

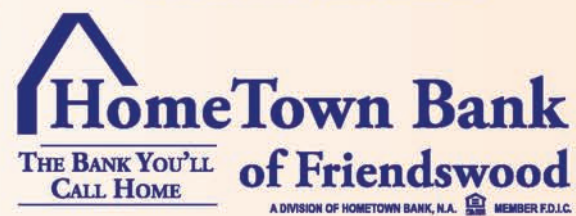
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Around Town

Now until Feb. 24

FHS BAND MULCH SALE

The FHS Mustang Band is taking orders now until Feb. 24 during their 3rd Annual Mulch Sale. Mulch is \$5.50 per bag with pickup at Friendswood High School or delivery on March 4. Delivery areas include all FISD attendance zone. All products are 2 cubic foot bags. Hardwood mulch, black mulch, redwood mulch. Delivery fee is \$25.00. Place an order at <https://form.jotform.com/220397214217148> or visit the band's Facebook page to get more information.

Feb. 8

BRISKET FUNDRAISER

Friendswood High School's Competition BBQ Cookoff Team – the Friends Wood Smokers - is holding a Super Bowl Brisket Fundraiser to help raise funds for the team. Briskets are \$100 each and must be ordered and paid online by Wednesday, Feb. 8. Pickup will be available on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 3:00 to 6:00pm at Friendswood High School. To order visit <https://fisd.revtrak.net/bbq-club/#/v/FHS-BBQ-Club>.

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

The Friendswood Senior Citizens Program will hold its Mardi Gras Celebration on Wednesday, Feb. 8 from 11 am to 1 pm at the Friendswood Activity Center at 416 Morningside Dr.

Feb. 10

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY

Stanfield Properties Food Truck Friday - Valentine's Date Night will be held Friday, Feb. 10 from 6pm to 9pm at 807 S. Friendswood Dr. Food trucks, cash bar, desserts, live music. Bring a lawn chair, blanket and your someone special.

Feb. 10 & 11

ONLINE PLANT SALE

Galveston County Master Gardeners will host their Ready, Set, Spring! Sale online Feb. 10-11 from noon Friday until noon Saturday at <https://stores.galvestonmg.org>. Fruit and citrus trees, tomatoes, potatoes, peppers, bulbs and perennials and more. For more information go to <https://txmg.org/galveston/>.

Feb. 11 & 12

PETER PAN PERFORMANCE

Friendswood Contemporary Ballet presents "Peter Pan" with performances on Friday, Feb. 11 at 6pm and Saturday, Feb. 12 at 3pm at Friendswood Junior High, 1000 Manison Parkway. Artistic Director, Madison DeShane, brings to life the story of Wendy, the Darling sisters and everyone's favorite woodland fairies in this pre-professional ballet. Tickets can be purchased at <http://friendswoodcontemporaryballet.com/peter-pan/>

Feb. 14

LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

Friends of the Library Book Club meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6pm. The next meeting will take place Tuesday, Feb. 14 at the library, 416 S. Friendswood Dr.

Feb. 15

LIVE MUSIC AT THE LIBRARY

The Friendswood Library Live Music event is slated for Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 7pm. Sean Gaskell will give a performance and educational demonstration on the kora, an ancient 21-stringed harp from West Africa. He will feature traditional songs of the kora's musical repertoire. Free and open to the public. The library is located at 416 S. Friendswood Dr.

Feb. 17

FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON

Houston Metro Go Texan Committee – NASA/ClearCreek/Friendswood Subcommittee presents the 56th Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon on Friday, Feb. 17 from 11am to 5pm at the Lonestar Flight Museum, 1551 Aerospace Ave. in Houston. Fashion show, entertainment, lunch, and auctions. For donor opportunities, tickets or more information call 210-382-5083 or email nasarodeo@yahoo.com. The event provides scholarships to Friendswood ISD seniors.

Feb. 17 & 18

LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Friendswood Library Book Sale will be held Friday, Feb. 17 and Saturday, Feb. 18 from 10am to 5:30pm. \$5 per bag - \$10 per box. The library is located at 416 S. Friendswood Dr.

Feb. 18

PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Friendswood Community Prayer Breakfast monthly meeting is on Saturday, Feb. 18 from 7:30 to 9:00am at Friendswood United Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Dr. For more information and to RSVP, please call or text Steve Martin Sr. at 832-607-1734. Breakfast requested donation is \$10.



REGION 5 - 5A CHAMPIONS

Friendswood has 10 swimmers and one diver advance to the Class 5A state swim meet that will be held at the Lee & Joe Jamail Swim Center on the University of Texas campus on Friday-Saturday, Feb. 17-18. The boys and girls won the region 5 - 5A championship as the Friendswood boys scored 400 points to finish ahead of second-place Richmond (353) and the Friendswood girls scored 470 points to finish ahead of second-place Lamar Fulshear (364). Swimming in relays and/or individual events are Peyton Becker, Edi Jakob, Andi Jeanes, KK LeBlanc, Paige McCray, Lauren Tillman, Nick Hardt, Tony Laurito, Marshall Odom, Talon Welch, and Grayson Wells for Diving. See related story, Page 6.

KFB presents design choice to Council for Stevenson Park

By KAROLYN GEPHART
Reporter News Staff

Keep Friendswood Beautiful presented their choice of conceptual plan for Stevenson Park in at the Friendswood City Council meeting Feb. 6 at City Hall.

KFB met on Jan. 24 to discuss and take action on providing a recommendation to City Council regarding the conceptual plan of the Stevenson Park Parking Lot. After discussion, KFB voted to recommend Concept C. They shared their decision with Council Monday night.

Half Associates Inc. provided the design work and presented three concepts.

Concept C chosen by KFB offers park signage, a parking lot with approximately 108 parking spaces, room for overflow parking, a synthetic turf area, bench seating, pavilion with overhang, a proposed storage building, stage and restrooms, picnic area with string lights, garden atrium, and a vendor area. The existing pergola remains in place.

The design work was put in place after receiving input and feedback from the community.

Three community meetings were held beginning in September and ending in November.

On Sept. 20, 2022, the first

town meeting was held at the Friendswood Library with approximately 40 people in attendance. Half representatives report that they received positive feedback regarding the enhancements to parking such as permeable pavers or landscaping. They also received concern from those attending regarding removal of parking

spaces.

Approximately 30 community members including Friendswood High School students were present at the library at the meeting held by Half Associates Oct. 25, 2022. The design group reported that they received positive feedback regarding outdoor dining, restroom improvements and park-

ing enhancements. They received concern over accessibility and ADA (The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990) complaint improvements.

The final meeting was held Nov. 29, 2022. The top three desired amenities were reported as enhanced parking, pavilion with restrooms, and outdoor dining. Additional desired amenities included covered parking for Farmer's Market events and shaded parking areas.

At the final meeting, Half representatives presented final concepts.

In other Council news, Renee Kross and Heather Van Dine were recognized at the Council meeting for completing their Texas Municipal Clerk's Association (TMCA) certification/recertification.

This certification program is a professional development program with college/university-level courses for municipal clerks that requires approximately 200 hours of individual home study and online homework; examinations over four courses; and attendance at eight two-day seminars.

Kross and Van Dine were recognized Jan. 12 at the Texas Municipal Clerk's Association's Conference.



LEGEND

- A Park Signage
- B Overflow Parking (+/- 108 spaces)
- C Synthetic Turf
- D Bench Seating
- E Planting
- F
- G Shade Tree
- H Pavilion with Overhang
- I Proposed Storage Building
- J Proposed Stage
- K Proposed Restrooms
- L Sidewalk
- M Picnic Area with String Lights
- N Garden Atrium
- O Existing Pergola
- P Bollards
- Q 15'x15' Vendor Area



Wild Wild West Daddy Daughter Dance

It was a wild time at the Wild Wild West Daddy Daughter Dance Feb. 4 at Friendswood Junior High. The sold out event is one of the most popular each year and is hosted by the City of Friendswood Parks and Recreation Department. This year festivities included a western themed photo station, games with prizes, dinner provided by Rudy's BBQ and Chick-fil-A, and dancing with dads.



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.

• Wednesday, Feb. 1

An arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia was made at 12:46 a.m., 4400 Dixie Farm Road.

A report of a stolen vehicle was made at 7:52 a.m., 14200 block of Broadway.

A stolen vehicle was recovered at 1:05 p.m., 1500 block of Cullen Parkway.

A vehicle was reported stolen at 2 p.m., 11900 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

Stolen vehicle was recovered at 3 p.m., 1100 block of Pearland Parkway.

Vehicles were reported burglarized, and one vehicle was reported stolen Wednesday afternoon in the 10200 block of Broadway.

A death investigation was conducted at 6:45 p.m., 3400 block of Dixie Farm Road.

DWI reported at 8 p.m., 2400 block of Broadway St. at Liberty Drive.

A Dickinson man was arrested for DWI second offense at 8:48 p.m., 2908 Yost Blvd.

A Houston couple were both arrested at 9 p.m. for felony theft at 2800 block of Pearland Parkway.

• Thursday, Feb. 2

A Houston man, 34, was arrested at midnight and charged with felony possession of a controlled substance in a drug-free zone, 2300 Schlieder Drive.

Two vehicles were reported stolen around 3 a.m., 11900 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

A shoplifting arrest was made at 5 a.m., 2555 Cullen.

A woman was arrested for assault causing bodily injury at 6 a.m., 2000 block of Main St.

Stolen vehicle was recovered at 10:49 a.m., 1700 block of Mykawa Road.

Interference with child custody reported at 3:35

p.m., 2700 block of Lost Maples Drive.

Death investigation conducted at 3:35 p.m., 2700 block of Miller Ranch Road.

