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## Around Town

### AUGUST 23

#### CROCHET TOGETHER

At the Friendswood Library on Wednesdays from 4:30pm to 5:30pm. A few simple crochet patterns, yarn, and hooks will be available. Or bring your own hand work project (e.g. knitting, needle point, sewing, embroidery, cross stitch). For adults and young adults. Crochet beginners are welcome.

#### ADULT ESL CLASS

Practice your English conversation skills with Martha on Wednesdays from 5:30pm to 7:00pm in the Friendswood Library. This is an in-person program. No registration needed.

### AUGUST 24

#### RIBBON CUTTING

Join the Friendswood Chamber in welcoming Gulf Shore Orthodontics at 108 N. Friendswood Dr. from 5:00-7:00pm. Ribbon Cutting at 5:30pm. Lite bites provided. For more information call Rosly Cooper 281-482-2640.

### AUGUST 25

#### THRILLING BOOK CLUB

New book club that will read and discuss thriller and mystery books at the Friendswood Library from 10:30am to noon. Come join us. Print and electronic copies of the books will be available for checkout. This week's book is The Paris Apartment by Lucy Foley.

#### CLASSIC FILM MATINEE

Showing: The Thin Man (1932) rated TV-PG. Runtime: 1h 33m. Former detective Nick Charles and his wealthy wife Nora investigate a murder case, mostly for the fun of it. Free and open to the public at the Friendswood Library from 1:30 to 3:30pm. Feel free to bring comfortable seating, bean bags, etc.

#### ADULT ESL CLASS

Practice your English conversation skills with Vinet on Fridays from 3:30pm to 5:00pm in the Friendswood Library. This is an in-person program. No registration needed.

### AUGUST 26

#### PEARL PRESENTS PETER PAN

Pearland Theatre Guild holds auditions for children 7 to 14 from 3 to 5 p.m. for the play, "Peter Pan," to be staged two weekends beginning Oct. 20. Auditions will be held at the Pearl Theatre, 14803 Park Alameda Drive. For information, call 832-459-4674.

### AUGUST 27

#### BAY AREA FARMERS MARKET

Bay Area Farmers Market is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. most Sundays in the parking lot of Baybrook Mall, 500 Baybrook Mall in Friendswood, near Total Wine. Vendors change weekly and include local farmers, craftsmen, bakers and more. www.bayareafarmersmarket-texas.com.

#### PEARL PRESENTS PETER PAN

Pearland Theatre Guild hosts a second round of auditions for "Peter Pan" from 6 to 8 p. Auditions will be held at the Pearl Theatre, 14803 Park Alameda Drive. For information, call 832-459-4674.

### AUGUST 28

#### WORD LOVERS MEETUP

Meetup with fellow Word Lovers at the Friendswood Library from 2pm to 3:30pm. For all logophiles, etymology enthusiasts, students, creatives, vocabulary buffs, SAT/ACT test preppers, English language lovers, linguists, home schoolers, teachers, highbrow, lowbrow, unbrow, innocent bystanders, and everyone in between. Add to your "word horde" in a casual environment and bring a few treasures of your own to share.

#### BOARD GAMES MEETUP

For youth age 11-18. Meets weekly on Mondays from 5pm to 6pm. Explore different "themed" board games each month at the Friendswood Library! For August, the theme is "Jolly Cooperation," so the selected games are cooperative ones where players have to work together to win. This session we'll be playing 5-Minute Dungeon at the Friendswood Library from 5 to 6pm.

#### CHESS NIGHT

Come enjoy a friendly game of chess at the library on Monday nights. The library provides some chess sets, and patrons are welcome to bring their own. This event is for all ages. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. No fees and no registration required.

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### SEPTEMBER 4

#### LABOR DAY ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Free frozen treats and live music will be served up at the Historic Perry Home on Spreading Oaks from 5-7pm this Labor Day. This Friendswood tradition is sponsored and hosted by Friendswood Historical Society, Keep Friendswood Beautiful, and Friends of Downtown Friendswood Association (FDFA)

## Ambeau to Deliver State of the District



Deputy Superintendent  
 Lauren Ambeau

By Jim Foreman

The annual State of the District for Friendswood ISD will be delivered this year by Deputy Superintendent Lauren Ambeau.

Hosted by the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce, the luncheon will be held at the First Baptist Church on September 7th from 11am to 1pm.

While the State of the District is ordinarily delivered by the District Superintendent, Thad Roher will be out on medical leave.

Ambeau was promoted to Deputy Superintendent in May 2022. Her previous experiences in education include classroom teacher, instructional coach, assistant principal, elementary and intermediate school principal, Executive Director of Elementary/Intermediate Teaching and Learning, and Assistant Superintendent. Ambeau is a former college athlete at Texas A&M where she ran both track and cross country. She frequently presents to educators and leaders on organizational transformation, workplace culture, learner-centered instruction, strategic planning, and leadership.

For more information on how to feature your business at this event, please contact the Chamber at info@friendswoodchamber.com or call (281) 482-3329.



**TOUGH RUNNER** - Friendswood RB Walker Winters will be one of the leaders of the ground attack for the Mustangs this season. The Jordan Johnson era will also begin the new coaching regime against the Texas City Stingarees in the 2023 season opener on Friday, August 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Henry Winston Stadium. (Photo by Lloyd Hendrick)

## Friendswood ISD Celebrates the First Day of School

By Friendswood ISD Communication Department

The much-anticipated first day of school in Friendswood Independent School District (FISD) dawned with the familiar rumble of yellow buses, the invigorating scent of freshly cut grass, and an undeniable sense of excitement that hung in the air. On Tuesday, August 15, Friendswood ISD welcomed back students, parents and educators for the beginning of the 2023-2024 academic year, with an enrollment of 6,061 students across the District.

