

**Around Town**

**August 6  
 BACK 2 SCHOOL BASH**  
 The Box Bakery & Kitchen will hold a Back 2 School Bash on Saturday, August 6 from 6 to 8pm. Live music, free hair cuts, food, free school supplies, lots of fun! The event will be held at 1130 Broadway St., Ste. 114 in Pearland.

**August 7  
 SPIES FAMILY REUNION**  
 The 66th annual reunion of the descendants of August Spies will be held on Sunday, August 7 at the Moravia Dining Hall across the street from The Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Church, 11134 FM 957 in Schulenburg starting at 10am. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish and dessert, with lunch being served at 12:30pm. Plates, utensils, cups and tea will be provided. Please bring silent auction and door prize items. For further info, please call Janet Spies @ 512-461-3236 or email at jspis456@yahoo.com. Check the August Spies FaceBook Page for more news!

**August 9  
 AISD OPERATION BACKPACK**  
 Alvin ISD Operation Backpack 2022 Distribution Day will be August 9 from 9am to 12pm and 4 to 6pm at the Alvin ISD CTE Annex located at 7381 Lewis Lane in Manvel (across from JB Hensler Bldg). Vouchers for backpacks and school supplies are available at any Alvin ISD School. Only students with vouchers will receive the supplies and backpack during the distribution day.

**BREAKFAST WITH THE CHAMBER**  
 Brazoria County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce invites the public to Breakfast with the Chamber on Tuesday, August 9 from 8 to 9am at SpringHill Suites by Marriott Houston Pearland, 1820 Countryplace Parkway in Pearland.

**August 11  
 KPB LECTURE SERIES**  
 Keep Pearland Beautiful Lecture Series presents "Plant Medicine in Brazoria County" on Thursday, August 11 at 7pm. Broadcast live and free to the community online at [www.facebook.com/keep-pearlandbeautiful](http://www.facebook.com/keep-pearlandbeautiful).

**August 13  
 YMCA FLICK AND FLOAT**  
 Vic Coppinger YMCA Aquatics presents Flick and Float on August 13 starting at 7pm. Featured show is "Moana". Other activities include volleyball, limbo, corn hole, popcorn, concession stand, photo booth, open swim and more. \$10 per family - don't need to be a member to attend. Call 281-485-6805 and ask to sign up for the Flick and Float on August 13. The YMCA pool is located at 2700 YMCA Drive in Pearland.

**August 14  
 BROOKSIDE FARMERS MARKET**  
 The next Brookside Village Farmers Market is from 10am to 2pm on Sunday, August 14 at Lawhon Elementary, 5810 Brookside Road in Pearland. Local vendors including food producers, creators, area backyard gardeners, kids activities and live music.

**August 20  
 GIRL SCOUT RECRUITMENT**  
 Pearland Troop 4140 will hold a recruitment rally on Saturday, August 20 from 10:30am to 12:30pm at West Pearland Library, 11801 Shadow Creek Parkway. Girls ages 11-16. For more information email [mellied70@gmail.com](mailto:mellied70@gmail.com). Troop 4140 is a ScoutsUSA Troop for Girls who are interested in learning about scouting, the outdoors and leadership.

**OLD PEARLAND FARMERS MARKET**  
 Old Pearland Farmers Market will be held August 20 from 9am to 1pm at Independence Park, 3449 Pearland Parkway. Local homegrown items.

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**Experience India's vibrant culture at Puranava**

The fourth annual "Puranava" Indian Culture Fest will be held at the Pearland Town Center Pavilion on Saturday, August 13. Cultural performances will begin from 5 pm onwards, with dance, chess and art competitions starting from 1 pm onwards. This culture fest is a free and open, public event.

"Pura" means ancient and "Nava" means new or modern. True to its name this festival, which is presented by Global Organization for Divinity along with Love to Share Foundation America, aims to provide attendees an experience of India's vibrant, age-old culture which is still an integral part of modern India. This project is supported by a City of Pearland Cultural Arts Grant program from the City of Pearland Convention & Visitors Bureau. The Honorable

Mayors of both Pearland and Manvel are expected to grace the event.

As part of this culture fest celebration, there will be several youth competitions that are open



to participants from all cultural backgrounds. Chess, Art, and Indian Classical Dance contests will be held on Aug. 13 at the venue from 1 pm onwards. Indian classical music competition will be held online on Aug. 5, and a 'Heritage Quiz on India' will be

held online on Aug. 6. Competition guidelines and registration is available at [www.puranava-usa.org](http://www.puranava-usa.org).

From 5 pm onwards, there will be cultural arts performances

with Indian classical and folk dances and music from different Indian regions, both on stage and on the street; activities including arts, crafts, henna and rangoli; lots of photo ops; Indian food; a bazaar with vendor booths featuring local businesses, and much

more. Love to Share Foundation America is also conducting a food drive and a hurricane-preparedness drive leading up to this event, benefiting the Pearland Neighborhood Center. Representatives from PNC will receive the collected donations at the event.

For more information about Puranava, the drives, for sponsorships or to reserve a vendor booth space, call 281-402-6585 or visit [www.puranava-usa.org](http://www.puranava-usa.org) or the Facebook event page at <https://www.facebook.com/event/s/1246824112758950/>.

Everyone is welcome to stop by the beautiful new Pearland-area house of worship - 'Sri Aishwarya Srinivasa Perumal Temple' at Namadwaar - located at 9120 Bailey Ave. in Manvel or visit [houston.godivinity.org](http://houston.godivinity.org) to learn more.



**Litter Cleanup planned for Centennial Park**

Keep Pearland Beautiful will have its next Litter Cleanup Day Saturday, Sept. 24 at Centennial Park from 7:30 to 9 am. Volunteer at [keeppearlandbeautiful.org](http://keeppearlandbeautiful.org).

Centennial Park is located at 3219 McLean Rd. in Pearland. Keep Pearland Beautiful began community cleanups in 1982 to help change the stigma that cleaning up litter is "not my responsibility."

Knowing that 1 in 4 Texans admit to littering gives KPB more reason than ever to educate the community and arrange community wide cleanups in an effort to raise everyone's awareness about litter in Pearland. Keep Pearland Beautiful strives to make Pearland the cleanest and most beautiful city in Texas.

Keep Pearland Beautiful first started out as Clean Pearland in August 1982 when it was founded and certified as an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful. It was then chartered by the State of Texas as a non-profit corporation and recognized by the US Internal Revenue Service as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization in the fall of 1982.

**Relay for Life 2022 Gearing Up**

The American Cancer Society is calling on all community members in Brazoria County and Fort Bend County to participate in the annual Relay for Life, the biggest fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. This year Relay for Life includes all of Brazoria County and all of Fort Bend County and will be held Saturday, Nov. 12 at the Pearland Town Center off Hwy 288 in Pearland.