Death investigation conducted at 4:05 p.m., 2500 block of Business Center Drive.

Two people were arrested for shoplifting at 4:18 p.m., 1919 Main St.

Shoplifting arrest was made at 4:44 p.m., 2808 Business Center Drive.

Two people were arrested for disorderly conduct at 6:38 p.m., 7700 block of Brookside Road.

• Friday, Feb. 3

A 46-year-old Houston man was arrested just after midnight Friday and charged with felony theft, second or more convictions, 2900 Broadway St.

An arrest for assault family violence was made at 10:15 a.m., 1400 block of O'Day Road.

An arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia was made at noon, 2700 block of Cullen Parkway.

A 21-year-old Houston man was arrested at 3 p.m. for vehicle burglaries, 15838 South Freeway.

A Houston man, 31, was arrested for felony possession of controlled substance, 1700 Main St.

A shoplifting arrest was made at 7 p.m., 1710 Broadway St.

An arrest for assault family violence was made at 10 p.m., 3100 block of Berryfield Lane.

An arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia was made at midnight, 5300 Springfield Avenue.

• Saturday, Feb. 4

A 29-year-old North Richland man was arrested in the 12000 block of Shadow Creek Parkway just after midnight and charged with burglary of a habitation.

A DWI arrest was made at 1:13 a.m., 9400 Broadway.

A woman was arrested at 6:50 a.m. for disorderly conduct, 2400 block of Lynn Drive.

Interference with child

custody was reported at 9:44 a.m., 1300 block of Jamison Pine Drive.

An arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia was made at 10:25 a.m., 8300 Broadway St.

An arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia was made at 11:57 a.m., 1900 Cullen Parkway.

A report of littering-illegal dumping was made at noon, 8300 block of Freedom Dr.

A man was arrested for felony theft at 9:45 p.m., 1212 Dixie Farm Road.

• Sunday, Feb. 5

An arrest for assault family violence was made at 12:17 a.m., 5700 block of Broadway St.

An arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia was made at 1 a.m., 4700 Scott Lane.

A death investigation was conducted at 2 a.m., 11100 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

Police responded at 3:12 a.m. to a report of disorderly conduct and displaying a weapon, 4900 block of Northfork Drive.

A 40-year-old Houston man was arrested at 9 a.m. and charged with DWI-second or more, 2100 Main St.

A woman was arrested for assault causing bodily injury at 11:14 a.m., 3500 block of Curley Maple Drive.

A shoplifting arrest was made at 4:46 p.m., 1710 Broadway St.

A report of forgery was made at 5 p.m., 1600 block of Pine Crest.

A man was arrested for offensive noise at 6:41 p.m., 3222 Hatfield Road.

An arrest for criminal trespass was made at 7:13 p.m., 3500 block of Broadway St.

An arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia was made at 8:35 p.m., 19000 Highway 35.

• Monday, Feb. 6

A burglary was reported at 4:10 a.m., 2500 block of Business Center Drive.

Vehicle burglaries were reported at 8:23 a.m., 2900 block of Whispering Pines.

A La Porte man was charged with resisting arrest, search or transport at 9:27 a.m., 2500 block of Creek's Edge Drive.

A 64-year-old disabled woman was arrested just after noon Monday and charged with assault of a family member causing bodily injury, 1300 block of Glenview Drive.

FRIENDSWOOD POLICE REPORT

JANUARY 30 thru FEBRUARY 5

BURGLARY

Feb. 5 (2:40 p.m.) Two vehicles were burglarized at the Friendswood Sports Park located at 2910 W. Parkwood Ave. The front passenger windows were broken out of both vehicles. The burglary occurred between 1:15 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Once inside the vehicles, the suspect rummaged through the glove box. However, no items of value were stolen.

THEFT

Jan. 31 (4:52 p.m.) A 20-year-old Arlington man was charged with Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle (Auto Theft). The suspect was stopped in the 100 W. Parkwood Ave. for driving a vehicle with no registration insignia or license plate. The officer checked the VIN on the vehicle and discovered that the vehicle was reported stolen in Arlington.

Feb. 2 (8:15 a.m.) A 52-year-old Friendswood man was charged with Theft. The theft occurred at HEB located at 701 W. Parkwood Ave. The man entered the store, went to the beer and wine section, selected a bottle of Veuve Clocquot wine, and put the bottle down his pants. He was confronted by employees, dropped off the bottle of wine at the front door, then went to the self-checkout line and pulled out a bottle of BBQ sauce and a sandwich. As he exited the store, he was stopped and detained by a Friendswood plain-clothed officer. On Jan. 31, the man was caught on video stealing a \$189 bottle of wine.

Feb. 3 (10:58 a.m.) A tailgate was stolen off a truck parked in the 16600 block of Tibet Road. The tailgate was taken from a white 2009 Dodge truck.

Feb. 4 (5:22 p.m.) A homeowner in the 3700 block of Thursa Lane reported the theft of \$300 in cash. The victim believes it was stolen by a cleaning service.

Feb. 5 (8:17 a.m.) An attempted theft was reported at Kroger located at 151 N. Friendswood Dr. A white male in his late 60's identified himself as an inspector with Blue Rhino. He attempted to steal elven propane tanks by convincing an employee to load them into his white Dodge Caravan bearing no license plate. The driver's tail light was out on the Dodge and it had a ladder on top. When asked for proper identification, the man went to his van and drove away.

FRAUD

Jan. 30 (11:31 a.m.) A Friendswood man received a series of three emails congratulating him on his new Capital One checking account. He looked up the customer service number for Capital One, confirmed that an account had been opened using his personal identifying information, and had the account closed.

Jan. 30 (3:05 p.m.) A

Friendswood man received an email from Frost bank welcoming him as a new account holder. Since he did not open an account with Frost Bank, he called and had the account closed. While speaking with the representative, he received another email that was alerting him to a change in the security questions for the account.

Feb. 2 (2:38 p.m.) A Friendswood woman reports that a Small Business Administration loan was applied for using her personal identifying information and the information from a business that she used to own. The victim claims she did not apply for the loan and the name used was her maiden name.

Feb. 3 (10:10 a.m.) A Friendswood woman began receiving letters in the mail about different checking accounts opened in her name for three different banks. All the accounts were processed online, and two of the letters she received had debit cards included with them for the checking account.

ASSAULT

Jan. 30 (6:54 a.m.) Officers responded to a disturbance in the 5100 block of Abercreek Ave. The victim told police that her ex-boyfriend arrived at the home to talk to her. During the visit, he assaulted her at the front door. The ex-boyfriend left the home prior to the officer's arrival.

Jan. 31 (7:31 a.m.) A 39-year-old Friendswood man was issued a citation charging him with Assault. He is accused of assaulting his wife at their apartment located at 17231 Blackhawk.

Feb. 1 (5:35 p.m.) A 41-year-old Friendswood man was charged with Assault. He is accused of assaulting his wife in an exam room at Village Medical Clinic located at 102 N. Friendswood Drive.

Feb. 4 (9:06 a.m.) A 27-year-old Katy man was charged with Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon. The man arrived at a job site in the 16600 block of Barcelona Dr. He appeared intoxicated and was not wearing appropriate footwear. Despite the foreman's orders to change his footwear before going on the roof, McClendon got on the roof. He was fired. The man left the jobsite but returned. He had a pipe and chased the foreman around a vehicle and attempted to strike him. He also threatened to shoot the foreman and the crew. When police arrived, the suspect was taken into custody. He had the smell of marijuana and alcohol on his person.

Feb. 5 (1:33 a.m.) A 40-year-old Friendswood man was charged with Assault. The suspect is accused of assaulting his spouse during an argument at their home in

the 3100 block of Red Maple Dr.

NARCOTICS

Jan. 30 (11:16 a.m.) A 20-year-old man from Pasadena was charged with No Insurance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The man was stopped for expired registration in the 100 block of W. Parkwood Ave. The officer conducted a probable cause search of the vehicle and found marijuana and a gun.

Jan. 30 (3:18 p.m.) A 32-year-old Webster man and a 32-year-old Webster woman were charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The man was stopped for driving with expired registration and no insurance in the 1100 block of S. Friendswood Dr. During the contact, the officer detected the smell of marijuana. The female passenger admitted to having marijuana in her pants and bag. The male was searched and found to be in possession of marijuana. The officer searched the vehicle and found more marijuana and a gun. The man had an outstanding warrant.

Jan. 31 (2:53 p.m.) A 28-year-old woman was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. She was stopped for expired registration in the 300 block of N. Friendswood Dr. She provided a temporary driver's license and did not have insurance. She exited the vehicle and gave the officer consent to search. During the search, the officer found a baggie containing cocaine residue.

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

Feb. 1 (7:44 p.m.) A 35-year-old Friendswood man was charged with Driving While Intoxicated in the 1300 block of S. Friendswood Dr. The driver was stopped for speeding and running a stop sign. He exhibited signs of intoxication and failed a field sobriety test. Once in custody, an inventory of the vehicle was completed. The man had open containers of alcohol inside the vehicle.

Feb. 5 (12:27 a.m.) A 46-year-old Houston man was charged with Driving While Intoxicated in the 1400 block of Steele Drive. A witness reported a silver van that hit a fire hydrant and was last seen on Myrtlewood. An officer located the suspect vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. The man drove his vehicle onto a grassy area and then tried to drive away. He exhibited signs of intoxication and was unable to perform field sobriety tests due to his high level of intoxication.

