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Around Town Now until August 12

KIDZ PACZ FOOD PROGRAM
 The Kidz Pacz Summer Program will offer free food packs for qualifying children, ages 3-18 years old, from June 5 to August 12 at the Friendswood Library, 416 S. Friendswood Dr. Registration is required. Library hours are: Monday-Thursday 10am to 9pm, Friday & Saturday 10am to 6pm. Call 281-482-7135 or email chicks@friendswood.com to register or for more information. The program is provided by the Galveston County Food Bank.

JULY 19
STITCHING BEE
 Bring your project to the Friendswood Library from 1:30 to 3pm. Whether it be crochet, knitting, embroidery, huck, macrame, tatting, or other handcraft and enjoy some camaraderie with fellow crafters. Beginners are welcome.

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

CHILDREN'S DRAWING CLASS
 Create a selfie of your best summer experience in this free class at the Friendswood Library from 6 to 8pm. Perfect for ages 3 and up!

LIVE MUSIC AT B1895 TAVERN
 Enjoy live music by Eddie Salinas and drink specials from 7-10pm at The Tavern.

JULY 20
INDOOR GARAGE SALE
 The Heritage Gardeners of Friendswood will host their annual indoor air-conditioned HUGE Garage Sale Thursday-Saturday, July 20-22 at 112 W. Spreading Oaks in Friendswood. 9 am - 4 pm Treasures are waiting and will be everything from large furniture to holiday decor to lamps, dishes, jewelry, toys, estate sale items, clothes and MORE! The fundraiser benefits club programs.

INTRO TO SPANISH FOR BEGINNERS
 For absolute beginners to the Spanish Language, no fee, no registration required, age 14 & up. This course runs weekly for 4 weeks from July 6 to July 27. Meet in the Friendswood Library in the Joycina Baker Conference Room from 1pm to 2:30pm.

MERLYN THE MAGICIAN
 The fun-filled magic of Camelot's number one Wizard. Filled with surprises and wonderful "tails" of dragons and knights! Free performances at the Friendswood Library at 1:30 and again at 2:30.

CROCHET ALL TOGETHER
 Enjoy making some cute, feel good items such as hearts and teddy bears. Or help make community crochet wraps for the library's trees. Come make a crochet block to contribute. You may also bring your own project (e.g. knitting, needle point, sewing, embroidery, cross stitch). Some crochet instruction will be provided. Beginners welcome. For ages 11 and older. Meeting will be held in the Joycina Baker Room at the Friendswood Library from 3:30 to 4:30pm.

MOVIES ON THE LAWN
 Outdoor free screening of the film, "Lion King" begins at 7 p.m. in the parking lot of Baybrook Mall, 500 Baybrook Mall, Friendswood. Blankets and lawn chairs recommended. Baybook's Movies on the Lawn series is held Thursdays during the summer through Aug. 31. Baybrook-mall.com.

JULY 21
WORLD RECORD CLUB
 Gather at the Friendswood Library to try and break some World Records. Event starts at 1:30pm for 8-10 year olds and at 3:30pm for 11-18 year olds.

ADULT ESL CLASS
 Practice your English conversation skills with Vineet on Fridays from 3:30pm to 5:00pm in the Computer Room at the Friendswood Library. This is an in-person program. No registration needed.

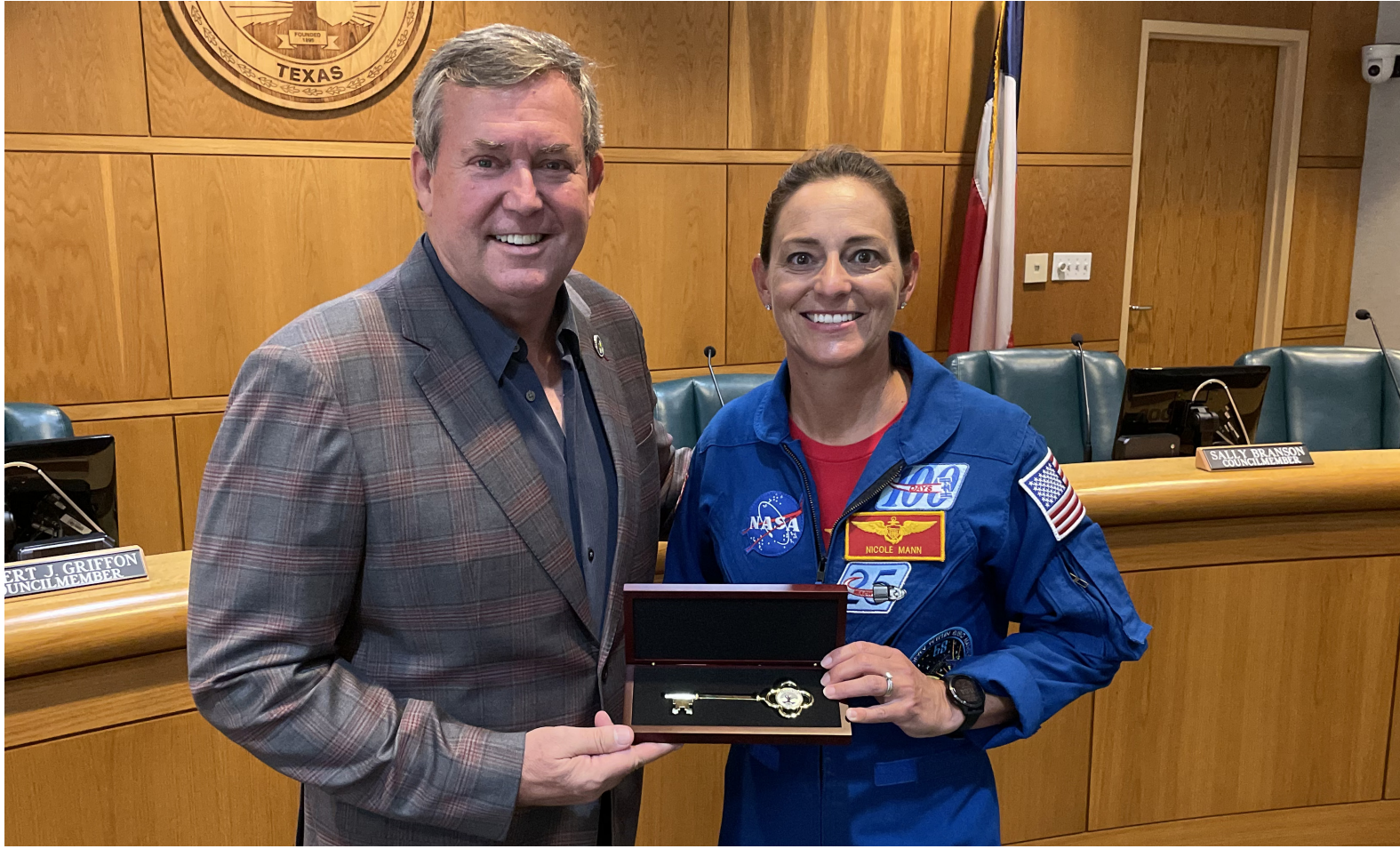
MOVIES IN THE PARK
 Movies in the Park are held every Friday night from July 14 to August 4 at the Centennial Park Amphitheatre. This week's feature film is "Puss in Boots: The Last Wish." Gates open at 7pm and the movie will start around 8:15. This is a free event.