The highlight of this new school year is the unveiling of the new Cline Elementary, which has been transformed into a vibrant educational space catering to pre-kindergarten through 5th-grade students. This state-of-the-art campus is poised to foster a nurturing environment that sparks curiosity, growth, and achievement for its young learners.

Further enhancing the educational landscape, Windsong Intermediate has undergone a meaningful transition, rebranding itself as Windsong Elementary. With this transformation, the school now welcomes K-5 students for the very first time, adding a new layer of excitement to its already-established reputation for academic excellence. The school's commitment to fostering a strong foundation for young minds remains unwavering as it embarks on this new chapter.

Additionally, FISD is proud to announce the establishment of the groundbreaking Therapeutic Education Center (TEC), a transformative initiative resulting from the award of a prestigious \$1.3 million grant. Set to serve as the district's seventh campus, this facility will be shared with Pearland ISD and Alvin ISD, underscoring a commitment to collaboration and community-driven solutions. The TEC is



designed to cater to students with disabilities who face behavioral challenges in a traditional classroom setting. With specialized programs, expert staff, and a nurturing environment, this center will provide tailored educational experiences that empower these students to unlock their full potential and thrive academically and emotionally.

"Because kids" — Unveiling the Theme for the Year

The 2023-2024 school year at Friendswood ISD is not only marked by structural changes but also by a profound theme that captures the essence of the educational journey: "Because kids." This theme underscores the driving force behind every educator's dedication and pas-

sion—the commitment to nurturing, guiding and empowering young minds to reach their fullest potential. It serves as a reminder that every effort, big or small, is directed toward creating a brighter future for the students who walk through the doors of FISD each day.

As the year unfolds, the theme will weave its way into every facet of the educational experience, reminding all stakeholders of the profound impact they make in shaping the lives of these young learners. From innovative teaching methods to fostering a supportive and inclusive learning environment, the theme of "Because kids" serves as a touchstone, guiding decisions and actions with the best interests of the students at heart.

## Friendswood to Celebrate Labor Day with Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social

This Labor Day, Friendswood residents are set to experience a blast from the past as the city gears up for an Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social. The event, a delightful ode to simpler times, is being sponsored and hosted by the Friendswood Historical Society, Keep Friendswood Beautiful, and the Friends of Downtown Friendswood Association (FDFA).

The gathering is poised to offer attendees more than just a spoonful of nostalgia. Volunteers at the event will be generously serving a delightful array of sweet treats including ice cream, cookies, and for those looking for a refreshing drink, both lemonade and root beer will be available.

While the idea of savoring classic desserts under the warm sun is enticing in itself, the event promises a heartening community experience. Attendees can

**LABOR DAY**  
**OLD-FASHIONED**  
**Ice Cream**  
**SOCIAL**

Free ice cream and lemonade  
 Historic Perry Home  
 309 W. Spreading Oaks  
 5PM - 7PM

expect to reconnect with old friends, make some new acquaintances, and indulge in the essence of small-town camaraderie.

In addition to the delightful eats and social atmosphere, the organizers have a musical treat in store. Guests can relax and enjoy live performances right from the front porch of the Museum, further amplifying the event's old-fashioned vibe.

The Labor Day Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social is not just a trip down memory lane but a unique opportunity for the community of Friendswood to come together and celebrate their shared history and the enduring spirit of the town.

Residents and ice cream enthusiasts are encouraged to mark their calendars and be part of this memorable celebration.

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FRIENDSWOOD POLICE REPORT AUGUST 14 thru AUGUST 21

CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS } COUNTY OF BRAZORIA }

WHEREAS by virtue of an Writ of Execution, issued out of the 61st District Court of Harris County, Texas on the 20 day of June 2023, in cause No. 2022-41154, where Mission Ashford Three Investors, LP was / were Plaintiff and Autism Pediatric Therapy & Learning Center, LLC, Ian Macinnes, and Kristina Motiejunas was / were Defendant(s) on a judgment rendered in said Court against said Defendant(s) and in favor of the said Plaintiff(s), for the original sum of \$380006.32 dollars, with interest thereon as stipulated in said order, from the date of judgment, together with all fee's, costs and commissions thereafter added to/of suit, to wit now currently equal to the amount of \$404935.08 (Not including any additional costs or fee's that may be added at sale); I did on the 10 day of July 2023 at 351 o'clock p.M., levy upon the following described lots, tracts and parcels of land situated in Brazoria County, Texas, as the property of said defendant(s).

To wit: TWIN LAKES SEC 1 (A0239 HT&BRR) (PEARLAND) BLK 6 LOT 17; Also Known as 2701 Waterside Trail, Pearland Texas 7784

And on the 5 day of September 2023, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of (10:00) Ten o'clock A.M. and (4:00) Four o'clock P.M. and most likely at 10:00am on said day, in the south hall/door of the Courthouse in Angleton, Brazoria County, Texas, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of said defendant(s), in and to said above described property.

Witness my hand this the 13 day of July 2023.

/s/ C.B. Buck Stevens Constable, Precinct 3 Brazoria County, Texas

NOTE TO BIDDERS: All bidders must have or be able to pay in cash, cashier's check or money order by "close of business day" the day of the sale delivered to the Constable.

Burglary Aug. 18 (12:55 a.m.) A resident in the 500 block of S. Shadowbend left his residence at 5:30 p.m. and returned at 10:30 p.m. to find his patio gate was open and unlocked. He entered his home and discovered that guns, fishing reels, and cash were stolen.