"Come be a part of the fight, and together we can beat this terrible disease," said Event Lead Debbie McDonald. "We are seeking volunteers to form teams or participate as an individual and stand shoulder to shoulder with us and cancer patients and those supporting them," she added.

Founded by Dr. Gordy Klatt in Washington in 1985, the Relay for Life movement unites communities to celebrate people who have been touched by cancer, remember loved ones lost, and take action for lifesaving change.

"Since this years Relay is close to Christmas, our theme is Merry Movies, so teams and individuals can choose a Christmas movie to base their decorations or costumes on if they choose to," said

McDonald. "And we are so excited to team up with the good folks at Pearland Town Center to hold the event around their awesome pavilion area," McDonald said.

The event will start with a craft show, entertainment, games and fun activities at 9 a.m. which will conclude at 4 p.m. The actual relay where team members walk in honor and/memory of someone

starts at 5 p.m. with a tribute to survivors followed by teams walking the roped off "track" to signify their commitment to helping beat cancer. More

games, activities, entertainment will continue until it gets dark, which is when the luminaria ceremony will take place. "The luminaria ceremony is the most significant part of Relay as we watch hundreds of luminarias lit up in honor and/or memory of people we love," said McDonald.

Interested participants, survivors, caretakers or anyone interested in helping fight cancer or to learn more is encouraged to call McDonald at 713-408-0923 or email [acctrfam@yahoo.com](mailto:acctrfam@yahoo.com) or [dmcdonal@bechtel.com](mailto:dmcdonal@bechtel.com) or go to [www.relayforlife.org/northbrazoriacotx](http://www.relayforlife.org/northbrazoriacotx).



**Residents asked to take survey for grant**

The City of Pearland is asking residents to provide input by taking a survey Grant Funding Future Spending Priorities.

The City of Pearland receives funding from the U. S. Department of Housing and

Urban Development (HUD) for its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

This program serves the low-to moderate-income residents and neighborhoods.

The City develops a

Consolidated Plan every five years and an Annual Action Plan that documents priorities and goals for the program.

Currently, the City needs the community's input to provide them with information on the

needs, priorities, and visions of residents and stakeholders in Pearland.

Tale the survey at <https://polco.us/sdptn4>. There is also a survey in Spanish at <https://polco.us/s3u8kx>.

**Chamber president compiles mid-year snapshot**

By KAROLYN GEPHART  
 Reporter News Staff

A mid-year update about the Pearland Chamber of Commerce has been compiled by President/CEO Jim Johnson. The report is a snapshot of the organization for the first half of the year.

So far in 2022, 100 new members joined in the first six months of the year including new Platinum Members Crain Group, On the Way AC Plumbing and Electrical and WeBuildTX LLC.

"This new member growth is providing businesses the opportunity to gain exposure to our membership while benefiting from our services in the community. We also had members Frontier Waste Solutions and Community Health Network step-up their membership to Platinum this year. Overall, the Chamber's membership is approaching 700 members, and this

is because of your renewals and support," Johnson said.

Engagement continues to increase with 46 percent of members attending a program, committee, or event. Event calendars continue to be shared with all members to keep them informed.

Johnson considers the organization to be the Voice of Business and is proud of the input the Chamber shared with City Council on the proposed Stormwater Fee earlier this year.

"The efforts of the Chamber to discuss this topic with City Council led to the Stormwater Fee being taken off the table and a bond committee was developed. We will always be the Voice of Business and your input on surveys and meetings allowed us to speak collectively," Johnson reported. "As an update, a report was given this past Monday at City Council which outlined a

bond package of \$90,000,000 that could be on the May 2023 ballot."

The Chamber continues to advocate for improvements in the community's infrastructure. "We have sent messages to TxDOT this year to ensure the FM 518 expansion engages businesses and to support the construction of Grand Parkway Segment B," Johnson said. Members can review both letters in the Chamber's document library.

New programs have been established including Cereal Conversations introduced in April. The program provides peer to peer discussions on current challenges and possible solutions and actions for businesses. The Chamber is also partnering with the Brazoria County Hispanic Chamber soon for a HUB training. Certification from this program provides opportunities for businesses regarding procure-

ment processes.

Johnson reports that Speed Networking and more educational training is coming this year also with working with the PEDC on introducing a Young Professionals program.

The monthly luncheons for the upcoming months will have speaker lineup including Entrepreneurship Panel, update on travel post pandemic, State of the County, PEDC Update and a Legislative Preview.

The Chamber is also working with Keep Pearland Beautiful to support their mission and ensure businesses are recognized for their efforts in beautification of the community.

For more information on the Chamber, visit [www.pearlandchamber.org](http://www.pearlandchamber.org) or call 281-485-3634. The Chamber is located at the Commerce Center at 6117 Broadway St. in Pearland.

# FRIENDSWOOD POLICE REPORT

JULY 25 thru AUGUST 1

## BURGLARY

July 28 (1:44 p.m.) The driver's side front window was smashed on a vehicle parked in the Kroger parking lot at 3135 FM 528. A purse was stolen. A witness captured an image of the suspect vehicle, a black Chevrolet Equinox.

## THEFT

July 26 (5:17 p.m.) A patient's necklace was stolen during her tenancy at Friendship Haven Senior Living Facility and Rehabilitation Center located at 1500 Sunset Drive.

July 27 (11:38 a.m.) A customer's wallet was stolen while shopping at HEB located at 701 W. Parkwood Avenue. The wallet was stolen out of the victim's purse. She realized the theft when her husband received an alert on his cell phone regarding suspicious activity on a credit card. They were able to cancel the credit card at the time of the call. The victim made a purchase at the HEB pharmacy at 10:23 a.m. Following the purchase, surveillance video captures the theft as the victim is walking down an aisle in the pharmacy area. The victim stopped to look at items on the shelf when a heavy-set black female pushed a cart up close to the victim. The suspect engages the victim, reaches over the victim's shopping cart to pull a large item off the shelf, and removes the victim's wallet from her purse which is sitting in the child

seat of the cart. The suspect walked out of the store and got into a red Nissan Sentra. July 28 (11:26 a.m.) A Kroger customer, at the 151 N. Friendswood Dr. location, was shopping for a greeting card in the card aisle on July 27 at approximately 11:30 a.m. She left her purse in the shopping cart. She was approached by a black female, 5'8" tall, with eyelash extensions and tattoos on her arms and neck. They engaged in conversation, and the victim now believes that woman stole her wallet out of her purse. The description of the woman was like that of a suspect in a similar theft at HEB on July 27.

