 2012. He has served on the Board of Directors, Ambassador Team and has been a loyal committee member with the Friendswood Classic Car and Bike Show for many years. Enjoying this special day with Cary is Board Member Dan Garza-Amtex Loan, Ambassador Team Member Jennifer and Daryl Graff-Daryl's A/C, Heating and Home Services, LLC, Board Member and Ambassador Team Member Cindy Deaton-Deaton Custom Pools LLC, Board Member and Ambassador Team Member Pastor David Lorenz-First Baptist Church-Friendswood, Membership Coordinator Joanne Edge, Vice-President Diane Hass and President Carol Marcantel-Friendswood Chamber of Commerce and Ambassador Team Member Robert Rinehart-Robert Rinehart Insurance Agency. For more information regarding the Friendswood Chamber call 281-482-3329, email [info@friendswoodchamber.com](mailto:info@friendswoodchamber.com) or visit [friendswoodchamber.com](http://friendswoodchamber.com) for upcoming events and an online membership application. The Chamber is located at 1100 South Friendswood Drive, FM 518, Friendswood, Texas 77546.

## USDA announces Texas joins LFPA Cooperative Agreement Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced it has signed a cooperative agreement with Texas under the Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program (LFPA). Utilizing LFPA funding, Texas will create a program that will foster in-state, long-term relationships and build sustainable market opportunities for state producers.

"USDA is excited to partner with Texas to promote economic opportunities for farmers and producers and to increase access to locally sourced, fresh, healthy, and nutritious food in underserved communities," said USDA Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs Jenny Lester Moffitt. "The Local Food Purchase Cooperative Agreement Program will improve food and agricultural supply-chain resiliency and increase local food consumption around the country."

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) will use LFPA funding to support small and underserved producers to increase the number of products distributed to underserved communities in the state. TDA plans to arrange food distribution to accommodate unique local challenges in order to serve communities and feeding programs.

Program funds will be administered through a competitive grant program serving food banks, nonprofits, and other social service organizations.

Program staff will engage with subrecipients to foster sustainable new markets for purchasing state products, especially from underserved producers and promote distribution to communities with limited access to fresh, local food.

The LFPA program is authorized by the American Rescue Plan to maintain and improve food and agricultural supply chain resiliency.

Through this program, USDA will award up to \$400 million through non-competitive cooperative agreements with state and tribal governments to support local, regional, and socially underserved producers through the purchase of food produced within the state or within 400 miles of delivery destination.

AMS looks forward to continuing to sign agreements under this innovative program that allows state and tribal governments to procure and distribute local and regional foods and beverages that are healthy, nutritious, and unique to their geographic area.

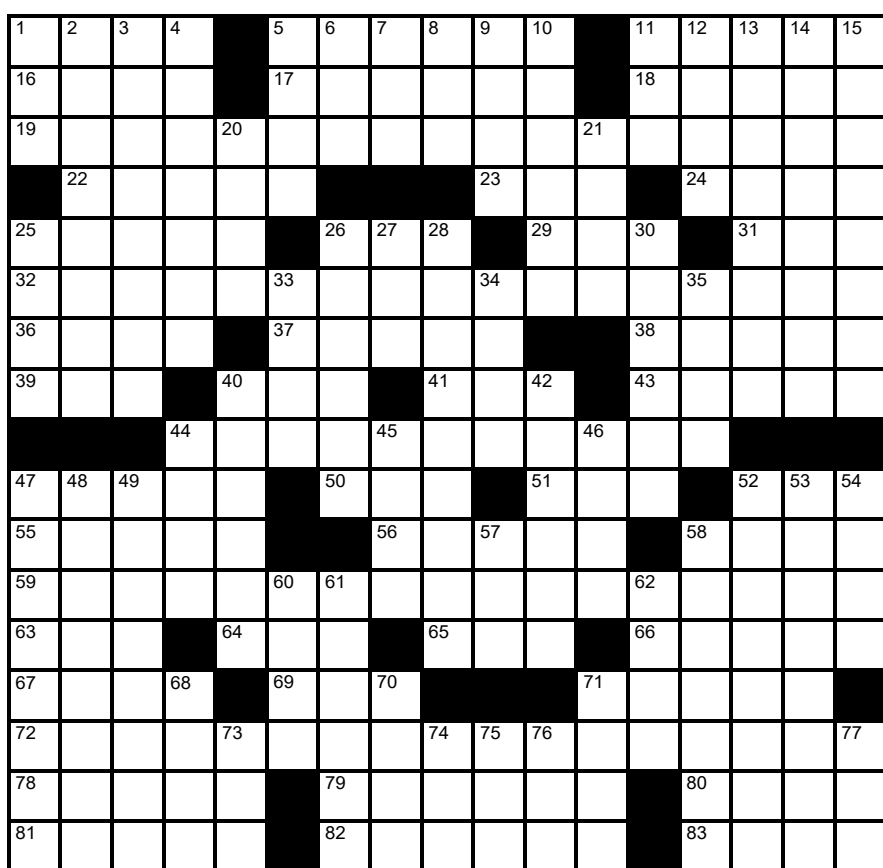
More information about the program is available AMS's [Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program](http://LocalFoodPurchaseAssistanceCooperativeAgreementProgram) webpage.

