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Around Town

April 6
MINDFULNESS CLASS
Friendswood Library presents "Cultivating Joy and Well Being by Use of Mindfulness" on Thursday, April 6 at 10am. The talk will cover how to cultivate inner peace and joy by stopping up, being mindful and not being caught up in your thought. The library is located at 416 S. Friendswood Dr.

April 8
EASTER EGG HUNT
Anson Jones Lodge #1416 Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 8 starting at 9am at 108 E. Willowick Ave. in Friendswood. Breakfast available for purchase.

SQUARE DANCE LESSON
Hanger Squares will offer a free Square Dance Lesson on Saturday, April 8 from 6:30 to 8:00pm at Jones Hangar - Leavesley Park, 901 Buckingham in Friendswood. Square and line dancing will follow from 8:00 to 9:30pm. For more information email hangersquares-friendswoodtx@gmail.com or visit hangersquares.org.

April 10
BLOOD DRIVE
Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will hold a blood drive on Monday, April 10 from 9am to 3pm at the Friendswood Junior High School Gym, 1000 Manison Pkwy. Donors will receive a free Earth Day Shirt. To schedule an appointment visit https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule and use sponsor code FJHS.

April 12
SPRING PICNIC & EASTER EGG HUNT FOR SENIORS
Seniors in Friendswood will have their Spring Picnic and Easter Egg Hunt April 12 from 11 am to 1 pm at Stevenson Park at 1100 S. Friendswood Drive in Friendswood. Hot dogs will be served followed by an egg hunt and bingo.

April 13
BINGO AT THE CHAMBER
Friendswood Chamber of Commerce presents Let's Bingo! on Thursday, April 13 from 5:30 to 7:30pm at 1100 S. Friendswood Dr. \$5 per bingo card. Cash required for bingo pay offs. Snacks and drinks provided.

April 15
PRAYER BREAKFAST
The Friendswood Community Prayer Breakfast monthly meeting is on Saturday, April 15 from 7:30am to 9:00am at the Friendswood Friends Church, 502 S. Friendswood Dr. All are invited for the breakfast, with speaker Bruce Munsterman, and a time of prayer around the tables. For more information and to RSVP please call or text Steve Martin Sr. at 832-607-1734. Breakfast requested donation is \$10.

SPRING SPARKLE
Spring Sparkle will be held Saturday, April 15 from 8am to 2pm at Centennial Park, 2200 S. Friendswood Dr. and is open to Friendswood residents only (must present ID as proof of residency upon entering the park). There will also be a Garage Sale and donated items can be dropped off from 8am to 12pm (no clothing donations accepted). For more information call 281-996-3220 or visit the Friendswood Parks and Rec Facebook page for a list of items being accepted for recycling.

STRATEGY CARD GAMES
Friendswood Library offers Strategy Card Games on Saturday, April 15 from 1:30 to 3:30pm in the History Room. Bring your own deck of Magic, Pokemon, Yu-Gi-Oh!, and Digimon and play with others. For 11-18 years old. The library is located at 416 S. Friendswood Dr.

MOBILE VET CLINIC
Countryside Mobile Vet will offer a Low Cost Vaccinations Clinic on Saturday, April 15 from 11am to 3pm at Gulf Coast Equine and Pet Center, 4111 FM 2351 in Friendswood.

April 20-22
SPRING SHOP HOP
Friendswood Downtown Spring Shop Hop will be held April 20 through April 22 at over 25+ retail stores in downtown Friendswood.

April 22
SPRING DANCE CLINIC
The Friendswood High School Wranglerettes will hold a Spring Dance Clinic on Saturday, April 22. Participants will have the opportunity to dance in our 2023 Wranglerette Spring Show which is celebrating 50 years of Wranglerettes! Junior Dance Clinic: Pre-K (limited spots) and K-8th Grade; Advance Intensive Clinic: 6-12th Grade. Information and registration at friendswoodwranglerettes.com.

April 4 declared Cline Elementary School Day in the city

By KAROLYN GEPHART
Reporter News Staff

Cline Elementary students were an active part of the Friendswood City Council meeting April 3 at City Hall. They were part of a Kids' Council and sat in the Council chairs.

The City of Friendswood's Kids' Council for a Day allows students to step up to the dais to replace the council and staff in order to take part in a mock governance simulation.

A group of selected second-grade students from Cline Elementary participated in the Kid's Council in order to declare April 4, 2023, as Cline Elementary School Day in the City of Friendswood, Texas.

Mayor Mike Foreman complimented Cline in the proclamation as having excellent teachers, support staff and parent volunteers who make up its learning community celebrating each child's unique gifts. Cline Elementary was declared the learning community that believes that music, art, physical education, library, technology and character development are integral in developing the whole child. He complimented the children as engaged learners and 'bucketfillers.'

In other Council news, City



The City of Friendswood's Kids' Council for a Day allows students to step up to the dais to replace the council and staff in order to take part in a mock governance simulation. At Monday night's City Council meeting, second grade students from Cline Elementary approved a resolution declaring April 4, 2023 as Cline Elementary School Day in the City of Friendswood.

Council has designated Field 5 located at Corporal Steven Schulz SportsPark as the Jesse Torres Field in memory of Torres' years of service to the community. The request was sent by James Jamail and the Council passed, approved and adopted the change at the meeting. Torres was a coach for the Friendswood Girls Softball Association for over 30 years.

In the resolution presented by the mayor, Torres was recognized

for tirelessly giving his time to assist others and impart life skills to all his players, including self-confidence, teamwork, commitment, sportsmanship and ow to manage stress, adversity and success; thus, impacting the youth of the community.

Kristopher Williams in the Public Works Department was presented the City of Friendswood Five Star Spirit Award. City officials received a compliment from a resident about

Williams assistance with a water leak for a 93 year old neighbor. He repaired the leak and then returned several hours later to make sure there were no further issues with the repair.

Williams began his job with the City in 2020 and serves currently as a Crew Leaker in Public Works. The Five Star Award is presented to an employee who exhibits being courteous, competent, reliable, professional and enthusiastic.

Director of Public Works Rene Ibarra was recognized for her invitation to be a panelist for the Underground Construction Technology Association for a discussion on Collection Systems with peers from the City of Houston and the City of Hitchcock. They will share their Challenges, Successes and What Keeps Them Up at Night.

Deputy Director of Engineering Samantha Haritos was recognized for participating in a panel discussion at the Texas Floodplain Management Association conference in early March to discuss Local Involvement in Regional Flood Planning. Haritos shared Friendswood's successes and lessons learned so far in reducing flood risk at both the local and regional levels.

GIVING IT HER BEST EFFORT



Friendswood's goals leader Olivia Schmidt (white) fields a pass against Port Neches-Groves' Ariana Sandoval during the first half of a regional quarterfinal soccer match. The Lady Indians edged the Lady Mustangs 2-1 to end the season for Friendswood.

Committee offers preview of 128th 4th of July activities

By KAROLYN GEPHART
Reporter News Staff

Friendswood City Council received a preview of this year's plans for the 128th Annual Fourth of July Celebration by the Fourth of July Steering Committee at the Council meeting Monday, April 3 at City Hall.

This year's theme will be Traveling the USA.