JULY 22
STAR WARS DAY
 Lone Star Flight Museum, 11551 Aerospace Avenue at Ellington Airport, hosts "Star Wars Day" beginning at 10 a.m. with movie-themed activities including costumed characters and "Hangar Talk" on how historic aircraft inspired movies at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Admission is \$5. For information, visit Lonestartflight.org.

JULY 23
WEDDING SHOW
 Galveston Wedding show featuring area wedding planners, bridal attire, bartending services, photography and more is 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 2328 Broadway Avenue J, Galveston. Admission is free.

AUGUST 5
FRIENDSWOOD MUSEUM TOURS
 The Frank J. Brown Museum and the Perry Home will be open for tours from 10am to 2pm on the first Saturday of every month. The Brown Museum is located at 109 Skyview Terrace and the Perry Home is at 109 W. Spreading Oaks.

Warm Welcome for Mann



Colonel Nicole "Duke" Mann receives the Key to the City from Mayor Mike Foreman. A Friendswood resident and the first woman to command a NASA Commercial Crew Program launch, Mann recently returned from a six month mission to the International Space Station. Mann presented the city with an American flag and two Friendswood Police Department patches that flew with her on her mission.

FISD approves 1.5% pay increase

By JIM FOREMAN
 Reporter News Staff

Friendswood Independent School District has approved a plan to grant all teachers and staff members a 1.5% pay increase. The decision is projected to lead the district into an estimated budget deficit between \$1.5 million and \$2.7 million.

The unanimous decision by the School Board was made in the face of increasing concerns about teacher retention and the growing financial burdens educators are experiencing across the state. The pay raise, which will add \$1,463,197 to the district budget, is intended to offer some relief to the employees of the district, despite the impending financial constraints.

This decision also comes after a lackluster Texas legislative session, where Friendswood

ISD, along with other school districts across Texas, was left disappointed by the lack of an increase in state education funding. Despite appeals from numerous districts and a substantial budget surplus, the state legislature concluded its session without a significant increase in education spending for the upcoming school year.

"Facing a deficit budget, we ask for your help contacting legislators to request more of the state surplus in funds to educate our children," Superintendent Thad Roher stated in an open letter to parents. "Help make FISD salaries more competitive."

Although a moderate increase of \$50 per student was eventually passed, this amounts to a less than 1% increase for teacher pay.

According to Roher's letter, "Much of the surplus is being proposed to go to private schools through a voucher program where par-

ents are given money to take students to a private school."

With the state legislature having concluded their session and currently no special sessions scheduled to address education funding, any potential increase in state aid will likely be delayed until the next regular session in 2024. This situation forces districts like Friendswood ISD to seek alternative funding sources to maintain operations and provide competitive salaries for their staff.

The 1.5% pay raise will result in a significant expense for Friendswood ISD, contributing to the projected budget deficit for the 2023-2024 school year. Despite these financial challenges, district leaders felt it was an essential step to support their staff and maintain a high standard of education for their students.

Under Texas law, school districts must pass a budget no later than the end of August.

TMCA conference honors Ron Cox

In a unanimous decision by the Board of Directors, former Friendswood City Manager, Ron Cox, was presented with the Distinguished Member designation at the 2023 Texas City Management Association (TCMA) annual conference held in June.

Mr. Cox, a veteran in local government management, received the award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the profession and his dedication to promoting the council-manager plan. The honor is reserved for individuals whose years of distinctive service and significant contributions have notably benefited both the association and the form of local government they represent.

From 1990 to 2006, Cox served as the City Manager of Friendswood, a period of leadership marked by robust growth and eco-

nommic development in the city. Under his guidance, Friendswood saw the implementation of numerous initiatives and strategic plans that propelled it to become one of the most livable cities in Texas.

This Distinguished Member designation by TCMA is a testament to Cox's impactful career in local government management. His steadfast commitment to the council-manager plan and his significant contributions to the profession exemplify the attributes that the TCMA values in its members.