July 29 (12:08 p.m.) A Friendswood man was scammed by windows installer/contractor associated with Texas Pride Windows and Doors, LLC. He paid fifty percent of the cost of the job in April 2022. The victim claims the same contractor was featured on KPRC for victimizing another family.

## FRAUD

July 25 (11:41 a.m.) A Friendswood man's name was used on a fake check at an Alabama Wal-Mart store. The victim received a collection notice in the mail for the check.

July 25 (2:03 p.m.) A Friendswood woman was the victim of a scam. She received a phone call from a person identifying himself as a Tarrant County Sheriff's Department employee

who had a warrant for her arrest. The victim was instructed to purchase Green Dot MoneyPak cards.

July 26 (1:26 p.m.) A Friendswood man had an overdrawn checking account. He discovered a pending payment to the Los Angeles Water Power Company. The account was fraudulently opened using his personal identifying information.

July 29 (11:19 a.m.) A Friendswood man's identity was stolen and used to apply for unemployment benefits from the Texas Workforce Commission.

## CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

July 29 (9:47 p.m.) A vehicle was vandalized at the Enclave Apartments located at 5000 Watkins Way. A witness observed a man wearing a black shirt use a knife to scratch the vehicle. A suspect has been named.

## NARCOTICS

July 27 (1:10 a.m.) Justin Marshall Hill, 47, of Sinton, Henry Orvall Moore, 46, of Rockport, and Guillermo Torres, Jr., 29, of Corpus Christi, were charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1. Hill was driving a stolen vehicle in the 400 block of E. Parkwood Avenue. A police narcotics K-9 arrived on scene and gave a positive alert for the presence of narcotics inside the vehicle. A search of the vehicle yielded methamphetamine.

## OTHER INCIDENTS

July 29 (12:40 p.m.) A 32-year-old Friendswood male was charged with Interfering with Emergency Telephone. The male was involved in a disturbance with his wife at their home in the 200 block of Ron Circle. During the disturbance, the man took his wife's cell phone away from her and prevented her from calling for help.

# Unbound Houston to host 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Freedom Brunch

Join members of Unbound Now at their second Annual Freedom Brunch Sept. 9 at the St. Regis Hotel. The fundraising event will run from 10 am to noon.

The brunch will offer an experiential reception, lovely brunch and panel discussion for newcomers of human trafficking.

The event features an interactive exhibit taking guests behind the scenes of the daily work of Unbound Now advocates as they provide support and resources to the incredible overcomers they serve.

Sponsorships as well as individual tickets are available now.

Register at <https://form.jotform.com/221676511550149>. Sponsorships include Advocacy Sponsor for \$10,000, Justice Sponsor for \$5,000, and Restoration Sponsor for \$2,500. Individual tickets are

\$125.

The St. Regis Houston is located at 1919 Briar Oak Lane in Houston.

Unbound Now supports survivors and resources our community to fight human trafficking in three primary ways: prevention and awareness, professional training, and survivor advocacy.

Unbound Now was founded in 2012 through Antioch Community Church in Waco, Texas. Since then, we have expanded into a network of chapters and anti-human trafficking projects around the world.

Unbound Now Houston launched in Summer 2013 out of Antioch Community Church Houston.

For more information on Unbound Houston visit <https://www.unboundnow.org/>.

# Pearland Cultural Arts Grant Program accepting applications for 2023 fiscal year

The application window is officially open for Pearland-based arts and culture nonprofits to apply for the fiscal year 2023 Pearland Cultural Arts Grant.

The program is managed by the Pearland Convention and Visitors Bureau and provides funding from the hotel occupancy tax collections for projects that support cultural arts endeavors in Pearland. In the past the Pearland Cultural Arts Grant has supported projects including the Puranava Indian Culture Festival, Pearland Arts League programming and Pearland House Concerts.

"The Pearland Cultural Arts Program has a long history of supporting local arts initiatives in the City," said Tracy Rohrbacher, executive director of the Pearland Convention and Visitors Bureau. "The program complements our work at the CVB

in attracting visitors to Pearland."

Applications are due by Sept. 16 and grants will be awarded in early November. Grant applications will include programming to occur between Oct. 1, 2022 and Sept. 30, 2023, which marks the beginning and end of the city's 2023 fiscal year.

Nonprofit organizations located within the city limits of Pearland are encouraged to apply and must meet eligibility criteria to be considered. Funding is limited to a \$6,000 maximum grant application. Applications are available online at [VisitPearland.com/FY23CulturalApplication](http://VisitPearland.com/FY23CulturalApplication).

For more information contact Tracy Rohrbacher at [pearlandcvb@pearlandtx.gov](mailto:pearlandcvb@pearlandtx.gov), or by phone at 281-997-5972.

# UHCL Pearland Drone Academy to offer basic operator course

UH-CL Pearland campus is offering a course, Basic Drone Operator from their UHCL Drone Academy on August 5, 6, and 7 at 8 am to 5 pm each day. The program will be held at the Pearland Academic Building, Computer Lab Room 113.

UHCL Drone Academy at Pearland provides professional drone training for individuals who seek to gain

commercial drone skills necessary for FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) certification and to meet the current industry demands for commercial pilots. Customized drone training is provided at a professional level for enhancing current job opportunities with state of the art equipment and software for today's industry applications

The professional development training program focuses on the use of small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS), also known as drones. The program is directed towards professionals as well as students who are seeking to gain knowledge and technical skills in operating sUAS in a manner that enhances their careers and provides them with job opportunities due to the growing demand for skilled sUAS pilots.

The academy is offered in partnership with Dart-Drones, one of the nation's leaders in drone training. The curriculum is vetted and certified by AUVSI, the leading UAS industry association, to ensure professional quality.

Basic Drone Operator will focus on two main areas basic sUAS Flight Training and Part 107 Drone Pilot Test Prep

Basic sUAS Flight Training is In-Person Drone

Pilot Training that covers the Drone Revolution- What you can do with an unmanned aircraft. Drone Basics- Platforms & Components. System Set-up- Connecting & Updating Your Drone, getting to know Flight Display, Flight walk-through, Preparing for your first Flight. Autonomous Flight. Advanced Settings. Mission Specific Settings.

Part 107 Drone Pilot Test Prep In Person and Online Part 107 Drone Pilot Test Prep-This training is designed to give you everything you need to pass the Part 107 Drone License exam. Course materials includes: 1) FAA regulations; 2) US Airspace System; 3) Sectional charts; 4) Airport operations; and Access to full online Part 107 Test prep and student guide. This is an online course that includes videos and quizzes for practice. Trainees can complete this course at their own pace.

Cost of the program is \$1500.

The Academy fees should be paid within 48 hours of registration. Students with unpaid status will not have a reserved seat and will not be able to attend the designated training.

To register or for more information, visit <https://www.uhcl.edu/drone-academy/>.