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

The Original Mobile Game

### Across

- 1. Word for Yorick
- 5. Hematologist's study
- 11. Looks out for, maybe
- 16. Mr. Uncool
- 17. More smooth
- 18. Full range
- 19. Baking soda, technically
- 22. Taste, e.g.
- 23. "Seinfeld" uncle
- 24. "Trick" joint
- 25. Sesame
- 26. Bar bill
- 29. Absorb, with "up"
- 31. Matterhorn, e.g.
- 32. Spanning multiple offices
- 36. "\_\_\_ Lang Syne"
- 37. Foreword, for short
- 38. All-out attack
- 39. 007, for one
- 40. "Gee whiz!"
- 41. "60 Minutes" network
- 43. Broke off
- 44. Fuzzy area?
- 47. \_\_\_ flu
- 50. Costa del \_\_\_
- 51. Victorian, for one
- 52. Clawer
- 55. 1/100th of a markka
- 56. "Nothing \_\_\_!"
- 58. Jerk
- 59. Lender
- 63. Absorbed, as a cost
- 64. \_\_\_ juice (milk)
- 65. \_\_\_ Wednesday
- 66. Buenos \_\_\_
- 67. Medical advice, often
- 69. Bauxite, e.g.
- 71. Cooper cars
- 72. Advocates for peace between countries
- 78. Harshly criticize
- 79. Laugh riot
- 80. Give off, as light
- 81. Standing
- 82. Guide



### 83. R-rated, maybe

### Down

- 1. Infomercials, e.g.
- 2. "Relax!"
- 3. With fire.
- 4. Peeled
- 5. Fleshy fruit
- 6. Ballot abbr.
- 7. "Aladdin" prince
- 8. Order to attack, with "on"
- 9. Breakfast, lunch or dinner
- 10. Check
- 11. "Give it \_\_\_!"
- 12. Billiard cushion
- 13. Gave off
- 14. Guardianship
- 15. Like many Christmas card skylines
- 20. \_\_\_-friendly

21. Big increase in business

- 25. Bent
- 26. Court contest
- 27. Appropriate
- 28. 1992 Olympic game site
- 30. 100 centimos
- 33. Call
- 34. Holds up
- 35. Opening time, maybe
- 40. Belief in one causal principle
- 42. Feter
- 44. French door part
- 45. The "C" in U.P.C.
- 46. Cornstarch brand
- 47. Beekeeper
- 48. Life, for one
- 49. Market figure
- 52. Personal magnetism

53. Person who has memory loss

- 54. 1992 Robin Williams movie
- 57. "\_\_\_ alive!"
- 58. More like an echidna
- 60. Warner Bros. creation
- 61. Bog
- 62. Daily delivery
- 68. Course
- 70. Carve in stone
- 71. "Oh, \_\_\_!"
- 73. \_\_\_ gestae
- 74. Anger
- 75. "\_\_\_ the fields we go"
- 76. 40 winks
- 77. Chester White's home

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Master Naturalists Recertifications were presented to Don Sabathier, Jackie Hicks, Mickey Dufflho, Rainbo Johnson, Bob Whitmarsh, and Chris Kneupper.



The following Master Naturalists were awarded for volunteer hours: Roy Morgan 5,000 hours, Mary Schwartz 1,000 hours, Brenda Martin 250 hours.

## Master Naturalists present awards, learn about Oystercatchers

By RICHARD SCHAFFHAUSEN  
Special to the Reporter News

The Brazoria Chapter of Texas Master Naturalist held their monthly meeting June 8 at the AgriLife building in Angleton.