Theft Aug. 15 (9:37 a.m.) A vehicle theft was reported in the 500 block of Stadium Lane. A silver 2008 Ford F250 with Texas License plate PNW6913, was stolen sometime between 8:30 p.m. and 9:42 a.m. Later the same day, the truck was recovered by the Houston Police Department.

Aug. 16 (3:08 p.m.) A stolen vehicle report was taken from Avis Budget Car Rental, 141 N. Friendswood Drive. A blue 2023 Nissan Rogue with Texas license plate SDR3935 was rented on April 7, 2023. The vehicle was supposed to be returned on May 7, 2023. Since that time, several demands for the vehicle have been made.

Aug. 18 (10:10 a.m.) A theft of a package was reported in the 3600 block of Queensburg Lane. The package was delivered by FedEx on August 8th; however, receipt of the package by the homeowner did not occur.

Aug. 18 (1:12 p.m.) A resident in the 900 block of Pine Breeze Drive had two credit cards stolen from her residence. She suspects a home health worker of the theft. Charges more than \$7,000 were made with Amazon deliveries scheduled for an apartment complex in Texas City.

Fraud Aug. 16 (5:02 p.m.) A Friendswood man received an ULTA credit card in the mail even though he did not apply for one. He contacted the bank that issued the card and discovered that the card was used at the time it was opened. Then someone attempted to make more purchases, but the purchases were declined since the purchaser did not have the physical card. The account was cancelled.

Other Incidents Aug. 15 (11:40 p.m.) A resident in the 2900 block of Bridle Path Lane called police when he found an Apple air tag inside his vehicle. He was alerted to the air tag's location after receiving a notification on his cell phone regarding an air tag being nearby. The victim believes the air tag may have been left in his vehicle while parked at his place of business. The victim does wish to pursue charges of Unlawful Installation of a Tracking Device if the identity of the suspect is found.

PEARLAND POLICE REPORT

Tuesday, Aug. 15 A Pearlland woman, 43, was arrested for family violence assault just after midnight in the 3500 block of Harvest Moon Lane.

Terroristic threat reported at 11:40 a.m., 2100 block of Main St.

Death investigation was conducted at 3:28 p.m., 2100 block of Sorrell Ridge Court.

An Alvin woman, 28, was arrested at 9 p.m. for assault by physical contact, 4600 block of Magnolia Elms Drive.

Vehicle burglaries reported in the 2200 block of Business Center Drive.

Wednesday, Aug. 16 A Houston woman, 35, was arrested at 10:28 a.m. for fraud/using identifying information, 10800 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

A Houston man, 33, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury at 9:08 p.m., 11151 Shadow Creek Parkway.

A La Porte man, 22, was arrested at 9:22 p.m. for assault by physical contact, 2800 block of Pearland Parkway.

A Houston man, 33, was arrested for felony assault/impeding breathing or circulation, and unlawful restraint at 11:30 p.m., 4400 block of Walnut St.

Thursday, Aug. 17 A Houston woman, 43, was arrested at 3:27 a.m. for felony drug possession, 2805 Business Center Drive.

A Houston man, 34, was arrested around 4 a.m. and charged with failure to identify/giving false information as well as a warrant, 2600 Glade Springs Drive.

An arrest for assault causing bodily injury was made at 11:25 p.m., 2700 Business Center Drive.

Friday, Aug. 18 DWI arrest was made at 8:21 p.m., 2500 Liberty Drive.

Vehicle break-ins were reported at 2: 47 p.m., 2800 block of Pearland Parkway.

Adult protective services were referred in cases on Breezeway Lane and Union Valley Drive.

A Harris County warrant

was served at 4 p.m. in the 1600 block of Sleepy Hollow Drive.

DWI arrest was made at 8:30 p.m., 2500 Liberty Drive.

DWI arrest was made at 11:16 p.m., 6621 McHard Road.

Saturday, Aug. 19 DWI with open alcohol container arrest was made at 1:20 a.m., 4900 Broadway St.

DWI arrest was made at 2:26 a.m., 8303 Broadway St.

Two Houston men, ages 58 and 59, were arrested at 10:20 a.m. at 14900 Highway 288 Toll North. One had a DWI warrant from Harris County. The other was charged with three counts of felony theft with two or more previous convictions.

A Houston man, 22, was arrested at 5 p.m. on Pearland Parkway and charged with robbery.

An arrest for felony drug possession was made at 11:35 p.m., 2000 Main St.

Sunday, Aug. 20 An arrest for theft was made at 12:13 a.m., 1919 Main St.

A local woman, 43, was arrested at 11:21 p.m. for assault causing bodily injury, 11900 Shadow Creek Parkway.

Two people were arrested at a disturbance reported around midnight at 13700 Broadway St. One was charged with disorderly conduct - tumultuous behavior, and the other was charged with assault by threat.

Monday, Aug. 21 An arrest for unlawful transfer of sexually explicit visual material was made at 1:13 p.m., 9000 block of Sungate Drive.

A 68-year-old Houston man and 43-year-old San Benito woman were both arrested around 2 p.m. and charged with aggravated robbery, 12200 South Freeway.

A Pearland man, 29, was arrested at 4:11 p.m. for assault causing bodily injury, family member, 5200 block of Cunningham Drive.

DWI arrest was made at 7 p.m., 3901 Beechwood St.

