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Around Town

Nov. 3 LIBRARY TRIVIA NIGHT

Friendswood Library Trivia Night is set for Thursday, Nov. 3 starting at 7pm. Event will be held online using Zoom. Call or email to get the link at 281-482-7135 menu option 2 or reflib@friendswood.com. The library is located at 416 S. Friendswood Dr.

TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE
Brazoria & Galveston Counties Regional Transportation Plan Update Public Meeting will be held Thursday, Nov. 3 at 6pm at Friendswood Library, 416 S. Friendswood Dr. H-GAC is providing residents an opportunity to participate and help identify what the top transportation priorities are for the Friendswood community. A Spanish and an American Sign Language interpreter will be on hand for the hearing impaired. Additional language or accommodation requests can be made by emailing Robyn Egbert at Robyn.Egbert@h-gac.com, or dialing 832-681-2583. Public welcome.

Nov. 3-5 HOLIDAY SHOP HOP

Over 30 downtown Friendswood stores will participate in the 3rd Annual Downtown Holiday Shop Hop from Nov. 3 through Nov. 5. Visit at least 15 of the 30 stores for a chance to win a gift basket filled with \$25 gift cards and items from participating stores. Shopping begins at 10am and continues to 9pm each day.

Nov. 4 BAND PRE-GAME DINNER

The Friendswood High School Mustang Band Pre-Game Dinner is set for Nov. 4. Enjoy a fantastic dinner hosted by the Mighty Mustang Band and Guard. Big Horn BBQ will be providing loaded baked potatoes (or mac and cheese kids meal). All proceeds will benefit the band and guard. Auction and raffle. Meal tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased in advance or at the door. Tickets are available at form.jotform.com/mbbtreasurer/PreGameDinnerTickets2022

Nov. 5 ACOUSTIC PICKERS MEETUP

Friendswood Acoustic Pickers Meetup is set for Saturday, Nov. 5 at 2pm. Meet and hang out with other musicians in the community. The library is located at 416 S. Friendswood Dr.

FARMERS MARKET

Friendswood Farmers Market will take place on the concrete pad next to City Hall from 9am to 1pm on Saturday, Nov. 5. Plants, flowers, tamales, honey, live bluegrass music, and more!

Nov. 11 FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY DATE NITE

Stanfield Properties Food Truck Friday Date Night has been rescheduled for Friday, Nov. 11 from 6 to 9pm at 807 S. Friendswood Dr. Food trucks will include Rolling Republic BBQ, Chops! Shop Texican Gourmet and Angie's Cake Balls. Special music by Patty O'Beers. Open to the public.

Nov. 12 FALL HAUL

Fall Haul City Wide Cleanup is set for Saturday, Nov. 12 in Centennial Park from 7 am to 2 pm. Sponsored by Keep Friendswood Beautiful and the City of Friendswood, the clean up event is open to Friendswood residents only.

Nov. 17-20 WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE CLASS

R.A.D. (Rape Defense Defense) Basic Women's Self Defense Class is slated for Thursday, Nov. 17 through Sunday, Nov. 20 at Hope Lutheran Church, 1804 S. Friendswood Dr. A 4 day, 15 hour women-only course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance while learning the basics of hands-on defense. \$25 per person. Must be 12 year+. To register contact Officer Jason Ives at 281-996-5048 or Ives@friendswood.com.

Nov. 19 CBHS BAND HOLIDAY MARKET

Clear Brook High School hosts Holiday Market benefitting band from 10am to 4pm at 4607 FM 2351 in Friendswood.



Dogtoberfest

Dogtoberfest was held recently at Stevenson Park and involved dogs, children, Halloween and more. Costume contests, food, petting zoo and fun were all part of the third year of Dogtoberfest, hosted again by Family Animal Hospital and Starlight Outreach and Rescue. Picture at left: Natalie and Joe, along with pets Mazey and Zoey, tied for 1st Place Ensemble in the costume contest. Pictured above: Kids and pet costume contest competitors.

Blue Santa Tournament returns to have fun, help kids

By KAROLYN GEPHART
Reporter News Staff

Blue Santa Softball Tournament is returning again this year and will be played Saturday, Nov. 19 at Schulz Sportspark at 2910 W. Parkwood in Friendswood.

Each year the Friendswood Police Department and Friendswood Police Officers Association partner with the Friendswood Parks and Recreation Department to host the Blue Santa Softball Tournament and Toy Drive.

The community is asked to get their teams together and register for a fun-filled day of

competition softball and charity.

The annual event helps make the holiday season brighter for local children whose families are struggling to make ends meet and might otherwise be without gifts for Christmas.

Adult Co-ed and Men's "D" Divisions are available. Cost is \$25, one new unwrapped toy per person or one new bicycle per team and a \$15 umpire fee per game.

