

Around Town

August 11 KPFB LECTURE SERIES

Keep Pearlland Beautiful Lecture Series presents "Plant Medicine in Brazoria County" on Thursday, August 11 at 7 p.m. Broadcast live and free to the community online at www.facebook.com/keeppearlandbeautiful.

August 12 ADULT WRITERS GROUP

Pearland Adult Writers Group shares and gives feedback on creative writing projects. Group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Tom Reid Library, 3522 Liberty Drive. Call 281-652-1677 or email pearland@bcls.lib.tx.us for information.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Dignity Memorial hosts an 11 a.m. Lunch and Learn session at the Melvin Knapp Activity Center, 2424 Park Avenue. The city-run recreation facility holds daily activities for ages 50 and up. For information, call 281-652-1809.

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 Pearlland.

INDIAN CULTURE FEST

The 4th Annual "Puranava" Indian Culture Fest will be held at the Pearlland Town Center Pavilion on Saturday, August 13 from 1pm to 7:30pm. Cultural performances will begin from 5 pm onwards, with dance, chess and art competitions starting from 1 pm onwards. This fest is a free to the public. For more information call 281-402-6585 or visit www.puranava-usa.org.

LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Friends of the Library Book Sale is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the West Pearlland Branch Library, 11801 Shadow Creek Parkway. Call 713-436-0995 for information.

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 Pearlland. 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 Pearlland Library, 11801 Shadow Creek Parkway. Girls ages 11-16. For more information email 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 Pearlland Farmers Market will be held August 20 from 9am to 1pm at Independence Park, 3449 Pearlland Parkway. Local homegrown items.

August 21

MATTRESS FUNDRAISER

The 5th Annual Shadow Creek High School Band Mattress Fundraiser is slated for Sunday, August 21 from 11am to 5pm at Shadow Creek High School, 11850 Broadway St, Pearlland. Quality mattresses priced up to 50% off retail. 15 mattresses that can be delivered anywhere in the country. Also selling adjustable bases, cooling pillows, protectors, sheets and frames.

City denies BellaVita zone change request

By N. BRADFORD
Reporter News Staff

Residents of BellaVita packed into Council Chambers Monday to protest a zone change request that would add two more single family homes to the age-restricted community they say is already flood prone.

After asking anyone not there for the BellaVita agenda item to step out to comply with capacity restrictions, City Council members listened and ultimately denied the rezone request from Forgotten Angels Foundation

CEO and BellaVita's original developer Renee West McGuire. McGuire had been seeking to develop two more lots in the last available section of BellaVita, in an area located at South Rivera Circle and Berlino Dr.

"We've got to build something there," McGuire told the council Monday. "I gave the opportunity to the homeowners association to purchase it, and that's not something they are looking at doing. We have the right to build something on it."

"We are 99% built out. Now,

we're telling you where she wants to build is too low, and it is going to cause flooding of the adjacent homes," said Linda Kuna, one of more than a dozen people who spoke out against the request during public comment.

"This proposal is a poster child of why you don't build in a flood prone area," Connie Harry said. "Why are we even considering this?"

BellaVita HOA Don Smith said increased insurance and taxes and possible flooding top the concerns of residents, many of whom

are on a fixed income.

Others said they were concerned about loss of wildlife habitat and damage and safety issues caused by construction.

Councilman Woody Owens added that flooding and drainage issues are more than a Pearlland problem.

"It's a regional problem," he said.

Monday's request was denied, but the applicant and owner can still move to re-activate the original planned development zoning.

Pandemic, inflation impact rec center, natatorium

By N. BRADFORD
Reporter News Staff

City leaders on Monday explored ideas for making Pearlland's COVID-battered recreation and natatorium facility more economically sustainable.

Facing a long list of needed maintenance and replacements for the now 12-year-old facility, Pearlland City Council on July 25 posed the question: How much would user fees have to increase for the facility to break even?

The question was answered Monday evening by a presentation from the city's Parks and Recreation Department. To reach 100% cost recovery, rental, day pass and membership fees would have to increase by 32% - and that is in the unlikely event that many of those memberships wouldn't canceled, the report states.

But, as City Manager Clay Pearson pointed out in July, "it would be retrofitting how that was presented and promised to the people when they voted for that back in 2007."

Pearland voters in May 2007 did pass the \$21.6 bond referendum to fund construction, and the state-of-the-art complex opened to much fanfare in 2010. Memberships were sold and grew, and

in the four years leading up to the COVID-19 pandemic's arrival, the facility's cost recovery averaged 90% - far surpassing the 75% goal set in 2012.

Then came 2020. Memberships, which averaged about 5,000 before the pandemic, fell below 2,900 and are now at about



3,900. Combined with skyrocketing energy costs, the cost recovery for 2021 plummeted to 37%, and for this year is expected to be 54%.

Monthly fees remain at around \$35 for Pearlland residents, lower than the YMCA and several nearby gyms, according to Monday's report. Opposed to increasing rates, parks staff said they are actively working to rebuild mem-

berships through discounts and promotions.

Parks and Recreation Board Chairman Dennis Jackson on Monday said the board is also against raising fees. Compared to the city's overall spend, the estimated \$500,000 in annual operating cost for the city is a small



price, he said, for a multi-use asset that many communities don't have.

"I understand the desire to squeeze every bit of revenue out of the facility, but (increasing fees) would come at another cost," Jackson told the council Monday. "People want to use the Rec Center. They want to swim in our natatorium. But inflation may cause many to believe they can do

without that membership or day pass. The old saying, 'If it ain't broke don't fix it,' definitely applies here."

Council members on Monday said they were open to ideas to make the facility more economically sustainable.

"I worry that we are burdening our city for additional repairs and costs," Mayor Kevin Cole said, referring to upcoming costs for replacement and repair. "I don't have a hard time with 75 percent (cost recovery), but when we have \$3 million that has to come out in one chunk, that's an undue burden."

Other options discussed included cutting membership fees vs. raising them.