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FAITH MATTERS By Rev. Dr. Brian Gige

"FIVE SMOOTH STONES"

"I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off. 40 Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine." - 1 Samuel 17:39b-40

The Saul here is the King of Israel. The 'he' is the shepherd boy, David, who would one day be king and what he took off was the king's armor in order to reach down to pick up five smooth stones just before approaching the Philistine whose name was Goliath... and whether we know much about the Bible or not... most people I know have heard the story about David and Goliath even if the only instance is a sports metaphor about the team which has no chance of beating their opponent.

This is a moment of one-on-one combat while two mighty armies stood by to watch. God's chosen people, the Israelites were in a battle for land rights and power fighting against the Philistines and in ancient days one of the ways kings and generals decided in order to not decimate their troops and keep from leaving thousands of dead soldiers on the ground... was to have one representative fight to the death one representative of the opposing army... and the soldiers approved of this method!

No one in Saul's army wanted to fight Goliath. Even King Saul refused to engage. He was huge... like Andre' the Giant of studio wrestling and 'Princess Bride' movie fame. But there's an interesting twist here. Goliath was 'infantry'... one big piece of many in the Philistine militia. David was 'artillery'... armed with a sling shot, familiar with targeting from a distance and with a lifetime of practice fending off lions and bears while tending his father's sheep... he actually had the upper hand!

And when David wrote, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want..." and ... 'even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death...' late in his life... he knew what he was talking about. God was with him. Faith matters... And... artillery always triumphs over infantry... Goliath chided the Hebrew King about sending a dog to do his bidding... David reeled back with the words, "you come out to fight with a sword, javelin and shield... but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel who you have defied."

There it is. Goliath defied the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob... and that's when I ask... "why then did David pick up five smooth stones? Did he doubt his own ability? What if he missed? One stone was enough according to the story. Maybe there was some murmuring amongst the soldiers there were four other Goliaths... maybe four more brothers or maybe a brother and three sons... or maybe it wasn't that at all... maybe David picked up those five smooth stones to remind him of God's faithfulness and his own need of faith, obedience, prayer, and service all the while recognizing the presence of God's Spirit within...

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE The Original Mobile Game

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Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-64 indicating starting points for clues.

- 64. Query before "Here goes!" Down 1. Sundae 2. Bondae topper, perhaps 3. Bust maker 4. Biblical birthright seller 5. Feeling 6. Utter 7. "Cogito \_\_\_ sum" 8. Andean land 9. Boston \_\_\_ 10. Full of twists and turns 11. Kind of personality 12. Choir pieces 13. Daisy variety 21. Chap 25. "The \_\_\_" (Uris novel) 26. Unit of pressure 27. Cornstarch brand 28. Fairy-tale baddie 29. Oscar winner Colin 30. A deadly sin 31. Nipper 32. Convene 33. Bound 34. Arabic for "commander" 35. \_\_\_ green 37. Bowling game 40. "Baloney!" 41. Court wear 43. Ashes holder 44. Kind of treat 45. Accustom 46. Molière comedy, with "The" 47. Assisted 50. Biblical shepherd 51. Turn over 52. Food sticker 53. Bit 54. Didn't have enough 55. \_\_\_ a one

When was the last time you felt like you were up against Goliath? Did you ask for the king's armor? Did you go looking for five smooth stones? Maybe you saw Goliath looking back at you in the mirror in your bedroom. Did you go looking for someone else to fight the battle for you? I hope not. God has given each of us five smooth stones and probably more than we can count... actually... to tend to the battles that come our way. Remember... David didn't go looking for a fight... God's justice reigns... God's will is done... and one large stone was rolled away 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://bri-angige.wordpress.com/. Send comments and/or questions to godworks247365@gmail.com.

# 2023 Football season openers are set to go for area teams

By Dr. David Davis

The anticipation of high school football will become a reality this coming weekend as area teams have been fighting through the heat in preparation for their season openers.

There is a mix of a new head coach, the return of a former head coach, and those coaches who are settled in as their teams take the field of competition.

## Friendswood Mustangs vs Texas City Stingarees Friday, August 25 at 7:00 p.m. Henry Winston Stadium

The Jordan Johnson era begins as Friendswood faces an old nemesis in Texas City.

“I am so excited to return home and, for me and my wife Madeline, to be a part of a community that is so special to me,” Johnson said. “I cannot wait to serve the students, faculty, and community of Friendswood as the AD/Head Football Coach. Friendswood is filled with so many special people that I love and appreciate. I cannot wait for the list to grow as we begin this journey.”

There’s a real positive atmosphere that is evident among the Friendswood gridiron warriors as they are excited to begin the new journey with coach Johnson.

Friendswood has seven offensive and five defensive players returning with 23 lettermen this year. Offensively, Johnson will have some key skill players returning with QB Brock Foster (6-5, 225, 4.8) and QB Michael Butler (5-10, 175) vying to lead the Mustangs on that side of the ball. Foster threw for 380 yards and 4 TDs last year while Butler threw for 350 yards and four scores. WR Adam Buffington (6-1, 170, 4.5) and RB Walker Wintes (5-7, 175, 4.6) return as Buffington had 411 yards and 3 TDs receiving in 2022, while Wintes will pace the ground attack. Other offensive line leadership include Luke Bryant, Trent Baker, and Jackson Grantham.

“There have been challenges offensively due to the change in scheme, pace of play, and terminology. Thankfully players have done their part in soaking up information, practicing at a high level, and learning from mistakes.” Johnson said.

Defense will be led by LB Caleb Allen (6- 2, 215, 4.6) who had a banner year as a sophomore with five sacks, and LB Mason Sindelar (5-10, 215, 4.7) who had three sacks and two INTs.