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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# THE BUDDING GARDENER

By MICHELLE THOMPSON

## Summer Garden Tasks

It's been really hot out there and our gardens have had some relief with spotty rain showers in July which made my grass grow like crazy. My short list for garden tasks is to deadhead and collect seeds from summer blooming flowers like purple cone flower, zinnia and Indian blanket flower and to prune back leggy gaura and salvia which will encourage new bushy growth. We've noticed a hummingbird family frequenting our hummingbird feeder and with our hot weather, I try to change out the nectar solution daily.

August is a great time to plan for our second growing season in the fall. At the end of August, we can start to sow flower seeds for plants that will do well until our first frost. You can start them indoors where it is cooler and then transition them outside to a shady spot gradually increasing the amount of sunlight. These flower seeds include cornflower, larkspur, snapdragon, sweet alyssum, blanket flower, calendula, candy tuft, delphinium, impatiens, Madagascar periwinkle, cosmos, salvia coccinea, angelonia, torenia and ornamental peppers.

Cool season crops to start for transplants include green beans (there are many bush-wax and snap, pole-lima and snap, and vine varieties that do well in our area), collards, sweet corn, cucumber, cantaloupe, okra, southern peas, peppers, small whole seed potatoes (better in warm soils), radish, spinach, summer squash, pumpkin (plant in early August) and tomato. Start seeds of cole crops such as broccoli, cabbage, kale and cauliflower as transplants either indoors or in a cooler, shady spot outdoors for transplanting into the garden starting mid-September or after six to eight weeks of good growth.

In late August prune back repeat blooming rose bushes by a third to promote new growth and fertilize.

Fertilize established plantings to promote good plant health and continued flower production. I like to rake in an organic granular fertilizer or apply a liquid fish or seaweed emulsion. The liquid organic fertilizers are good for new



transplants as well.

Fall is a great time to plant fruit trees and Heritage Gardeners Garden Club in Friendswood is having a wonderful speaker talk on fruit trees the morning of Sept. 1. Check out their Facebook page for more information.

In September plant cool season root crops (beets, carrots, turnip and radish), kohlrabi, lettuce and mustard green varieties, English and snap peas, transplants of brussels sprouts, cabbage and peppers.

Plan ahead for a prepared space to spread some wildflower seeds in your gardens and containers, to benefit pollinators. Wildflower seeds to plant this fall for colorful spring time blooms include Texas bluebonnet, Indian blanket, pink evening primrose, Mexican hat, winecup, lemon mint (monardia citriodora) and plains coreopsis.

I'm getting a little bit beyond a summer timeline because this will be my last Budding Gardener article. After writing about a variety of gardening and horticulture topics I've decided to stop at article #29. While I've enjoyed writing articles for readers, I hope to free up some time for new labors of love. I hope you've enjoyed reading my column and perhaps learned something that helped you in your garden or landscape. If you want to reach out to me, email me at [thebuddinggardenerTX@gmail.com](mailto:thebuddinggardenerTX@gmail.com).

If you want to be with like minded gardeners consider joining a garden club or other association that focuses on beautification. Initiate or help maintain a school, assisted living or community garden, volunteer at the Houston Botanic Garden, attend Master Gardener led classes at your county extension office or even enroll in the Master Gardener program to become a Master Gardener. It's always fun growing plants, learning along the way and teaching others what you've learned. Growing food is a life skill anyone can benefit from their entire life. After all, we've all got to eat, it might as well be something you've grown yourself.

Happy Gardening!

# Volunteers tend gardens, feed families in Pearland

By KAROLYN GEPHART

Reporter News Staff

Driving by Vic Coppinger Family YMCA, a large prospering garden area can be seen adjacent to the complex. The beautiful garden area is the Pearland Community Gardens.

Planning for the PCG began in 2009 with founder Cassie Mitchel-Johnson and a few like-minded volunteers. After searching for space, they found a home on 1.5 acres donated for use by the Vic Coppinger Family YMCA.

The first beds were built in the Spring of 2010 and have been growing each year since. The gardens are now a program under Keep Pearland Beautiful.

The gardeners who volunteer there work towards building a better community by raising gardens throughout the area bringing neighbors together to create beautiful landscapes, raise food for those in the area who are hungry, and educate people about gardening, green practices, and self-sufficiency. This is the PCG mission.

Avid gardener and KPB volunteer Teresa Hull is now managing the gardens after Mitchel-Johnson passed away last October. Hull started working in the Community Gardens as a YMCA volunteer, joined KPB, and rented two beds in the gardens. She added hours to her volunteer time by helping in the PCG's Production Gardens. In these garden beds, vegetables are grown and then donated to the Pearland Community Center and other local food pantries.

Hull reports that the beds in the Production area donate approximately 500 lbs. of food to the PNC and local food pantries each year. By the end of July 2022 the garden had donated 250 lbs. so far.

"When the garden leads for the "Production" beds decided to take a break after 12 years of managing the gardens, I decided to take the lead and, with the help from a few energetic volunteers that include Kashe and Danny Madrigal; Martha Richeson; Rick Keniston; Ethan Gish; Amber Lucas and Ruth and August Aimone," Hull said. "I have been able to keep the gardens going by coordinating a crop rotation plan and preparing, planting, maintaining, and harvesting the crops. I work with the dedicated team to schedule work days and have coordinated two projects that were completed by Eagle Scout candidates."

Hull has scheduled another project weekend in September when the Guide Right organization will rebuild some garden bed frames and complete other needed tasks in the PCG.

PCG has approximately 15 members who rent garden beds and most of them are volunteers who help with the Production beds, pollinator gardens, citrus trees, rose garden, native wildflower gardens, and the surrounding gardens for wildlife.

"On any scheduled work day, we have up to six volunteers who show up regularly and others join in as their schedules allow," Hull said. "PCG volunteers can grow whatever they want in one or two beds each for as long as

they maintain their KPB membership and pay yearly dues of \$50 per bed. Anyone who volunteers in the Production beds or surrounding grounds for 50 hours or more can get a bed for no charge (in gratitude) for the following year. Currently we have nearly all beds rented with only two or three available."

Recently, two Eagle Scout candidates have proposed lead projects to rebuild old garden frames, clear weeds, trim overgrowth, and do some general cleanup.

To get involved, get a bed or find out more information about the PCG, join Keep Pearland Beautiful or visit their website [KeepPearlandBeautiful.org](http://KeepPearlandBeautiful.org) and request information about the community gardens.

KPB will let Hull know if someone is interested in the community gardens then she will contact the person with helpful information, schedule a welcome tour of the gardens, and suggest volunteer opportunities.

Hull is also an active member and treasurer of Heritage Gardeners Garden Club in Friendswood.