WEAPONS

Feb. 1 (10:49 p.m.) A 17-year-old Houston man was charged with Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon. The man was stopped for speeding in the 600 block of S. Friendswood Dr. During the contact, the officer detected the smell of marijuana. A search was conducted and yielded 36 THC vape cartridges, marijuana, vape devices, grinders, scales, and a gun.

CASE UPDATE

An investigation was conducted regarding a theft of a dump trailer from a business located in the 200 Block of E Edgewood that occurred on Jan. During the theft, a white male in a black pickup truck was observed on surveillance video cutting the locks off the trailer's hitch before backing the truck up to the trailer, hooking up, and taking off eastbound on FM 2351. A 50-year-old Pearland man was identified as the suspect. The investigation revealed that he was responsible for trailer thefts in not only Friendswood, but also Pearland and Dayton.

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AREA BRIEFS

FISD SEPTO to host Spring Social

The Friendswood ISD Special Education Spring Social is planned for Sunday, Feb. 12 from 2 to 4 pm. The annual event is hosted by the FISD Special Education PTO members. The fun event will take place in front of Friendswood Schools Museum at 402 Laurel Drive in Friendswood.

All activities are free and include Jim's Jungle Exotic Petting Zoo, bounce house and slide, popcorn, games, face painting, and crafts.

Drinks and snacks will also be available and activities are for family members of all ages.

The event is sponsored by Jersey Mike's Subs.

For more information, contact FISDSEPTO@gmail.com.

Sunset Cinema set Saturday

Pearland Parks and Recreation will present its Sunset Cinema movie screening sponsored by Epic Plumbing this Saturday, Feb. 11.

The PG-13-rated film, "10 Things I Hate About You" will be presented at 6:15 p.m. on an inflatable screen at Southdown Park, 2150 Countryplace Parkway. Guests are encouraged to arrive at 5:30 p.m. and bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnics. Nacho Don Food Truck also will be on site. No glass is allowed, and pets must be on a leash.

This event is free and open to the public and parking is available onsite.

ALPR public safety grant program

Grant funding is still available for neighborhoods to implement license plate reading technology designed to prevent and investigate crimes.

Automated license plate readers, or ALPRs, are computer-controlled camera systems often affixed to street poles, streetlights and highway overpasses that capture license plate numbers that come into view along with the location, date and time.

The program allows individual neighborhoods to install automatic license plate readers, which scan plates 24 hours a day, every day, storing data that can be shared with police departments to help in crime investigations.

Pearland Police one year began implementing the programs. Neighborhoods that have the readers installed them as a deterrent and typically place them at entrances and exits to communities and provide police with investigative leads for property crimes. Police are notified when a vehicle on a "hot list" passes a reader. Hot lists are vehicles that have been reported stolen or are associated with active warrants.

For more information on the program, visit pearlandtx.gov/departments/police/alpr-application.

Turn-in sites taking inoperable boats

Property owners with inoperable or derelict boats under 26 feet can dispose of them for free during Brazoria County's Vessel Turn-in Program, held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. now through Thursday, Feb. 9.

Texas Parks and Wildlife and General Land Office will assist is sponsoring the removal of fuel, oil and batteries while Brazoria County is transporting vessels to the landfill. Boats must be clear of waste and debris.

Two drop-off locations will be available: Precinct 2 at 21017 County Road 171 in Angleton, and Precinct 3 at 2467 FM 528 in Alvin. For information, call 281-331-3197.

Deadline nears for election filing

Friday, Feb. 17, is the deadline for candidates to file for city council or school board positions in the May 6 elections.

Up for election are seats on the Alvin and Pearland ISD boards of trustees and the mayor and two council seats in the City of Pearland.

Pearland school board trustees serve three-year terms and are all elected at-large, representing the entire district instead of a section of the population. The board meets at 5 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Call 832-736-6153 or pick up a filing package at 1928 N. Main St., Pearland.

Candidate packets for Alvin ISD, which includes parts of Pearland including Shadow Creek west of Highway 288, are available at the Alvin ISD Administration Building, 301 E. House Street, Alvin. The Alvin school board holds workshops at noon on the first Wednesday, followed by the regular meeting at 7 p.m. on the following Tuesday. For more information on Alvin ISD elections, call Mary Anne McWhirter, 281-388-1130 or email mmcwhirter@alvinisd.net.

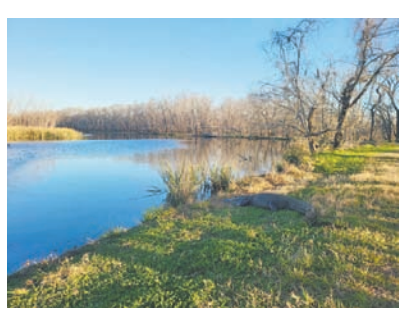
For more information on the City of Pearland election or candidate filing, call the city secretary's office, 281-652-1651.

Texas State Parks hosts photo contest

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department is hosting a photo contest to celebrate 100 years of Texas State Parks. Texas has 89 state parks and visitors are encouraged to take and share photos of their visits throughout 2023.

The contest features four seasonal themes and a winner will be selected quarterly.

The current theme that opened 2023 is the winter theme of "New Year, New Adventure." A panel of TPWD judges will select quarterly winners who will each receive a Texas State Parks Pass valued at \$70 and a \$100 H-E-B gift card donated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation (TPWF).



Brazos Bend State Park is one of 89 state parks in Texas.

A grand prize winner will be selected at the end of the year after the submission deadline of Nov. 27. The grand prize winner will receive a Texas State Parks Pass, a \$500 HEB gift card, and a curated experience at a state park.

All entries must be taken at a Texas State Parks National Area and uploaded to the Texas State Parks Photo Contest website or tagged on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram using the hashtags #TexasStateParks and #TexasParks100, between Jan. 1 and Nov. 27.

Participants may submit multiple entries.

For details about the contest, including a link to the contest rules and a gallery of entries, visit the Texas State Parks Photo Contest website at TexasStateParks.org.

"We can't wait to see the parks through our visitors' eyes," Whitney Bishop, social media coordinator for Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) said.



FAITH MATTERS

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By REV. DR. BRIAN GIGEE

WORTHWHILE WORDS

"...and if my people who are called by my name humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and I will heal their land." -2 Chronicles 7:14

Worthwhile words. That's what these are... from God's own heart... as King Solomon prayed and the people watched the burnt offering be consumed right before their very eyes. Yep. Good old Old Testament stuff. Solomon's way of standing in awe before God rather than remain standing in sin. Have you heard this before? At a Sunday church service? At a revival? At some political dinner where the local preacher prayed to bless the food and the people? I use to begin my old church newsletter articles with the phrase... "for people like us... in times like this... and the more things change... the more they seem to stay the same.

Worthwhile words. They remain so... then and now... as in days of old... we watched out...and watch out still as the time of Lent we see in front of us has a similar call. Two weeks and counting! My favorite time of the year! And this is a very big ask from God! Humbling... that is...

Do you call yourself Christian? How do you know? How do others know? Do you tell them? Do they know enough that they see Jesus in you? Are you proud of claiming this description? Or are you the humble one who knows deep down inside that you are not deserving to claim Jesus' name? At least on your own... that is.

How did Martin Luther put this in his explanation of the catechism's rendering of the ancient Creed? Is it possible even for me to believe in Jesus at all? Read on... when he added to the conversation...

"I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith."

-(Apostles Creed / 3rd Article)

So God was right. Our need to seek God's face is real. Humble hearts actually walk with a better gait... showing up in our following God's way rather than in being in charge of our own destiny. Do you have problems? Is your life messy? It's not God's fault. But the consequence of our unfaithfulness continues to put hurdle after hurdle in our path. How much time do we waste dealing with replacing a lost wallet and credit cards or as our lives are disrupted by a fender bender or worse someone steals your car. For some, recovery mode seems to be a daily appointment and for every empty seat at worship, less and less of God's work gets accomplished...

But, get this... God is patient... God waits... God knows the outcome before we act... "if my people will seek my face..." God says... the holy encounter Jesus desires of each of us... one by one... week by week... that we do more than hear... but act with the whole fiber of our being... then God finds joy!

The coming days of Lent is a time to turn... to seek the face of God... a time to have an encounter with Jesus... the one and only son of the God of second chances and third and fourth... etc... etc... What is it that you want? And what is it that you are willing to do? God has acted and has consumed the sin of the world... not by burnt offerings ... but by the sacrifice of his Son... who modeled the Godly life in ... prayer... worship... study... invitation... encouragement as well as giving and serving... seven worthwhile verbs to draw us closer to the love of God for all... and o yeah... it's Souperbowl Sunday on February 12 and Christian Helping Hands and the Houston Food Bank will appreciate your worthwhile efforts in helping others... it's just a google away... 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.

In The Garden by Karolyn Gephart



Ageratum Houstonianum



Hybrid Tea Rose



Rudbeckia (Black eyed Susan)



Swiss Chard

February Is A Great Month For Gardening

Gardening in February is one where the weather dictates if you will go outside in short sleeves or bundled up with sweaters and warm attire. Yet, it is a month that has some activities that must be done at this time.

One such activity concerns roses. Around Valentine's Day (or by the end of the month), it is time to prune established roses (hybrid tea, floribunda and grandiflora varieties). Do not prune one time spring bloomers, climbing roses or antique roses until after the bloom cycle is finished.

Also with roses, do not fertilize newly planted rose bushes until after their first blooming cycle is completed.

If this is the year you want to create a pollinator garden, there are some plants that will work well and can be planted now. This is the month to plant the following plants to attract butterflies: ageratum (floss flower), phlox, buddleia, salvia, rudbeckia (brown eyed and black eyed Susans are pollinator favorites), bee balm (monarda) and lantana.