The day will begin with the Grand Parade featuring over 100 entries from the city and throughout the state. After the parade, Stevenson Park will be the site for amusement rides, games, food, and live entertainment. The park activities will continue until 2:30 pm.

The evening entertainment will again be held in Centennial Park beginning at 7 pm with free shuttle service beginning at 6:30 pm from Friendswood High School and Friendswood Methodist Church.

The headline act for the evening will be Tin Man Band. Following the entertainment, the fireworks show will be held choreographed to patriotic music.

Steering committee members for 2023 include Michelle Bjacek, Stephanie Karacostas, Tommy McDonald, Terry McKee, Rufino Ramirez, Anthony Scarpa, Christine Scarpa, Nancy Sims, Larry Sims, Vice Chair Stacy Kohn and Committee Chair Barbara Blanchard.



18th Annual Classic Car & Bike Show

The 18th Annual Classic Car & Bike Show was held last weekend at Stevenson Park.

The event was a huge success with over 145 entries in the competition.

Pictured: This 1936 Ford Model 68 Sedan won first place in the Class 9 division.

Photo by Kathy Hickey

PEARLAND POLICE REPORT

Below are highlights from reports filed this week by the Pearland Police. Incident and arrest reports are public record and are available in full online at p2c.pearlandtx.gov.

- **Thursday, March 30**
A 39-year-old Pearland resident was arrested at 5:42 p.m. for possession/promotion of lewd visual material depicting a child, 12000 block of Quail Creek Drive. Mental health incident at midnight, 6900 block of Old Oaks Blvd. Welfare concern at 2 a.m., 11100 block of Shadow Creek Parkway. Arrest for possession drug paraphernalia at 8 a.m., 2300 N. Park Ave. Two arrests for possession drug paraphernalia at 3:30 p.m., 14600 South Freeway. An arrest for DWI, second offense, at 4:12 p.m., 1800 block of Oak Lodge Drive. An arrest for unlawful restraint at 4:16 p.m., 5030 U.S. 69. An arrest for family violence assault was made at 11:20 p.m., 4100 block of Oak Point Drive.
- **Friday, March 31**
An arrest for forgery at 12:06 a.m., 13000 block of Trail Manor Drive. Arrest for possession drug paraphernalia at 2:49 a.m., 10700 Broadway St. Criminal investigation conducted at 10:47 a.m., 5700 block of Broadway St. Separate arrests for possession of a weapon by a

- felon, failure to identify and felony possession of a controlled substance at 11:51 a.m., 9900 block of Hallmar, Lane. An arrest for expired driver's license at 12:04 p.m., 7200 Broadway St. An arrest for assault by physical contact at 2:28 p.m., 2400 block of Main St. Arrest for possession drug paraphernalia at 6:28 p.m., 2100 Main St. Death investigation at 10:14 p.m., 16100 block of South Freeway. Arrest for possession drug paraphernalia at 9:45 p.m., 19200 Main St. Arrest for possession drug paraphernalia at 11:17k p.m., 3400 Dixie Farm Road. An arrest for assault causing bodily injury of a family member at 11:46 p.m., 12800 block of Flat Creek Drive.
- **Saturday, April 1**
Arrest for possession drug paraphernalia at 12:04 a.m., 2600 Crystal Falls Drive. Arrest for unlawful restraint, 2:13 a.m., 2000 block of Lazy Hollow Court. An arrest for criminal trespass at 12:05 p.m., 1014 Main St. An arrest for DWI at 1:24 p.m., 3100 Southlake Blvd. Four people were arrested for violations of city ordinances around 5 p.m., 1000 Main St. Arrest for possession drug

- paraphernalia at 6 p.m., 2400 Country Club Drive.
- **Sunday, April 2**
Disorderly conduct and discharging of firearm reported at 12:22 a.m., 11000 block of Broadway St. A DWI arrest at 1:22 a.m. 12200 Shadow Creek Parkway. A report of aggravated assault was made at 1 a.m., 2800 block of Poplar Creek Lane. Arrest for possession drug paraphernalia at 1:04 a.m., 2900 Oak Road. A report of stalking was made at 6 a.m., 1900 block of Kingsley Drive. Extortion or blackmail was reported at 6:44 a.m., 1400 block of Pinewood Court. Three people were arrested for felony possession of a controlled substance at 7:50 a.m., 11600 Broadway St. Arrest for possession drug paraphernalia at 10:26 a.m., 2800 Oak Road.
- **Monday, April 3**
An arrest for interfering with emergency call at 1:18 a.m. Vehicle parts reported stolen at 2 a.m., 2500 Business Center Drive. Death investigation at 7:48 a.m., 16100 block of South Freeway. Vehicle break-ins reported at 10 a.m., 1800 block of Kingsley Drive. A teenager was arrested at 2 p.m. for possession of controlled substance in drug-free zone, Pearland High School. A Katy man was arrested at 3:46 p.m. for assault of a family member with a previous conviction, 2500 block of Staplewood Drive. DWI arrest at 9:40 p.m., 14900 South Freeway.
- **Tuesday, April 4**
Arrest for possession drug paraphernalia at 2 a.m., Arrest for theft at 4:40 a.m., 2555 Cullen Parkway. A woman was arrested for DWI with blood alcohol level over .15 just after midnight, 1524 Broadway St. An arrest for assault of a family member was made just before 1 a.m., 3700 block of Sunset Meadows Drive. Warrant arrests were made in the early morning hours Tuesday at 10400 block of Broadway St., 5700 Ball St. and 3600 block of County Road 45.

FRIENDSWOOD POLICE REPORT

MARCH 27 THRU APRIL 2

- **BURGLARY**
Mar. 27 (8:16 p.m.) A vehicle burglary was reported at Dance Expressions, located at 204 W. Heritage Drive. The victim was leaving the dance studio at 8:00 p.m. She walked to her car, left her wallet and keys to her vehicle inside her unlocked vehicle and went back inside. When she returned to her vehicle, she sat down and was getting ready to leave when suddenly, her driver's side door opened. A black male touched her shoulder. He immediately left and got in the passenger side of a white SUV. Then, the victim noticed that her backpack was open on the passenger seat and her wallet was missing. When calling to cancel credit cards, she found that her debit card was used at a Kroger store at 8:35 p.m. Mar. 28 (10:28 a.m.) A burglary of a storage building was reported at Public Storage located at 3500 FM 528. The victim claims that she retrieved a couple of items out of the storage building on March 6 and found the lock was forced off the latch. The victim reported the following items stolen: Sony PlayStation VR headset and a BMX bicycle. Mar. 29 (2:53 a.m.) A burglary was reported at the One Stop Liquor Store located at 520 N. Friendswood Dr. The owner received an intruder notification, checked his surveillance camera, observed a white SUV parked in front of the business, and called police. The suspects were two black males driving a white Ford Explorer. Their faces were covered as they loaded bottles of liquor into plastic totes. Mar. 31 (5:34 a.m.) A burglary was reported at Jack in the Box, 101 E. Parkwood Ave. The drive-thru window was smashed and opened for the suspect to gain entry. Once inside, the suspect pried open a drop box and stole the contents.
- **THEFT**
Apr. 2 (5:47 a.m.) A theft was reported at Vape City, 1542 Sunset Dr. A white male, described as 6'2" tall, 130 lbs., wearing a light blue ball cap, white joker t-shirt and black jeans came into the store. He grabbed two Delta 8 THC vapes and ran out of the store as he apologized. Mar. 28 (5:49 p.m.) A stolen vehicle was recovered in the 5000 block of FM 2351. The operator of the stolen vehicle was identified as a 24-