His exemplary leadership, integrity, and dedication to public service continue to inspire current and future city managers. The city of Friendswood, and indeed the entire state of Texas, have greatly benefited from his influential stewardship and commitment to excellence.



Former City Manager Ron Cox receives the Distinguished Member Award at the 2023 TMCA annual conference.

FHS roof collapse caused by omission

A roof collapse at Friendswood High School during its renovation has been attributed to an omission in the demolition plans.

"The roof collapsed following the removal of a load-bearing wall that was supporting the roof and which had not been identified as a load-bearing wall in the demolition plans," stated Superintendent Thad Roher.

Following the incident, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) conducted an investigation, after which it "released

the site back to the District and its contractors." Superintendent Roher stated that the District is now working to "satisfy the requirements put in place by the City of Friendswood to re-open the buildings for staff on August 7th and students on August 15th."

The district has enlisted the help of an independent forensic engineering firm to review the demolition and construction plans for the rest of the project. Roher said, "FISD has hired an independent forensic engineering firm to do a peer review of the dem-

olition and construction plans for the remainder of the project."

In addition, the district has added oversight for the remainder of the project. "FISD also has a certified project manager on-site at FHS, who will provide a heightened level of quality assurance and quality control oversight for the remainder of construction activities," Roher said.

Regarding the completion of essential repairs, Roher stated that "we aim to complete all essential repairs and improvements before the school year's commencement, guaranteeing

a safe environment for everyone."

The Superintendent promised further updates as August 1st approaches.

Roher concluded his letter by stating, "Our top priority is to create a safe and secure learning environment for all students, teachers, and staff members and to end with amazing facilities to serve the deserving students, staff, and community of FISD. Once again, we ask for your grace, space, and understanding during this year."

PEARLAND POLICE REPORT

Sunday, July 9

Accident involving injury or death reported at 7 a.m., 300 block of 521.

Arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia at 10:30 a.m., 3900 block of E. Pear St.

A 42-year-old Pearland man was arrested at 1:15 p.m. for family violence assault, 3100 block of Green Apple Drive.

DWI arrest at 6:15 p.m., 3414 Dixie Farm Road.

Arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia at 7:21 p.m., 2100 Main St.

DWI arrest at 10:43 p.m., 17300 Highway 288 South.

Arrest for family violence assault at 11:21 p.m., 2900 block of Autumnbrook Drive.

Monday, July 10

Arrest at 2 a.m. for family violence assault causing bodily injury, 3500 block of Dorsey Lane.

Arrest for family violence assault by contact at 4:10 a.m., 11200 Broadway St.

A local woman, 32, was arrested at 10 a.m. for fraudulent use of identifying information, a felony, in the 1600 block of Dixie Hollow St.

An arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia at 11 a.m., 1840 Hatfield Road.

Death investigation conducted at 8:40 p.m., 1300 block of Balsam Breeze Lane.

A Houston man, 44, was arrested at 11:20 p.m. for felony drug possession and one count of giving false information to police, 1238 Pearland Parkway.

Tuesday, July 11

DWI arrest at 8:11 a.m., 2600 block of Yost Blvd.

Arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia at 10:19 a.m., 2900 block of Woodcreek Drive.

Vehicles were burgled in the 1100 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

Arrest for possession or delivery of drug paraphernalia at 12:24 p.m., 11100 block of Telephone Road.

Public intoxication arrest at 9:26 p.m., 3400 block of Lethbridge Drive.

Wednesday, July 12

Arrest at 12:32 a.m. for unlawful carrying of weapon, 5000 Broadway St.

Arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia at 5:10 a.m., 12100 Shadow Creek Parkway.

Theft from building reported at 4100 block of Bailey Road.

Death investigation at 9:43 a.m., 16100 block of South Freeway.

Arrest for auto theft at 12:49 p.m., 1800 block of Cullen Parkway.

Arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia at 3 p.m., 14400 South Freeway.

Two 20-year-old men, one from Manvel and the other a Pearland resident, were arrested at 3:43 p.m. and charged with racing on the highway, 3200 Magnolia Parkway.

Arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia at 8:47 p.m., 4800 Apple Springs Drive.

A 52-year-old Houston man was arrested at 10:16 p.m. for DWI enhanced-blood alcohol level over .15, 2900 Yost Blvd.

Thursday, July 13

Illegal dumping reported in the 3500 block of Cabot Shadow Lane.

Home burglary reported at noon, 8300 block of Seagull Lane.

Arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia at 1:43 p.m., 10500 Hughes Ranch Road.

Arrest for unlawful carrying of weapon at 1:44 p.m., 12400 Broadway St.

Vehicle burglaries reported at 2100 block of Birdie Court.

Two people were arrested for shoplifting at 3:20 p.m., 1710 Broadway St.

Three people were arrested for shoplifting at 6:30 p.m., 1710 Broadway St.

A 29-year-old Houston woman was arrested at 7:30 p.m. for disorderly conduct, 2805 Business Center Drive.

An Alvin man, 28, was arrested at 9:36 p.m. for assault causing bodily injury, 19511 Hwy 35.

A local man, 31, was arrested at 10 p.m. and charged with felony criminal mischief and criminal trespass, 1600 block of Cypress Hollow St.

Arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia at 11 p.m., 2900 block of Cedar Hill Court.

Friday, July 14

DWI arrest at 1 a.m., 4700 Main St.

DWI arrest at 3:28 a.m., 7000 Broadway St.

An arrest for forgery at 4:40 a.m., 2555 Cullen Parkway.

Two people, ages 20 and 22, were arrested at 1710 Broadway around 2 p.m. One is charged with criminal trespass and the other with shoplifting.

An arrest for assault by physical contact was made at 3 p.m., 1100 block of Glenda St.