Call 281-996-3228 to register by Nov. 15 with

payment. For additional information, email mboyett@friendswood.com.



Fall Haul date set for annual event

By KAROLYN GEPHART
Reporter News Staff

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Sponsored by Keep Friendswood Beautiful and the City of Friendswood, the clean up event is open to Friendswood residents only.

Resident must present ID as proof of residency upon entering the park.

KFB will host their annual garage sale at the event. Items for donation include furni-

ture, household items, and bicycles all in good condition. Clothing items will not be accepted.

Shredding will be offered again and residents can have 200 pounds max per vehicle. Shredding will be available from 8 am until noon or until the truck is full.

Also being accepted for drop off will be old appliances, furniture, tree limbs, grass clippings, unwanted wood, metal and plastic.

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 281-996-3220.



FINAL HOME GAME OF 2022 FOOTBALL SEASON

The 2022 Friendswood football team will close out their final home game on Friday, Nov. 4 at 7:00 p.m. at Henry Winston Stadium. The Mustangs will host the Magnolia West Mustangs.

Photo by Chadwick Photography

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/Summary.aspx.

Wednesday, Oct. 26
Burglary of vehicles reported at 1:45 a.m., 2000 block of Highland Meadows Drive.

Death investigation conducted at 8 a.m., 16100 block of South Freeway.

A woman was arrested for assault by physical contact/family violence, 1300 block of Main St.

An assault was reported at 12:30 p.m., 12100 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

Vehicle parts were reported stolen at 1 p.m., 10100 block of Broadway St.

An arrest for felony theft was made at 1:37 p.m., 6700 block of Acorn St.

Death investigation at 2:30 p.m., 15600 block of Highway 288.

Two people were arrested for assault by physical contact/family violence just before 4 p.m. at 9015 Broadway St.

An arrest for assault was made just before 4 p.m. at 700 North San Jacinto.

Arrest for assault at 7:40 p.m., 15500 Shadow Creek Parkway.

Theft by fraud reported at 9 p.m., 3300 block of E. Walnut St.

An arrest for assault causing bodily injury at 11 p.m., 1200 block of Lake Shore Drive.

Thursday, Oct. 27

An arrest for possession of controlled substance was made after midnight, 1600 block of Main St.

An arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia was made after 1 a.m., 1600 block of Main St.

An arrest for criminal mischief was made at 1:47 a.m., 11221 Broadway St.

Death investigation conducted at 11:40 a.m., 2000 block of W. Pine Hill Drive.

Theft of vehicle parts reported at 11:45 a.m., 2800 block of Business Center Drive.

Theft from building reported at noon, 11100 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

Arrest for assault causing bodily injury, family member at noon, 6500 block of Broadway St.

Separate arrests for shoplifting were made between 2 and 4 p.m. in the 2800 block of Business Center Drive.

Several instances of car burglaries were reported on Business Center Drive.

Death investigation conducted at 9:20 p.m., 3000 block of Pearland Parkway.

An arrest for assault by physical contact was made at 11 p.m., 1919 Main St.

Friday, Oct. 28
An arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia was made at 1:24 a.m., 4000 W. Walnut St.

An arrest for possession of alcohol by a minor was made at 1:28 a.m., 4000 W. Walnut St.

A death investigation was conducted at 2 a.m., 16100 block of the South Freeway.

A felony assault was reported at 2 a.m., 5700 block of Broadway St.

An arrest for assault/family violence was made at 3 a.m., 5706 Broadway St.

Two people were arrested for shoplifting at 1:30 p.m., 2800 block of Business Center Drive.

An arrest for assault family violence was made at 1:27 p.m., 11100 Shadow Creek Parkway.

Death investigation at 2:08 p.m., 16100 block of South Freeway.

Death investigation at 2:14 p.m., 2900 block of Harkey Road.

Vehicle parts stolen from 11100 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

An arrest for unauthorized use of vehicle was made at 5:22 p.m., 2680 Pearland Parkway.

An arrest for public intoxication was made at 8 p.m., 11200 Broadway St.

Death investigation conducted at 9 p.m., 3200 block of Alexander Park Drive.

Saturday, Oct. 29
Home burglary reported just after midnight, 6400 block of Laren Lane.

Aggravated assault reported at 1 a.m., 3600 block of Mahejan Drive.

Vehicle fire at 2:40 a.m., 8100 block of Magnolia Parkway.

An arrest for DWI with an enhancement, 5:30 a.m., 4500 block of Main St.

An arrest for DWI made at 6 a.m. with blood alcohol over .15, 1300 Main St.

An arrest for assault family violence was made at 10 a.m., 2200 block of O'Day Road.

Vehicle burglaries reported around noon in the 2800 block of Business Center Dr. and 7400 block of Woodward Springs Drive.

Death investigation at 2 p.m., 16100 block of South Freeway.