"We're coming out of COVID and we're now hit with inflation," Cole said. "It would be interesting to see if you cut 10% in memberships, would (recovery) happen faster?"

Monday's workshop was discussion only and no action was taken.

A collaboration among the Pearlland Economic Development Corp., the city and the Pearlland school district, the natatorium and recreation center was built on more than seven acres donated by PISD.



PEARLAND COMMUNITY BAND

PCB announces new director/conductor

By KAROLYN GEPHART
Reporter News Staff

Pearland Community Band has a new director, Jesse Oliva.

Oliva is a native Houstonian and graduated from Sam Houston State University. He plays trumpet and was a member of the Spirit of Atlanta Drum and Bugle Corp before becoming a band director at the Middle and High School levels.

He joined the Pearlland Community Band in 2021 and was tapped to be the Assistant Conductor. He led the band through its anniversary performance during the Concert Band Festival held in May at the Pearlland Town Center.

He has taken over the role of Conductor for PCB.

The PCB is a group of music loving individuals with a wide variety of musical skills. The

band has been performing in the Friendswood, Pearlland, South Belt and Houston area since 1996.

Members range from high school ages to 80-plus. They meet on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 pm at the Sageglen Community Association building at 11610 Sageyork Dr.

Currently, they are in need of the following instruments: flutes, clarinets, French horns and a tuba.

After their summer break, they will resume rehearsals on August 23.

The jazz band section is continuing to rehearse from 7 to 8:30 pm. The jazz band will change their rehearsal times to 6-6:45 pm once the concert band returns.

For more information, contact Tammy Chambers at 281-748-5888.



JESSE OLIVA

City joins suit against streaming services

The City of Pearlland joined 24 other Texas cities Tuesday in filing a lawsuit accusing three popular streaming services of failing to pay millions in municipal franchise fees as far back as 2007.

The suit against Disney DTC LLC, Hulu LLC and Netflix Inc. was filed Tuesday in Dallas County on behalf of the cities of Abilene, Allen, Amarillo, Arlington, Austin, Beaumont, Carrollton, Dallas, Denton, Frisco, Fort Worth, Garland, Grand Prairie, Houston, Irving, Lewisville, McKinney, Mesquite, Nacogdoches, Pearlland, Plano, Rowlett, Sugar Land, Tyler and Waco.

It alleges the streaming services failed to pay annual franchise fees mandated by the Texas Public Utility Regulatory Act. Under this law, a video service provider must pay a Texas municipality a 5% franchise fee if that company's programming is delivered via wireline facilities located at least in part in the public right of way - such as utility poles over the streets or sidewalks or beneath the roads. These franchise fees help fund city services such as police, fire protection, libraries and road repairs.

"Disney, Hulu and Netflix have long withheld statutorily required payments to cities throughout Texas, depriving them of fees that help fund essential city services," said McKool Smith principal Steven Wolens, who along with co-counsel is representing the cities.

"This case was filed on behalf of our municipal clients," he said, "to ensure future compliance with PURA and recoup significant fees owed by some of the nation's largest streaming services."

Pearland is among cities now seeking reimbursement of annual franchise fees - as well as interest, since Disney, Hulu and Netflix began streaming their platforms in Texas in 2007, 2011, and 2019, respectively.

Dallas-based McKool Smith is co-counsel on the lawsuit, along with Austin-based Ashcroft Sutton Reyes and St. Louis-based Korein Tillery. Additional cities are expected to join the lawsuit.

Animal shelter in old location for now

The closing of Pearlland Animal Services and relocation back to its previous facility on Old Alvin Road is only temporary, the department says. Recent rain uncovered some drainage issues in the outside kennels at the new Shari D. Coleman Pearlland Animal Shelter and Adoption Center on Freedom Drive.

Financed through a bond passed in 2019, the new shelter and adoption center opened in spring 2022 as part of the city's public safety complex. Named for former animal services manager, the late Shari D. Coleman, the facility can house up to 106 dogs and 98 cats and includes storage, a grooming area, spay and neuter clinic and laundry.

A timeline for repairs has not yet been announced, but the animals were scheduled to be relocated to the Old Alvin Road shelter during the first part of this week so that the work at the new shelter will not disturb them.

The Animal Services Department will remain available for calls for service at 281-652-1970.

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Knapp Center offers trips, fun in August/September

Pearland Knapp Center Seniors have great opportunities this month and next.

A Karaoke Night is planned for Tuesday, August 16 at 5 pm in the Knapp Center Activity Room. Dinner will be potluck. Registration is required and underway now.

A trip is planned to the Museum of Fine Arts Houston on Friday, August 19 at 10 am. Tickets are \$5 to KAC and \$16 (65-plus) or \$19 (under 65) for the museum ticket. The trip is planned to see the work of conceptual artist Leandro Erlich who creates visual paradoxes and optical illusions that force viewers to question their perception of reality.

The show, *Seeing is Not Believing*, features two of Erlich's most iconic installations: Façade and The Psychoanalyst's Office. These are immersive room-size environments. Also on exhibit will be a selection of additional works that span

his career. Comments about his work include that his psychological subversion of the everyday seems to defy the basic laws of physics while challenging one's sense of balance, space and the absolute.

The Grub Club is planning a trip to Portara Mediterranean restaurant in Pearland on Thursday, Sept. 8 at 11 am at 2740 Broadway St.

A special Fall Fling at the West Pearland Community Center is set for Thursday, Sept. 23 from 1 to 3 pm at 2150 Country Place Parkway. The Fall Fling includes a dance with music and fun door prizes. The event is open to the public also 50-plus. Registration is required and underway now. Cost is \$5 for Knapp members.

The Knapp Activity Center is a multi-use facility serving the 50+ population of Pearland and it's surrounding neighbors. The cost is \$25 per year for participants residing in the cor-

porate city limits of Pearland and \$50 per year for Non-Residents.

The KAC features a lending library, computer lab with printing and internet access, Wi-Fi throughout the entire building and a fitness room with three treadmills, two stationary bikes and a resistance machine. The KAC also features several accessory rooms that host various activities such as quilting, painting and game playing.