## VARC Solutions attains Elite QuickBooks Solution Provider Status

VARC Solutions is proud to announce that they have attained the designation of Elite Level Solution Provider for the 2022/2023 sales year. VARC Solutions is now an Elite Level Solution Provider through Intuit's QuickBooks Solution Provider Program; this accomplishment having been made by reaching 1 Million dollars in sales of QuickBooks products within the QSP Channel. The QSP Program makes Resellers eligible to sell Intuit products directly to their clients, and thus deliver to them a complete business solution. The program provides structure and recognition to Resellers based on sales of QuickBooks products.

"We are so proud to hit the IM Club and be included in the Elite tier with Intuit's reseller program. We've worked hard for our clients, and our partnership with Intuit is stronger than ever!" said Robin Hall, President and Principal Consultant at VARC Solutions.

VARC Solutions is able to offer their clients this complete business solution by being able to supply them with not only QuickBooks accounting software, but the entire suite of Intuit products that build upon the functionality of QuickBooks. These include QB Enterprise, QB Online, QB Time Tracking, Payroll, Merchant Services, Point of Sale, and more.

The Solution Provider Program consists of resellers placed in various tiers based on sales of Intuit products. Resellers that are just getting started are included in the Program as Members. As their sales volume grows, they move up the ladder through the Advanced, Strategic, Executive, and finally Elite levels.

VARC Solutions has built an extensive client base across the United States and Canada that has enabled them to climb this ladder and attain the highest status level. Out of the thousands of QSP Program members, only a handful reach Elite status; at present there are only about a dozen Program Resellers with this status.

Key to attaining Elite status is the reputation that VARC Solutions has built over the past 20 plus years, selling QuickBooks products and providing services to these clients after the sale. Many new clients come to VARC Solutions as referrals from current clients. An important factor in making it to the Elite status is the repeat business that VARC Solutions maintains; clients know that the experts at VARC Solutions will always help them make the best decisions with regard to what software products best fit their needs. They do not oversell, nor undersell just to make a sale.

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## Pearland Community Gardens



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# FAITH MATTERS

By Rev. Dr. Brian Gige

## ON BARNES AND BIGGER BARNES

*“And Jesus said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17 And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops? 18 Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be? So, it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.’”*

~ Luke 12:15-20

How’s your 401K looking these days? It’s been better? Sure. It’s been worse. Did you know the average American between the age of 65-75 has just under \$70,000 in savings? The younger one gets, the lower the amount saved. When my father died suddenly in 1987 at the age of 56... five months after he’d paid off his thirty-year mortgage... he had a \$20,000 life insurance policy, and a retirement account with the Ohio Association of Public School Employees (OAPSE) that my mother received monthly payments from for 21 years... and a Social Security check which allowed her to maintain her humble but lover of God lifestyle until the day she died.

I didn’t grow up in a home with bigger and better barns. My parents had no barns... and yet... I now live in a two-story home in which the house I grew up in could fit on the bottom half of the first floor... a house that served well my parents, me and four siblings... and a grandmother... all in three bedrooms and one bathroom. On Sunday mornings we all had to stand in line.

This story in Luke’s gospel is called “the parable of the rich young fool...” when a man in the crowd called out to Jesus to assist in a dispute over the family inheritance ... a story Cyril of Alexandria said was the sad saga of a man blind with wealth... but having no character...he does not look to the future... he does not raise his eyes to God... he does not cherish a love for

the poor... instead he says... relax, eat, drink and enjoy yourself... Do you know anyone like that?

What is it that makes us rich? What is that others might say about you if this is your last day... and this very night your soul is required of you? What will be reported about your soul?... You can google it... and you might be surprised at the answer... what does it mean to be rich toward God? It actually has nothing to do with barns or bigger barns... or cars in the driveway, or number of rental properties, or bitcoin balances or in my case coffee mugs, T-shirts, CD’s and shelves full of books! It is more about the necessities of life... things like love and family, companionship and friendship... good physical and mental health... safety and security... contentment and passion... the qualities and values of our lives we use words to describe... because the ancient way of drawing pictures to describe those things never came close enough to do the job.

It is a well-known fact that when people come to the final days of their lives, they begin to fully understand what is truly important in life and thus begin to give away personal possessions to those around them... behavior worth noticing for the good of all... and yet the minimalist utilitarian posture of the next generation indicates they will not have to work so hard at this...

Jesus had no barns and no need of bigger barns... as when he died on the cross... the only thing he owned were the clothes on his back... and the soldiers gambled for those... yet he was and remains... ‘king of the universe...’ owner of everything in the cosmos... giving his life away for us all... God’s sacrifice for how we should be and aren’t... an inheritance none of us need fight over... an eternal life in the presence of the one who showed us all how to live well. Faith matters.

The Rev. Dr. Brian K. Gige is a long-time resident of Pearland, having pastored four churches over the last four decades in Texas and Louisiana. Read more following Brian’s blog ‘murmurings’ at <https://briangige.wordpress.com/>. Send comments and/or questions to [god-works247365@gmail.com](mailto:god-works247365@gmail.com).

# Board of Trustee completes Leadership TASB Training

Pearland Independent School District Board of Trustee, Crystal Carbone, recently earned the designation of Master Trustee upon completion of Leadership Texas Association of School Boards (TASB). Carbone joins the ranks of more than 900 school board members statewide including Pearland ISD master trustee Lance Botkin and former trustees Rebecca Decker and Virgil Gant.

The 2022 Leadership TASB class, composed of 36 school board members across Texas, made presentations of their team’s findings following yearlong research. Carbone’s research focused on technology in Texas school districts and its impact on Texas public education. Throughout the program, participants received extensive training in effective board governance and engaged with renowned education experts. Members who completed all required elements of the study program earned Master Trustee status, the highest designation recognized by TASB.

Leadership TASB is sponsored in part by H-E-B. TASB is a voluntary, nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local Texas school boards. School board mem-



Pearland ISD Board of Trustees member Crystal Carbone Completes Leadership TASB Training. (Photo courtesy of Pearland ISD)

bers are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent serve more than 5.4 million public school students.

# PTA Swap Shop offers thrifty wardrobe solutions

Look no further than the Pearland Council of PTAs’ Swap Shop/Community Closet to refresh your child’s wardrobe without denting the budget. The Pearland Council of PTAs’ Swap Shop/Community Closet is set to reopen on Aug. 9.

Through the Swap Shop, Pearland Independent School District parents may donate or exchange gently used clothes for their children to wear to school.

The shop helps offset the cost of buying school clothes by allowing parents to trade children’s outgrown

school clothes for something fresh.

Thanks to a voucher program, the shop also gives away clothes to district families in need.