An arrest for felony drug possession was made at 4 p.m., 2100 block of Balsam Lake Lane.

A Rosharon woman, age 34, was arrested around 7 p.m. for family violence assault, 4310 Bailey Road.

An arrest for discharging a firearm in city limits was made at 9:30 p.m., 1500 block of Red Bud Court.

Saturday, July 15

A Pasadena woman, 43, was arrested at 9 p.m. for assault by contact, family violence, 5700 block of Groveton Lane.

Arrest for felony possession of controlled substance at 11:30 p.m., 2100 block of Country Place Parkway.

Sunday, July 16

Death investigation at 1:11 a.m., 16100 block of South Freeway.

Report of child pornography possession at 1:21 a.m., 1900 block of Garden Road.

Death investigation at 10:19 a.m., 1300 block of Romero Drive.

Death investigation at 4 p.m., 11100 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

Arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia at 7:13 p.m., 3900 Dixie Farm Road.

Arrest for assault causing bodily injury at 9:46 p.m., 8400 block of Columbus Court.

Monday, July 17

An arrest for assault by contact family violence at 2:46 a.m., 4400 block of Main St.

An arrest for terroristic threat was made at 6 a.m., 2555 Cullen Parkway.

A Rosharon man, 43, was charged with assault-impeding breathing or circulation.

A local teenager was arrested at 3:36 p.m. for felony theft and was later charged with prohibited substance in correctional facility, 7600 Hughes Ranch Road.

FRIENDSWOOD POLICE REPORT

JULY 11 thru JULY 17

Burglary

July 15 (6:53 a.m.) A vehicle burglary was reported in the 700 block of Stoneledge Drive. When the owner was leaving for work, he noticed that his driver's side door was open, and his handgun was gone. The burglary occurred sometime between 9:45 a.m. on July 14th and 6:30 a.m. July 15th.

Theft

July 11 (3:53 p.m.) A theft of a catalytic converter was reported in the 16900 block of Bougainville Lane. Two black males arrived in a small passenger car at approximately 5:30 a.m. One male was a look-out, while the other went under the victim's Toyota Tacoma and stole the catalytic converter.

July 14 (3:40 p.m.) A disabled veteran in the 5100 block of Coventry Court reported a theft by a construction company. The victim hired Alpha Remodeling Pros in January 2022. The contractor failed to obtain permits and has left the victim with a home remodel that is unfinished. The contractor is accused of taking \$30,000 and not completing work.

July 16 (9:21 a.m.) A Mercedes Benz was stolen from a residence in the 1100 block of Cowards Creek Drive. The keys were left inside the vehicle. The stolen vehicle was found in the 600 block of Magnolia Bend Street in League City. The vehicle was abandoned, running and several of the doors were left open. A homeowner in the area told police that she saw two white males, a black male, and a white female running from the vehicle. A 16-year-old Friendswood teen was charged with Evading on Foot and was captured near the League City water tower. A third suspect, a 16-year-old League City teen, who was involved in an earlier evading arrest in a motor vehicle pursuit, was captured by League City police on Candlewood Drive in League City. He was also charged with Evading on Foot.

Charges for theft of the vehicle were declined by a Galveston County Assistant District Attorney. One teen was turned over to his father. The other two teens were released to the custody of League City police for additional charges.

Fraud

July 11 (11:26 a.m.) A Friendswood man received a text message from his bank asking about the legitimacy of two cashed checks. The checks were fraudulent. Then, he was contacted by phone from an automated voice asking for account information. He hung up and contacted his business partner. Then, he realized that his office phone number was forwarded to another number without his permission.

July 11 (5:31 p.m.) A Friendswood man reported identity theft. He discovered that someone opened a credit card using his personal identifying information.

July 12 (9:03 a.m.) A Friendswood man reported identity theft. He was looking at his credit report and discovered a Comcast account that was sent to collections. The service was for an address on El Camino Village Drive, a location that the victim has never resided.

July 13 (4:29 p.m.) A Friendswood businessman contacted police when he discovered that a check he mailed was intercepted, forged, and cashed.

July 14 (9:55 a.m.) A Friendswood woman attempted to purchase a \$1000 chicken coop on Facebook Marketplace. The seller requested \$300 through Venmo to hold the chicken coop. Then, they requested more money before it was delivered. The victim became suspicious because of the different names that were associated with the money transfers and requested delivery before payment. "Chicken Coops" is now refusing to deliver her chicken coop.

July 15 (3:00 p.m.) A Friendswood resident was contacted by a person who claimed to be a Pasadena police sergeant. He

told the victim that she had two active warrants for not appearing for jury duty. Despite this being a common scam, the 37-year-old victim withdrew the funds and transferred them to the scammer.

Trespass

July 12 (9:03 a.m.) A Friendswood woman reported suspicious activity that occurred in the 600 block of Mary Ann Drive. When she woke up, she noticed a Ring camera event and observed that at 1:48 a.m., two males were on her property. One black male opened the screen door at her front door, saw her Ring camera, and fled on foot. Nothing appears to be missing and the man's intent is unknown.

July 12 (10:23 a.m.) A resident in the 3300 block of King George Lane reported suspicious activity seen on his Ring camera. He received an alert about a recorded video from 12:34 a.m. When he reviewed the video, he was shocked to see an unknown male masturbating and ejaculating in front of his camera. The suspect is a heavy-set male with short dark hair, wearing shorts, a white t-shirt, black socks, and Crocs.

Traffic

July 10 (11:16 a.m.) A vehicle struck the Wok D'Lite building at 202 S. Friendswood Drive sometime overnight. Damage was sustained to roofing materials at the corner of the business.