David Bandes, membership, reported this month's recertifications for Don Sabathier, Jackie Hicks, Mickey Dufflho, Rainbo Johnson, Bob Whitmarsh, Chris Kneupper, James Calvert, Andy Smith, and Kristine Rivers.

To recertify, members must have eight hours of advanced training and 40 volunteer hours.

Roy Morgan was recognized for attaining 5,000 volunteer service hours. Roy has volunteered at Sea Center Texas for years and recently has, also, been volunteering at the Brazosport Museum of Natural Science. Mary Schwartz was recognized for attaining 1,000 volunteer hours and Brenda Martin for attaining 250 volunteer hours.

To date members have impacted 3,792 adults and

17,336 youth through outreach programs and educational programs such as the *Birds of Prey* programs presented at area schools and *Discovery Environmental Education Program* given to area 4th and 7th graders at the Brazoria NWR Discovery Center.

Richard Schaffhausen received the Presidents Call to Service Certificate for attaining 4,000 volunteer service hours last November.

This month's featured speaker was Dr. Susan Heath, Director of Conservation Research, Gulf Coast Bird Observatory whose topic was *The Secret Lives of Oystercatchers*.

Members learned Oystercatchers are a keystone species. If Oystercatchers are feeding on Oyster reefs, it indicates a healthy reef. Heath expressed concern for our local Oystercatcher population.

Their nesting habitat is shrinking due to erosion. Oystercatchers' preferred habitat for nests are small islands offshore. They lay

their eggs on the ground and many islands have vanished due to erosion or have been reduced in size. Predation is becoming more of an issue because more pairs are nesting on the mainland, due to habitat loss, making the eggs an easy meal for coyotes and others. It was a very interesting and informative presentation.

A new intern class will be starting in August. If anyone wants to learn more about the natural world, want to help make a difference, or want to educate others join us and find out what amazing learning and educational opportunities Brazoria County has to offer. Check out [www.txmn.org/tmncot](http://www.txmn.org/tmncot) to learn more.

## BAAYF wins \$25,000 Neighborhood Assist grant

In just 10 days this spring, 88,000 people cast more than two million votes in support of their favorite community causes. As a result, 100 communities, in 34 states, will be getting an assist from State Farm®. State Farm is proud to announce the Top 100 vote-getting causes that have won \$25,000 grants to improve their communities.

State Farm Neighborhood Assist is a crowd-sourced philanthropic program that empowers communities to identify issues in their neighborhoods. Non-profits affiliated with each of the Top 100 causes receive grants to address them.

The Bay Area Alliance for Youth and Families – FISDCares was born as part of Bay Area Alliance's focus on Social Determinants of Health, to support struggling families specifically in Friendswood, where there are large socioeconomic disparities revealed by Hurricane Harvey that no one really knew about before.

These Neighborhood Assist funds will help FISDCares to plan further ahead and step up to support kids in these families in even more impactful ways than we already are. For example, a special needs student had a seizure and lost his two front teeth. The procedure required to repair his teeth costs more than the Alliance was able to cover in full, and his family had few other options. The State Farm Neighborhood Assist Grant will allow us to provide funds in these kinds of emergencies. It will also allow the Alliance to expand its offerings to include providing extra-curricular activity opportunities to the families served. The Alliance is keenly aware of the connection between participation in sports, dance, or other activities and overall student success.

"People in our community love to help others, but sometimes we just don't know the need exists, or how to help," says Jennifer Sitton from FISDCares. "The Alliance's FISC Cares program is already bringing together our community as it raises our awareness of ways we can help. And for those struggling in our neighborhoods, it is inspiring to be noticed and loved by those around you. On behalf of the Alliance Board of Directors, we are beyond excited about the possibilities this grant will create."

"State Farm is happy to celebrate its 100th anniversary by providing these 100 causes with grant money to help them address the needs in their communities," said Rasheed Merritt, Assistant Vice

President at State Farm. "We look forward to seeing the impact these \$25,000 grants will have."

Four thousand cause submissions were accepted in February at [www.neighborhoodassist.com](http://www.neighborhoodassist.com). The State Farm Review Committee selected the Top 200 finalists and public voting determined the Top 100. In the eleven years of the program, nearly 500 causes have received a total of \$12.5 million to enact change in their communities.