**Hours of Operation**  
The shop will open for the 2022-23 school year on Tuesday, Aug. 9, 4-7 p.m. Regular hours are 5-7 p.m. on the following dates:

- Aug. 9 (from 4-7 p.m.)
- Sept. 13
- Oct. 11
- Nov. 8
- Dec. 13
- Jan. 10
- Feb. 14
- Mar. 14
- Apr. 11
- May 9

**Where Is the Swap Shop?**

The Swap Shop is in the brown building behind Pearland Junior High West and across from PACE Center (2314 Old Alvin Road).

Enter from Old Alvin Road and turn in the driveway leading to PACE. The building is straight ahead. Look for a “Swap Shop” banner.

**What May Be Ex-**

**changed or Donated?**

Clothing to be exchanged or donated cannot have ink/marker/pencil marks, missing buttons, tears or other flaws. In addition, all items must be washed and neatly folded with no missing buttons, tears or any other flaws to the fabric.

The shop accepts only Pearland ISD dress code approved clothing.

Donations of lunch kits, backpacks and new or gently-worn shoes are also welcome.

Donations of NEW socks and underwear are also welcome.

**What Is the Clothing Voucher?**

A voucher allows families in need to get donated items without exchanging.

For clothing vouchers, contact your school nurse, counselor or principal. Vouchers must be signed in fresh ink. No copies are allowed.

**How Do I Volunteer?**

The Swap Shop always needs volunteers.

For more information, contact Angie Clawson [angie.clawson@yahoo.com](mailto:angie.clawson@yahoo.com).

# Call for Artists open for Pearland Art on the Pavilion

New name; same celebration of one-of-a-kind art.

Pearland Art on the Pavilion returns to Pearland Town Center, 11200 Broadway St., on Saturday, Oct. 8 and Sunday, Oct. 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for a full weekend of unique finds, talented artists, and live entertainment.

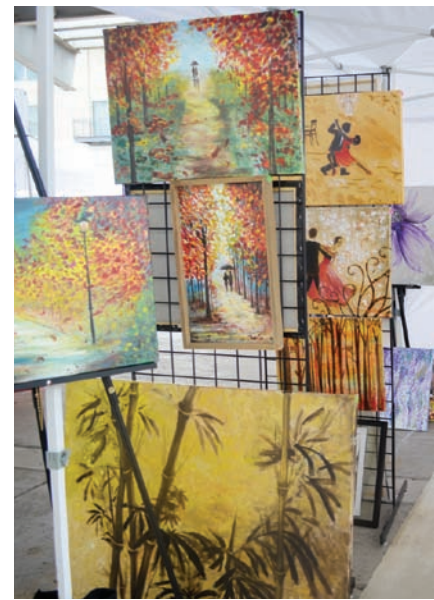
The Pearland Convention and Visitors Bureau (PCVB) has re-branded the name of the event for its eighth year in order to cultivate a more expansive and innovative environment for Texas creators. “We’re very excited to showcase artistic talent at this year’s event,” said Tracy Rohrbacher, executive director of the PCVB. “Artists and makers from around the region are invited to apply.”

In addition to shopping for unique gifts and décor from across the Lone Star State, visitors will enjoy live music from Houston-area performers including Brightwire, Andrew Bateman, Wendy Elizabeth Jones, Little Outfit, Grifters & Shills, and Anthony Puskás throughout the weekend.

The event will also feature local food trucks offering a range of delicious eats and a variety of family-friendly activities centered around the arts.

Each year the show assembles an extensive collection of regional and local artists who specialize in handcrafted pieces and artwork. The official call for artists is open at [VisitPearland.com/ArtShow](http://VisitPearland.com/ArtShow) and applications are being accepted for the juried art show through August 14.

Updates to the Pearland Art on the Pavilion schedule will be posted to the event’s landing page and to the PCVB’s official Facebook. Visitors looking to stay for the entirety of the event can find comfortable, affordable hotel rooms at [VisitPearland.com/Stay](http://VisitPearland.com/Stay).



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# SPORTS



**PRE-SEASON LIBERO OF THE YEAR** - Pearland Libero Maddie Dement was selected as the pre-season DS/Libero of the Year by VYPE Magazine. The Lady Oilers have high expectations this season under the guidance of second-year head coach Jamie Gill.

## Pearland to challenge for 23-6A volleyball title

By DR. DAVID DAVIS  
Reporter News Staff

This time last year, Jamie Gill was adjusting to being the head coach of the Pearland Lady Oilers volleyball team. She was getting to know her players and they were getting to know her and the expectations she had of those players.

Gill, a 2004 Friendswood graduate, has experienced nothing but success as a player and a coach. Gill was a standout for Friendswood as she made three trips to the Class 4A state semifinals while she was in high school in 2000, 2002 and 2003.

She not only came to Pearland as a highly decorated player, but also as a coach and there wasn't any reason not to expect success with the Lady Oilers who had established a highly successful history.

As the team prepares for the 2022 volleyball season, Gill is better acquainted with her players, and they know what the expectations are now.

The team was quick to adapt to Gill last season as they fashioned an impressive 34-13 season record while finishing with a 10-2 district record and a second-place finish behind their cross-town cousin Dawson who

won the league title. The Lady Oilers advanced to the second-round of the playoffs, losing a tough match to Deer Park in five sets.

Pearland will use a tough non-district schedule to prepare to challenge for the District 23-6A crown.

They will compete at the tough Volleypalooza in Leander, the Clear Creek ISD tournament, and matches against Fort Bend Ridge Point, Friendswood, and Clear Creek.

There is a strong foundation of players returning for Pearland this season to build on their success last year.

Those returnees include 6-foot, 1-inch sophomore middle blocker Kimmani Rugley (68 blocks); sophomore libero Maddie Dement; senior right-side hitter Madie Whitehead (2.2 kills, 24 aces); senior outside hitter Rachele Reed; and junior middle blocker Allie Schwartz.

"My kids really want that title, and anything can happen on a given day. Both teams will be good so it should be interesting," Gill recently said. "As far as the playoffs go, I expect to see us in the third round or deeper. That's the goal and the expectation."

## From the Cluttered Desk

by Dr. David Davis

### 2022 Football media guide ads now being accepted

The 2022 high school football season is approaching for Pearland and Dawson High Schools.

It is also time for area businesses to plan on placing an ad in the football publications. Since I produce the media guides for Dawson and Pearland, there is still space available in these full-color publications for the 2021 football season. But the deadlines are soon approaching. Deadline is Friday, August 12.

For the eighth consecutive year — both media guides finished in the top two in the nation at the National High School Sports Media Publications Contest with Dawson winning the Gold Award and Pearland winning the Silver Award.

Both publications can be seen at <http://www.reporternewssports.com/> — just click on a cover and turn the pages.