- year-old Dickinson man. He had outstanding Brazoria County warrants, was taken into custody, and turned over to a Brazoria County deputy. The stolen vehicle was stolen in Harris County. The suspect had a relationship with the owner of the vehicle. Mar. 30 (3:44 p.m.) Officers responded to a theft in progress at Kroger located at 151 N. Friendswood Drive. An employee reported that a female was committing theft and consuming alcohol in the restroom. When an officer arrived, the suspect was outside. The officer gave her commands to stop. Instead, she got on a black motorized bicycle and fled from the scene. The suspect left behind the stolen merchandise. She had stolen beer and two cans of Spaghetti O's. The suspect was later identified as a 16-year-old. Her mother was contacted, and a summons will be sent to the juvenile's home charging her with theft. Mar. 31 (12:44 p.m.) A theft was reported at the CR-RV Service, 203 Castlake Drive. The owner of the business was contracted to do repairs to an RV after an insurance claim. The victim wired the settlement money to the owner in August 2022. The victim has not received back his RV and he has not received a refund.
- **FRAUD**
Mar. 28 (12:36 p.m.) A Friendswood man was contacted by an unknown person, on Instagram, and is now the victim of a scam. The scammer complimented him on some posts and then began a conversation with the victim, convincing him to schedule a private massage. He sent payment, using iTunes gift cards. The victim discovered that the scammer was an online prostitute and made additional arrangements for services and made an additional payment using iTunes gift cards. When the victim decided not to go through with the services, he was blackmailed and paid more money using iTunes gift cards. In total, the victim was scammed out of \$2300. Mar. 30 (4:06 p.m.) A Friendswood man received an alert on his credit report and discovered that someone was using his personal identifying information to apply for car loans. The suspect successfully purchased two vehicles at car dealerships in Florida. Mar. 31 (10:15 a.m.) A

- Friendswood man received a call from a hot tub company to confirm his recent purchase. The victim did not purchase a hot tub and had the order cancelled. The fraudulent order originated in Tyler, and was supposed to be delivered to an address in the Woodlands.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF**
Apr. 1 (11:39 a.m.) A vehicle was vandalized at a residence in the 100 block of Imperial Ave. The damage occurred sometime between 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 a.m. The paint damage was on all panels of the vehicle, in some places words could be made out. The vehicle was unlocked and there was damage to the leather seats inside. Mar. 29 (1:33 p.m.) Fencing between a house and garage in the 100 block of Cherry Tree Lane was vandalized. The damage occurred sometime between March 8 and March 22.
- **DISORDERLY CONDUCT**
Apr. 1 (5:06 p.m.) A 55-year-old transient was charged with Disorderly Conduct. The suspect was inside the Friendswood Public Library, 416 S. Friendswood Drive, causing a disturbance. He was yelling at library employees and disrupting library patrons.
- **NARCOTICS**
Mar. 27 (11:51 p.m.) A 21-year-old Arcola man was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The suspect was stopped for speeding in the 1000 block of W. Parkwood Ave. During the contact, the officer observed a bag of marijuana in the center console. After a search of the vehicle, the officer seized marijuana and a grinder.
- **DWI**
Mar. 30 (6:58 p.m.) A 62-year-old Pearland woman was charged with Driving While Intoxicated in the 500 block of N. Friendswood Dr. A witness reported a reckless driver who backed a vehicle into a dumpster and then drove over the center median and crashed into landscaping trees in the median. When police arrived, the suspect was identified as the driver. She exhibited signs of intoxication including the smell of alcohol on her breath. When questioned about the amount of alcohol she had consumed and where she was going, the woman said she drank a lot and was just trying to get to the liquor store. She failed a field sobriety test.
- **PUBLIC INTOXICATION**
Apr. 1 (9:05 p.m.) A 41-year-old Friendswood man was charged with Public Intoxication. He was passed out, in his vehicle, parked at Sonic Drive In, 806 S. Friendswood Drive.
- **TRAFFIC**
Mar. 29 (3:22 p.m.) A 22-year-old Canadian man was charged with No Driver's License, No Front License Plate, No Insurance, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The man was stopped for an insurance violation in the 100 block of Melody Lane. From the onset, he was uncooperative claiming that he wasn't being pulled over and demanding a supervisor. When the officer was attempting to fill out the traffic citation, the man refused to talk to the officer and was taken into custody. His vehicle was inventoried, and he was found to be in possession of marijuana. Mar. 30 (8:19 a.m.) A 25-year-old Houston man was charged with Expired Registration, defective tail lamps, and no insurance. The driver was towing a trailer that did not have a license plate or working brake lights in the 1600 block of W. Parkwood Ave.

ATTENTION NON-PROFIT PRIVATE SCHOOLS. HOME SCHOOLERS

Non-profit private schools and home schoolers who legally qualify as non-profit (currently hold a 501-C3 certificate) are invited to contact representatives from Pearland ISD to learn more about federally funded services available for eligible residents of these districts. Please email Donna Tate, Federal Programs/Grants Administrator, at tated@pearlandisd.org by 5:00 pm April 11, 2023, to set up a virtual consultation regarding equitable services qualifications, requirements, guidelines, and procedures. If you have questions, please call Ms. Tate at 281-485-3203 X74949, but the consultation request must be by email. Failure to respond to this advertisement will serve as an indication of declining services.

ATENCIÓN ESCUELAS PRIVADAS NO LUCRATIVAS. ESCUELA CASEROS

Se invita a escuelas privadas no lucrativas y escuelas caseros que califican legalmente como no lucrativas (sostener actual un certificado 501-C3) a reunirse con representantes del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Pearland para aprender más sobre los servicios federales financiados disponibles para los residentes elegibles de estos distritos. Por favor mande un correo electrónico a Donna Tate, Programas Federales/ Administradora de Becas a tated@pearlandisd.org antes de las 5:00 pm 11 de abril de 2023, para agendar una llamada de consulta sobre como calificar para los servicios equitativos, los requisitos para los servicios y las directrices de los procedimientos. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta, por favor llame a la Sra. Tate al 281-485-3203 extensión 74949, pero la petición a una consulta puede hacerse a través de correo electrónico.