For a complete list of this year's 100 winners, please visit: [www.neighborhoodassist.com](http://www.neighborhoodassist.com).

**About Bay Area Alliance for Youth and Families:** The Alliance serves, supports, and inspires students and families to build a healthier community for all. Since 2003, the Alliance has served both Clear Creek and Friendswood ISDs by building protective factors in students and families and ultimately make our community a better place. Projects and activities include Medication Take Backs, a partnership with the DEA and local law enforcement to collect unused and expired medications. These twice-yearly events since September of 2010 have resulted in the collection of over 30,000 lbs of medications from Bay Area medicine cabinets for proper disposal. The Alliance is also proud of its SALSA (Student Adult Leadership Service Alliance) program that has served more than 100 student leaders since 2014. For more information on the Alliance, please visit our website at [thealliancebayarea.org](http://thealliancebayarea.org).

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## FEF thanks sponsors

The Friendswood Education Foundation (FEF) is thanking its 2021-2022 Annual Giving Sponsors for partnering with them in bringing the Foundation's mission to life across Fisd this year.

The partners include Platinum Sponsors: The Adam & Natalie Ring Family and Stanfield Properties; Diamond Sponsors: HomeTown Bank of Friendswood, Texan Bank, Meg Crowley Family, the Hanson Family, the Hillenburg Family, and the Sims Family; Gold Sponsors: McRee Ford, Allstate Judy Wiggins Agency, VARC Solutions, the Guzzetta Family, United Valve, and the Gaido Family; Silver Sponsors: Cane's, Dr. David and Kimberly Montz and Martha Turner Sotheby's; and Bronze Sponsors: AMOCO Federal Credit Union, Dr. Greg Bonnen, Frost and In-Kind Sponsor VARC Solutions.

FEF's 2022-2023 Annual Giving campaign is now open and features a variety of packages that include year-round, multi-event benefits and recognition.

To learn more contact [AAadair@fisd12.net](mailto:AAadair@fisd12.net).

## Alisd Superintendent Nelson to give State of District address

By KAROLYN GEPHART  
Reporter News Staff

The State of Alvin ISD will be the keynote topic for the Pearland Chamber of Commerce monthly membership luncheon planned for June 16 at Hilton Garden Inn in Pearland.

Alvin ISD Superintendent Carol Nelson will speak. Alvin ISD is a large suburban school district south of Houston in the communities of Alvin, Manvel, Pearland, Hillcrest, Rosharon, Iowa Colony, Liverpool, and Amsterdam. Nelson has served the students, parents, and staff of Alvin ISD for over 27 years. Before assuming the role of Superintendent, Nelson served Alvin ISD as a campus teacher, librarian, assistant principal, principal, and Associate Superintendent.

The Chamber event will take place from 11:30 am to 1 pm.

Sponsorships are available now with two levels: Industry Level Sponsorship for \$500 and Business Level Sponsorship for \$300.

Single tickets are \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members.

Hilton Garden Inn Pearland is located at 12101 Shadow Creek Parkway in Pearland.

To RSVP, contact Leslie Esqueda at (281) 485-3634 or email [Leslie.Esqueda@PearlandTexasChamber.us](mailto:Leslie.Esqueda@PearlandTexasChamber.us).



## Win a Chevy SUV 2022 Equinox FWD LT

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# SPORTS

## From the Cluttered Desk

by Dr. David Davis

### Motivation is the key

When I think of motivation - I think of an incident that took place out in west Texas. A super-rich Texan had a daughter of marriageable age, and decided to give her a coming-out party. (To young men this would be "group prospecting") Anyway, this Texas rancher invited the young men from within a hundred miles to come to the big party on his spread. He had over 200,000 acres and on that spread he had dozens of producing oil wells and tens of thousands of head of cattle. The old homestead itself was a mansion of indescribable proportions, which included an Olympic-sized swimming pool. After feeding several hundred young, eligible bachelors the finest Bar-B-Que, the host invited all the young men out to the pool which he had, with amazing foresight, stocked with water moccasins and alligators. He told the young men that the first one who jumped into the pool and swam the length of it would be given his choice of three things:

1. One million dollars in cash.
2. Ten thousand acres of his best land.
3. The hand of his beautiful daughter in marriage.

He even pointed out that his daughter was their only heir and that when he and his wife passed on - all of this big spread would belong to her and to the man who became her husband.