Each booster club manages 100 percent of the money, and they account for every dime spent in these ventures. Plus - each school has a first-class media guide to present to their fans and visiting teams.

If you are interested in placing an ad in these media guides, please give me a call or Email me and I will send you the details of what you need to do. You can also find the forms at the same address above.

Both communities need to realize that they can support their individual teams while knowing that all of the money stays at home. Every check is made out to the right organization of each school, and they control all finances without any funny business.

I can be reached at 281.997.6800 or 713.449.7474 or E-mail me at [drdaviddavis@yahoo.com](mailto:drdaviddavis@yahoo.com) to let me know of your interest.

Here are the following E-mails to let us know of your interest in placing a business ad.

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- [dawsonfootballprogram@yahoo.com](mailto:dawsonfootballprogram@yahoo.com)

Also, if you are a parent and want to place a personal ad for your son or daughter in any of these football media guides - you can use the same E-mail addresses to contact us for the information sheet for each submission. Make plans now as space is limited. Don't wait until the final deadlines in August.

Old friend Robert said, "Texas has four seasons: winter, spring, summer, and football."

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## Dawson ready to defend 23-6A volleyball crown

By DR. DAVID DAVIS  
Reporter News Staff

When the head coaches at Pearland ISD met prior to the start of school with athletic director Ben Pardo, two coaches, one from Dawson HS and the other from Pearland HS, received "Coach of the Year" plaques for the accomplishment of their teams in 2021-2022.

Dawson head volleyball coach Lauren Leth was recognized for the success she and her volleyball team had last season.

The Lady Eagles were 41-5 overall and 12-0 in District 23-6A while advancing to the Class 6A Region III semifinals. In fact, under Leth's leadership the last four years, the Lady Eagles have advanced to the 6A Region III tournament each season.

Despite losing some talented players to graduation, there is still a strong foundation returning this year. Leading the way will be senior outside hitter Bryce Ranney, senior defensive specialist Carter Galley, junior

outside/right side hitter Kailey Thedford and senior middle blocker Ava Kennon.

The biggest loss was setter Kamryn Scroggins who started for the Lady Eagles for four years. She was very talented and extremely quick so Leth will need to develop someone at that key position.

The Dawson defense should be strong that will outlast opposing teams in that area on the court. Ball control and defense will be key while the offense gains momentum at the season progresses.

Dawson will use their non-district schedule to set the stage for district competition.

The Lady Eagles will compete in the Katy/Cy-Fair tournament along with events at Clear Creek and the Volleypalooza event in Leander.

Dawson and Pearland should battle for the district championship while Alvin and Shadow Creek will be the other favorites to advance to the post-season.



HEAD COACH LAUREN LETH

## 2022 DAWSON LADY EAGLES VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

### ROUND ONE

Fri 9/9	Alief Hastings	Away	6:30 p.m.
Tue 9/13	Alief Taylor	Home	6:30 p.m.
Tue 9/20	Pearland	Home	6:30 p.m.
Fri 9/23	Shadow Creek	Away	6:30 p.m.
Tue 9/27	Alief Elsik	Home	6:30 p.m.
Fri 9/30	Alvin	Away	4:30 p.m.

### ROUND TWO

Tue 10/4	Alief Hastings	Home	6:30 p.m.
Fri 10/7	Alief Taylor	Away	4:30 p.m.
Fri 10/14	Pearland	Away	4:30 p.m.
Tue 10/18	Shadow Creek	Home	6:30 p.m.
Fri 10/21	Alief Elsik	Away	6:30 p.m.
Tue 10/25	Alvin	Home	6:30 p.m.

## 2022 PEARLAND LADY OILERS VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

### ROUND ONE

Fri 9/9	Shadow Creek	Home	6:30 p.m.
Tue 9/13	Alief Elsik	Away	6:30 p.m.
Fri 9/16	Alvin	Away	6:30 p.m.
Tues 9/20	Dawson	Away	6:30 p.m.
Fri 9/23	Alief Taylor	Home	6:30 p.m.
Fri 9/30	Alief Hastings	Home	6:30 p.m.

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## Local baseball standouts named to TSWA All-State teams

By DR. DAVID DAVIS  
Reporter News Staff

The Texas Sports Writers Association released the players named to the 2022 TSWA All-State teams and Friendswood and Pearland were represented on the teams.

Friendswood had three players named to the prestigious teams after completing the team's most successful season in school history.

The Mustangs finished the season with a 30-8-1 record while advancing to the Class 5A state championship game under the guidance of head coach Cory Benavides who was also named as a TSWA "Coach of the Year" finalist.

Friendswood came up short 2-1 to the Georgetown Eagles for the state title.

Two of the Friendswood players were recently named the Houston Chronicle's "Hitter of the Year" and "Pitcher of the Year." Dylan Maxcey and Jacob Rogers were selected for those two honors.

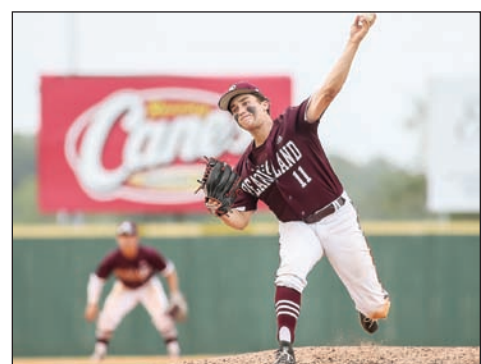
Named as the All-State first-team catcher was senior Dylan Maxcey who hit .468 batting average that included 59 hits, 21 doubles, two triples, five home runs, 31 RBIs, 37 runs scored, and 10 stolen bases. He also posted a .989 fielding percentage behind the plate. Maxcey is a Texas Tech signee.

Named as the All-State second-team third baseman was junior Boots Landry who hit .350, with 30 runs, 12 doubles, five triples, six home runs, and 45 RBIs. Landry is com-

mitted to Texas A&M.

Named to the All-State third-team is senior pitcher Jacob Rogers who had an 8-3 record and finished with a 1.65 ERA over 76 innings while also collecting 89 strikeouts, and 33 walks. Rogers is committed to Texas Tech.

Pearland junior pitcher Caden Ferraro was named the Class 6A All-State honorable mention team as he was 10-1 pitching with a 1.12 ERA, 68.1 innings pitched, 25 walks, 100 strikeouts for a 32-9-1 team. Ferraro is committed to Texas A&M.



CADEN FERRARO



JACOB ROGERS & DYLAN MAXCEY

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### LEGALS

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**Pearland Independent School District will be accepting Request for Proposals for Charter Bus Services RFP # 23-0818-01 until 3:00 p.m, Thursday, August 18, 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>.**

### LEGALS

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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, August 18, 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:

#### ITB 0722-19 Ditching Maintenance

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 above.