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FRIENDSWOOD POLICE REPORT

OCTOBER 24 thru OCTOBER 31

THEFT

Oct. 26 (8:51 a.m.) A vehicle was stolen from the Salem Square Apartments located at 110 Clearview Avenue. The victim realized his vehicle was missing on Oct. 25. The stolen vehicle is described as a black 2012 Nissan Maxima with Texas license plates CWT9411.

Oct. 27 (4:39 p.m.) A theft of liquor was reported at Top Shelf Liquor located at 114 E. Edgewood Dr. The theft occurred on Oct. 25 at 6:30 p.m. At the time of the theft, there were five customers inside the store. Two were lookouts, one distracted the clerk, and the other two committed the theft. Four bottles of Martell Blue Swift and one bottle of Hennessy Cognac were stolen.

Oct. 27 (6:56 a.m.) Tires and wheels were stolen off a vehicle parked at the Enclave Apartments located at 5000 Watkins Way. The vehicle was left on blocks. The incident occurred between 8:30 p.m. and 6:45 a.m.

Oct. 29 (12:15 p.m.) A contractor hired to repair an apartment complex driveway reported a theft. He contacted All In Indoor/Outdoor Construction and Painting Service, a company owned by Nacho Terrones, to deliver nine yards of concrete. They agreed on a date and time. The agreed payment was made using Zelle. The concrete delivery was never made, and all communication has ceased. Nacho Terrones already has a warrant for Fraud in Gregg County.

FRAUD

Oct. 24 (12:46 p.m.) A Friendswood woman reported identity theft. She had ten Capital One accounts opened using her identifying information. She had initially received a debit card in the mail during the

summer but did not follow up with why she received it. This month, she received a statement with charges for the account. When she contacted the bank, they closed 10 accounts that were using her name.

Oct. 24 (12:50 p.m.) A Friendswood man reported identity theft. He had seven credit accounts opened using his personal identifiers. Some of the accounts included AT&T, Cooper State Credit Union, Capital One, American Express, Best Buy, and Discover Financial Services.

Oct. 25 (10:05 a.m.) Between Oct. 12 and Oct. 17, a black male, between 36-50 years of age, 5'3" to 5'9", with a black full beard, and a short fade hairstyle, entered the Friendswood HEB store twelve times. During each visit, the suspect conducted a cash scam involving the self-checkout stations. On one occasion, the suspect was a passenger in a black Toyota Camry with Texas license plate NTB8279.

Oct. 26 (2:54 p.m.) A Friendswood woman received an email about an open bank account with Hancock Whitney Bank. She contacted the bank and told them that she did not open an account.

Oct. 27 (9:20 a.m.) A Friendswood man received a debit card in the mail from Capital One despite never applying for one. He went to a Capital One branch, in person, and found that he is the victim of identity theft. His personal information was used to apply for the account online.

Oct. 27 (9:21 p.m.) A Friendswood woman was checking her bank account when she noticed several mobile checks that she did not authorize. The checks totaled \$43,000.

Oct. 28 (12:29 p.m.) A Friendswood resident reported identity theft after finding that two bank accounts were opened using her personal identifying information. She discovered the bank accounts when she received an overdraft notice in the mail. She called the bank and was advised that there were two accounts in her name.

NARCOTICS
Oct. 26 (1:37 a.m.) A 32-year-old Friendswood man

was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1. The suspect made two illegal lane changes in the 200 block of W. Parkwood Ave. His driver's license was not valid, and he told the officer his out on bond for a DWI. During the contact, the officer observed an alcoholic beverage inside the vehicle, so a search was conducted. The search yielded methamphetamine, Xanax, marijuana, and a marijuana pipe.

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED
Oct. 27 (2:34 p.m.) A witness reported an intoxicated driver on W. Parkwood Ave. near San Joaquin going eastbound. The vehicle was driving into oncoming traffic and was stopped by police in the 1600 block of W. Parkwood Avenue. A 37-year-old League City woman was identified as the driver. She opened the driver's side door and an interlock device fell out. The driver exhibited signs of intoxication and was unable to keep her balance. She failed a field sobriety test and was charged with Driving While Intoxicated-3rd or more offense.

TRAFFIC
Oct. 28 (8:25 p.m.) Two parked vehicles were struck in the parking lot of Autumn Creek Apartments located at 3201 W. Bay Area Blvd. At the time of the crash, one of the victims looked outside and observed a Jeep backing away from the scene. The officer was able to identify the apartment the suspect lived in. Later that night, the suspect left his phone number on the vehicles that he hit.

VIOLATION OF PROTECTIVE ORDER
Oct. 25 (8:10 a.m.) Friendswood Police are investigating a violation of a protective order that occurred in the 16900 block of Townes Road on Oct. 24. A 32-year-old Friendswood woman was the subject of a protective order after she threatened her husband on Oct. 13. On Oct. 24, the woman arrived at the residence, entered the home, and took six weapons from the home. A warrant is pending.