July 16 (1:27 a.m.) A 16-year-old League City teen was charged with Evading Arrest or Detention in a vehicle. An officer attempted to make a traffic stop for speeding in the 3000 block of FM 528. The registered owner of the white Ford Mustang was contacted and advised that her son stole the vehicle after the vehicle was taken out of his possession. The teen was identified, and criminal charges are pending.

Found Property

July 14 (10:23 a.m.) A cell phone was turned into police. It was found in the flower bed near the east entrance to the Eagle Lakes neighborhood.

AREA BRIEFS

County OKs drainage study

Brazoria County Commissioners on June 27 approved a drainage study plan contract for a large master planned developments located near Angleton.

The Ashland Development is an approximately 2,500-lot community expected to bring thousands of new residents to the Angleton area.

The \$90,000 drainage plan and study review contract was awarded to Freese and Nichols Inc. These funds will be reimbursed by the developer.

"We sat down with Freese and Nichols when we asked for this proposal and told them some of our overarching concerns -- we wanted them to compare this to the model they created for the Brazos River flood event," County Engineer Matthew Hanks told commissioners. "We know there's a lot of water headed to this piece of property when a flood occurs."

The community is not located in a drainage

district, County Judge Matt Sebesta said. "If it were, it would be a drainage district that would be looking at this," he said.

Presentation centers on Alvin museum

A representative from the world's largest private collection of manuscripts will give a free presentation Aug. 3 at the Brazoria County Historical Museum in Angleton.

The special guest at 6 p.m. will be Sam Tanksley of the Karpeles Manuscript Museum.

Founded by Dr. David and Marsha Karpeles, the Karpeles Manuscript Collection contains a wide range of artifacts including the call for the First Crusade, Disney cels, vintage Gutenberg and King James Bibles and a letter from Einstein to then-President Roosevelt.

To make the collection more accessible, there are 10 locations throughout the U.S., including one

in Alvin. The Alvin Karpeles Manuscript Museum, 800 W. Sidnor St., is housed in the old First United Methodist Church, built in 1924. The Methodists sold the building in 1961 and it changed hands several times until Dr. Karpeles purchased it in 2011. After extensive renovations, it opened as the Karpeles Manuscript Museum in November of 2020.

The current display at the Karpeles Manuscript Museum in Alvin focuses on the "Star Trek" TV and movie series.

A new exhibit is scheduled to open in September titled "The American Colonies." Exhibits rotate every four months, and the Alvin location is also home to the collection's Texas manuscripts. These include models of five historical ships and documents that go with them as well as a 1687 map of Galveston and the Alvin area.

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 19. Powdered cleanser
 20. Gulf of Mexico port
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 24. Humanities degs.
 25. Deck (out)
 28. Cancer treatment
 33. "Monty Python" aier
 36. Twisted
 37. Greeter's partner
 38. River deposits
 41. Craterlike basin of a volcano
 42. ___ wait (prepares to ambush)
 43. Enemy
 44. Arabic letter
 45. Lying with arms and legs out
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 50. PC linkup
 51. Reached
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 5. G.O.P. rivals
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 9. Knee-slapper
 10. Rubbed the wrong way
 11. In-flight info, for short
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 27. Shrinking
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 35. Temp job for new lawyers
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SPORTS

FROM THE CLUTTERED DESK

by Dr. David Davis

Phases when you enter senior adulthood

I've said quite often and heard others say the same thing. "Getting old is the pits!"

I find this season of my life very interesting, and I have observed a pattern among my friends: the phases of senior adulthood.

Phase 1--Senior Adult Discounts:

This phase occurs when we start telling our friends where to find senior discounts. We become almost giddy when we learn that most Goodwill stores give us between 15-25 percent off on Tuesdays.

The 10 percent discounts at IHOP, Waffle House, Arby's and Burger King are our staples. Did you know you can get up to 20 percent off at Jack-in-the-Box? Yes, you can find a covey of senior adults flocking to any one of these locations on the appropriate day at the appropriate time.

Phase 2--Reruns: The next level of senior adulthood is watching your favorite TV shows from the past. You start out with old color TV shows such as "Happy Days" or "The Carol Burnett Show." Later, you shift to black-and-white programming: "Gunsmoke," "Perry Mason" "I Love Lucy" "Bewitched" and my favorite "The Andy Griffith Show."

This is also the stage of life where you quit watching the Oscars because you don't recognize any actors or movies receiving awards. And you certainly don't watch any of the music awards because you have no idea who any of the rappers are or you don't know their music -- at least that's what they call it. I told my youngest son, "There won't be a golden oldie Rap station in 30 years."

I lived in arguably the greatest era of music in the 60's which also includes the cars during the 50's and 60's. You used to be able to identify a car driving down the street. Today -- good luck!

Phase 3--Birdwatching: Outside of my office window I have a bird bath and a small bird feeder that I put bird food out for my feathered friends. They arrive on the edge of the bird bath and bathe themselves and then drop on the bird feeder bowl to fill their little bodies. They are not bashful about running off the squirrels who try to steal their food and water.

Brazoria County has some of the largest species of birds in the state and the Cardinals, Blue Jays, Sparrows, etc. are most welcome visitors to eat, drink, and bathe in my little sanctuary.

Phase 4--Obituary Watching: I'm now of the age when I get the email or call asking if I knew that so-and-so had passed away?" I never hear from a high school classmate until they send out an email that a classmate has died.

This past week I received notice that one of my former football college teammates had passed away. He was two years younger than me which really gets my attention.

Phase 5--Labeling Everything: I hear as we get older, we will put names on these items to indicate which person gets what when we pass away. For the last several years, my kids have made it clear that they have no desire to get the China, the every day dishes, furniture, etc. This is a different generation so they would rather not be included in getting that stuff.