Exercise classes for all skill levels are offered at the KAC in the spacious, mirrored exercise room, while all social activities are hosted in the large multi-purpose room including daily lunch service provided through ActionS.

The KAC also hosts many social activities throughout the year, including, but not limited to, socials, dances, crafts, and field trips.

The Knapp Center is located at 2424 Park Ave.

FRIENDSWOOD POLICE REPORT

AUGUST 1 thru AUGUST 8

BURGLARY

Aug. 6 (7:07 a.m.) A vehicle burglary was reported at an apartment complex located at 107 Clearview Avenue. The vehicle was parked overnight. When the owner tried to start the vehicle the next morning, it would not start. It appears that the suspect tried to steal the vehicle. A purse, an air compressor and a generator were stolen.

Aug. 6 (6:52 p.m.) Sometime between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., a window on a work van was broken while parked at the Bridgestone Apartments located at 4949 FM 2351. Nothing was stolen from the van.

THEFT

Aug. 4 (2:29 a.m.) A stolen vehicle was located in the 1300 block of S. Friendswood Drive. A 42-year-old male from Texas City, ran the red light at S. Friendswood and W. Parkwood Avenue. He failed to stop, and a pursuit went from Friendswood into Alvin until the vehicle stopped on State Hwy. 6 and 2nd Street in Alvin. At the jail, the suspect had methamphetamine in his sock. The suspect was charged with Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, Evading in a Motor Vehicle, and Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1. His bond was set at \$220,000. He was released on parole in July 2022. The vehicle, a black Ford F250, was stolen in Houston.

Aug. 5 (11:47 a.m.) A ring was stolen from a home in the 1900 block of Wilderness Trails. The homeowner had painters inside her residence and believes one of them may have stolen her ring.

Aug. 7 (12:04 p.m.) A theft of lawn equipment was reported in the 16600 block of Blackhawk Blvd. The homeowner left his lawn-

mower in the front yard and was using the edger and blower on the side of the house when the lawnmower was stolen. The stolen mower is described as a red Tor self-propelled mower.

FRAUD

Aug. 1 (2:24 p.m.) A Friendswood man reported several fraudulent purchases using the information from his credit card. He began receiving push notifications from his credit card company for purchases made at Best Buy and Target in Humble, followed by Lowes. A potential suspect has been named.

Aug. 2 (10:38 a.m.) A Friendswood woman received notification by email that bank accounts were opened using her personal identifying information.

Aug. 2 (3:44 p.m.) Two checks were fraudulently made and cashed on a Friendswood woman's account. The checks totaled over \$12,000. Both checks were written to individuals. Aug. 3 (5:16 p.m.) A Friendswood man mailed a check to pay for pest control services to a Friendswood address. The check was originally made out for \$95.26. The check was "washed" and cashed for \$9,452.00 and issued in the name of an individual.

Aug. 4 (7:10 p.m.) A Friendswood woman attempted to purchase a ferret from an online vendor in Portland, Oregon. She was instructed to use Zelle to pay for the ferret and shipping. After the payment, she was contacted to purchase a specialized crate for shipping and told to pay more money. However, during the transaction, her bank froze the transaction and canceled her credit card. Since that time, the victim has not received the ferret and the airport has no record of the shipment. Now, the victim believes she was scammed.

NARCOTICS

Aug. 4 (11:43 p.m.) A 29-year-old Hitchcock man was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1. The suspect was stopped for an insurance violation in the 4000 block of FM 2351. The office checked the driver's driving status and found that he had three warrants. A police K9 arrived and gave a positive alert for the presence of narcotics inside the vehicle. The subsequent search yielded marijuana, psilocybin (mushrooms), and methamphetamine.

Aug. 5 (2:20 p.m.) A 22-year-old man from Fresno, was charged with No Insurance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The suspect was driving a vehicle without a front license plate and illegal windshield tint in the 4100 block of FM 2351. His vehicle had expired registration and no insurance. He had an outstanding Manvel warrant. During the contact, the officer detected the smell of marijuana. A search yielded a baggie of marijuana. Aug. 6 (12:00 a.m.) a 36-year-old League City man was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The suspect was stopped for an insurance violation in the 3100 block of FM 528. Due to the driver's suspicious behavior, the officer asked him for permission to search his vehicle. The suspect refused and a police narcotics K-9 was requested. The K-9 gave a positive alert for the presence of narcotics inside the vehicle. A search yielded methamphetamine residue along with Heroin and Klonopin inside a lady's purse found inside the vehicle.

Aug. 1 (2:10 p.m.) A 29-year-old Friendswood man was charged with Driving While Intoxicated in the 1900 block of S. Friendswood Drive. An officer observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed, swerve completely off the roadway to avoid hitting traffic that was flowing at the normal rate of speed. During the contact, the suspect exhibited signs of intoxication on a substance other than alcohol. He failed a field sobriety test.

Aug. 1 (10:52 p.m.) A 35-year-old male from Friendswood was charged with Driving While Intoxicated - 3rd offense in the 1600 block of Falcon Ridge Blvd. The suspect was stopped for speeding. As he came to a stop, he hit the curb with his front tire. He exhibited signs of intoxication and failed a field sobriety test.

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PUBLIC INTOXICATION

Aug. 6 (2:49 a.m.) A 41-year-old Friendswood male was charged with Public Intoxication. Officers observed the suspect picking himself up from the roadway in the 1100 block of S. Friendswood Dr. He was pushing a bicycle, appeared to be intoxicated, and was carrying an unopened bottle of Budweiser.

Aug. 6 (11:09 p.m.) A 42-year-old woman from Friendswood, was charged with Public Intoxication and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The suspect was inside Kroger located at 3135 FM 528. She was intoxicated and roaming into areas of the store not designated for the public. When the officer arrived, the woman exhibited signs of intoxication. Her shopping cart contained several open packages that had not been purchased, and she intended to leave the store and drive. Her vehicle was located and secured. At the jail, the woman was in possession of cocaine.