No sooner were these words spoken than there was a loud splash at one end of the pool, followed almost immediately by the emergence of a dripping young man from the other end of the pool. He had set a world's record that would never be approached! much less broken.

As the dripping young man emerged from the pool, the host excitedly ran to him and said, "Well son. you've got your choice. Do you want the million in cash?" The young man responded, "No, sir." Then the host asked, "Do you want the ten thousand acres of my best land?" The young man responded, "No, sir." Finally the host said, "Then I assume you want the hand of my beautiful daughter in marriage?" To this the young man replied, "No, sir." "Well son, what do you want?" The young man responded, "I want to know the name of that dude who pushed me into the swimming pool!"

Needless to say, this young man had been motivated to get into the water. though not by choice. but nonetheless. he was in the water. Thus, he was quickly motivated to get out of that pool as quickly as he could.

The family is in trouble today because of the lack of motivation and leadership within the family circle. Young people want to be led. Yes - they fuss and fume over not getting to do everything they want - but inwardly - there is a deep-seated cry that says, "Help me!" "Lead me!" "Love me!" "Notice me!" "Guide me!" "Teach me!"

The ultimate question then becomes - "If you, as a mom or dad do not provide the proper motivation to lead, love, advise, discipline and encourage your children, who will?" I'll tell you who. It will be their peers who are searching and scratching for the same answers to their questions that no one is answering. The truth is - no one can love your children and give them the guidance that they need better than mom and dad.

So parents - let's get motivated to be honest and interested in the welfare of our nation's future leaders. No - you don't have to jump in a pool with snakes and alligators. However, you must jump into the pool of opportunity - swim as never before - emerge out of the pool knowing the name of who pushed you in. The name is - LIFE. That should be all the motivation you need to live to the best of your ability.

Old friend Robert said, "You have a life to give - so make it the greatest investment you can. Begin at home with your family."

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Photo by Olyn Taylor

**RUN SCORING SINGLE** - Friendswood's Boots Landry smacks a run-scoring single to left field to score Dylan Maxcey from second base. The Mustangs faced Mansfield Legacy in the Class 5A state semifinals and came away with a 4-2 win to advance to a first-ever 5A state title game.



Photo by Olyn Taylor

**SACRIFICE BUNT** - Friendswood's Tatum Black lays down a perfect bunt in the state championship game against the Georgetown Eagles. The Mustangs came up short to the Eagles 2-1 in their first-ever state final appearance. Friendswood won their 5A state semifinal contest over Mansfield Legacy 4-2.

## Friendswood comes up just short of state title

By DR. DAVID DAVIS

Reporter News Staff

The goal was to win a first-ever state baseball championship so coming up a run short is a heart-breaking experience at the moment. However, this is the first time Friendswood has ever been in the baseball state finals in program history.

Friendswood head coach Cory Benavides and his diamondmen can reflect on the 2022 baseball season with great pride that this team is one of the elite squads in Friendswood history and they have everything to be proud of in what they accomplished with a 30-8-1 season record.

"They (Georgetown) made big plays in big moments," Friendswood head baseball coach Cory Benavides said in reference to the Georgetown Eagles who won 2-1.

Georgetown scored their first run in the opening frame when Zachary Mazoch hit a lead-off single to right field, and then courtesy runner Wade Denton advanced to third base thanks to a hit-and-run on a groundout to third. Then, Landon Hyle drove Denton home on an RBI single poked into left field for a 1-0 lead.

The Eagles went ahead 2-0 in the bottom of the second on a lead-off home run blasted over the left field wall by Logan Smith. That was all that starting pitcher and the game's most valuable player Jacob Hadden needed to pick up the complete-game win with four hits, two walks and four strikeouts over seven innings.

Friendswood's lone run came in the top of the third, as Kyle Lockhart reached base with one out on a two-base throwing error, and Reed South drove him home on an RBI single up the middle to cut the lead to 2-1.

The Mustangs showed life in the top of the seventh, as Ayden Percy led off with a double into the left-center field gap and moved to third on a sacrifice bunt laid down by Tatum Black. But, a grounder held Percy at third,

and Georgetown then picked him off the bag for the game's final out.

"I tried to be too aggressive at the end of the game, and it cost us," Benavides said.

Benavides went with Easton Tumis as the starting pitcher, but replaced him early with Griffin Kasemeyer who had a strong showing as he pitched four shutout innings in relief with two hits, no walks and three strikeouts.