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9. Nickname
12. Commoner
13. Pool additive
15. French fish soup
17. Sun, e.g.
18. Ed.'s request
19. Chucklehead
20. Data transfer unit
22. Shoelaces do this
28. Drunk, in slang
30. "Absolutely!"
31. Blemish
32. Swelling
33. Discharged a debt
35. Alkaline liquid
36. Frenzied
40. Cracker Jack bonus
43. Smooch
44. Accomplish, as thou might
48. Atlantic fish
50. Atomizer output
52. Killer whales
53. Something showing signs of being reused
56. Russian assembly
57. Victorian, for one
58. "If only ___ listened ..."
60. Balloon filler
61. Newspaper revenue source
66. Clay handler
67. ___ vera
68. "Act your ___!"
69. Colorful salamander
70. Ball material

Down

1. Read the riot act to
2. Drop of liquid
3. 100 bani, in Romania
4. Nile bird
5. Eye doctor's white coat
6. When doubled, a dance
7. Priestly garb
8. ___ constricter
9. Render harmless
10. Unwind
11. Drone, e.g.
14. Computer architecture
16. Anita Brookner's "Hotel du ___"
17. Cousin of a bassoon
21. Audition tape
23. Stalemate
24. Caribbean and Carib
25. Agitated state
26. Arch
27. "Comprende?"
29. Dismal
34. Lover of Aeneas
37. Hobbling gait
38. Egyptian fertility goddess
39. 128 cubic feet
40. Cooking meas.
41. Mozart's "L' ___ del Cairo"
42. Christmas tradition
45. Galapagos Islands owner
46. Japanese banjo
47. Boris Godunov, for one
49. Plagiarist
51. Casual top
54. It holds a yard
55. Athletic supporter?
59. June 6, 1944
61. Bean counter, for short
62. Clinton, e.g.: Abbr.
63. Anger
64. Handful
65. ___ mode

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OBITUARY



TX., Rebekah Dillon of Caddo Mills, TX., and Rachel Mitchell and husband Drew of Waco, TX., as well as many relatives.

Friends are cordially invited to the visitation on Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 10:00am, service to follow at 11:00am at Jeter Memorial Funeral Home. Burial will follow the service at South Park Cemetery in Pearland, Texas.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations can be made to the *Gregg Pearson Foundation* in Timothy's memory.

Condolences may be sent to the Dillon family in care of Jeter Memorial Funeral Home at www.jeterfuneralhome.com

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Dillon

Timothy Lee Dillon, 58, devoted son, brother, husband, and father was born in Syracuse, New York to Carl and Betty Dillon. Tim went to his eternal rest on March 29, 2023. He is survived by his mother, Betty; wife, Jenna; stepson, Eric Brashears; brother, Steven and wife Stefani, and their three children, Ryan Dillon of Crawford,



The home of Lou and Geri Grandolfo in the Forest of Friendswood subdivision is part of the tour

Spring Tour to offer 6 private gardens

By KAROLYN GEPHART
Reporter News Staff

Six beautiful gardens will be on the 2023 Annual Spring Garden Tour hosted by Heritage Gardeners April 29-30 in Friendswood.

Tickets are available now at businesses in the area, including the Chamber of Commerce and will be available at the Heritage Gardeners Clubhouse on the days of the tour. The tickets are each good for both days. Tours are 1-5 pm each day.

The home of Lou and Geri Grandolfo in the Forest of Friendswood subdivision will be part of the tour. Lou enjoys doing yardwork and says he does it all himself including installing a new limestone and black rock (alternating squares) pathway at the side of the house. The landscaping is a palette of many colors and surrounds a beautiful pool area. Visitors will enjoy his work and get many ideas on landscaping that works well in the city.

The theme for their home on the tour is Spring Garden Oasis. Four other homes as well as the Briscoe Gardens are all part of the tour event.

The tour is part of the weekend with several other activities happening.

Three garden related presentations will be offered. On Saturday at 9:30 to 10:30 am Galveston County Master Gardener Ira Gervais will speak on *Tips on Growing Better Tomatoes*. Galveston County Master Gardener Herman Auer will speak on *Growing Citrus in Your Own Backyard* from 11 to noon. On Sunday, Heritage Gardener and Floral Design Judge Sherrill Burge will show those present how to be *Creative Using Items for Your Backyard*. Presentations are free and held indoors in the garden clubhouse. Anyone interested can attend.

The garden club is hosting a huge plant sale from 9 am to 5 pm each day.

The Spring Market with a huge variety of vendors will open each day from 9 am to 5 pm. The market is outdoors at the clubhouse at 112 W. Spreading Oaks and on adjacent properties. Food vendors are also planning to attend. Location is 112 W. Spreading Oaks in Friendswood.

The events are fundraisers for the garden club and will be used for garden club programs and projects.

Follow Heritage Gardeners of Friendswood on Facebook.



LOU AND GERI GRANDOLFO

AREA BRIEFS

Egg hunt, health fair held in Angleton

An Easter Egg hunt will be combined with available health screenings, vaccinations, medication assistance and more at the "Spring into Health" event Thursday in Angleton.

Hosted by the Brazoria County Health Department, the health fair and egg hunt will be 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at Masterson Park, 101 S. Arcola, in Angleton.

The egg hunt is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. and the Easter bunny will be on hand for photos. Booths will include blood pressure, oxygen and blood sugar checks, on-site vaccinations, vision and hearing screenings, medication assistance, indigent health and WIC enrollment, emergency preparedness and HIV rapid testing and consultations.

The fair is free and open to the public.

Spring Sparkle coming on April 15

It's time for Spring Cleaning! Spring Sparkle is Saturday, April 15 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Centennial Park. Friendswood residents are invited to bring truckloads of tree limbs, grass clippings, old appliances, furniture, wood, metal, or plastic to Centennial Park (2200 South Friendswood Drive) for disposal.

- **Electronic Recycling** available from 8 a.m.-noon
- **Shredding** available from 8 a.m.-noon or until the truck is full. (Residential shredding only, commercial shredding will not be accepted.

- **Garage Sale** - Keep Friendswood Beautiful (KFB) Garage Sale will be having their garage sale, proceeds from the sale will go back to beautification projects in Stevenson Park. Donate your gently used furniture, household items and bicycles (but not clothing) from 8a.m.-noon, hours to purchase items from the garage sale are from 8am-2pm.

- **Hazardous materials** are not allowed.

Please have ID available for **proof of residency**.

For questions call 281-996-3220 or email rec@friendswood.com.

Indian Culture Festival is April 15

The fifth annual Pura Nava Indian Culture Festival will take place on April 15 outdoors at the Pearland Town Center.

Hosted by the Global Organization for Divinity, the festival is 4 to 8 p.m. on April 15 at the Town Center Pavilion at FM 518 and Highway 288. Free and open to the public, it includes exhibits, bazaar marketplace, children's activities, live performances and traditional Indian cuisine.

More information and schedules for this event can be found online at purnava-usa.org.

Adopt-A-Beach set for April 22

The 2023 Texas Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup is set for Saturday, April 22 at 23 locations across the Texas coast from Port Arthur to Boca Chica Beach.

"The success of the Texas General Land Office's Adopt-A-Beach Program is made possible by the hard work of hundreds of thousands of volunteers and the generosity of our state sponsors," Texas General Land Office Commissioner Dawn Buckingham said in a statement.

"This spring coastwide cleanup is our next opportunity to show our appreciation and respect for Texas' coast and all it has to offer."

The Adopt-A-Beach program began in the fall of 1986 when 2,800 volunteers picked up 124 tons of trash. Since then, more than 563,000 Texas Adopt-A-Beach volunteers have picked up nearly 10,000 tons of trash from Texas beaches.

Those unable to attend a cleanup can help keep beaches clean by making a tax-deductible donation or consider a sponsorship. Levels range from \$30 to \$25,000, allowing both individuals and corporations to contribute to this major cleanup effort.

Volunteers interested in participating can find information about registration and cleanup locations at texasadoptabeach.org.