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1. When it's broken, that's good
4. Pan follower
8. Place for a father-to-be: Abbr.
11. Clock std.
14. "... ___ he drove out of sight"
15. Onion relative
16. Dutch city
17. Give ___ on the shoulder
19. "Dick Tracy" character
22. Filly's mother
23. Freshens, in a way
24. C.I.O.'s partner
25. Some bays
26. Beginnings
27. Not accented
29. Bug bugger
30. Congress unit: Abbr.
31. P.I. people
32. ___ Club
34. "___ Ng" (They Might Be Giants song)
36. Four hours before noon
38. F1 neighbors?
42. Astrological ram
44. Victorian, for one
46. Wash again
48. Actress ___ Park Lincoln of "Knotts Landing"
49. Connecting flight?
52. ___ de coeur
53. Conveyance
55. PC linkup
56. ___ throat
58. Casa chimer
59. Cousin of -trix
61. "Casablanca" pianist
63. Extinct Argentinians
64. One who transmits: Abbr.
66. "For shame!"
68. African weight
70. Followers of philosopher René
74. Do some junk repairs?
77. Fatty liquid
78. Cloak-and-dagger org.
79. Sicilian seaport
80. Opening time, maybe
81. DRAFT

83. Makes lace
 84. "Peer Gynt" character
 85. Sound: Prefix
 86. "___ we having fun yet?"
 87. Atl. crosser
 88. "Crikey!"
 89. ___' Pea
 90. Thrice, in prescriptions
- Down**
1. Remoras
 2. Court decree in Canada.
 3. Flag officer
 4. Building wing
 5. Keyboard instrument
 6. Lines of thought, for short?
 7. N.Z. tree
 8. Emancipated
 9. Ancient Roman magistrate
 10. Deferral
 11. Harding's middle name.
 12. Gawp
 13. Shipping weights

18. Change in Mexico
20. Italian province in the Lombardy region
21. "Darn it all!"
25. Colo. clock setting
27. Emmy-winning Lewis
28. "The ___ true for..."
32. Preserves, as pork
33. Black macaw
35. ___-foot oil
37. Spider, in Spain
39. 1973 Triple Crown winner
40. Addition symbol
41. Impertinent ones
43. "Greetings" org.
45. First name at Woodstock
47. French "these"
50. Layers
51. Checks out
54. Most inclement
57. Aria area
60. Like some glass

62. Glacial debris
65. Animal house
67. "And later ___ the crowd thinned out..." (Dylan lyric)
69. Australian sheepdog
70. (Turn to the next pg.)
71. Assumed name
72. Doesn't own
73. Prefix meaning 20
75. Campfire treat
76. Contents of some cartridges
79. Figurehead's place
81. HTML: Dial.
82. HTML formatting language



Field trip to Nash Prairie one of the few acres of untilled native prairie in the area.

DFNC begins new Texas Horned Lizard program

The Delores Fenwick Nature Center (DFNC) is now home to 12 Texas Horned Lizards. The six pairs of lizards were brought to Pearland from West Texas in June by Pearland Parks & Recreation Department Natural Resources Manager, Cullen Ondracek.

What started out just as a conversation with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) about a year and a half ago turned into a reality June 2022. The DFNC plans to help protect this native wildlife species through captive breeding in hopes of reestablishing populations where they once were not too long ago.

“We are doing this good work to add back to the Texas Horned Lizards numbers each year,” Ondracek said. “I have heard countless stories of childhood memories from folks who remember seeing them in their

backyard growing up. They have disappeared from the eastern part of the state now, but they used to be here too.”

The DFNC staff plans to place all captive produced eggs in an incubator, then transition the hatched lizards to aquarium tanks where they will stay for 1-3 months before going back to the wild at TPWD release sites.

Every year the pairings will rotate for better genetic diversity. The DFNC will keep the original 12 adult lizards for as long as they live to continuously aid in conservation efforts with each new group of eggs.

The lizards are currently not available for public viewing just yet while they adjust to their new home and captive breeding, but the DFNC hopes to open them to the public in the future for even more educational opportunities.



Want to Be a Master Naturalist?

By Richard Schaffhausen
Special to the Reporter News

Get your feet wet and your hands dirty? Spend time in a natural setting? Learn about different plant and animal species? Present, instruct, and teach youth or adults? Enhance our natural resources: build, dig, plant, count, band, identify and observe?

Learn about and experience our local ecosystems firsthand. Learn interesting facts about the ecosystems in your own back yard.

The Texas Master Naturalist Cradle of Texas Chapter of Brazoria County is made up of members from all walks of life with various levels of education that have a passion to learn and share their knowledge with others. Brazoria County Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist is seeking men and women interested in becoming a Texas Master Naturalist.

“I was pleasantly surprised at the high level of knowledge and expertise of the instructors leading the various training sessions. The quality of the training far exceeded my expectations,” recent intern Kyle Purvis said.

Intern Kathy Pittman agrees.

“I’ve always had a love of the outdoors, but this class gives you a greater understanding of our local environments and the interactions

between organisms and their habitat. You learn so much!” “I have met some of the most knowledgeable people, with similar interests, and am thoroughly enjoying my work as a Master Naturalist!” Pittman said.

Relationships to the environment are studied.

“The classes, field trips, interactions with subject matter experts and our group projects opened the curtains to show how intertwined and fragile the relationships between wildlife, the environment, and humans really are,” Melanie Hollenshead said.

The Cradle of Texas Chapter of Brazoria County is offering a fall intern class which begins on August 23. Classes and field trips will meet in person every Tuesday. No virtual instruction.

Classroom instruction begins at 9 am and field trips begin shortly afterward.

Field Trips will be at locations such as Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge, Brazos Bend State Park, and Sea Center Texas

Those interested in joining the 2022 Brazoria County chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist intern class can register online from now to August 21. The class size is limited to 25. Classes begin August 23 and end Nov. 12.