Others making an impact on the defensive side of the ball include DB Sawyer Skeel (6-3, 185, 4.8), DL Cooper Hopkins (6-0, 230), DL Noah Abebe (6-3, 210, 4.8), LB Marcus Quintero, LB Nathan Doremus, DB Nicholas Ruffeno, DL Caleb Goins, and DB Landon Davis.

## Texas City Stingarees

Pearland native and Texas City head coach Shone Evans completed his first year in 2022 in guiding Texas City to a 6-5 record while advancing to the bi-district playoffs.

Texas City should be loaded this season with seven offensive and seven defensive starters returning with 20 lettermen from last year’s squad and a trip to the post-season.

**Prediction: Friendswood 24 - Texas City 21**



Friendswood High School 2023 Football Team

## Manvel Mavericks vs Shadow Creek Sharks Friday, August 25 at 7:00 p.m. Freedom Field

Kirk Martin was named head football coach for the Manvel Mavericks in 2006 when the school opened for the Alvin ISD school district. He was the head coach from 2006 to 2017 and compiled an impressive 108-25 coaching record that included two state title game appearances (2011, 2017) while also advancing to five regional finals (2010, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016).

Now, in 2023, Martin has returned as the Head Coach/Assistant AD for Manvel once again.

While the offense will be a little younger, Martin isn’t without a talent pool of skilled athletes that will need to get acclimated to his system.

“Offensively we need young or inexperienced guys to take the jobs available and run with it,” Martin said. We have open competition at all of our skill positions. So it’s kind of a wait and see how it goes with those positions.”

Manvel won’t be without talent at quarterback where there are worthy candidates, and the Mavericks should be in great shape regardless of who takes control of the offense. One of those QB candidates is Romin Seymour, a 6-6, 192-pound sophomore, who is the son of former Florida State standout defensive end Roland Seymour.

The other two candidates are move-in quarterbacks: Chase Cobbin from Katy Taylor and junior Jackson Hamilton, the son of former Texans assistant coach Pep Hamilton. Hamilton was Pearland’s quarterback the last two seasons.

“We’ll have to see some live competition to see who the guy is,” Martin said. “I never know until the bullets start

flying. I really don’t expect to know until we at least get through the scrimmages, and maybe get through our pre-district games.”

Manvel has five offensive and eight defensive starters returning with 29 lettermen, so the cupboard certainly isn’t bare.

“We’ll have three offensive linemen back, and that will be our strength. Those folks include Micah Williams (6-2, 300), Al McCarter (6-4, 265) and Jaxson Timon (6-4, 245),” Martin said.

## Shadow Creek Sharks

Head coach Brad Butler expects his team to be one of the top teams in the Houston area as the winning tradition continues.

“We’ve got a bunch of new starters,” Butler said. “The players expect to win, and we’ve got a strong winning culture, but we need to be mentally and physically tough.”

Speed and aggressiveness will characterize the Sharks on both sides of the ball.

Defensively, the Sharks will be led by defensive end Zion Taylor who is a UH commit. Taylor (6- 2, 240, 4.8) had 17 solo tackles, five assisted stops, six tackles for loss, six sacks, and 10 QB hurries last year. Taylor was teamed up with LB Anthony Williams (6-3, 195, 4.6) who was the district defensive “Newcomer of the Year.” Williams had 19 solo tackles, three assisted stops, eight tackles for loss, and one caused fumble.

Joining Taylor at UH will be FS Maurice Williams (6-2, 190, 4.5) who had an All-District first-team season with 30

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## Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The BRAZORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 53 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2023 on Friday, September 8, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. at the offices of 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.

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**FOR** the proposal: Robert Serrett, Richard Boehck, Debbie Wang Romero, Andrew Bowman, Donna Jones  
**AGAINST** the proposal: None  
**PRESENT** and not voting: None  
**ABSENT:** None

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 \$1.35000 /\$100 Adopted	This Year \$1.35000 /\$100 Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$1.35000 /\$100 Adopted	\$1.35000 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.00000 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		0.00%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$262,854.00	\$348,350.00
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 749.00	\$ 10,305.00
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 262,105.00	\$338,045.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$3,538.42	\$4,563.61
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$1,025.19 28.97%

### 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.

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## Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The BRAZORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 35 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2023 on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 1:30 p.m., at the offices of 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.

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**FOR** the proposal: Loren Kool, Saib Saour, Susan Allen, Sheila Jones  
**AGAINST** the proposal: None  
**PRESENT** and not voting: None  
**ABSENT:** Genet Chenier

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 \$1.00000 /\$100 Adopted	This Year \$0.96000 /\$100 Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$1.00000 /\$100 Adopted	\$0.96000 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-\$0.04000 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		-4.00%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$0.00	\$0.00
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$0.00 0.00%

### 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.

There were no residential homesteads on either January 1, 2022 or January 1, 2023, therefore the tax that would have been imposed on a residential homestead is \$0.00. Due to this the tax election rate is not applicable for 2023 tax year.

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solo stops, 13 assisted tackles, one TFL, 2 INTs, 3 fumble recoveries, and one caused fumble. CB Aaden Benjamin (4 INTs) and DB Kyle Peterson will be roaming the defensive secondary for the Sharks. Others to contribute on defense include LB Efren Figueroa and CB Nigel Pringle.

While the Sharks will have a strong defense, they will also have a potent offensive attack that will be led by junior QB Jacorey Watson (6-0, 175, 4.5) who threw for 952 yards and 13 TDs while rushing for 323 yards on 12 carries and eight scores. Watson is a “gifted athlete” who becomes a multiple threat any time he has the ball in his hands.