In Zone 9 (9a Friendswood to middle of Dickinson and 9b Dickinson to Galveston), when the soil temperature warms to 70 degrees (by the end of the month in years past) you can plan zinnias. Seeds for nasturtium, ageratum, portulaca, sunflower and torenia (Wishbone plant) can be planted.

Start setting out gladiolus bulbs at two-week intervals now through early May to have an extended period of blooming to enjoy.

Plant bare-root roses, fruit and shade trees, pecan trees and dormant shrubs now. Established shrubs that are dormant can be successfully transplanted now.

Many of us have a March date that we bring our plumeria out of the garage or greenhouse but if evening temperatures remain at 50 degrees and above, you can pot plumerias and move them outside. (but always be ready to move

them back in to sheltered areas if there is a sudden late freeze).

For vegetable gardeners, plant onion sets and transplants throughout this month.

Mid-February is the last chance you will have to plant Irish potatoes for best yields.

Plant beets, chard, collards, kale, lettuce, spinach, radishes and English peas now. Transplants of broccoli and cabbage should be set out before Feb. 15 and sweet corn should be planted after Feb. 15.

Herb gardens can be started with rosemary, parsley, mint and dill. Just a reminder about mint: it is invasive and can take over a garden bed so best bet for having mint is putting it in a pot or container so the gardener can keep control of it.

St. Augustine lawns should not be fertilized at this time of the year until after the grass starts to actively grow.

Happy Gardening! Remember to wear gloves when working in soil and with plants and know that Spring is on the way!

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later worked as an appraiser for the Harris County Appraisal District. She proudly served for several years as Director of Region One of the Texas Citizen Police Academy Alumni (CPAAA) along with the local Pearland CPA for which she won several awards. She also served as a long-time chair of the CPA's benevolence committee. She loved her pets, dogs and cats were always a part of her life. She looked after and cared for her family and friends when they were ill. She enjoyed travelling, going on cruises, playing bingo (winning quite often) and playing the slot machines at casinos. She has left behind a legacy of love, kindness, and service to others. She will be dearly missed.

Gant

Dolores V. Gant, 91, went to be with the Lord on Jan. 19, 2023. She is preceded in death by her mother and father Virginia and John Chaudier, husband Thomas W. Gant, son John Gant, daughter and her husband Ginger and Bobby Grant, brothers James "Frenchie" Chaudier, John Chaudier, and William "Billy" Chaudier.

She is survived by her stepson Tommy Gant and his wife Jeanette, sister Jeanine Harris, brother Oran Chaudier and his wife Sandy, and grandson Matthew Gant.

She was born in Houston, Texas upon marriage moved to Manvel, Texas and later settled in Pearland, Texas. She lived her life to the fullest, always generously giving of her time, talents and energy to her friends, family and community. She worked in Houston for A T & T (Bell Telephone) where she met her husband, Tommy. She

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023 at 2:00 p.m., at Peevey Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer Rd., Houston, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, donations will be accepted for the Pearland Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association: 2555 Cullen Parkway, Pearland, Texas 77581, (281) 997-4183 info@pcpaaa.com



Coward Creek or Cowart Creek?

By STEVE ROCKEY
Special to the Reporter News

There is a minor mystery in Friendswood! Running through the middle of town is a creek that has always been called Coward Creek by residents. However, state maps, refer to it as Cowart Creek. Recently, TXDOT posted a new "Coward Creek" sign by the bridge on FM518 going over the creek. They are wrong! At the urging of the Friendswood Historical Society, the city replaced it with a proper sign. So, what is that creek's true name?



BAKER

Joycina Baker, who was Friendswood's official historian and a resident since 1948, used to get annoyed when she saw the creek referred to as Cowart Creek. In her book, Friendswood A Settlement of Friendly Folk she says; "The spelling of Coward with a 't' (Cowart) is a corruption of the name that started appearing in local real estate maps in the 1960's." Seeing it called Cowart Creek was one of the few things that would really anger her. Once, when asked, she said at the time Friendswood was becoming more residential due to NASA Mission Control and real estate agents, didn't think newcomers would want to live along something named "coward."

When the Quaker settlers arrived in 1895, they simply adopted the names



for creeks from what the locals called them, and they used the name Coward Creek without hesitation. The oldest map of the area is the original 1910 Platt map for Friendswood and is in the Galveston County land records. It is clearly demarked as "Cowards Creek" in this map.

The 1860 Census records show Allen Coward (clearly spelled "Coward"), along with his brothers Needham and Richard, living in Galveston County in an area called "Clear Creek." Galveston County Land Records have multiple listings in the 1850 to 1870 era for Allen Coward, including buying and later selling 1000 acres that clearly straddled the creek in question. The records spell his last name as "Coward" and are notarized. When the Quakers arrived, evidence of Coward's cotton plantation surrounding the creek was still evident.

Just south of present-day Friendswood is a cemetery that has some early settlers to the area. This is Magnolia Creek Cemetery in League City. There are three "Cowards" buried there including Richard Coward and Needham Coward (Allen Coward's brothers.) Per their headstones, they

spelled their last name "Coward", and it is very unlikely that anyone would get this wrong on two headstones!

So clearly the state of Texas has miss-labeled the creek!

Cowards lived in the area pre-Friendswood and owned land surrounding the creek and land records spell their name as "Coward."

Family members are buried in a local cemetery and their headstones all read Coward.



The earliest known map (1910) of the area shows it as Coward Creek.

Esteemed local historian Joycina Baker, published that the corrupted name of "Cowart" didn't show up until the 1960's and this was only in real estate maps that developers put out.

There is absolutely zero evidence of anyone named "Cowart" living in the area to give the creek its name.

So, the evidence is clear.....the name of the creek is Coward Creek and that is undisputed and don't let anyone tell you otherwise! It was correct for the City to fix the sign and Joycina Baker may rest in peace.

Local ballet company to perform 'Peter Pan'

Tickets are on sale now for *Peter Pan*, a ballet to be performed in Friendswood.

Friendswood Contemporary Ballet and Supporting Artists bring to life the retelling of the story of Wendy, the Darling sisters, Peter Pan and friends as they make their way through the magical and strange world of Neverland. This ballet will be showcasing beautiful costuming, an immersive set, and stunning choreography.

Peter Pan will be performed Feb. 11 and 12 at Friendswood Junior High campus auditorium. Prices for seats to this show vary by section, row, or seat. Tickets range from \$20 to \$32. Purchase tickets online at <http://friendswoodcontemporaryballet.com/peter-pan/>

Friendswood Contemporary Ballet is a semi-professional ballet company housed through Chara Christian Dance

Academy. It is Friendswood's semi-professional ballet company located in Friendswood, with a goal to unite local ballet dancers and heighten exposure to the performing arts through quality performances and community engagement.

The company has a cast of resident artists and strives to maintain technical and artistic distinction by supplementing performances with esteemed guest artists.

Friendswood Contemporary Ballet is open to pre-professional and professional dancers from all studios in the Greater Houston Area. For audition information email friendswoodcontemporaryballet@gmail.com.

Chara Christian Dance Academy is located at 101 Hunter Ln. in Friendswood.

Friendswood Junior High is located at 1000 Manison Parkway in Friendswood.



Purple Box offers 2 shows in February

By KAROLYN GEPHART
Reporter News Staff

The Purple Box Theater in Friendswood is offering two productions in February.

On Feb. 10, 11 and 12 they offer the community *The Last Five Years* featuring Sarah Hames and Brandon Allen. The play was written by Tony Award-winning composer and lyricist Jason Robert Brown.

The Last Five Years is a musical deconstruction of a love affair and a marriage taking place over a five year period. Jamie Wellerstein is a young, talented up and coming Jewish novelist who falls in love with Cathy Hiatt, a Shiksa Goddess struggling actress.

Their story is told almost entirely through songs using an intercutting timeline device: all of Cathy's songs begin at the end of their marriage and move backwards in time to the beginning of their love affair while Jamie's songs start at the beginning of their love affair and move forward to the end of their marriage.

The curtain opens at 7:30 pm for the Feb. 10 and 11 productions and at 2:30 pm on Feb. 12. Tickets are \$18 for General Admission and \$14 for seniors.

Foxfire opens Feb. 17 and runs Feb. 17-18, 24-25, and 26. The play stars Deborah Winters Chaney, Marvin Byrckett, Alec Wimmer, Jackie Was, Bob Peebles and Jeff Coletta.

The Purple Box lists the synopsis as Annie Nations, an indomitable Appalachian widow of 79, lives on her mountain farm with the acerbic ghost of her husband Hector. Her tranquillity is threatened by a brash real estate developer who wants to turn her land into a vacation resort. She is also concerned about her son Dillard, a country singer who has come home with two stranded children because his wife ran away.

Annie's battle to decide her future takes her through some funny, touching and magical flashbacks to her life with Hector.

When *Foxfire* was performed on Broadway, actor Hume Cronyn and his wife/actress Jessica Tandy performed the roles of Annie and Hector. The play is a tribute to country folk.

It was written by Hume along with British author Susan Cooper. The play is based on the *Foxfire* Books, a compilation of magazine articles written by high school students in Georgia in the 1960s about their grandparents' homesteading generation in the Appalachian Mountains.

Shows on Feb. 17, 18, 24 and 25 will begin at 7:30 pm. The show on Feb. 26 will begin at 2:30 pm. Tickets are \$18 for General Admission and \$14 for seniors.

At this time, all tickets are purchased online. To make a reservation call 818-642-4665.

The lobby opens 30 minutes before showtime.

The Purple Box Theater is located at 1309 W. Parkwood in Friendswood.