Phase 6--Discussion of Prescriptions: Getting older involves discusses of the latest pills we are taking with our friends. We compare ailments, medications, and general aches and pains due to getting older. I told someone that "I am officially old because I have a small dog and I take pills."

I will admit that getting older beats the alternative. So I guess I'll continue to enjoy whatever "state" I'm in physically and mentally and hope for the best each day.

Old friend Robert said, "Not everyone understands that old age simply means your body looks old, but your soul is still that vibrant young twenty something."

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TWA honors Lady Oilers

The accolades continue to honor Pearland head softball coach Laneigh Clark and some of the Lady Oilers after winning the 2023 Class 6A state softball championship.

Clark has been named 6A "Coach of the Year" by the Texas Sports Writers Association after the Lady O's posted a 41-3 season record while claiming the 6A state title with a 4-2 win over Denton Guyer.

Clark is the winningest 6A coach in Texas and the second winningest softball coach of any class in the Lone Star State. Clark has a career record of 794-461-8 while posting a 688-227-5 mark at Pearland from 1999 to 2023.

The veteran Hall-of-Fame coach was also named the 2023 Texas High School Coaches Association "Coach of the Year." Clark was recognized for her outstanding coaching career when she was inducted into the Texas Girls Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2021.

Pearland senior pitcher Abigail Gutierrez was named "Player of the Year" by the TSWA. The UT-Arlington signee won both games at the state tournament as the Lady Oilers beat San Benito 3-2 in the state semifinal game and knocked off Denton Guyer 4-2 in the state title game.

The first-team All-State selection posted a 26-1 pitching record with 145.3 innings, 1.39 earned run average, 191 strikeouts, and 36 walks.

Pearland senior second baseman Kennedy Drafton was named to the All-State first-team after she hit 473. BA with 6 doubles, 6 triples, 2 HR, 30 RBIs, 55 runs scored, and 28-out-of 31 stolen bases. Drafton will continue her education and playing career at Eastern Kentucky. Drafton was named to the UIL All-Tournament Team.

Named to the All-State second-team was senior centerfielder Haley Golden who will continue her education and playing career for Texas A&M. Golden hit .509, with .698 slugging percentage, .544 OB percentage, one HR, three doubles, two triples, eight RBIs, 21 runs scored, and four walks. 1. Golden was named Most Valuable Player at the state tournament.

Oilers prepare to start 2023 season with non-district wins



OFFENSIVE WEAPON - One of Pearland's leading offensive weapons this year is RB LaDamion McDowell (5-8, 160, 4.5) who was named the 23-6A Offensive "Newcomer of the Year." McDowell led the Oilers in rushing with 151 carries for 801 yards and five scores while he also snagged 17 passes for 204 yards and two TDs. (Photo by Lloyd Hendricks)

By DR. DAVID DAVIS

Reporter News Staff

Last year was B.J. Gotte's first year at the helm of the Pearland Oilers football program. He came to Pearland after leading Katy Paetow to the Class 5A Div. I state championship.

"It was the hardest decision I've ever had to make," Gotte said of leaving Paetow. "Katy is where I'm from. It's home. When I went to Paetow, I went with the intent of raising my family there. That's why you take it, is to be there."

"But every coach always has a list of schools in their mind where, if they ever reached out or an opportunity ever presented itself, you at least have to listen. Pearland was one of those places."

Gotte is a winner, having been a part of four state champions: three as an assistant coach and offensive coordinator at Katy (2003, 2012, 2015) and one as offensive coordinator at La Marque (2006).

He played on the offensive line for the legendary Mike Johnston at Katy in the '90s, graduating in 1997. As a sophomore, Gotte helped the Tigers to the state final against Plano. He also coached under Johnston from 2001-2003 as an assistant offensive line coach and was assistant coach and offensive coordinator under Gary Joseph, who succeeded Johnston in 2004, from 2009-2016 after stints at Deer Park, La Marque, and Flower Mound Marcus.

With just a few months in Pearland, Gotte began his journey as the leader of the Oilers.

Pearland began the 2022 season with a 1-2 non-district outcome falling to Clear Falls 20-17 and C.E. King 45-7 while defeating Spring Branch Memorial 40-14. The Oilers went on to finish third in the District 23-6A race behind Shadow Creek and Dawson while advancing to the post-season for the 23rd straight year. A 35-21 loss to Dickinson in the opening round of the playoffs ended the season at 6-5.

A very optimistic Gotte sees 2023 getting off to a much better start now that the Oilers have had a year under his guidance.

"After going through our first true off-season, it was important for us during spring football to get back to basics fundamentally (blocking and tackling), develop and grow our football understanding (IQ), while identifying what our strengths and weaknesses are with personnel," Gotte recently said.

"One of the biggest areas of need

going into the off-season was to improve our strength, speed, and explosiveness."

Pearland faces the same non-district teams as they did last year but Gotte is confident that the outcome will come out differently for two of the opponents.

Pearland Oilers vs Clear Falls Knights Friday, August 25 Pearland ISD Stadium at 7:00pm

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 from," 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. The 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 pacesetters for the Knights. Barker threw for 2,017 yards and 14 TDs last season.

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

Pearland Oilers vs Spring Branch Memorial Mustangs Saturday, September 2 Tully Stadium at 6:00pm

Pearland and SB Memorial have had a long-standing rivalry that dates back to 2004. The Oilers have an overall 13-3 record against the Mustangs but, for the most part, the games have been close.

The Oilers gave coach Gotte his first win as the head coach of Pearland 40-14 over Memorial.

The Mustangs should be improved this season as they have six offensive and two defensive starters returning with 24 lettermen from an 8-4 season that advanced to the 6A area round. Memorial is a pre-season pick to finish in third place in District 17-6A behind Cypress-Fairbanks and Houston Stratford.