Lineup announced for country showcase

The Pearland Country Music Showcase is planned for June 25 in the open air pavilion at the Pearland Town Center. The event is 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the center, 11200 Broadway St.

Coolers and lawn chairs are welcome at the outdoor event featuring headliner Britt Godwin, a Bridge City, Texas, native now based in Beaumont. Godwin has been featured on the Grand Ole Opry, Louisiana Hayride, David Letterman Show and Charlie Pruitt Country Music Show and previously performed with the B.B. & Company band. Other performers include Shalane, Ellie Townley, Zac Clifton, Allie Rae and Blair Kudelka.

For more information, go to VisitPearland.com/CountryMusicShowcase.

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FAITH MATTERS

...because everyone believes in something!

By Rev. Dr. Brian Gige

IT ALL HANGS ON EASTER

“Now, let me ask you something profound yet troubling. If you became believers because you trusted the proclamation that Christ is alive, risen from the dead, how can you let people say that there is no such thing as a resurrection? If there’s no resurrection, there’s no living Christ. And face it—if there’s no resurrection for Christ, everything we’ve told you is smoke and mirrors, and everything you’ve staked your life on is smoke and mirrors. Not only that, but we would be guilty of telling a string of barefaced lies about God...”
- 1 Corinthians 15:12-14

They hung Jesus up on a cross on a Friday. By Sunday morning everything was different! Everything... as in how we mark time then and now in A.D. 2023 along with the whole liturgical church year! It all hangs on Easter. Let me explain. This is a good teaching moment.

Easter is the most important day in the Christian story. It is God’s prophecy and promise come full circle! Sin is vanquished! Eternal life is promised and the power of the evil one is thwarted. Forever! Some have a different view. Some say Good Friday is the most important day as this is the day we remember Jesus died on the cross for the sins of the world... a “once and for all thing.” St. Paul pointed out. Others think Christmas is the key... for if Jesus as God-in-the-flesh had not come to live among us there would be no Good Friday and therefore no Easter. But, if you are like me then you’ll agree that Easter is the day for when the women and the disciples came to the tomb, they had no choice but to proclaim... “God is on the loose!” Jesus is risen from the grave and a new lease on life is granted to all... and then this is what happens that the rest of the church year hangs in the balance over...

NOTE: Other than “saints days” and some “festival days” there are few ‘fixed’ days on the liturgical church calendar. Easter is not one of them. Christmas is (12/25). Epiphany is (1/6). All Saints Day is (11/1).

Thus... Ash Wednesday and Easter flex in the Springtime

based on being the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox (March 21)... and always connected to the Jewish Passover! And that’s why Easter comes early some years and later on other years. But... no earlier than March 23 (if the full moon was on March 22 and that was a Saturday. And the latest it can be is April 25) and now you see why the weeks of Epiphany shift from 4 weeks to 8 weeks between the Day of Epiphany (January 6) and Ash Wednesday... again determined by counting back the 40 days of Lent based on what? Easter! Then this all gets drawn out over the Summer and Fall. The Easter season lasts 50 days and leads to Pente(50)cost! And if Easter is early... then the weeks of the time of Pentecost will last longer pushing to Thanksgiving time... and if Easter is late... then the weeks of Pentecost will still roll to Thanksgiving time but not with as many Sundays... THEN there is Advent... with Advent 1 Sunday being the closest to St. Andrew’s Day (NOV 30)...

And, Pastor, why is this all so important? For all the same reasons we keep track of when we were born and when we had our first kiss and when we got married and when we bought our first car... and so many other days we recall throughout our lives. We mark them because they are important and yet... they are just days on a timeline that lasts only so far... the cultural calendar we point to... but when it comes to our faith calendar... we see lots of shifting, as in the details of life, but everything matters because of Easter. For, it is in the Easter story that all of life has an eternal newness and true purpose for each and every day... the “resurrected life” ... we say... along with St. Paul... now and forever! 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 godworks247365@gmail.com.

Sponsorships open for 2023 Youth Fishing Derby

The Friendswood Parks and Recreation Department is accepting sponsors now for this year’s Youth Fishing Derby. The event takes place May 6 from 8 to 10 am. Sponsors will help this growing event continue to offer quality fun for area youth.

The derby has over 650 lbs. of adult catfish stocked in the three-acre retention pond at Centennial Park in Friendswood. No pre-registration is required. A special price is given for the youth who catches the largest fish in each age group. Age groups are 6 and under, 7 to 11 and 12-16.

This is a great opportunity for sponsors to engage with the community, and support a family-friendly event that brings a great crowd annually. Sponsor levels available are \$500, \$1,000, and \$1500.

Sponsorships allow for the park pond to be fully stocked with the catfish and for the event to be offered free of charge to all participants. Fishing rod and reels along with catfish bait will also be provided. Each individual participant will have a chance to receive t-shirts, trophies as well as many other great prizes in a variety of different categories.

Sponsorship checks should be made payable to the City of Friendswood and sent to the Parks & Recreation Department, 910 S. Friendswood Dr., Friendswood, TX 77546.

For more information on how to sponsor an event please contact the Parks and Recreation Department and 281-996-3220, email rec@friendswood.com or visit <https://www.ci.friendswood.tx.us/377/Youth-Fishing-Derby-May>.

IN THE GARDEN

BY KAROLYN GEPHART



Hanging baskets are in full bloom and ready to decorate your patio.

April: A Great Month for Gardening

April welcomes spring weather and gardening becomes a pleasure since temperatures have not reached their summer highs and blooming plants and fresh growth are everywhere.

Beware a trip to a store with a plant area as the ‘March Madness’ feeling is not completely over and going for one plant can fill a car with unexpected purchases. But do enjoy the visits to nurseries as if on a small vacation enjoying the beauty of what is available now for gardens.

Here are the April To Do Tasks for Gardeners:

This is the last month for planting wax and lima beans, pintos, snap bush and pole beans. Plant these herb transplants: basil, lavender, Mexican mint marigold and scented geranium. Plant okra now to mid-May. Okra has a long harvesting season, through to August.

Feed established roses every four to six weeks with formulated rose fertilizer.

Fertilize lawns in the spring after grass puts out new growth. Use a 15-5-10 fertilizer.

Prune azaleas as they finish blooming. Fertilize azaleas for the first time after blooms fall. Use an azalea fertilizer repeat in six weeks. Fertilize the azaleas one more time in June, but no later than this because of disrupting bloom set for the following year in the shrub’s dormant period.

Camellias need to be pruned and fertilized after flowering. Remove interior branches along with dead wood to provide better air circulation. Use a well-balanced fertilizer to promote growth and blooms.

Prune flowering shrubs and trees after they bloom. This includes flowering quince (*Chaenomeles speciosa*) and bridal wreath (*Spiraea* sp.).

Set out vincas after mid-April to help reduce problems with fungal blight.

Plant cleome, four-o’clocks, plumbago, hibiscus and shrimp plant (*Justicia brandegeana*) for summer color. The following plants can be planted in shady areas: impatiens, coleus, begonias and pentas.

Plant the following tuberous plants: gloriosa lily, daylily (*Hemerocallis* sp.), butterfly lily, (*Hedychium coronarium*, fragrant, white-blooming species of ginger), red spider lily (*Lycoris radiata*), rain lilies (*Zephyranthes grandiflora*), yellow spider lily (*Lycoris aurea*), Shell Ginger (*Alpinia* sp.), and tuberose (*Agave amica*). Plant caladium tubers this month; whites and greens do well in the shade, the reds need partial sun.