ALL PRO COMPLETE AUTO SERVICE JOINS FRIENDSWOOD CHAMBER

The Friendswood Chamber of Commerce welcomes All Pro Complete Auto Service with Chief Finance Officer Justin Rhame, President of Operations Brett and Patricia Bottcher, Store Manager Lance Patlovany, Vice President of Operations Thomas Rocha, Service Writer Ashley Hundley, and Director Retail Operations Aaron Boese. They are located at 710 South Friendswood Drive, FM 518. Give them a call at 281.648.2277 or for more information check out their website at www.allprocompleteautoservice.com. Everyone enjoyed networking, great food and drinks. Enjoying this special day with the owners and employees is Ambassador Team Member Casey Haskell-Amsoil, Board Member and Ambassador Team Member Dan Garza-Amtex Loan, Mayor and Ambassador Team Member Mike Foreman-City of Friendswood, Ambassador Team Member Brad Hughes-Edward Jones, Board Member and Ambassador Team Member Pastor David Lorenz-Frist Baptist Church-Friendswood, Membership Coordinator Joanne Edge, Vice-President Diana Hass and President Carol Marcantel-Friendswood Chamber of Commerce, Board Member and Ambassador Team Member Denise Spruiell-HomeTown Bank of Friendswood, Chairman of the Board and Ambassador Team Member Robert Smithhart-Minuteman Press, Ambassador Team Member Robert Rinehart and Phyllis Rinehart-Robert Rinehart Insurance Agency, Bobbie Brittain-SoleAna Stables and Rob Roy-Texas Flat Fee Realtors. For more information regarding the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce call 281-482-3329, email info@friendswoodchamber.com, or visit www.friendswoodchamber.com for upcoming events and our online membership application. The Chamber is located at 1100 A South Friendswood Drive, FM 518, Friendswood.



FRIENDSWOOD CHAMBER WELCOMES THE KNIGHT SCHOOL

The Friendswood Chamber of Commerce welcomes Lisa McMahan, owner of The Knight School - Houston Bay Area. For more information give Lisa a call at 281-450-0143 or visit their website at www.theknightschool.com. Enjoying Lisa's special day is her husband Mark McMahan and her supportive friends Veronica Lane, Candy David, Trisha Mankowsky and Susan Poberebar along with Derrick Brown-ACU of Texas, Kyle Winne, Ambassador Team Member Cary Haskell-Amsoil, Ambassador Team Member Shirley Lange-Best Coupons, Jonelle Fields-Center for Pregnancy, Board Member and Ambassador Team Member Cindy Deaton-Deaton Custom Pools, LLC, Sheila Rieke-Dentistry 4 Children and Bay Area Dental Specialists, Membership Coordinator Joanne Edge, Vice President Diane Hass and President Carol Marcantel-Friendswood Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Board and Ambassador Team Member Robert Smithhart-Minuteman Press, Kevin Smith-My Elite Massage, LLC, Trent Kahn-Northwinds Construction, Board Member and Ambassador Team Member Lindsey Vaughn-RE/MAX American Dream-The Chris & Lindsey Vaughn Team, Board Member and Ambassador Team Member Megan Heard-Serendipity I Luxury Wellness, Ambassador Team Member David Torok-The Torok Law Firm, P.C. and Sheridan Hopkins-United Way Galveston County Mainland. For more information regarding the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce call 281-482-3329, email info@friendswoodchamber.com, or visit www.friendswoodchamber.com for upcoming events and our online membership application. The Chamber is located at 1100 A South Friendswood Drive, FM 518, Friendswood.

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From the Cluttered Desk

by Dr. David Davis

If Only

I am currently reading a book entitled: "If Only!" The whole premise of this book is dealing with those times in our lives when we have said, "If only I had done this or that. If only I had made better choices."

I read the story of a young man who reflected about opportunities that his dad had in life.

He wrote, "My dad was approached by the founders of Service Master, which is of course, a huge multi-million dollar corporation in America. And they were neighbors, and they came to him when they were just starting and they said, 'Hey, would you like to get in on the ground floor and help us get started?' He said, 'Well, guys, why don't you just go clean your carpets, um, no thanks.'"

Well, that wasn't all. Another one of their neighbors was a man named Ray Croc. You might recognize that name; he was the founder of McDonald's! He came to dad and said, "Would you be interested? We're opening our fourth little hamburger thing called McDonald's Golden Arches. Would you like to get in on the fourth store?" "No, I'm not into hamburgers." He came back to him another time and said, "Hey, it's going pretty well. You know we're opening our seventh one. Would you like to get in on it?" "No, I'm not interested."

How many times do you think about, wow, what did I miss? I guess you just add those to the list of life's "If onlys," huh? Of course, you've got your own list. Maybe not opportunities to make a million, but a lot of missed opportunities of things in life in general.

This man in the story missed some golden opportunities with golden arches. But that was only to make money. We're talking about the opportunity to touch lives here. And it happens in the little golden moments that don't seem that important at the time. "If only I had taken the time."

Perhaps we might think about some of the simple things that occur in life. Those situations that happen in an instance and if you don't take advantage of that inward tug of your heart — you know it will pass you by and you will say, "If only..." but it is too late.

One of the things I like to do most is knowing when I am in an "If only" moment. When you are very young, life happens to you and you just forge your way through. With age comes the ability to know when you are in an "If only" moment and savoring the time and knowing that you are savoring it.

I like to collect these "moments" and revisit them. I want to be a person who will know how to enjoy life and savor as many moments as possible. I want to be flexible and adventurous, yet I want to know how to unwind and enjoy relaxing.

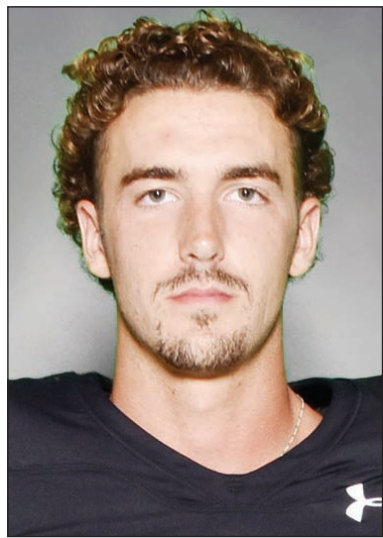
There are those special "moments" that we older folks need to capture in our mind and heart and never let them go. And if possible — to allow those "If only" moments to bless others.

Old friend Robert said, "Perhaps you will run into one of those "If only" moments this week. Don't let it pass you by...as time is fleeting. We aren't getting any younger. It is now or never — and you will never have that moment back."

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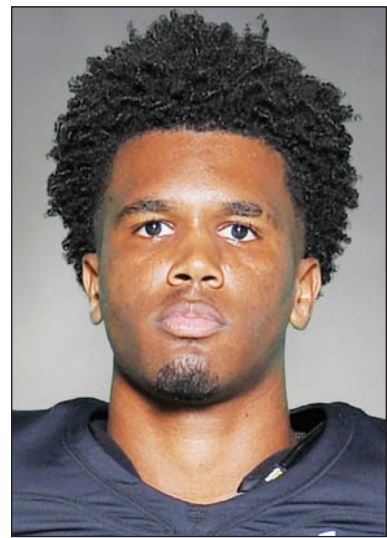
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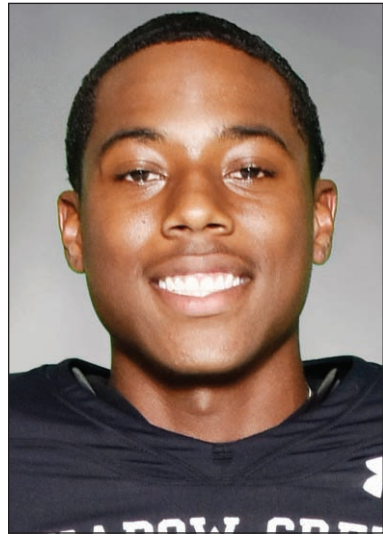
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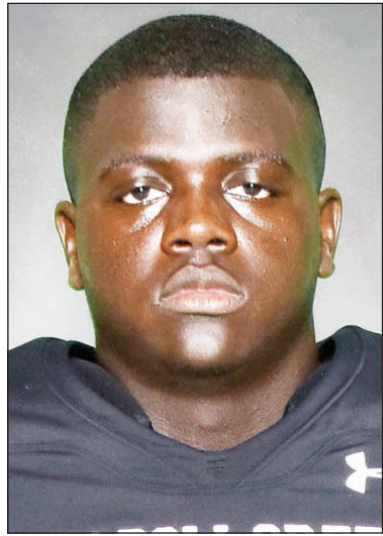
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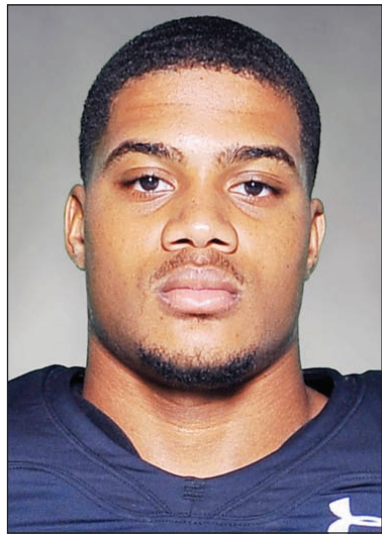
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Pearland football signees (left to right) Kennedy Lewis (SFA), Jackson LeBlanc (Carleton College), Cole Anderson (Texas Lutheran), Jaden Downs (McPherson College).



DAWSON SIGNEES

NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
 Reporter News Staff

High School football players and college football coaches from around the country have had Wednesday, February 1, 2023 circled on their calendars for a year. The first week of February is the magic signing day for football standouts all across America.