Offensively, the Mustangs will lean on senior QB Jackson Salters (6-1, 185, 4.7) who threw for 950 yards and 8 touchdowns last year. RB Cooper Gindorf (5-10, 175, 4.5) will also provide strong leadership after gaining 708 yards and eight TDs.

OL Max Wang (6-5, 320) will anchor the offensive line with WR Will Van Wie (6-2, 180, 4.6) and TE William Fowler (6-1, 190, 4.7) providing strong leadership Fowler had 32 catches for 379 yards and two TDs.

The defense will be very inexperienced, but they still have junior LB Mason Riddle (6-0, 190) and senior DE James Klingberg (6-4, 240, 4.8) who had 37 tackles and five sacks to provide leadership on that side of the ball.

Pearland Oilers vs C.E. King Panthers Friday, September 8 Pearland ISD Stadium at 7:00pm

The outcome of the game between Pearland and C.E. King didn't end the way that new head coach B.J. Gotte wanted, but it was another indicator on the progress that the Oilers are making under the new coaching regime.

"I was proud of the effort the kids played over all four quarters," Gotte said. "When you are playing a team as physically talented as CE King, it is important to match their physical intensity as well as be disciplined in our play. "The margin for error against a team like that is so small, so when you make mistakes in assignments, they will make you pay."

C.E. King clearly dominated the game for the 45-7 win so the Oilers hope to reverse the outcome this year.

The Panthers are a pre-season fourth place finisher in one of the toughest districts in the state behind 6A state finalist North Shore, Atascocita, and Summer Creek.

With only two offensive starters and one defensive starter returning with 19 lettermen, King graduated 35 seniors from a 9-5 DII regional finalist squad.

The Oilers will be much more competitive this year to reverse the outcome from a year ago.

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Notice Of Constable Sale Order of Sale Cause Number 120445-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 149th 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, Texas, I have on the date indicated below seized and levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in August, the same being August 1st, 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 13th day of March, 2023, Sierra Vista at Canyon Gate Property Owners Association, recovered a judgment in the 149th Judicial District Court of Brazoria County, Texas against Rocky Aviles for the sum of Five Thousand Eighty Two Dollars and Fifty Six Cents (\$5,082.56) 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 motion for Default was filed; reasonable attorney's fees in the amount of Two Thousand Eight hundred Fifteen Dollars and fifty Cents (\$2,815.50); additional attorney's fees in the amount of one thousand eight hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$1,800.00) in the event it becomes necessary for Plaintiff to obtain a writ of execution and/or an order of sale and have the Property posted for a constable or sheriff's sale in order to collect the amounts awarded in this judgment; all costs of court in the amount of \$369.38, process server fees in the amount of \$132.50, and post-judgment interest at the rate of 7.5% per annum on the total judgment, including attorney's fees awarded herein, 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:

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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.

Cause Number: Court Judgment Date	Style of Case	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	ORDER ISSUE And Levy Date	OTHER REFERENCED NUMBER
120445-CV 149th Judicial District Court Judgment Date 3/13/2023 Sale #	Sierra Vista at Canyon Gate Property Owners Association, VS Rocky Aviles	Lot 7, in block 2, of Sierra Vista, Sec 1, a subdivision in Brazoria County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof recorded in document no. 201758170 of the plat records of Brazoria County, Texas more commonly known as 2626 Half dome Drive, Rosharon, Texas 77583 ("Property");	Date Issued 5/12/2023 Levy Date June 8th, 2023	

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Pearland, in Brazoria, Harris and Fort Bend Counties, Texas, will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 7, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at City Hall, 3519 Liberty Dr., Pearland, Texas 77581; and that the City Council of the City of Pearland will hold a public hearing and first Ordinance adoption consideration on Monday, August 28, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at City Hall, 3519 Liberty Dr., Pearland, Texas 77581, for the following cases:

1. Zone Change Application No. ZONE23-06: A request by Adam Clent, Beacon Land Services, applicant, on behalf of PRD Land Development Services, representing BAHAM Interests Limited Partnership, owner, for approval of a zone change for 3.8452 acres of land from General Business (GB) District to General Commercial (GC) District, to wit:

Legal Description: Being a 3.8452-acre tract of land out of a called 4.846-acre tract out of Lots 63 and 64 of the Allison Richey Gulf Coast Home Company Subdivision of Section 9, H.T. & B.R.R. Co. Survey, Abstract 234, Brazoria County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 2, Page 24 of the Plat Records of Brazoria County, Texas.

General Location: 7029 Broadway Street, Pearland, Texas.

2. Zone Change Application No. ZONE23-09: A request by Tessie Gurley, applicant, on behalf of Barclay Barnett, owner, for approval of a zone change for 1.11 acres of land from Old Townsite Residential (OT-R) District to Old Townsite Mixed Use (OT-MU) District, to wit:

Legal Description: A 1.11-acre tract of land being a residue of Lot 8 of the Allison Richey Gulf Coast Home Company Subdivision of Section 3, H.T. & B.R.R. Co. Survey, Abstract 232, and being a residue of Lot 8 as conveyed to Raymond E. Maness and Wife, Nellie D. Maness by Deed Recorded in Volume 423, Page 465 of the Deed Records of Brazoria County, Texas.

General Location: 2430 South Austin Avenue, Pearland, Texas.

3. Zone Change Application No. ZONE23-10: A request by Joshua McGinn, applicant, on behalf of Renee McGuire, owner, for approval of a zone change for 2.0784 acres of land from Single-Family Residential-2 (R-2) District to General Business (GB) District, to wit:

Legal Description: Lot 1, Block 1, Development Plat of Community of Faith Bible Church, a subdivision of 2.0784 acres of land in the City of Pearland, Texas, according to the map or plat recorded in County Clerk's File No. 2019012786 in the Plat Records of Brazoria County, Texas.