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at Council Chambers located at 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas 77581 at **3:00 PM on Wednesday, August 3, 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 [ebids@pearlandtx.gov](mailto:ebids@pearlandtx.gov) no later than 5:00 PM Monday, August 8, 2022, and refer to ITB 0722-19. Bid Closing Date: **2:00 PM on Thursday, August 18, 2022**.

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#### ITB 0722-17 Guardrail Repair and Component Replacement

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A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at Council Chambers located at 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas 77581 at **3:00 PM on Tuesday, August 2, 2022**. See bid solicitation for virtual link option if preferred.

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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 Wednesday, August 17, 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:

#### ITB 0722-22 Vehicle Leasing Services

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 above.

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at Council Chambers located at 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas 77581 at **2:00 PM on Wednesday, August 3, 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 [ebids@pearlandtx.gov](mailto:ebids@pearlandtx.gov) no later than 5:00 PM Friday, August 5, 2022, and refer to ITB 0722-22. Bid Closing Date: **2:00 PM on Wednesday, August 17, 2022**.

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### LEGALS

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#### NOTICE TO BIDDERS FRIENDSWOOD I.S.D. RFP #22-010-SUPP

#### SUPPLEMENT to PROMOTIONAL ITEMS & APPAREL (INCLUDING SCREENPRINTING & EMBROIDERY)

The Friendswood Independent School District will be accepting Sealed Proposals (Texas Education Code 44.031) to supplement our existing contract for PROMOTIONAL ITEMS & APPAREL (INCLUDING SCREENPRINTING & EMBROIDERY).

Vendors already approved under RFP #21-010 do not need to submit. Sealed proposals can be submitted online or to FISD's Administration Building at 302 Laurel Drive, Friendswood, Texas 77546. Proposals must be received on or before 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 31, 2022. Bid packets are available on FISD's website [www.myfisd.com/information-for-vendors](http://www.myfisd.com/information-for-vendors) or through the Public Purchase website [www.publicpurchase.com](http://www.publicpurchase.com). Please contact [cbain@fisdk12.net](mailto:cbain@fisdk12.net) with any questions. The Friendswood Independent School District reserves the right to postpone, to accept or to reject any and all proposals as it deems to be in its best interests and to waive formalities and reasonable irregularities.

## LOOKING TO MAKE SOME EXTRA MONEY?

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Future Iowa Colony students stand proud in front of their new school with their mascot, Blaze the Bull.

## Alvin ISD's new Iowa Colony High School to open to students

On August 17 & 18, teachers and administrators are preparing to welcome over 29,000 students back to school in Alvin ISD.

"The first day of school marks a milestone for students and parents alike. For some, it is the first day of kindergarten and for others it is the first day of senior year. No matter where you are on your learning journey in Alvin ISD, it is our commitment to you to provide an environment that is challenging, supportive, safe, and inspirational," shared Alvin ISD Superintendent Carol Nelson.

This year, Alvin ISD is opening its 4th comprehensive high school, Iowa Colony High School.

"Our staff has been so

busy this summer preparing for the first students to enter the building at Iowa Colony High School. It's such an exciting time to be a Pioneer! As the year goes on, it will be exciting to watch as the students and staff develop and establish an identity and culture for our campus," said Ashley Marquez, principal of Iowa Colony High School.

The school will open with 9th and 10th grade students. The 553,086 sq. ft. learning environment is located in the Meridiana subdivision in Iowa Colony.

Iowa Colony High School, part of the 2018 Bond, began construction in 2019. The campus will utilize 955 sq. ft. classrooms and 1,400 sq. ft. labs

designed around a 25-student capacity. The campus will include three large group instructional spaces, a 10,000 sq. ft. library, dedicated Career and Technical Education classes that integrate into the advanced CTE campus, an 800-person auditorium, an attached swimming pool, and three gymnasiums.

Although Iowa Colony High School is the only campus opening for the 2022-23 school year, Alvin ISD has other campuses in the works.

Delbra Orum Nichols-Wilma Fountain Mock Elementary in Rosharon and the renovated Harby Junior High are set to open for the 2023-24 school year. In addition, the Alvin

Elementary replacement campus, Barbara Bennett Elementary, and Iowa Colony Junior High are set to open in 2024.

"We are appreciative of the continued support of our parents, community members and stakeholders. It is because of this support that we are able to continue our efforts of ensuring that Alvin ISD is able to focus on providing excellence for each student we are entrusted to serve," said Nelson.

The District plans to dedicate the new Iowa Colony High School on Sept. 27 at 5:30 pm.

To stay informed on all of the great things occurring in Alvin ISD visit [www.alvinisd.net](http://www.alvinisd.net).



## CITY THANKS SUMMER LIFEGUARDS

In celebration of International Lifeguard Appreciation Day, Friendswood Parks and Rec thanked this summer's lifeguard group for their work for the long, hot days spent keeping a watchful eye or for the many hours spent training to help keep all of our Friendswood swimmers safe. For info on pool admissions and hours, visit: <https://www.ci.friendswood.tx.us/648/Friendswood-City-Pool>.

## Camp Read-a-Lot prepares students for upcoming school year

Students from across the district were invited to attend Camp Read-a-Lot, a summer program designed for students with dyslexia to extend learning in preparation for the upcoming school year. During this two week program, students rotated through multiple teachers who focused on a different strategy including, phonological awareness, regular and irregular word decks, or spelling and gram-

mar. Students were broken down into small groups to allow for more one-on-one teaching.

The camp was designed with fun in mind! Based around a camping theme, the teachers wanted students to enjoy the strategies they were using to help them learn and retain the foundational knowledge being taught. Games, prizes, and fun activities were the highlights of the camp which

encouraged students to learn and explore even more.

"We had to come up with a way to help combat the deficits brought on by the pandemic," west side lead and Alvin ISD Dyslexia Therapist Amanda Cottle shared. "Students who needed compensatory services were invited to attend and we found they were able to truly benefit from the camp." Due to the need, the camp was held over a two

week period with two locations to support students from all over the district. The east side lead were senior teachers Barbee Williams and Liavette Peralta. Third grader Audrey, from Pomona Elementary, shared "My favorite part of the week was working towards earning the spirit stick because you got a fun prize and the recognition of being the best!"

The prizes were purchased through an Alvin ISD Education Foundation funded grant the Camp Read-a-Lot design team wrote the previous year. "We wanted to make sure our students would be encouraged so we knew prizes were the best way to go. We are thankful for the Education Foundation's support," Cottle shared.

"I had a lot of fun and learned new words that will allow me to read better," third grader Kason from Meridiana Elementary shared. "I really liked bowling games and writing with chalk outside!"



Students learn new ways of learning during Alvin ISD's Camp Read-a-lot.