For more information or

to apply www.txmn.org/tmncot/training/intern-training or contact Mary Schwartz at mschwartz97@comcast.net

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The BRAZORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 17 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2022 on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 5:30 P.M. at Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, Texas 77027. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

FOR the proposal: James Chick, Roy Adame, Jr., Michael A Mastrangelo, Ryan Miller

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: Tiffany Demasi

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year \$0.33000 /\$100 Adopted	This Year \$0.30000 /\$100 Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.33000 /\$100 Adopted	\$0.30000 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$-0.03000 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		-9.09%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$271,372.00	\$307,736.00
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$829.00	\$12,074.00
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$270,543.00	\$295,662.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$892.79	\$886.99
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$-5.81 -0.65%

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 3.5 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23602, Water Code.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact the tax office at 281-482-0216.

COVID-19 vaccine facts vs. myths presentation at West Pearland Library

The West Pearland Library will host a talk on COVID-19 vaccines on Monday, August 15 at 2:00 pm. “COVID-19 Vaccine Facts vs Myths” is being presented by Sewa International, a Hindu faith-based non-profit organization. The presentation is funded through the Texas vaccine outreach and education grant program, a partnership between Texas A&M Health and the Texas Department of State Health Services unit to fund strategies that ensure greater knowledge of and access to COVID-19 vaccines by those disproportionately affected by COVID-19.

Sewa International, Houston is one of the most active Sewa chapters with a wide range of projects and activities covering Health, Disaster Management, Education, Community Development, and Refugee Empowerment.

The presentation will begin at 2:00 pm and will last approximately 40 minutes with a Q&A session following. The event is free and open to the public. The West Pearland Library is located at 11801 Shadow Creek Parkway in Pearland. The phone number is 713-436-0995.

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The BRAZORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 43 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2022 on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. at The Muller Law Group, PLLC, 202 Century Square Boulevard, Sugar Land, Texas 77478. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

FOR the proposal: Steve Sheldon, Dayne Burson, Gay Thompson, Robert Walters

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: Jeffrey Nielsen

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year \$0.95000 /\$100 Adopted	This Year \$0.95000 /\$100 Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.95000 /\$100 Adopted	\$0.95000 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.00000 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		0.00%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$403,730.00	\$474,048.00
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0.00	\$10,474.00
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$403,730.00	\$463,574.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$3,835.44	\$4,403.95
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$568.52 14.82%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 8 percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code. Tax levy increase due to new money bonds being sold to fund necessary infrastructure projects.

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Should you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact the tax office at 281-482-0216.



FAITH MATTERS

By Rev. Dr. Brian Gige

ON THE KINGDOM OF GOD

(First in a four part series)

Paul, speaking to the Jewish leaders... "I asked you to come and listen to me today to make it clear that I'm on Israel's side, not against her. I'm a hostage here for hope, not doom." They said, "Nobody wrote warning us about you. And no one has shown up saying anything bad about you. But we would like very much to hear more. The only thing we know about this Christian sect is that nobody seems to have anything good to say about it."

"They agreed on a time. When the day arrived, they came back to his home with a number of their friends. Paul talked to them all day, from morning to evening, explaining everything involved in the kingdom of God, and trying to persuade them all about Jesus by pointing out what Moses

and the prophets had written about him." - Acts of the Apostles 28:20-23

The King of England? Henry? The King of France? Louis? They're dead, right? The king of America, then. Nope. We have presidents. The King and his Court? Eddie Feigner? Un-uh. He's dead, too. Well, who, then? The king of pop? The king of soul? The king of country music or the king of rock 'n roll? It seems they've all run out of breath, as well... that thing which catches up with us and happens to each of us... no matter how important we or others might think of ourselves or them... kingdoms come, and kingdoms go... along with their respective kings...

But, what about Jesus? Jesus of Nazareth? Wasn't he a king? Well... Pontius Pilate put a placard above his head when he was crucified on the cross. "Jesus of Nazareth-King of the Jews" it read... but that wasn't exactly right... the Procurator of Judea was a bit short-sighted... as Jesus' kingship would not be contained to the small patch of land on the east end of the Mediterranean flowing with milk and honey but no oil... Jesus is hailed as 'king of the universe...' not a geographical location but rather a place in one's heart... a kingdom which is in me and you and therefore... here, there and everywhere for those who seem to be paying attention and looking out for it each day...

This is the first post in a series of four articles on 'the kingdom of God.' Questions like 'What is it?' or 'What is it like?' and 'Where is it?' are all legitimate inquiries when it comes to knowing about and participating in God's kingdom. Others ask... 'How does one enter?' 'Is there a door?' Or is this one of those things when the door is closed God provides a window? The super curious want to know... 'what do I do once I realize the kingdom has come near?' 'Will I be contagious?' and 'will others know?' and for sure... 'how long will it last?'

There is much to be said of this kingdom of God. What makes any of us a citizen of the kingdom? And I want to know... 'do I get to vote?' and... 'is there a banner to wave?' Is that a requirement? Must I wear special clothes? A pin, perhaps? A wrist band or a special mark ... not always visible to others in the world? What if I disagree with the rules? Am I banished? Are there second chances? Thirds? I mess up a whole bunch. And worse yet... I hear this kingdom is full of hypocrites and backsliders. What do I make of that... make of them... and maybe... I'm even one of them... Kyrie eleison... Lord have mercy on me... at least maybe I should start there... it seems a bit confusing... still... just like how it started...back with Jesus and Paul and the Jews and those who said they'd follow Jesus... anywhere...

The Bible seems to indicate that Jesus 'ushered in' the Kingdom of God. Maybe that's mostly true and maybe it started way back before that... and maybe the readers can forward more questions as I take time to share some thoughts on the kingdom of God... Faith matters. For me and you!

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 godworks247365@gmail.com.



The Pearland Chamber of Commerce and the Brazoria County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce recently hosted a Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Certification event certifying 20 businesses.