"He (Kasemeyer) does what he does best," Benavides said. "We were in a good spot because we had two guys going, and if (starting pitcher Easton) Tumis didn't have his



Photo by Olyn Taylor

**STRONG PITCHING PERFORMANCE** - Friendswood relief pitcher Griffin Kasemeyer had a strong showing as he pitched four shutout innings in relief with two hits, no walks and three strikeouts in the state title game.

stuff, we could go immediately to Kasemeyer, and that's what we did. He gave us a chance, but we just couldn't come through."

### Friendswood 4 - Mansfield Legacy 2

The only time that a Friendswood team advanced to the state semifinals was in 2008 where they lost to eventual state champion Corpus Christi Calallen 7-1. The Mustangs were in Class 4A that season.

Now competing in Class 5A, the Mustangs did something that no other Friendswood team had done and that was to get a 4-2 win over the Mansfield Legacy Broncos in the state semifinals that would punch their ticket to the state title game.

The Mustangs wasted little time in taking command of the game as they scored three runs in the bottom of the first inning for a 3-0 lead.

Dylan Maxcey lead off the first frame by reaching on an error and moving to second base on a perfectly placed Reed South sacrifice bunt.

Boots Landry then hit an RBI single to left field to bring Maxcey home, and after a Dane Perry single, Ty Brantley busted a two-run double down the left field line for a 3-0 lead.

Legacy answered with two runs in the top of the fourth to make it a 3-2 game.

Friendswood added an insurance run in the bottom of the fifth, with Perry blasting a one-out triple into the right-center field gap and then beating a throw home on an RBI grounder by Brantley making the final score 4-2.

Jacob Rogers got the win on the mound, tossing 6-plus innings with five hits, two runs, three walks and five strikeouts.

Friendswood closer Griffin Kasemeyer emerged from the bullpen and proceeded to strike out the final three Legacy batters to slam the door on the game and record the save.

Perry had a multi-hit game for the Mustangs, going 2-for-2.

## Yates, Friendswood softball players receive All-District honors

By DR. DAVID DAVIS

Reporter News Staff

The Friendswood Lady Mustangs shared the District 22-5A title and went on to advance to the 5A Region III semifinals before falling to eventual 5A state champion Lake Creek who finished the season with an unblemished 41-0 record.

Friendswood head coach Christa Williams-Yates was selected as the "Coach of the Year" by the district coaches for leading the Lady Mustangs to a 30-9 season mark which is their best record in 16 years. The former Texas Lady Longhorn legend and Olympic gold medalists has provided strong leadership to make Friendswood a Houston-area power.

Friendswood ace pitcher Chloe Riassetto was chosen as the District "Most Valuable Player" after a wonderful career in the circle for the Lady Mustangs. Riassetto fashioned a sparkling 15-2 pitching record with 131.2 innings, 187 strikeouts and a 1.28 earned run average. Riassetto was also a strong hitter with a .430 BA, 21 runs, 44 RBIs, 13 doubles, 1 triple, and a team-leading 10 home runs.

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Lainie Schaefer was selected as the district "Offensive Player of the Year." Schaefer led the Lady Mustangs with a .427 batting average while scoring 29 runs, 31 RBIs, 12 doubles, 1 triple, and two roundtrippers.

Named to the All-District first-team was sophomore Baileigh Burtis [.413 BA, 37 runs, 32 RBIs, 13 doubles, 3 triples, 3 HRs], freshman Charleigh Esparza [.256 BA, 17 runs, 19 RBIs, 10 doubles, 1 triple, 3 HRs], freshman Chloe Aldrich [.356 BA, 36 runs, 15 RBIs, 6 doubles], and junior Janelle Wilson who also was strong in the pitching circle with a 10-2 record, 88.2 innings, 129 strikeouts, and 1.26 ERA]. Wilson also hit .345, 18 runs, 26 RBIs, 10 doubles, and 4 HRs.

Named to the All-District second-team was senior Madelyn Wilson, and freshman Nevaeh Cason.

Named to the All-District honorable-mention was junior Halle Cordova and sophomore Bella Halata.