Add mulch to flowers, shrubs and trees. This will help to discourage weeds and conserve soil moisture during the hot summer months. The mulch should be two to four inches thick. Remember to leave breathing room or free space around the trunks of trees. Piling too much mulch around tree trunks could cause microbial decay of the tree trunk.

Keep aphids, thrips and caterpillars controlled. Check in the morning for insects in the vegetable garden and hand pick the insects if possible. Check roses for black spot fungus. Keep the areas around blooming flowers clear of debris that could harbor insects.



Photo by Lynn Wright

MASTER NATURALISTS HAWK WATCHERS

Local naturalists watch the skies for migrating hawks

By MARY DOBBERSTINE

Special to The Reporter News

Every early spring since 1996, members of the Galveston Bay Area Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists have gathered their binoculars, lawn chairs, data sheets and coffee to watch the skies for migrating hawks heading back into North America from their winter vacation.

When the hawks come upon Galveston Bay, they are hesitant to cross such a large body of water. As a result, in the

Spring they tend to funnel along the upper bay shoreline looking for a narrow pass. Typical migrators observed are the broad-winged hawks, Mississippi kites, and turkey and black vultures.

From March 1 to April 30, naturalists watch for migrators at Sylvan Beach in LaPorte. Naturalists study size, body and wing shape, color patterns, and even behavior to help identify species. They note which ones are truly migrating north versus our local residents.

Last year 18,485 hawks were observed. Out of the total, 89 percent were seen across just four days which makes a lucky few observers feel like they have won the birding lottery.

The highest count recorded was 60,458 in 2009 but last year’s numbers were average for the 27-year survey history.

All data is shared with the Hawk Migration Association of North America to help monitor population trends and support their continued scientific study.



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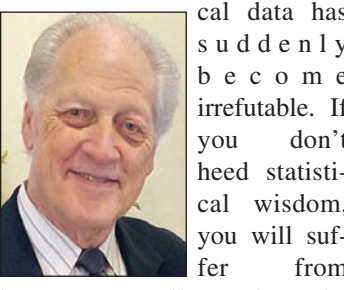
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SPORTS

From the Cluttered Desk

by Dr. David Davis

Odds and Ends
Have you noticed that when people are trying to sell you something, they start quoting statistics? It's as though numerical data has suddenly become irrefutable. If you don't heed statistical wisdom, you will suffer from



ingrown toenails, endure the heartache of psoriasis and be rejected by your mother for having bad breath.

The other day, I read that a 10-year, \$6 million government survey revealed that three-fourths of the people in America make up 75 percent of the population. Of course, you know that when 81 percent of people use the word "government" and "statistics" in the same sentence, they are making up . . . something to prove a point.

That same government survey, in fact, said that 51 percent of the people are in the majority. I even read the other day that 87.333 of all statistics are improperly done.

People have become so caught up in statistics that [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) lists an entire book filled with them. Statistical Abstract of the United States: The National Data Book costs \$39, including free shipping. To save you some money, allow me to share a few statistics about being an American:

- Your chance of getting hemorrhoids: 25 to 1.
- Your chance of experiencing an IRS audit: 175 to 1.
- Your chance of catching a baseball at a Major League game: 563 to 1.
- Your chance of picking a four-leaf clover on the first try: 10,000 to 1.
- Your chance of becoming a professional athlete: 22,000 to 1.
- Your chance of being hit by lightning: 576,000 to 1. (I read where a guy was hit by lightning, an act that simultaneously melted his zipper and made him a local hero).
- Finally (especially for my youngest son before he got married), your chance of dating a supermodel: 88,000 to 1.

As if those are not enough, statistics also tell us only 7 percent of women trust their husbands to do the laundry correctly. Half the people who attend a movie sneak in snacks to avoid concession stand prices.

Twenty-two percent of people leave a glob of toothpaste in the bottom of the sink after brushing their teeth. Three out of four of you keep your money in rigid denominational order. Ninety percent of us use an alarm clock to get up in the morning.

As we approach Easter...what are the odds that God knew you before the foundation of the world? That would be . . . 100 percent!

What are the odds that even while we were sinners, God would send His only begotten Son to die on the cross for us? That also would be ...100 percent.

What are the odds Jesus will come back? That also would be...100 percent.

What are the odds God wants you to raise your children in the right way? Again, that is...100 percent.

In a world of uncertainty, wouldn't it be wise to connect your children with the Certain One? Trust God with their lives.

Old friend Robert said, "The odds that He will keep His promises are always...100 percent."

May everyone have a happy and blessed Easter celebration!

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DISTRICT GOLF CHAMPIONS - The Pearland I girls golf team ran away with the District 23-6A title. The Lady Oilers shot a two-day total 676 to finish 135 strokes better than the second-place Pearland II team. The Dawson girls finished in third place. Standing (left to right): Samantha Truong, Landry Poulin, Carina Benavides, Isabel Velez, and Andrea Vela.

Pearland lady linksters capture District 23-6A title

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

The Pearland I golf team shot a two-day total of 676 to finish 135 strokes better than the Pearland II team who shot 811 for the District 23-6A championship.

The Pearland I team is young with three sophomores and two juniors while Pearland II has two seniors and three freshmen on that team.

While Shadow Creek's I. Carter shot a two-

day total 149 (74-75) to capture medalist honors, the Pearland I team swept the next five places (2nd-6th) to run away with the team title.

Pearland I was led by sophomore Samantha Truong (77-79=156) which was good for second place. Following Truong was sophomore Landry Poulin (87-86=173), junior Andrea (89-87=176), junior Isabel Velez (90-86=176), and sophomore Carina Benavides (85-92=177).

Pearland II was led by senior Bryleigh

Medearis (94-93=187) followed by freshman Aubrey Conner (98-97=195), freshman Ashley Davis (106-96=202), freshman Karmin Nelson (117-110=227), and freshman Eva Gonzales (127-121=248).

Dawson shot a two-day total 830 to finish in third place. Leading Dawson was A. Benoit (102-100=202), G. Tran (104-105=209), S. Marcello (105-105=210), A. Gilman (108-103=211), and L. Stoker (120-103=223).

Lady Oilers tied for district lead after first round

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

The No. 7 state-ranked Pearland Lady Oilers took care of business against the Shadow Creek Lady Sharks 18-7 as the second round of district got underway.

The Lady Oilers finished out the first round tied with Dawson at 6-1. The Lady Eagles edged the Lady Oilers 3-2 while the Alvin Lady Yellowjackets beat Dawson 7-1.

Against Shadow Creek, Pearland scored in every inning except the top of the seventh but the game was well in hand as the Lady Oilers had carved out an 18-7 lead.

A pair of Pearland pitchers, junior Carly Carpenter (WP) and sophomore Isela Flores combined to give up seven hits, seven runs,

three strikeouts and two walks to the Lady Sharks.

Meanwhile, Pearland blasted out 17 hits for 18 runs against the Lady Sharks while stealing 11 bases.