It is a time of relief for student-athletes who have gone through the rigorous recruiting process and hearing the pitch of various recruiters regarding their particular educational and athletic programs.

Coaches wait by the fax machines at their respective schools ready to receive the official document that a particular athlete has kept their non-binding verbal commitment made prior to the official signing day.

Now that the papers have been signed and delivered, student-athletes can focus on the rest of their senior year - to concentrate on their studies and spring sports before it will be time to head to their respective schools to begin their educational and athletic careers at the collegiate level. It certainly is a dream come true for all.

Other sports have also used the first Wednesday of February to join in the excitement of this time of the year to feature student-athletes who have committed to the schools that they will be furthering their education and athletic prowess.

DAWSON EAGLES

- Water Polo**
 Abigail Gatlin - Augustana College
 Abigail Smith - McKendree University
- Softball**
 Gisselle Solis - Southern Mississippi University
 Makenzie Wright - Lamar University
- Volleyball**
 Ava Kennon - University of New Orleans
 Kailey Thedford - Ouachita Baptist University
 Bryce Ranney - Texas A&M Corpus Christi
 Gracie Hill - Texas Southern University
- Football**
 Chris Herpin - Abilene Christian University
 David Escobedo - Texas Wesleyan University
 Jackson Cody - Harding University
 Colin Johnson - Texas Wesleyan University
- Girls Basketball**
 Miracle Gibson - Great Lakes Christian College
 Addison Engle - Grand Valley State University
- PEARLAND OILERS**
- Football**
 Cole Anderson - Texas Lutheran University
 Kennedy Lewis - Stephen F. Austin University
 Jackson LeBlanc - Carleton College
 Jaden Downs - McPherson College
- SHADOW CREEK SHARKS**
- Volleyball**
 Jadyr Murry - Benedict College
- Swimming**

- Sarah Phipps - University of Lynchburg Girls Soccer
 Grace Laase - Southwestern University
- Girls Track**
 Sydney Bryant - Ohio State University
 Nia Parks - University of Oklahoma
- Softball**
 Hannah Boudreaux - Trinity University
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 Tyson Kestner - Colorado School of Mines
 Scott Koumado - Abilene Christian University
 Terance McCants - McNeese State University
 Brian Nelson - University of North Texas
 Theorin Randle - University of Minnesota
 Corey Swiney - University of North Texas (PWO)
 Jacob Washington - Texas Southern University
 Marquise Yancy - Blinn Junior College

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DRIVING TO THE BASKET

Pearland senior RyLee Grays (22) drives toward the basket against a Dawson defender. Grays scored 16 points in the 62-41 district contest to clinch the 23-6A district crown. Pearland is ranked No. 8 in the state among 6A schools and have a 29-3 overall mark and 11-0 in league action.

No. 8 state-ranked Lady Oilers take out Lady Eagles 62-41

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

Pearland remained perfect in District 23-6A action with a solid 62-41 win over cross-town cousin Dawson. The No. 8 state-ranked Lady Oilers are now 29-3 overall and 11-0 in league action with one more game remaining in the regular season.

Head coach Jere' Adams and her girls have clinched the District 23-6A championship and have punched their ticket to the 6A Region III playoffs as a No. 1 seed.

While Dawson gave a 100 percent effort against Pearland, the Lady Eagles fell to 15-16 on the season and 5-6 in district which eliminated them from the post-season.

Pearland guard La'Niah Thornton set the tone for the game as she hit five 3-pointers in the game with four coming in each of the first two quarters.

"I thought we got some really good guard play," Pearland head coach Jere Adams said. "With La'Niah shooting the ball really well for us early on, it opens up the middle and gets everybody involved."

"We were moving the ball quickly, and when we do that, everybody gets in the flow of the game."

McDonald's All-American nominee senior RyLee Grays also was instrumental in helping the Lady Oilers establish a lead early as she scored 10 points in the first half.

Pearland was a little slow taking control of the game thanks to hustle of the Dawson players who took an early 7-6 lead in the first quarter thanks to a 3-pointer by senior Kennedy Ford.

But the Lady Oilers finally got more focused and went on a 23-8 run to build a 29-15 lead at intermission.

Pearland continued the same control in the second half as Nyah Hardy got the hot offensive hand in the third quarter as she hit five baskets for 10 points while the Lady Oilers outscored the Lady Eagles 19-14.

Dawson got three treys in the period to stay close on the scoreboard as Miracle Gibson hit a pair of treys.

Pearland outscored Dawson in the final frame with Imani Harvey stepping up on offense for the Lady O's with two baskets and 5-for-6 from the free throw line for nine points.

Dawson freshman Kendall Ford got hot down the stretch and scored 11 of her team's

12 points in the fourth. Ford finished with 18 points for game-high honors.

Leading scorers for Pearland included Grays (16 points), Thornton (15 points), Janae Tucker (12 points), and Harvey (10 points).

"You try to focus on (Pearland post) RyLee (Grays) and then you've got Thornton over there hitting four threes in the first half," Dawson head coach Sharee Griffin said.

"She's just a phenomenal shooter. It was a gut punch at the start of the second half, but I'm proud of my group for fighting the whole way."

Pearland will close out the district season when they host the Alief Taylor Lady Lions (late Tuesday).

Adams would like to see Pearland finish a perfect district season and secure its 30th win in building momentum for the post-season.



EASY BASKET - Dawson freshman Kendall Ford scores two of her game-high 18 points against Pearland. Ford scored 11 of her teams fourth quarter points, but it wasn't enough as Pearland beat Dawson 62-41.

Friendswood girls and boys capture 5A Region V swim titles

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
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The Friendswood High School girls and boys swim teams captured the Region V - Class 5A swim titles. The FHS swimmers competed against swimmers from 23 region schools. All thirty FHS swimmers advanced from the preliminary meet on Friday to the championship meet on Saturday for the top sixteen swimmers per event.

The top two places from the region championship automatically advance to the state championship on Friday-Saturday, February 17-18 at Lee & Joe Jamail Swim Center on the University of Texas campus in Austin.

The Friendswood boys scored 400 points to finish ahead of second-place Richmond Foster (353) followed by Lamar Fulshear (319), Angleton (201), FB Kempner (152), and La Porte (138).

The Friendswood girls scored 470 points to finish ahead of second-place Lamar Fulshear (364), followed by Richmond Foster (323), FB Kempner (232), Manvel (169), and Angleton (140).

Swimming in relays and/or individual events at the state swim meet are: Peyton Becker, Edi Jakob, Andi Jeanes, KK LeBlanc, Paige McCray, Lauren Tillman, Nick Hardt, Tony Laurito, Marshall Odom, Talon Welch, and Grayson Wells for Diving. The UIL "Calls Up" the next fastest times from around the state in which some additional FHS swimmers might qualify.

Region Relay Results - Top two places advance to the state 5A swim meet.

Girls 200-yard medley relay: (1st) Friendswood - KK LeBlanc, Peyton Becker, Andi Jeanes, Lauren Tillman

Girls 200-yard free relay: (1st) Friendswood - Andi Jeanes, Peyton Becker, Lauren Tillman, KK LeBlanc

Girls 400-yard free relay: (1st) Friendswood - Paige McCray, Edi Jakob, Lauren Tillman, Andi Jeanes

Boys 200-yard medley relay: (1st) Friendswood - Tony Laurito, Nick Hardt, Marshall Odom, Talon Welch

Boys 200-yard free relay: (3rd) Friendswood - Nathan Henderson, Chayton Budzik, Andrew Rubio, Joshua Sakahara

Boys 400-yard free relay: (1st) Friendswood - Tony Laurito, Nick Hardt, Talon Welch, Marshall Odom

Individual places for FHS by order of event (yards) - Top two places advance to the state 5A swim meet.

Girls 200 Free: Paige McCray (2nd), Alex Linden (3rd), Olivia Esbeck (4th)

Boys 200 Free: Paul Podrebarac (5th), Talon Welch (9th), Nathan Jennings (10th), Hayden Holcomb (11th)

Shadow Creek runs past Alvin 72-47

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

A balanced scoring attack by Shadow Creek gave the Sharks a convincing 72-47 win over the Alvin Yellowjackets in a District 23-6A contest that kept the Sharks a game back of league-leading Dawson.

Dawson is 10-1 while Shadow Creek is 9-2 with the two teams facing one another this week in the second round of league action.

Shadow Creek saw 12 different players get in the scoring column with sophomore Mike Collins and junior Kaden Tate both tossing in 12 points to pace all scorers for the Sharks.

The lone standout for Alvin was junior guard Eli Mckinzy who led all scorers with 26 points as he hit six 3-pointers (6-of-8), two field goals and was 4-for-4 from the free throw line. Unfortunately, the junior had little help as the Jackets fell to 1-28 overall and 0-11 in league play.

Shadow Creek opened up the first quarter with 23 points while holding Alvin to 10 points with Mckinzy hitting three treys for Alvin.

The Sharks continued their offensive attack with 19 more points in the second period with Alvin improving to get 13 points for a 42-23 halftime lead.



STATE BOUND - Dawson diver Kenzie Kool scored 414.9 points to win the gold medal and the regional swim meet that qualifies her to the 6A state swim meet in Austin on Feb. 18-19 at the Lee & Joe Jamail Swim Center.