Watson will be complimented by RB Tyluk Burton (5-9, 170, 4.5) who can explode for a long gain or touchdown from anywhere on the field. The All-District first-team pick had 703-yards rushing on 94 carries for six touchdowns while also gaining 90-yards receiving on 14 catches.

Others to contribute on the offensive side of the ball are WR Ashton Jones (6-3, 175, 4.5), athlete Christian Seriale (5-9, 170, 4.5), WR Chris Stewart (5-10, 165, 4.6), RB Justin Qualls, OL Calvin Peete, OL Andre McDaniel, and OL Chase Murray.

The Sharks also have a talented kicker in junior Aiden Bui (5-9, 160, 4.8) who was a unanimous first-team All-District pick after he hit 58-of-62 PATs and 5-of-8 FGs for 73 total points his sophomore year. Bui gives the Sharks that extra offensive punch in a tight game that can make the difference between a win or a loss.

**Prediction: Shadow Creek 17 - Manvel 14**

## Pearland Oilers vs Clear Falls Knights Friday, August 25 at 7:00 p.m. Pearland ISD Stadium

There is no question that Pearland will be a stronger team than they were last year after being under the guidance of coach Gotte and his staff.

The Oilers finished in third place (5-2) last season in the district while advancing to the post-season for the 23rd consecutive year. They closed out the 2022 season with a 6-5 mark after losing to Dickinson 35- 21 in the opening round.

“Last year our two district loses were by a combined 11 points, (4 points to Shadow Creek and 7 points to Dawson) so our goal is to close the gap to our opponents and compete to win a district championship,” Gotte said. “Losing in the first round was a bitter pill to swallow, so we also are working hard to earn the right to win our first-round playoff game and make a run in the playoffs.”

Gotte understands the importance of laying a proper foundation of discipline and hard work; something the Oilers were lacking over the previous few years before Gotte’s arrival.

“After going through our first full off-season, our team averages in every measurable category improved,” Gotte said. “As a team we are stronger, quicker, faster, and more explosive, now the focus is translating that improvement to success on the field.”

Another underlying issue that was drastically evident in



Pearland High School 2023 Football Team

the past but no longer, is the players are proud to be Oilers again. The sense of pride has resurfaced that had been lost in recent years.

Gotte has also been impressed with some players who have shown vast improvement since last year. Included on that list is senior QB Cole Morkovsky who has really stepped up to become the field general for the Oilers.

“Cole is a great leader, super smart, throws the ball well and is a good game manager,” Gotte said. “I believe he is quite capable of getting the job done which is what we need at this time. He is at a key position in our offense.”

Gotte also listed WR Luke Allen and OL Elijah Cavitt as two others who have made an impact and impression on the coaching staff for their effort to improve at their respective positions.

Defensively, Gotte listed DL Jaylen Stewart, DB Evan Gracia, and LB Sam Armstrong as key players who have made significant impressions on the coaching staff.

Leading the offense this year will be Cole Morkovsky and RB La’Damion McDowell (5-8, 160, 4.5) who was named 23-6A Offensive Newcomer of the Year. McDowell led the Oilers rushing as he had 151 carries for 801 yards and five scores while he also snagged 17 passes for 204 yards and two TDs; WR Patrick Bridges (6-2, 185, 4.6) who had 32 catches for 479 yards and 6 TDs; FB Juan Marines who had 33 carries for 134 yards; five catches for 75 yards and 2 TDs; OL JJ Wheeler (6-4, 240, 4.9); WR Quinton Murray (6-1, 175, 4/7); OL Toby Argo; OL Henry Dines; WR/ DB Evan Garcia, WR Luca Sanchez; and WR Jordan Hernandez.

Leading the defense will be Texas Tech commit DB Ashton Hampton (6-1, 170, 4.5) who had 40 solo stops, 13 assists, 12 TFL, 5 INTs, 2 fumble recoveries, 1 caused fumble,

DL Jaden Wincher (6-1, 250) who had 28 tackles, 3 TFL, 5 sacks, DL Jaylen Stewart (6-3- 205, 4.8), CB Lazarus Range who had 34 tackles, 14 assists, 2 TFL, 3 INTs, 1 caused fumble, and DL Amari Wilks.

The Oilers will also have a talented kicker in Jackson Stagg who was an All-District second-team selection. Stagg is an outstanding offensive weapon to have for field goals and extra points which can make the difference in a win or a loss.

## Clear Falls Knights

The Oilers were in a position to win the season opener and first game for new head coach B.J. Gotte last year but came up a little short to the Clear Falls Knights 20-17. Pearland missed a field goal late in the fourth quarter and the Knights ran off the final 3:16 time off the clock to escape with a 20-17 win. “We are obviously disappointed in the result,” Pearland head coach BJ Gotte said. “Especially when you feel like you had multiple opportunities to win the game. The kids played hard, and I was proud of them for that, and we competed until the end.”

Clear Falls finished with a 9-3 season record while advancing to the area round of the playoffs. They finished second in the district behind league champion Dickinson. They are a pre-season second place pick behind the Gators in 2023.

The Knights return nine offensive and three defensive starters and 34 lettermen this year. With all five offensive line starters returning to protect starting QB Ky Barker (6-2, 180), the offense will be the early pacesetter for the Knights. Barker threw for 2,017 yards and 14 TDs last season.

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## Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

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**FOR** the proposal: R. Michael Haney, L&#39;Sheryl D Hudson, Jason Johnson  
**AGAINST** the proposal: None  
**PRESENT** and not voting: None  
**ABSENT:** Rick King, Erich R Bell

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	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.45000 /\$100 Adopted	\$0.40000 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-\$0.05000 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		-11.11%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$436,596.00	\$511,182.00
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$106,775.00	\$147,742.00
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$329,821.00	\$363,440.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$1,484.19	\$1,453.76
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		-\$30.43 -2.05%

### 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 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.

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## Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The BRAZORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 23 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2023 on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. at Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2400, 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.