Pearland opened the top of the first frame with six runs for a 6-0 lead. The Lady O's pounded out four hits while two hitters walked and two more got on base via fielder's choice for the six runs.

Shadow Creek responded with a pair of run in the bottom of the first inning to cut the lead to 6-2.

The Lady Oilers added a run in the top of the



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second and third innings to increase the lead to 8-2 but the Lady Sharks scored in their half of the third to narrow the margin to 8-5.

Pearland exploded for six more runs in the top of the fourth to take command of the game 14-5 but allowed Shadow Creek two more runs in the bottom of the fourth to narrow the lead to 14-7 which would be the final runs for the Lady Sharks. Pearland added four more runs to make the final score 18-7 while improving to 23-3 on the season and 6-1 in district.

Leading hitters included senior Hailey Golden (2-for-4, 1 run), sophomore Kaylee Schweitzer (2-for-3, 3 runs, 3B), senior Kennedy Drafton (2-for-2, 3 runs), junior Raenna Liscano (3-for-5, 3 runs, 5 RBIs), and junior Kelsey Martin (3-for-3, 1 run, 1 RBI).

PN-G eliminates Lady Mustangs from soccer playoffs

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

A strong defense and a fast offense propelled the Port Neches-Groves Lady Indians past the Friendswood Lady Mustangs 2-1 in the Class 5A Region III soccer quarterfinals.

The first half saw PN-G score two goals for

a 2-0 lead at intermission and the Lady Indians saw their defense dominate both halves to pull out the playoff win.

PN-G scored their first goal in the 19th minute of the game when Ava Zuma was able to get behind the Friendswood defense to create a one-on-one look against the Friendswood goal-

keeper which resulted in a score for a 1-0 lead.

The Lady Indians scored again a minute later when Zuma fired a shot from near the sideline which managed to find the mark inside the far corner of the goal for the 2-0 advantage.

"We knew we had to account for the speed that they have going forward," Friendswood head girls soccer coach Laura Peter said. "They're very good in the air, and they're very physical. We tried to make sure we were ready in the middle of the field because their midfield was very strong."

After taking the 2-0 lead, the Lady Indians had more shot attempts in the first half, firing off seven more shots — including two on-goal and three others on dangerous free kicks that just missed.

Unfortunately, the Lady Mustangs, which had just three total shots in the first half, two of which were on target, were unable to penetrate the goal leaving the Lady Indians with a 2-0 lead at intermission.

"In the first half, especially, we didn't transition into attack fast enough, but we did a better job in the second half," Peter said.

Friendswood's goals leader, who had to fight through defensive double teams, finally broke through in the 67th minute for a score.

Schmidt managed to weave through a hoard of PN-G defenders for a run to the goal, where she was stopped after getting fouled in the penalty area.

On the ensuing penalty kick, Schmidt eased a ball past the keeper to cut the Lady Mustangs' deficit in half at 2-1.

"Pretty much every team we've played has put two or three people on her, so she expects it," Peter said. "It's nothing new, but it was kind of hard because she was up there by herself a lot."

Friendswood kept fighting till the end. In the 79th minute, RK Rudolph had a brief look at the goal, but a shot skimmed just a bit wide.

Friendswood graduates just three seniors, although all three are key starters: Schmidt, Brooke Spinks and goalkeeper Ellen Fairbanks.

"We're going to miss our seniors a lot," Peter said about the class of 2023, which experienced a run to the state semifinal and two other runs to the regional tournament during their four years.



Friendswood's Gisele Kehres clears ball against PN-G in the Class 5A Region III quarterfinals. The Lady Indians edged the Lady Mustangs 2-1 to advance to the 5A regional soccer tournament.

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Pearland Independent School District will be accepting Request for Proposal for Student Athletic Insurance Coverage & Catastrophic Student Athletic Coverage RFP # 23-0420-14 until 3:00 p.m. Thursday, April 20, 2023. Proposals will be submitted online in the Pearland ISD eBid System. Vendors may login and view specifications and submit their response at the following link: <https://pearlandisd.ionwave.net>.

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CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID NO. 2023-03 DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL SERVICES FRENCHMAN'S CREEK

Sealed Competitive Bids shall be submitted via two (2) electronic copies, each copy on one flash drive or CD. Each copy must match identically and must include the signature of a person with the authority to bind the contractor into a contract. All submitted materials must be clearly marked with "BID NO. 2023-03, along with the name of the contractor and addressed to the City of Friendswood, Attn: City Secretary. Said submissions are to be received at Friendswood City Hall, City Secretary's Office, 910 S. Friendswood Dr., Friendswood, TX, 77546 on or before **2:00 P.M., FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2023**, at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud.

The City of Friendswood (the "City") reserves the right to reject any or all bid and to waive any informality in the bids received. The contract, if any, will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, The City pays for goods and services according to the provisions of Chapter 2251 of the Government Code.

This project is federally funded by a Community Development Block Grant. Attention is called to the fact that the successful bidder must comply with:
 • Paying not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Department of Labor H.U.D. and contained in the contract documents.
 • Ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age or national origin.
 • Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, the regulations set forth in 24 CFR Part 135, and all applicable rules and orders.

Specifications and related information may be downloaded from the City's website at <https://www.ci.friendswood.tx.us/Bids.aspx> or may be reviewed/inspected during regular business hours in the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 910 South Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546.

A bid guarantee in the form of a bidder's bond, certified check or a cashier's check made out to "City of Friendswood" in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the greatest amount bid must accompany each submission. BIDS THAT DO NOT HAVE THE ACCOMPANYING BID GUARANTEE WILL BE RETURNED TO THE BIDDER. For contracts in excess of \$25,000, payment, performance, and maintenance bonds along with a bid guarantee are required by the City.

A **Site Visit** is scheduled for **TUESDAY APRIL 11, 2023, at 10:00 A.M.**, at Frenchman's Creek Townhomes, 100 block of Moss Point Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546.

All questions must be submitted to jspears@friendswood.com, no later than **5:00P.M., TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023**.

For additional information, please contact Jeffrey R. Spears, Purchasing Coordinator at (281) 993-3274 or via email to jspears@friendswood.com.

/s/ Leticia Brysch, City Secretary

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CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Pearland Purchasing Division, 3523 Liberty Dr., until **2:00 PM on Wednesday April 27, 2023**, and all bids will be read aloud via virtual meeting. Interested parties may join meeting by calling: #281-652-1775; Meeting: #1790, Access Code: #0971 on that date for:

RFP 0323-08 Insurance Broker and Risk Consultant

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, April 17, 2023**. 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, April 19, 2023, and refer to RFP 0323-08. Bid Closing Date: **2:00 PM on Wednesday, April 27, 2023**.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS Pearland Economic Development Corporation

Sealed proposals will be accepted until **2:00 p.m., May 4, 2023** and read aloud into the public record for the following project:

CULLEN PKWY MEDIAN PLANT REPLACEMENT AND SOD INSTALLATION:

Pearland Economic Development Corporation (PEDC) RFP NO.: 2023-01

The project entails performing select plant replacements, as-needed irrigation repairs, and sod installation in approximately four to six (4-6) medians along Cullen Parkway within the City of Pearland. Electronic Proposal Documents, including Plans, Technical Specifications and Proposal Forms may be obtained from Pearland Economic Development Corporation www.pearlandedc.com/CullenMediansRFP or 3519 Liberty Drive, Suite 350, Pearland, Texas 77581 by appointment (281) 997-3006 at the above address or by emailing for said documents to jbyerly@pearlandedc.com.