Girls 200 Individual Medley: Peyton Becker (1st), Edi Jakob (2nd), Erin Voelker (7th), Brooke Hubenak (11th)

Boys 200 Individual Medley: Tony Laurito (1st), Nick Hardt (2nd), Chayton Budzik (9th)

Girls 50 Free: KK LeBlanc (1st), Lauren Tillman (6th), Lacey Drouet (11th)

Boys 50 Free: Marshall Odom (1st), Joshua Sakahara (10th), Nathaniel Henderson (12th)

Girls 100 Butterfly: Andi Jeanes (1st), Genevieve Ringo (9th), Emmie Ratcliff (11th)

Boys 100 Butterfly: Marshall Odom (1st), Lane Jordan (4th)

Girls 100 Free: KK LeBlanc (1st), Julia Rupp (6th), Hallie Ratcliff (8th),

Boys 100 Free: Nathan Henderson (10th), Andrew Rubio (11th)

Girls 500 Free: Paige McCray (3rd), Alex Linden (4th), Edi Jakob (5th), Peyton Robbins (9th)

Boys' 500 Free: Paul Podrebarac (4th), Nathan Jennings (7th), Austin Madeksho (15th)

Girls 100 Backstroke: Oliva Esbeck (6th), Hallie Ratcliff (7th), Julia Rupp (12th), Emmie Ratcliff (13th)

Boys 100 Backstroke: Tony Laurito (1st), Talon Welch (6th), Lane Jordan (7th)

Girls 100 Breaststroke: Peyton Becker (2nd), Erin Voelker (8th), Genevieve Ringo (10th), Brooke Hubenak (11th)

Boys 100 Breaststroke: Nick Hardt (1st), Chayton Budzik (4th)

Boys Diving: Grayson Wells (2nd)

The third quarter saw the Sharks outscore Alvin 17-11 for a 59-34 advantage heading into the final frame.

Both teams scored 13 points in the fourth leaving the Sharks with the 72-47 win.



Photo by Michael McManus

Shadow Creek junior Kaden Tate (5) scores on an easy layup against Alvin. Tate and sophomore Michael Collins both scored 12 points against the Jackets in a 72-47 district win.



Photo by Lloyd Hendricks

Dawson junior forward Shawn Santhosh (in red) jostles for position with Pearland senior defender Phillip Nathans (in white) last week. The Oilers took a fast 2-0 lead but the Eagles clawed their way back to finish the game with a 2-2 draw. The teams will meet again on Tuesday, Feb 28 at Dawson High School with a 7:30 p.m. start.



Pearland junior defender Ella Johnson (4) and Dawson freshman striker Melanie Lagor (10) battle for possession of the ball. The game featured excellent defense from both teams, but the Lady Oilers would get the tight 1-0 victory in the end. The Eagles will get another chance at the Lady Oilers on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at Dawson High School with a 5:30 p.m. start.

Photo by Lloyd Hendricks

Pathways to STEM Careers, Strategic Partnerships help student land Boeing internship

Eric Washington said that if he could go back and tell his high school self what he's doing now, he'd never have believed it. "Before coming to University of Houston-Clear Lake, I had no idea I could ever work at NASA with astronauts. I would never have imagined I'd be doing this," he said.

Washington, who is pursuing his Bachelor of Science in Computer Science at UH-Clear Lake, reflected on his journey to landing an internship with Boeing, secured through an agreement signed in September 2022 enabling Boeing to offer engineering students entry-level engineering internships that support multiple projects.

After beginning his academic career at University of Texas at San Antonio, Washington quickly realized it wasn't a good fit for him.

"I came to UHCL after one semester at UTSA because I thought the degree program was better and much more affordable at UHCL," he said. "One of the most important things that happened to me when I came to UHCL is getting involved with Pathways to STEM Careers. They really supported me as a first-generation student. I came with the goal of getting involved in everything I could and just getting an internship—I didn't care where."

He said (Program Director for Pathways to STEM Careers) Andrea Alvarado had consistently kept him informed about opportunities like research assistantships.

"People should know the importance of getting involved with Pathways," he said. "They are out there to help propel students upward. If you're a minority or receiving a Pell grant, Pathways is an organization that will open doors for you, but they have high standards for staying in. You have to maintain a GPA of 3.0, but that just reinforces that if you keep studying, you'll have a job and go to school—you can't lapse; you have to put in the effort."

Through Pathways, Washington received a technical assistantship, and from there, he received a research assistantship with (Associate Professor of Software Engineering) Soma Datta.

"I took a project management lead role in helping her create a virtual biology lab," he said. "From Dr. Datta, I learned to program using a game engine called Unity. I learned about game design and acquired project management skills. I had a great experience and really enjoyed it."

But although he was applying for other internships, specifically at NASA, he was rejected from all of them.

"When I joined the National Society of Black Engineers, I met two students who were NASA interns and they told

me to apply again," he said. "I finally got a NASA internship with the University Space Research Association and did flight software development, edited code and created an interface for the workout machine on the Artemis capsule. I had a great experience and met a lot of people. I learned what it was to be a software engineer."

He learned some programming languages along the way, as well as virtual reality development while at NASA.

"That brings me to this Boeing internship," he said. "I did not actually apply for it. I left my resume with (Strategic Partnerships Internships Coordinator) Bernadina Streeter. She is the one who called me and said my experience with VR development, game engines, and Unity was appealing to Boeing. They called me."

After practicing his skills with Streeter, Washington interviewed with Boeing and landed the internship.

"At Boeing, I'm creating a VR tool that allows engineers to demonstrate usage of the Pistol Grip Tool, which drives bolts on the International Space Station," he said. "We are creating a VR mockup to help us see if a tool fits in certain areas. We're using VR to find out if astronauts can manipulate the tool to bolt things down. If we can go in VR and do it, then we don't have to use more expensive resources."

He said he remembers his thoughts about what his career path might be back in his high school days.

"I thought I'd get a job in some software company and work at a desk," he said. "But after listening to the speakers I have heard while at UHCL, and getting the first NASA internship, I knew I would like to stay in aerospace. Now that I'm at Boeing, I get to go to work and say the software I'm working on is cutting edge. I'd like to retire someday from a career related to space."

Washington advises others in his position not to worry about making mistakes.

"That's what makes you human," he said. "But learning from them is what propels you to better positions. Never think there is just one way to do things. Don't limit yourself to a box. Remove the box! You can do anything you set out to do, it just takes time."

He said his internship at Boeing reaffirmed his desire to stay on this path.

"I go to work and I'm really happy with what I'm doing," he said. "This internship will make my ultimate career goal happen for me; UHCL is right across the street from NASA. This university has given me so many opportunities, and that's why I'm trying to do a good job for UHCL and Boeing."

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**CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD
ORDINANCE NO. 2023-5**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, AMENDING THE FRIENDSWOOD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO UPDATE THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP ("FLUM") CONCERNING A 36,823-SQUARE-FOOT TRACT OF LAND OUT OF LOT 1 OF THE FINAL PLAT OF JETER MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME LOCATED AT 401 N. FRIENDSWOOD DRIVE, FRIENDSWOOD, GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS, TO CHANGE THE FLUM DESIGNATION FROM RETAIL TO LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL; AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD TO CHANGE THE CLASSIFICATION OF A 36,823-SQUARE-FOOT TRACT OF LAND OUT OF LOT 1 OF THE FINAL PLAT OF JETER MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME LOCATED AT 401 N. FRIENDSWOOD DRIVE, FRIENDSWOOD, GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM A COMMUNITY SHOPPING CENTER DISTRICT (CSC) TO SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DWELLING DISTRICT (SFR); PROVIDING A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF TWO THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$2,000.00); REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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"Vessel Turn-In Program"

Opportunity to Voluntarily Remove
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February 6th – February 9th, 2023 - 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Brazoria County has partnered with the **Texas General Land Office (GLO)**, **Texas Parks & Wildlife (TP&W)**, and **Brazoria County Fire Fighters Association (BCFFA)** to offer county residents the opportunity to remove inoperable and derelict vessels through the **"Vessel Turn-In Program."**

Designed to provide owners with a voluntary method of disposal, the **Texas GLO** and **TP&W** will verify the vessel (boat) will qualify for disposal, **BCFFA** will sponsor the removal of all fuel, oil, and batteries while **Brazoria County** will transport vessel to landfill for disposal. Boat must be clear of waste and debris.

You are encouraged to participate if you own a vessel under 26' feet long in need of disposal (longer boats may be accepted on a case by case basis) or know a neighbor who may need assistance. You will be required to bring vessel to one of the two drop off locations.

Brazoria County Drop-Off Locations:

Brazoria County Precinct 2

Commissioner Ryan Cade

21017 CR 171

Angleton, Texas 77515

(979) 864-1548

Brazoria County Precinct 3

Commissioner Stacy Adams

2467 FM 528

Alvin, Texas 77511

(281) 331-3197

Interested in participating in this program and for further information please contact the GLO between the hours of 8-5 Monday through Friday at (281) 470-6597. Remember this is a four day event.

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Notice Of Constable Sale

Cause Number: 113727-CV

(See Notes Below)

James Brawner Constable Precinct 4

Under the authority and by virtue of an Order of Sale dated and issued pursuant to the judgment of the 412th Judicial District Court Brazoria County, Texas by the clerk of said courts as shown in the following schedule of cases, and to me directed and delivered as Constable in Brazoria County, I have on the date indicated below seized and levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in March, the same being March 7th, 2023, at 111 Locust Angleton, Texas 77515, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title and interest of the defendant(s) in the real property as described below in order to satisfy said judgment, interest, penalties, costs, and further costs of executing this writ.