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**FOR** the proposal: JoAnne Knodel, Russell Secrest, Nghiem Doan  
**AGAINST** the proposal: None  
**PRESENT** and not voting: None  
**ABSENT:** Darren Mosier, Mark Anderson

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	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.44000 /\$100 Adopted	\$0.40000 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-\$0.04000 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		-9.09%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$377,413.00	\$477,989.00
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$10,173.00	\$70,657.00
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$367,240.00	\$407,332.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$1,615.86	\$1,629.33
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$13.47 0.83%

### NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

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# SPORTS

## FHS Mustang Water Polo Teams Triumph Tournaments

By Friendswood ISD Communication Department

The Friendswood High School (FHS) girls and boys water polo teams made a splash as they commenced their seasons with an outstanding performance at the Ascension Tournament in Alvin and the CCISD Tourney at Clear Creek ISD Schools on Aug. 10-12.

Under the leadership of head coach Craig Sikkema, the FHS water polo teams showcased their camaraderie in a series of exhilarating matches in the Ascension Tournament. The girls' team emerged as an unstoppable force, clinching victory in all four of their games against Deer Park, Alvin, Pearland, and Clear Falls, to remain undefeated. Spearheaded by captain Emmie Ratcliff, the ladies demonstrated exceptional skill and teamwork.

The boys' team, led by captain Paul Podrebarac, faced a challenging tournament, finishing with a record of 1-3. Despite the initial setback, the boys exhibited unwavering determination and an eagerness to improve as the season unfolds.

Continuing their remarkable journey, both teams shone brightly at the Clear Creek ISD tournament. The girls finished with a commendable record of 3-2 and secured the top spot in the silver bracket. Notably, they tallied an impressive 40 goals in their final two games while conceding only eight. On the other hand, the boys' team achieved redemption, concluding with a record of 4-1 in the tournament, thereby elevating their season record to 5-4. Their performance led them to clinch the first position in the gold bracket, with a nail-biting final game that ended 8-6.

The teams' next challenge will be against Westside on Monday, Aug. 21, with the girls' match beginning at 6:00 PM and the boys' match at 7:00 PM, both held at Friendswood High School. This anticipated matchup holds a special twist, as Coach Sikkema's son leads the Westside team.

As the season progresses, the FHS water polo teams are set to participate in the upcoming Purple Monkey Tournament Aug. 24-26. On Aug. 24, both girls and boys teams



will vie for victory on their home turf, with subsequent matches held at various area pools. Additionally, the teams' first district game against Galveston Ball is scheduled for Sept. 5 at their home pool, with the girls' game starting at 5pm and the boys' at 6pm.

The FHS girls water polo team members are: Lacey Drouet, Kate Duggleby, Cadence Capehart, Molly Fruehan, Julia Rupp, Peyton Robbins, Madeline Long, Kaley Barden, Emmie Ratcliff, Erin Voelker, Paige McCray, Brooke Hubenak, Nicole Medina, and Addison Pendle. The boys team members include: Nash Baker, Paul Podrebarac, James Saul, Cort Koester, Lane Jordon, Noah Givens, Thomas Sinclair, Cooper Barden, Darius Patterson, Ryan Cockerham, Simon Kinsworthy, Jackson Lewis, and Joshua Geno.

Assisting Head Coach Craig Sikkema are Crissy Kemp and Shawna Lewis, contributing to the teams' collective achievements.

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Clear Falls will also see help from RB Payton Greer (5-9, 190, 4.5) who rushed for 366 yards and two TDs while catching 22 passes for 226 yards and two scores.

Despite a young defense, the Knights will be led by LB Jackson Waid (6-1, 210, 4.7) who had 94 tackles, 8 TFL, and four sacks. He will get support from DE Le'Kell Mc-



Shadow Creek High School 2023 Football Team

Gowan (6-4, 210, 4.7) who had 13 TFL, seven sacks, and 61 tackles. Both are DI prospects.

**Prediction: Pearland 24 - Clear Falls 17**

### Dawson Eagles vs Hightower Hurricanes Saturday, August 26 at 6:00 p.m. Hall Stadium

Time passes quickly as Dawson head coach Mike Allison begins his sixth year at the helm of the Dawson football program. Allison has certainly continued the foundation that was laid when the school opened in 2007 with former head coach Eric Wells in charge.

Coach Allison has posted a 40-17 record for his first five years while also advancing to the area round of the playoffs all five seasons. The 2022 season began with an uncharacteristic 0-3 non-district start, but Allison rallied his troops to win the next six out of eight games to finish 6-1 in district with their only loss to Shadow Creek 16-10 which could have easily turned out in favor of the Eagles.

Coach Allison is always the first to give credit to his players and dedicated coaching staff regarding their accomplishments. The Eagles have always been a team that will be highly competitive no matter who they are playing.

Dawson returns with four offensive starters and nine defensive starters as well as 31 lettermen from a 6-5 team in 2022 that advanced to the bi-district round of the playoffs. One of the key losses on offense was three-year starting quarterback and Texas Wesleyan commit Colin Johnson.

However, Allison believes that QB Gage Greene (6-2, 180) will be able to step in and provide the leadership and skill set for the Eagles offense. "Gage [Greene] had a strong spring showing and I believe he has the talent to take over at quarterback," Allison said. "The players have a lot of confidence in him and I like what I saw in our spring game."