A non-mandatory pre-proposal conference will be held remotely via Webex, at 2:00 p.m., CST, on Thursday, April 13, 2023. You may join the meeting by one of three ways:
 1) at the following link: <https://bit.ly/CullenMediansRFP>
 2) join by calling +1-408-418-9388 and entering the meeting code 2550 842 2525, or
 3) join from a video system or application by dialing [25508422525@webex.com](tel:25508422525).

Those calling in without video may email request for presentation to jbyerly@pearlandedc.com either before or after the meeting.

All proposals should be submitted as one (1) hard copy and one (1) electronic copy to Pearland EDC, 3519 Liberty Drive, Suite 350, Pearland, Texas 77581. No plan fees or deposits are required for proposal documents. PEDC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. No late documents will be accepted. Questions should be submitted in writing no later than 2:00 p.m., CST, on Thursday, April 27, 2023 (questions may be submitted via email or hardcopy). Questions may be directed to Jess Byerly by emailing jbyerly@pearlandedc.com or by calling (281) 997-3000 for an appointment at 3519 Liberty Drive, Suite 350, Pearland, Texas 77581.

Jess Byerly, MPA
 Development Manager, Pearland Economic Development Corporation

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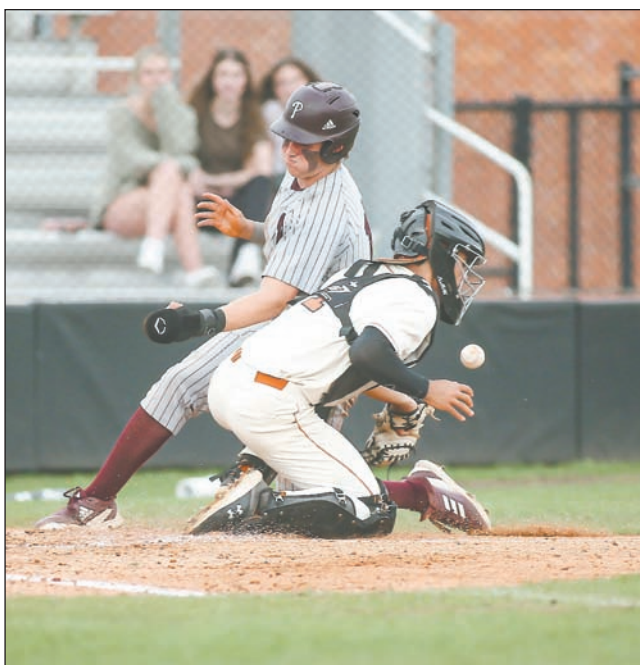


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SAFE AT HOME - Pearland senior 1st baseman Caden Ferraro shuffles into home while avoiding the tag from Alvin catcher Grady Tinker. Ferraro had two hits, two walks and scored two runs as the Oilers won the game 6-0 via a no-hitter. Pearland also took the Tuesday night game 2-1 for the season sweep over Alvin.



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NO HITTER - Pearland senior pitcher Ryler Smart lets loose a fastball vs Alvin. Smart went 5.2 innings, giving up five walks but allowing no hits. Oiler junior reliever Jaden Barfield came in and struck out three of the last four Yellowjacket batters to complete the no-hitter for Pearland in a 6-0 win.

No. 3 state-ranked Pearland no hits Alvin

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State power Pearland traveled to Alvin and returned home with a 6-0 no-hit win over the Yellowjackets in a district showdown.

Junior Ryler Smart pitched 5.2 innings and didn't allow a hit, a run while striking out four and walking five. Junior Jaden Barfield stepped on the mound in relief to close out the no-hitter over one and a third frames while fanning three and walking one for the 6-0 win.

The Oilers scored a run in the top if the first when first

baseman Caden Ferraro laced a double to centerfield and would score on a single by Landry for a 1-0 lead.

Pearland added two runs in the third, one run in the fifth, and two more in the sixth to close out the scoring.

Top hitters for Pearland included Ferraro (2-for-2, 2 runs), Landry (1-for-3, 3 RBIs), sophomore Nicholas Partida (2-for-4, 1 run, 1 RBI), senior Braeden Morse (1-for-3, 1 RBI), senior Cayden Schmidt (1-for-4, 1 RBI), and Brett Smajstrla (1-for-4, 1 run).

Pearland is 19-5-1 overall and 6-0 in district action.



PEARLAND'S LONE SCORE
 Pearland senior Ethan Krchnak scored the only goal for the Oilers with 14 minutes remaining in the Class 6A Region III quarterfinals against the Dobie Longhorns. Dobie won the match 3-1 to advance to the regional tournament.

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Dobie slips past Pearland in soccer playoffs

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Despite being the underdog, the Pearland boys soccer team gave a valiant effort against an undefeated Dobie team in the Class 6A Region III quarterfinals before falling 3-1 to the No. 6 state-ranked Longhorns (23-0-4).

The Oilers advanced to the regional quarterfinals after getting a 2-1 upset win over the Kingwood Mustangs last week. So Pearland had already experienced getting a win over a higher ranked team in the post-season.

"We knew going into it we would have to give it our all," Pearland head coach Scott Macneish said. "Dobie is so talented with so many good individual players. We watched film and

knew it would be tough, and I thought our players stuck to the game plan.

"We were hoping they would get a little tired in the second half and we could kind of counter, which is what we've been good at all year."

The first half was dominated by Dobie on the Pearland side of the field for the majority of the time but Pearland was able to stand firm against several shots on goal.

The Oilers managed only a few times in the first half to work the ball on Dobie's end to the field to get three shots on goal that missed the mark.

With eight minutes gone in the first half, Dobie was able to score the only goal as Jordi Garcia knocked home a shot off the crossbar from 24-yards out

giving the Longhorns a 1-0 lead that stood until intermission.

The Longhorns added goals from Alex Escobar and Miguel Azua in the second half in opening a 3-0 bulge, which was too much for Pearland (14-4-10) to overcome.

With 14 minutes left in the game, Pearland's Ethan Krchnak found an opening in the Dobie defense for a short goal that cut the lead to 3-1. The Oilers were unable to get another close range shot on goal and the Longhorns held on for the playoff win to advance to the regional tournament.

Dobie (23-0-4) will next take on Jordan in a 6A Region III semifinal at 7:30 p.m., Friday at Deer Park's Abshier Stadium.



Dawson golfers are (left to right) Vitto Miravite, Luke Brown, Hunter Hinton, Carson Darby, Avery Hughes, and head coach Casey Scarborough.

Dawson golfers claim second-place in district tournament

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The Dawson Eagles combined to shoot a two-day total of 620 which was good enough to finish second at the District 23-6A golf tournament.

Strake Jesuit capture the 23-6A crown with a two-day

total of 597. Pearland I finished third (632).

Dawson was led by sophomore Vitto Miravite (74-79=153), senior Carson Darby (73-81=154), freshman Luke Brown (74-80=154), junior Hunter Hinton (77-82=159), and senior Avery Hughes (87-84=171).

Casey Scarborough is the head coach for Dawson.