Local businesses become HUB certified

The Pearland Chamber of Commerce and the Brazoria County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce recently hosted a Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Certification event certifying twenty businesses at The University of Houston-Clear Lake at Pearland.

The certification process featured webinars from Terri Reed with the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and onsite training from Maya Ingram, the State Comptroller's HUB Program Manager and Dr. Sheila Pope, Founder of the Resource Foundation.

The in-person training was held July 25 at the University of Houston-Clear Lake at Pearland.

"When we had the opportunity to work with the Brazoria County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to help inform and certify businesses for HUB qualifications, we jumped at the opportunity. We are excited to present these certifications to businesses in all the communities we serve and look forward to partnering with other community driven organizations to help these businesses utilize the resources afforded to them." - Jim Johnson

The Statewide Procurement Division Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Program administers the HUB program in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 2161 and Texas Administrative Code, Title 34, Chapter 20, Subchapter D, Division 1, Sections 20.281 to 20.298.

For more information, visit <https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/hub/>.

The Pearland Chamber of Commerce is an independent 501(c)6 nonprofit organization with a mission to Serve Business. Promote Growth. Empower Community.

Pearl Theater to open new show

The nonprofit Pearland Theatre Guild will open the melodrama, "Three Tickets to Timberwolf" on Aug. 19 at the Pearl Theatre, 14803 Park Alameda Drive, just west of Pearland.

Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors. Box office opens at 6:30 p.m. and the performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Suitable for the family, "Three Tickets to Timberwolf" runs weekends through Aug. 28. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 3 p.m. on Sundays.

Future shows in 2022 include "The Snow Queen," by Stacey Lane and adopted from a Hans Christian Anderson take opening Sept. 16. John Heimbuch and Job Ferguson's adaptation of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" opens Oct. 21, and the Barbara Robinson comedy, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" opening Dec. 2.

For more information or group rates, call 832-459-4674.

Friendswood Rotary Project to help Ukrainian refugees in Wales

Why Wales? Well, one member of our club made direct contact with a Welsh Rotary club in northern Wales during her recent family visit there. As a result of that contact, and her first hand account of the situation, we were introduced via Zoom to members of the Welsh club, and to representatives of Link International ("Link"), a locally connected charitable organization that is involved in accommodation of Ukrainian refugees in Wales.

How can we support the refugees in Wales? Under our club President's direction, we formed a team to determine what we could do to support the Welsh club and the Ukrainian refugees in the area. First, we determined that the Ukrainian refugee situation is a long term situation. The war in Ukraine is still underway, and many refugees' homes and cities were destroyed by the Russians. Rebuilding in Ukraine will be a long term proposition, and the refugees may not be able to return for years. Second, because our member was in Wales, she was best equipped not only to lead the team, but also to maintain communication with the Welsh club, Link, the Welsh government, and other groups involved in the situation. She has done an admirable job gaining the trust of the other groups, and representing our club to them as a service organization.

Our team leader has been a prime mover in determining how our club can best provide support for the refugees. She observed first hand how the culture in Wales is much different from ours in Texas. As a result, she has a good understanding of how we can best work with the Welsh. For example, she was able to identify specific activities that our club could support financially. After some discussion, our Friendswood club provided financial support for two specific activities to help the refugees. Our support was funneled through Link as a charitable organization, and were much appreciated.

Our team's leader continues to build and maintain relationships with the Welsh groups involved. Our team's primary focus is to determine what needs to be done and what can be done by our club. We know that the potential needs are great, but we want to be good stewards of our money, and any donations we receive to assist the refugees.

For how long? This question cannot be answered at this time, but it will take some time, perhaps many years, for the refugees to return to their homeland. Some of them may never return, especially the children as they are educated in Wales, speaking both English and Welsh. The Rotary Club of Friendswood, through its charitable foundation, will provide support for the Ukrainian refugees as long as specific needs can be identified and quantified. We hope to gain support throughout Friendswood and our local area to ensure that the needs are met.

For more information e-mail davestexas@yahoo.com.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Friendswood ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, August 22, 2022 in FREINDSWOOD ISD BOARD ROOM LOCATED AT 402 LAUREL DR. FRIENDSWOOD TEXAS 77546. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$0.91700/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.29240/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and operations	5.34 % increase
Debt Service	8.20 % increase
Total Expenditures	5.83 % increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$5,067,011,141	\$5,581,057,934
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$86,970,310	\$63,066,100
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$4,148,816,052	\$4,479,095,002
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$79,025,436	\$59,343,797

*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$196,190,000

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$0.93440	\$0.30500	\$1.23940	\$8,213	\$2,442
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.87787	\$0.28495	\$1.16282	\$8,713	\$2,022
Proposed Rate	\$0.91700	\$0.29240	\$1.20940	\$8,599	\$2,099

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$450,114	\$493,663
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$383,018	\$418,231
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.23940	\$1.20940
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$4,747.13	\$5,058.09
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$310.96

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.24173. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.24173.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$18,394,656
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$3,587,795

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

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SPORTS



12U ALL-STARS

PEARLAND LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM

Pearland Little League in command of Southwest Region Tournament

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

The Pearlland Little League team is on a quest to advance to the Little League World Series, but they must first win the Southwest Regional Tournament in Waco. However, they are on track to do just that after getting convincing wins over Arkansas, Mississippi, and Texas West. Now, Pearlland will face a team on Tuesday, August 9 in the championship game. Go to: reporternewsports.com to see the results.

PEARLAND LL 14 - ARKANSAS 2

Pearland easily beat Arkansas 14-2 in the Southwest region tournament.

Pearland opened up the first inning with five runs for a 5-0 lead which set the tone for the rest of the game.

Kaiden Shelton powered a two-run homer in the opening frame which also brought home Jacob Zurek who had opened the frame with a single.

Pearland scored two in the third after Arkansas scored two in the second inning to make the score 6-2. Pearlland then added eight runs in the fifth inning to put the game out of reach 14-2 for the win.