General Location: 3888 Pearland Parkway, Pearland, Texas.

At said hearing, all interested parties shall have the right and opportunity to appear and be heard on the subject. For additional information, please contact the Community Development Department at 281-652-1765.

Patrick Bauer
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS REGARDING A REQUEST FOR A ZONE CLASSIFICATION CHANGE FROM UNDERLYING ZONING FROM PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD; ORD 97-22); TO OFFICE PARK DISTRICT (OPD), KEEPING THE SPECIFIC USE PERMIT (SUP; ORD. 98-5) THAT ALLOWED THE USE OF PRINT SHOP

NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council of the City of Friendswood will each hold a public hearing to give all interested parties the right to appear and express their views on the following item:

A request for a zone classification change located at 209 E Edgewood Drive, .2983 acre out of Lot 2, in Block 1, of Final Replat of Melody Plaza, Section Two (2), a subdivision in Galveston County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 18, Page 1136, in the Office of the County Clerk of Galveston County, Texas, to change the underlying zoning from Planned Unit Development (PUD; Ord. 97-22) to Office Park District (OPD), keeping the Specific Use Permit (SUP; Ord. 98-5) that allowed the use of print shop.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold its public hearing on Thursday, August 10, 2023, in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 910 South Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, Texas, 77546-4856, at its meeting commencing at 6:00 P.M.

The City Council will hold its public hearing on Monday, September 11, 2023, in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 910 South Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, Texas, 77546-4856, at its meeting commencing at 5:30 P.M.

Item documentation is available for review in the City's Secretary's Office, 910 South Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, Texas 77546-4856 during regular business hours. For questions regarding the details of the documentation and its related public hearing, please contact Aubrey Harbin, Director of Community Development/City Planner at 281-996-3280.

The City of Friendswood is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Reasonable accommodations and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. For assistance, please contact the City's ADA Coordinator Brian Rouane at 281-996-3285 via phone, 281-482-1634 via fax or contact 281-996-3285 via Relay Texas at 711 or 1-800-735-2988 for TTY services. For more information concerning Relay Texas, please visit <http://relaytexas.com>.

/S/Leticia Brysch, City Secretary
City of Friendswood

Industrial Drive projects on tap

By N. BRADFORD
Reporter News Staff

Construction is expected to begin soon on a segment of Bailey Avenue west of Main Street, or Highway 35, including the railroad overpass.

The city's thoroughfare plan calls for Bailey is to be a four-lane road with raised median. Phase 1, finished in 2007, constructed two lanes and a bridge over the railroad on the north side.

Part of the 2019 Bond Referendum, the upcoming phase 2 will add two lanes and south bridge

over the railroad.

City Council on July 10 approved a construction manager and inspection contract for the project with Aguirre and Fields LP.

"This is actually our last contract to get in place for construction to move forward," City Manager Trent Epperson said. "We'll start to see the contractor mobilize here very shortly."

The work area will include Bailey Road from Main Street to Veterans Drive. Construction is expected to be done in 2026.

In addition, Industrial Drive West will soon undergo reconstruc-

tion as part of a State Highway 35 Corridor Redevelopment Strategy approved in 2016.

Funded through the Pearland Economic Development Corp., the project is this month entered the design phase with a \$541,839 contract between the city and Cobb-Fendley & Associates. The rebuild will include upgrading to concrete pavement, curb and gutter, sidewalk and lighting.

"The street is a narrow asphalt road that is substandard and in need of upgrading to support the industrial and commercial growth," city documents state.

Naturalists learn about community

The Brazoria chapter of Texas Master Naturalist held their monthly meeting Wednesday evening July 13, 2023, at the AgriLife building in Angleton. John Boettiger, membership chairman, reported that Tom Morris, Jo Myers, John O'Connell, Mary Schwartz and John Boettiger had recertified in June. To recertify, members must have 8 hours of advanced training and 40 volunteer hours. Boettiger also reported Hannah Beckett, Juli Martin, Marlon Nation, Cris Tobola, and Barb Whaley of the intern class certified by accumulating 40 volunteer hours, and Pam West attained the 1,000-volunteer milestone.

This year to date, members have impacted 3,746 adults and 14,376 youth through outreach programs and educational programs such as the "Birds of Prey" programs presented at area schools, Brazoria County Summer Library Programs and the Discovery Environmental Education Program for area 4 th and 7 th graders at Brazoria NWR.

The chapter recognized July as the ice cream month by

having an ice cream social to begin the meeting.

The meeting keynote speaker was Sarah Weller, Senior Manager International Coastal Cleanup, ICC, whose topic was "Community Science and Data Collection." ICC started in 1986 and currently has over 17 million volunteers and have removed over 350 metric tons of trash along shorelines around the world. Volunteers report details of the trash collected, and the data is compiled in an annual report. The data is presented to various local, state and federal agencies and governments throughout the world to show the seriousness of the pollution. The top 6 of worldwide trash collected are: 1. Food Wrappers, 2. Cigarette Butts, 3. Plastic Bottles, 4. Unknown, 5. Plastic Bottle Caps, 6. Plastic Bags.

It was also noted that September 16th is International Coastal Cleanup Day. For more information on becoming a Texas Master Naturalist: <https://txmn.org/tmncot/> Our next meeting will be 8:30am August 9th at the AgriLife building Angleton. Visitors are welcome.



Members who either recertified or recertified: LR Marlon Nation, Barb Whaley, Juli Martin, Hannah Beckett, John O'Connell, John Boettiger, Mary Schwartz, and Chapter President Kathy Pittman

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