"He is an unselfish leader of this team that will be a big part of the success we are looking for on offense."

Greene will have a lot of help as senior running back Bryce Burgess (5-6, 160, 4.5) returns to lead the ground attack. Burgess was named the District 23-6A "Offensive Player of the Year" last season. He rushed for 1,023 yards on 141 carries (7.3 yards per carry) and scored 16 touchdowns while he also caught 21 passes for 164 yards and two scores.

"Offensively, we have some dynamic athletes in skill positions," Allison said. "They have the ability to line up in different positions and do different things to help out the team. We have some experience coming back on the O-Line, and have a few of the underclassmen stepping up and competing for the open spots."

Another offensive weapon returning is Tony Robertson III who will make an impact on that side of the ball for the

Eagles.

"Tony will be returning from a season-ending injury that happened Week One of last season," Allison said. "He will be a three-year letterman who will be hungry to show what he can do."

Other players on offense Allison will be looking to for a strong season include WR Braylon Howard, WR Joseph Brown, and OL Torion Armelin.

The Eagles' strength will be nine defensive starters who will set the pace early.

The defensive foundation begins with the two bookend defensive ends in Charles Anderson (6-7, 245) who had 45 stops, seven TFL, and two sacks and Edward Smith (6-6, 240) who had 24 tackles, eight TFL, and two sacks. Both have committed to Texas Tech.

Other key defensive standouts include first-team All-District Bryson Burgess (5-6, 165) who had 50 solo stops, 18 assists, and one TFL last season. DB Max Menedez (5-10, 170) who had 31 tackles, and one sack. DB Chase Davis (5-10, 165) and DB Gabe McFarland (5-10, 160) who had 41 tackles seven TFL, and one sack.

Dawson will also have a proven placekicker in junior Ayden Treadaway who can make the pressure PATs and FGs when called upon in the clutch.

### Hightower Hurricanes

Dawson led Hightower 17-16 at halftime last season but they weren't able to protect the lead as the Hurricanes scored 13 unanswered points in the second half to pull out the 29-17 non-district win in the season opener for both teams.

Hightower returns five offensive and eight defensive starters, and 28 lettermen from a 10-3 team that advanced to the 6A Div. II regional semifinals.

QB Joseph Stewart (5-10, 165, 4.5) will return to lead the offensive assault after he threw for 2,833 yards and 26 TDs while rushing for 378 yards and two scores last year. He will have strong help with TCU commit RB Jeremy Payne (5-11, 180, 4.5) in the backfield. Payne rushed for 1,002 yards and 13 TDs while catching 17 passes for 320 yards and three scores.

Other weapons include WR Zion Kearney (6-2, 170, 4.5) who caught 39 passes for 765 yards and eight TDs. RB Austin Bowen (5-8, 165, 4.5) added 560 yards and eight scores to the attack.

The strength of the defense will be in the secondary with DB Kameron Reddic (5-11, 170, 4.5) who had 67 tackles, 5 TFL, and one INT, CB Ephraim Dotson (5-11, 175, 4.5) who had 49 tackles, five INTs, and DB Kade Phillips (6-3, 190, 4.8) who had 41 tackles.

This game should be a great season-opener for both teams  
**Prediction: Hightower 28 - Dawson 17**



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#### NOTICE TO BIDDERS CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS

Sealed Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, September 21st, 2023, and read aloud into the public record for the following project:

**Centennial Park Storage Building Project**  
City of Pearland, Texas  
ITB: 0723-17

The project will consist of the following for Centennial Park Storage Building Project:

The project will entail a new lawn equipment storage building at the City of Pearland Centennial Park.

A **Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference** will be held in person at the City of Pearland Public Works Rio Grande Conference room at 2016 Old Alvin Rd., Pearland, Texas 77581 at 1:00 p.m. on August 31, 2023.

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](mailto: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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#### FRIENDSWOOD ISD REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #24-001 EMPLOYEE MEDICAL BENEFITS

Request for Proposals (RFPs) shall be submitted via one (1) paper copy, along with one (1) electronic copy in PDF format on a flash drive. The flash drive must contain only one (1) file in PDF format and must match written response identically. Specifications and related information may be downloaded from FISD's website at [www.myfisd.com](http://www.myfisd.com) or PublicPurchase.com. Submittal shall be signed by a person having authority to bind the qualified professional in a contract. All submitted materials must be clearly marked with "RFP 24-001 EMPLOYEE MEDICAL BENEFITS", the vendor's name, and addressed to Friendswood ISD, Attn: Purchasing Department, and are to be received at the Friendswood ISD Administration Building, 302 Laurel Dr., Friendswood, TX, 77546 on or before 2:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023. Any contract resulting from this RFP shall be awarded to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the District considering the relative importance of price and the other evaluation factors included in this request for proposals. For additional information, please contact Carol Blain, Purchasing Coordinator, at [cblain@fisd12.net](mailto:cblain@fisd12.net) with "RFP 24-001" clearly entered on the subject line. Friendswood ISD reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF BROOKSIDE VILLAGE SEPTEMBER 6, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BEFORE THE BROOKSIDE VILLAGE CITY COUNCIL AT CITY HALL LOCATED AT 6243 BROOKSIDE RD., BROOKSIDE VILLAGE, TEXAS, 77581, ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023 AT 6PM. THE PUBLIC HEARING IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEARING COMMENTS FOR OR AGAINST THE FOLLOWING:

THE PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF OCTOBER 1, 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2024. THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY \$ 120,355.99 OR 16.36% AND OF THAT AMOUNT, \$ 22,382.52 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR.

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MAYOR