Leading hitters for Pearlland included Jacob Zurek (2-for-4, 2 runs), Kaiden Shelton (1-for-4, 2 runs, 3 RBIs, HR), Austin Cummings (2-for-3, 2 runs), and Corey Kahn (2-for-3, 2 runs, 1 RBI).

Jacob Zurek was the winning pitcher as he went two innings, allowing no runs on one hit and striking out four. Cooper Arbaugh threw two innings in relief out of the bullpen.

PEARLAND LL 6 - MISSISSIPPI 4

Mississippi put a scare into Pearlland as they jumped out to a 3-0 lead while holding Pearlland scoreless through the first four frames.

The boys from Pearlland finally got untracked by scoring a pair of runs in the

top of the fifth to cut the lead to 3-2. Pearlland added four more runs in the top of the sixth to finally take the lead in the game 6-3.

Mississippi managed to score a harmless run in the bottom of the sixth before Pearlland got the 6-4 win.

Corey Kahn earned the victory on the hill as he allowed one hit and one run over one and two-thirds innings, striking out three. Austin Cummings threw two innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Leading hitters include Cummings (2-for-3, 1 run), Landon Karel (1-for-3, 1 run), Ethan Richardson (2-for-2, 1 RBI), and Manuel Castillo (1-for-2, 1 run).

Jacob Zurek, Cummings, and Cooper Arbaugh hit doubles while Castillo stroked a triple.

PEARLAND LL 19 - TEXAS WEST 0

This game got out of hand starting in the first inning when leadoff hitter Jacob Zurek

hit a solo home run for a quick 1-0 lead.

Pearland added four more runs in the top of the third for a 5-0 advantage and then blew Texas West out of the game with 14 runs in the fourth frame for a 19-0 lopsided win. Pearlland smacked three home runs during the game.

Jackson Wolfe got the win as he surrendered no runs on one hit over three innings, striking out three and walking zero. Cooper Arbaugh threw one inning in relief out of the bullpen.

Pearland had 20 hits and 19 runs over four innings. Leading hitters include Jacob Zurek (2-for-4, 3 runs, 4 RBIs, HR), Kaiden Shelton (3-for-5, 3 runs, 4 RBIs, HR), Jackson Wolfe (3-for-3, 2 runs), Landon Karel (3-for-3, 2 runs, 2 RBIs), Austin Cummings (1-for-3, 2 runs, 1 RBI), Manuel Castillo (1-for-2, 1 run, 4 RBIs, Grand Slam), Corey Kahn (1-for-1, 1 run, 1 RBI), Ethan Richardson (3-for-3, 2 runs), and Jacobby Mayberry (1-for-2, 1 run, 1 RBI).

Friendswood's Braylan Shelby commits to USC

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

Friendswood outside linebacker Braylan Shelby is considered one to the nation's most athletic defensive edge rushers. Shelby has been struggling in deciding whether to choose Texas or the University of Southern California to take his talents to the next level after his senior season with the Mustangs.

In a recent conversation with Rivals.com, Shelby said, "It was very, very hard. Definitely some long nights just standing up in my room wondering which place to go to. There's nothing like Texas, it's amazing. I

wish I could go to both, to be honest."

At 6-foot-5, 235 pounds, Shelby is the No. 83 ranked recruit in the country for the class of 2023, according to Rivals. He is the No. 5 ranked outside linebacker in the country and the No. 15 recruit from the state of Texas.

On his first visit to USC, Shelby was able to see how a player lives on a daily basis, and everything about it made him want to commit to the Trojans.

"It was perfect," Shelby said. "I love the dorm rooms, I love the facilities. I love everything, it's perfect."

There is also an opportunity to see the

field early for Shelby as USC continues its roster overhaul.

"They definitely see me playing early out there," he said. "I know it's gonna take some work, but they told me I should be able to."

Last year, the senior defensive standout totaled 77 tackles including 12 for loss and eight sacks. He also recorded five pass breakups, four forced fumbles and one pick-six. His skillset will allow him to impact the game in multiple ways in an edge role at USC.

There is no doubt that Shelby will be the team leader for the Mustangs this season.



BRAYLAN SHELBY

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Friday	8/26	Clear Falls	Away	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	9/1	FB Memorial	Home	6:00 p.m.
Friday	9/9	C.E. King	Away	7:00 p.m.
Friday	9/16	OPEN		
Friday	9/23	*Shadow Creek	Home	7:00 p.m.
Friday	9/30	*Alief Elsik	Away	7:00 p.m.
Friday	10/7	*Alvin	Home	7:00 p.m.
Friday	10/14	*Dawson	Home	7:00 p.m.
Friday	10/21	*Alief Taylor	Home	7:00 p.m.
Friday	10/28	*Strake Jesuit	Away	7:00 p.m.
Thur	11/3	*Alief Hastings	Home	7:00 p.m.

*District 23-6A games

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Friday	8/26	Manvel	Home	7:00 p.m.
Friday	9/2	Clear Springs	Home	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	9/10	Bridgeland	Away	6:00 p.m.
Friday	9/16	OPEN		
Friday	9/23	*Pearland	Away	7:00 p.m.
Friday	9/30	*Alief Hastings	Home	7:00 p.m.
Friday	10/7	*Alief Elsik	Home	7:00 p.m.
Friday	10/14	*Alvin	Away	7:00 p.m.
Friday	10/21	*Dawson	Home	7:00 p.m.
Friday	10/28	*Alief Taylor	Away	7:00 p.m.
Friday	11/4	*Strake Jesuit	Home	7:00 p.m.

*District 23-6A games

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
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.

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Friday	8/26	Hightower	Home	7:00 p.m.
Friday	9/2	Klein Collins	Home	7:00 p.m.
Friday	9/9	Tomball	Away	7:00 p.m.
Friday	9/16	OPEN		
Friday	9/23	*Alief Hastings	Away	7:00 p.m.
Friday	9/30	*Alief Taylor	Home	7:00 p.m.
Friday	10/7	*Strake Jesuit	Away	7:00 p.m.
Friday	10/14	*Pearland	Away	7:00 p.m.
Friday	10/21	*Shadow Creek	Away	7:00 p.m.
Friday	10/28	*Alief Elsik	Home	7:00 p.m.
Thur	11/3	*Alvin	Away	7:00 p.m.