Whereas on the 18th day of November, 2021, Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association, recovered a judgment in the 412th Judicial District Court of Brazoria County, Texas against Carlos Paz for the sum of Four thousand Eight hundred Eighty-four Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$4,884.50) as the total amount due on the assessment account of the Property that is secured by the Plaintiff's lien on the Property as of the date the agreed Judgment was filed; its reasonable attorney's fees in the amount of five Thousand Seventy-Nine dollars and fifty Cents (\$5,079.50); An Order of Sale shall issue to any sheriff or any constable within the state of Texas of Texas, directing the sheriff or constable to seize and sell the Property the same as under execution, in satisfaction of this Agreed final judgment subject to any superior liens provided for in the Restrictions or at law, if any; and, if the property cannot be found, or if the proceeds of such sale be insufficient to satisfy the judgment, then to take the money or any balance thereof remaining unpaid, out of any other property of the Defendant, as in the case of ordinary executions. If any surplus remains after the payment of the sums adjudged to be due, it shall be paid to Defendant, Carlos Paz; because it became necessary for the Plaintiff to obtain a writ of execution and/or an order of sale and have the Property posted for a constable's sale or sheriff's sale in order to collect the amounts awarded in this Agreed Final Judgment, Carlos Paz shall pay to Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association additional attorney fees and costs in the amount of one thousand eight hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$1,800.00); costs of court in the amount of \$299.10, process server fees in the amount of \$231.00, and post-judgment interest at the rate of five percent (5%) per annum on all amounts awarded in this judgment, including attorney fees, from the date this judgment is signed until fully paid; and, whereas, the said judgment is a foreclosure of a Property lien on the following described property, to-wit:

Any properties sold shall be subject to the right of redemption of the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the property or their interest therein if allowed, within the time and in the manner provided by law.

ALL SALES SHALL BE BY Constable'S DEED AND ARE WITHOUT WARRANTY AS TO TITLE OR CONDITION, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AS EVIDENCED BY Constable'S DEED.

Sale #	Cause Number	Court	Judgment Date	Order Issue Date	Levy Date	Other Account #
	113727-CV	412th Judicial District Court	11/18/2021	12/20/2022	January 23rd, 2023	

Plaintiff: Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association,

VS

Defendant: Carlos Paz

Property Description:

Lot Fifteen (15), in block One (1), of Sterling Lakes West, Sec. 2, a subdivision in Brazoria County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Plat No. 2016052704 of the Plat Records of Brazoria County, Texas more commonly known as 9915 Daisy Medallion Lane, Rosharon, TX 77583

For More Information, Contact: Roberts Markel Weinberg Butler Hailey PC, Phone: 7137804135

Judgement Bid Is All Costs Of Suit And Sale. \$11,045.37

SALE TO BE HELD

7th day of March, 2023
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111 Locust Angleton, Texas 77515

James Brawner, Constable
Brazoria County Precinct 4
121 North 10th Street
West Columbia, Texas 77486
(979) 345-2115

By:

Jon Baker, Chief Deputy #

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Pearland ISD will be accepting Request for Proposals for its Cyber Insurance coverage. Proposals will be submitted online in the Pearland ISD eBid System. Vendors may login and view specifications and questionnaire through the District's eBid System at <https://pearlandisd.ionwave.net>. Proposal must be submitted by 3:00 p.m., February 23, 2023.

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Pearland Independent School District will be accepting Request for Proposal for Food Service Equipment until 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, 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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Pearland Independent School District will be accepting Request for Proposals for Instructional Supplies, Teaching Aids & Printed Material RFP # 23-0629-07 until 3:00 p.m. Thursday, June 29, 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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NOTICE TO BIDDERS CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Pearland Purchasing Division, 3523 Liberty Dr., until 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 2023, and all proposals will be read aloud via virtual meeting. Interested parties may join the meeting by calling into the meeting at: Dial in #: 281-652-1955; Meeting #: 1775#; Access Code #: 0971# on that date for:

Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Phase I
Old Town District & Barry Rose
City of Pearland, Texas
COP PN: WW2101
BID NO.: 0123-02

The project will entail the rehabilitation and repair of the existing gravity sanitary sewer by pipe bursting or open-cut method, reconnecting sewer connections, rehabilitating or replacing manholes, connecting the new pipe to manholes, replacing end of line cleanouts, cleaning and television inspection pre- and post-construction, and restoring existing surface features disturbed by the construction.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at City of Pearland Engineering and Public Works Service Center Rio Grande Training Room at 2016 Old Alvin Rd, Pearland, Texas 77581 at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 16, 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.

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
Associated Builders & Contractors of Greater Houston (713) 523-6222
Dodge Reports (713) 316-9411

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 submission 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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City of Friendswood Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies: United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Texas General Land Office (GLO), City of Friendswood, and Groups and Individuals.

This is to give notice that the City of Friendswood under Part 58 has determined that the following proposed action under the Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery, CDBG-DR and contract number 20-066-045-C444 is located in the 100-year floodplain and the City of Friendswood will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the 100-year floodplain and the potential impacts on the 100-year floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and 11990 in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The project will include acquisition and demolition of repetitive loss structures in the floodplain. The floodplain area totals approximately five acres with twelve single family residential structures. The structures are adjacent to Clear Creek and sit within the 100-year floodplain. This project will benefit the natural function of the area by restoring the property to the floodplain, restoring habitat for wildlife and vegetation, and prevent future property loss and damages. The space will be utilized as greenspace. There are no adverse impacts to the floodplain or Clear Creek anticipated because of this project. The project will restore approximately five acres of floodplain to the area and will benefit the Community Rating System score. The proposed project is located, and impacts structures, on Deepwood and Woodvine in Friendswood, Texas, Galveston County.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in the 100-year floodplain on Clear Creek and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Comments are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the 100-year floodplain, or Clear Creek, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about the 100-year floodplain, or Clear Creek, can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in 100-year floodplain, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Friendswood on or before February 23, 2023. All written communication should note the following: Attention: Deepwood EA Review. Said communication can be submitted in person or via ground mail to the City of Friendswood Fire Marshal's Office, located at 1600 Whitaker Dr., Friendswood, Texas, 77546, or via email at ECC@friendswood.com.

A full description of the project may be reviewed in the in the City Secretary's Office, located at 910 S. Friendswood Dr., Friendswood, Texas, 77546 from 7:30am - 5:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday and 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Friday or via the City's website at: www.ci.friendswood.tx.us.

Issued this February 8, 2023,
Leticia Brysch, City Secretary

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City of Pearland Request for Qualifications RFQ #0123-01 For Professional Engineering Services for the Knapp Activity Center Outdoor Expansion

Request for Qualifications and Scope of Work

The City of Pearland is requesting Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) from firms that can adequately demonstrate they have the resources, experience, and qualifications to fulfill the role of Engineering Design Consultant for the Melvin Knapp Activity Center (KAC) Outdoor Expansion project. The facility is located at 2424 Park Avenue, Pearland TX 77581. The respondent should select a team of professionals capable of providing the required services in an efficient manner in the best interest of the City of Pearland and that will provide successful, on-time, and on-budget project delivery. Information on all proposed sub-consultants should be included in the response.

The city is seeking a firm that meets the requirements of the RFQ. The firm is to provide architectural design and any applicable surveying and/or engineering professional services necessary for the enclosure of the current 1,500 - 2,000 square foot open-air patio area, located in the west-southwest portion of the existing facility. The intent of the expansion is to extend the available program space at the Center, allowing additional square footage for exercise and fitness activities, dancing, holiday gatherings, and other structured enjoyment and entertainment activities. The successful Offeror will present the necessary qualifications, experience, capacity, and expertise for providing the architectural design elements to be used in the construction of the patio enclosure.

The Intent of this Request for Qualifications

From this RFQ, the city will select a Primary Design Firm for the project. The project is envisioned to have a Primary Design Firm under the direction and management of the City's Engineering and Public Works Department - Capital Projects Division. The Primary Design Firm will be responsible for the successful management, design, and construction administration of the overall project. In addition, the successful Offeror will be responsible for managing, directing, and coordinating any and all teams of engineering firms and/or other sub-consultants it assembles to complete the required work.

Federal Funding

The City of Pearland was awarded federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) in 2020 (B-20-MC-48-0400), a portion of which has been allocated for facility improvements at the KAC. Some of the allocation will be used for the non-construction related costs of the project, which is comprised of the architectural design of the improvements described herein.

Both non-construction and construction costs of this project are funded by HUD, and applicable regulations may include certain federal Uniform Administrative Requirements (2 CFR 200), including but not limited to: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Non-discrimination) and Section 3 of the HUD Act (24 CFR Part 135). Davis-Bacon Act labor provisions are NOT applicable to this phase of the project, as no construction activities are being solicited at this time.

Instructions for Submission

The RFQ is available through the City's E-bid System and the responding SOQs will be accepted through the City's E-bid System. All interested Respondents are required to register as a "supplier" on the City's E-bid System at: <https://pearland.ionwave.net/Login.aspx> by clicking on "Supplier Registration". The RFQ is available for download upon approval of registration. Once approved, registration provides automatic access to the RFQ, existing project information, any changes to the RFQ, and any changes in submission time and date. Submitting Firms accept sole responsibility for downloading all the necessary documents required to provide a full response to the RFQ.

SOQs shall be submitted in the format described in the RFQ and be submitted electronically through the E-bid System to the City Purchasing Office, City of Pearland, City Hall Annex located at 3523 Liberty Drive, Pearland TX 77581.

All SOQs submitted electronically will remain confidential until the opening date and time when they will be publicly unsealed, and names of offerors read aloud at the City of Pearland City Hall, City Council Chambers, 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, TX 77581.

RFQ Publication Dates, Questions, and Submission Deadline

First Publication: February 8, 2023
Second Publication: February 15, 2023

Questions are due no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 23, 2023, and must be sent in writing via email to ebids@pearlandtx.gov, or may be delivered directly to the City Purchasing Office - City of Pearland, City Hall Annex located at 3523 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas 77581.

RFQs will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 8, 2023.

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