**DISTRICT 22-5A MVP** — Friendswood ace pitcher Chloe Riassetto was chosen as the District 22-5A "Most Valuable Player" after a wonderful career in the circle for the Lady Mustangs. Riassetto fashioned a sparkling 15-2 pitching record with 131.2 innings, 187 strikeouts and a 1.28 earned run average this season. Riassetto was also a strong hitter with a .430 BA, 21 runs, 44 RBIs, 13 doubles, 1 triple, and a team-leading 10 home runs.

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Pearland Independent School District will be accepting Request for Proposals for Restaurant, Catering, and Grocery Supply RFP # 22-0930-16 until 3:00 p.m., Friday, September 30, 2022. Proposals will be submitted online in the Pearland ISD eBid System. Vendors may login and view specifications and submit their response at the following link: <https://pearlandisd.ionwave.net>.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a BG/FB by Smart Elf Creations dba The Butcher The Baker The Cheese Board Maker, to be located at 5012 W. Broadway, Pearland, Brazoria, Texas. Officers of said corporation are Christina Stroh, Owner.**

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**CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 2022-15  
CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE**

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. 2022-15**, 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, JUNE 23, 2022.**

The City of Friendswood (the "City") reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. 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 **Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting** is scheduled for **Thursday, June 16, 2022, at 10:00 A.M.**, at Friendswood City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 910 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546.

For additional information, please contact James Toney, Parks and Recreation Director at (281) 996-3220 or via email to [rec@friendswood.com](mailto:rec@friendswood.com).

/s/ Leticia Brysch, City Secretary

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Pearland Economic Development Corporation (the "Corporation") will conduct a public hearing to consider the use of sales tax proceeds from the levy of the one-half of one percent sales and use tax, approved by the voters of the City of Pearland (the "City") on January 21, 1995. The public hearing will take place at 5:00 p.m. on June 23, 2022 at 3519 Liberty Drive, Suite 350, Pearland, Texas.

Sales tax proceeds will be used for Projects, as part of the Corporation's fiscal year 2022-2023 budget that includes land, buildings, equipment, facilities, expenditures, targeted infrastructure and improvements that are for the creation and retention of primary jobs. Proposed project types include: manufacturing and industrial facilities, research and development facilities, transportation facilities, distribution centers, regional and national corporate headquarter facilities and small warehouse and storage facilities. Sales Tax proceeds will also be used for promotional expenses to new and expanding businesses, open space improvements along with maintenance, demolition, infrastructure and transportation improvements, amateur sports or convention/hotel facilities along with maintenance, job training, debt obligations, administrative expenses and other improvements or facilities related to any of the foregoing projects.

If you plan to attend this public meeting and you have a disability that requires special arrangements at the meeting, please contact Roxanne Luna-Larsen at (281) 997-3001, within 48 hours of the scheduled business meeting date. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.

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**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING OF  
THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
OF THE CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS**

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, July 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., a regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Pearland, Counties of Brazoria, Harris and Fort Bend, Texas, will conduct a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers at Pearland City Hall, 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas, for the following case:

**1. ZBA APPLICATION NO. VARZ 22-13:** A request of Triad Retail Construction, Inc., applicant, on behalf of Jeff Barnett, owner, for approval of a variance as permitted by the Unified Development Code, Ordinance No. 2000-T, to allow a reduced Corridor Overlay District front landscape buffer and a reduction to the required tree island width for a proposed restaurant with drive-thru service in the General Business (GB) District (Section 2.4.5.1 (c)(2) & Section 4.2.2.4 (e)(1)(A)), to wit:

**Legal Description:** 1.3552 acres (59,031 square feet) being out of land a part of a called 2.5504-acre land described in deed to Riverwalk Retail as recorded in Brazoria County Clerks File (B.C.C.F.) No. 2015025194 and being out of a part of a called 2.5504-acre tract known as Lot 3 in Block 1 of the Minor Subdivision Plat of Achour Subdivision as recorded in Document No. 2010029392, Brazoria County Official Public Records (B.C.O.P.R.), Brazoria County, Texas.  
**General Location:** 1315 Broadway Street, Pearland, TX

**2. ZBA APPLICATION NO. VARZ 22-14:** A request of Gina Boyko, applicant, on behalf of Zlam Properties Pearland LLC., owner, for approval of a variance/special exception as permitted by the Unified Development Code, Ordinance No. 2000-T, to reduce the required parking for a Furniture and/or Appliance Store (Retail or Rental Only, Indoor Only) use in the Business Park-288 (BP-288) District (Section 4.2.1.2 & Section 2.7.3.7(b)(2)), to wit:

**Legal Description:** Being a tract or parcel of land containing 4,2500 acres of land or 185,130 square feet, located in the H.T. & B. R.R. Company Survey, Section 81, Abstract No. 300, Brazoria County, Texas and being out of and a part of called 10.454-acre tract of record in the name of Ahmadalli Virani in Brazoria County Clerk's File (B.C.C.F.) Number 2008002917.  
**General Location:** North of 3471 Business Center Drive, Pearland, TX

**3. ZBA APPLICATION NO. VARZ 22-15:** A request of Meridian Group, applicant, on behalf of Killen's Steakhouse, owner, to allow a special exception as permitted by the Unified Development Code, Ordinance No. 2000-T, to allow the replacement of a fence between residential and commercial with an alternative nonconforming material, a chain-link fence with privacy slats and a hedgerow at the length of the residence, in lieu of the required masonry screening wall in the General Commercial (GC) District (Section 4.2.2.4 (j)(4)(a) & Section 4.2.4.1 (a)), to wit:

**Legal Description:** Reserve "A", Block 1, Joseph's Gulf Coast Grille Section One, a subdivision in Brazoria County, Texas, according to the map or plat recorded in Volume 21, Pages 331 & 332 of the Plat Records of Brazoria County, Texas.  
**General Location:** 6425 Broadway Street, Pearland, TX

At said hearing, all interested parties shall have the right and opportunity to appear and be heard on the subject. For additional information, please contact the Community Development Department at 281-652-1765.

Patrick Bauer  
Planner I



**CHAMBER WELCOMES OPTIC-KLEER SOUTH HOUSTON-AUTO GLASS**

The Friendswood Chamber of Commerce welcomes Mariah and Curtis Schultz, owners of Optic-Kleer South Houston-Auto Glass Replacement and Repair. Give them a call at 346-348-8976 or for more information visit <https://optic-kleer.com/southhouston/>. Everyone enjoyed networking and homemade cookies. Celebrating this special day with Mariah and Curtis are supportive family members and friends along with Chamber Ambassador Team Members and Staff. For more information regarding the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce call 281-482-3329, email [info@friendswoodchamber.com](mailto:info@friendswoodchamber.com), or visit [www.friendswoodchamber.com](http://www.friendswoodchamber.com). The Chamber is located at 1100 South Friendswood Drive, FM 518, Friendswood, Texas 77546.



**BMW OF CLEAR LAKE HOLDS RIBBON CUTTING**

The Friendswood Chamber of Commerce along with Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and Pearland Chamber of Commerce welcomed Randy Stine, General Manager with BMW of Clear Lake. Everyone enjoyed presentations from BMW Executives including the unveiling of the new Seven Series, a donation to Higher Up Texas, music, great food from area restaurants, drinks, and networking. They are located at 15943 Gulf Freeway North, Webster, Texas 77546. Give them a call at 281-557-7000 and check out their website at [www.bmwofclearlake.com](http://www.bmwofclearlake.com) for more information. Enjoying this special day with Randy are his supportive family members, employees, customers, and members of the three Chamber of Commerce's as well as Friendswood's Chairman of the Board Robert Smithhart presenting Randy with a member plaque. For more information regarding the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce call 281-482-3329, email [info@friendswoodchamber.com](mailto:info@friendswoodchamber.com), or visit [www.friendswoodchamber.com](http://www.friendswoodchamber.com). The Chamber is located at 1100 South Friendswood Drive, FM 518, Friendswood, Texas 77546.



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The Friendswood Chamber of Commerce welcomed Kayla Straube, owner of Power Fit Eats. Give Kayla and her staff a call at 346-932-7205. They are located at 108 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood. For more information check out their website at [www.powerfit-prep.com](http://www.powerfit-prep.com). Everyone had a great time networking, meeting the vendors and sampling the wonderful food and drinks. Enjoying this special day with Kayla are her supportive family, staff members and vendors, as well as Chamber Ambassador Team members and staff. For more information regarding the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce call 281-482-3329, email [info@friendswoodchamber.com](mailto:info@friendswoodchamber.com), or visit [www.friendswoodchamber.com](http://www.friendswoodchamber.com). The Chamber is located at 1100 South Friendswood Drive, FM 518, Friendswood, Texas 77546.

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