*District 23-6A games

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Friday	8/26	Texas City	Away	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	9/1	*Willowridge	Away	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	9/10	*FB Kempner	Away	6:00 p.m.
Friday	9/16	*Manvel	Home	7:00 p.m.
Friday	9/23	*Foster	Home	7:00 p.m.
Friday	9/30	*Magnolia	Home	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	10/8	*Fulshear	Away	11:00 a.m.
Friday	10/14	*Terry	Home	7:00 p.m.
Friday	10/21	*Angleton	Away	7:00 p.m.
Friday	10/28	OPEN		
Friday	11/4	*Magnolia West	Home	7:00 p.m.

*District 10-5A DI games

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
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.
ROUND TWO				
Tue	10/4	Shadow Creek	Away	6:30 p.m.
Fri	10/7	Alief Elsik	Home	4:30 p.m.
Tue	10/11	Alvin	Home	6:30 p.m.
Fri	10/14	Dawson	Home	4:30 p.m.
Tue	10/18	Alief Taylor	Away	6:30 p.m.
Tue	10/25	Alief Hastings	Away	6:30 p.m.

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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 or through the Public Purchase website www.publicpurchase.com. Please contact cblain@fisd12.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 interest and to waive formalities and reasonable irregularities.

LEGALS

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS

Sealed Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, August 25, 2022, and read aloud into the public record for the following project:

Green Tee Re-Pump Abandonment City of Pearland, Texas COP PN: WA2204 BID NO.: ITB 0722-21

The project will consist of the following for Green Tee Re-Pump Abandonment: Removal of the existing Green Tee repressurization station located west of Bogey Way, north of Scarsdale Blvd. in the City of Pearland. Work consists of a 212,000-gallon bolted steel ground storage tank, 2 booster pumps, LAS and bleach tanks, and a portable metal building all with associated concrete foundations. The city desires to abandon the facility.

A Nonmandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held in person at the City of Pearland City Hall Council Chambers at 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas 77581 at 1:00 p.m. on August 18, 2022.

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

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

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

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

Frances Aguilar
City Secretary, City of Pearland

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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, September 1, 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 cases:

1. ZBA APPLICATION NO. VARZ 22-07: A request of Robert Dietrich, applicant and owner, for approval of a variance as permitted by the Unified Development Code, Ordinance No. 2000-T, to allow a reduction of the 100' setback for a proposed accessory structure on a lot over one acre in the Single-Family Residential-1 (R-1) District (Section 2.5.3.1(b)), to wit:

Legal Description: Lot 7, in Block 7, Shadycrest, a subdivision in Brazoria County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 8, Page 95-96 of the Plat records of Brazoria County, Texas.

General Location: 2101 West Mary's Creek Lane, Pearland, TX.

2. 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

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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 September 7, 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 0722-18 Generator Repairs

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 Tuesday, August 23, 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 no later than 5:00 PM Monday, August 29, 2022, and refer to ITB 0722-18. Bid Closing Date: **2:00 PM on Wednesday, September 7, 2022**.

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ARTIST PAULA GRON

Artists collaborate on 'Counterparts' exhibition in UHCL Art Gallery

Paula and Jack Gron, both lifelong artists who happen to be married to each other, work in completely different media. Paula's art reflects her need to have "busy, busy hands," using sewn, quilted and assembled textile techniques that are inspired by nature and color. Jack's work is in metal and wood and is an expression of the full range of his emotions.

Together, they have chosen about 40 pieces and combined them for an exhibition entitled "Counterparts," to open on Sept. 6 at University of Houston-Clear Lake's Art Gallery, located in the Bayou Building.

"We are counterparts. We are part of the same machine," said Paula. "We complement each other, but our work is not similar. I draw my inspiration from the outside world; from nature and life forms. Jack draws his inspiration from within, so he's expressing himself emotionally in his sculptures."

Paula, a former commercial graphic artist, said she has always loved crocheting, weaving and sewing, and her work often depicts seeds released from pods. "I am trying to raise awareness about vanishing flora and fauna in the world," she said. "I've learned from local botanists, the Millennium Seed Bank in Sussex, England and use the IUCN RedList of endangered plants."

Jack, a retired art professor, said he'd been creating art as well as teaching college students his entire career. "I taught metals—welding, forging, bronze, aluminum, stainless steel," he said. "My work has taken me all over the world, but when the pandemic hit, I was cloistered in my studio with no place to go. I decided to use up the materials I had in my studio and work intuitively. I let the work dictate to me how it should be."

He decided to reincorporate wood into his work, combining it with metals. "I find that interesting; the surfaces, textures and reflections," he said. "I always work with what the piece is telling me. It changes as the work evolves. I allow for spontaneity to occur in the work, so if I see something happening that I didn't account for in the sketch, I allow for that."

He said that the highlight of his works in the exhibition was a piece called "Bridges," a combination of stainless steel, aluminum and wood. "It's very striking and everything else is built around it," he said. "I've done several pieces called 'Bridges' in my career. It's about connecting one thing to another, or going from one place to another via this structure."

Paula said that of all the pieces in her part of the exhibition, she hoped people would note the herbarium data sheet triptych. "Scientists very carefully tape gathered, dried plants with seeds in bags onto archival paper along with the data about where that plant was found, including its dimensions and its vulnerability," she said. "My artistic interpretation is that I wanted to duplicate that on canvas, make the floral part 3D and add a quilting element to it."

"Counterparts" is Jack's first exhibition to feature hardwood to add contrast of surface, texture and color. Paula said her work is primarily a commentary on worldwide human and industrial impacts that affect the extinction rates of plant life.

The exhibition will run through Oct. 21. For more information, visit www.uhcl.edu/art-gallery/

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