FOUND PROPERTY
Oct. 28 (9:45 a.m.) A firearm was found in the street in the 200 block of S. Friendswood Drive.

H-GAC public meeting set for Nov. 3
H-GAC to host public meeting on transportation vision.

The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) is one step closer to updating the long-range transportation vision for the region. In response to their asking both Brazoria and Galveston Counties to give input, a Regional Transportation Plan Update public meeting has been set for Thursday Nov. 3 at 6 pm at the Friendswood Public Library.

Before H-GAC finalizes the document that outlines ways they can improve movement around the region, H-GAC is providing the communities with another opportunity to participate. Those who attend can help H-GAC identify what the top transportation priorities are for each community.

H-GAC is providing a Spanish and an American Sign Language interpreter for the hearing impaired.

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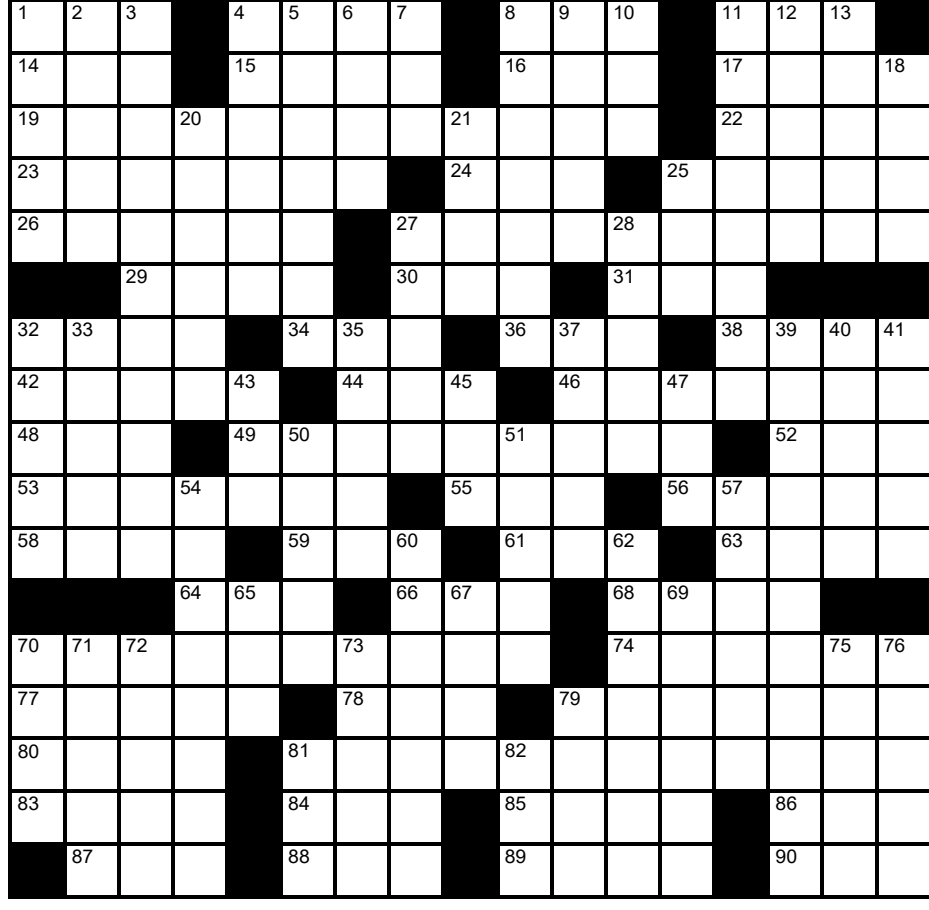
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The Original Mobile Game

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- "A likely story!"
- Hodgepodge
- "___ will be done"
- Exxon product
- "Look here!"
- Geom. shape
- ___ v. Wade
- A chorus line
- Extremely disinterested
- Lento
- Tiny trees
- Central
- Make ___ (do some business)
- Enter
- Third eye, in reptiles
- First Bond Film
- Chowed down
- Spoiled
- Duo before do
- 40 winks
- Guido's high note
- Shape of a pocket.
- Be theatrical
- Family dog, for short
- Corn cake baked in an open fire
- By means of
- It separates China and Korea
- Navigator's need
- The one on the aisle
- "___ we there yet?"
- Cathedral topper
- Ditch
- Ground cover
- Ball
- Top spot
- A pint, maybe
- Informer
- "Hamlet" has five
- Sustainable community
- Young pigs
- Buddhist who has attained Nirvana
- Astonish
- Fog coming inland from the coast
- "Get ___!"
- Robin Williams cross-dressing film
- Church ceremony, abbr.



- Back, in a way
- Luth. or Episc.
- Hair: Prefix
- Actor Billy ___ Williams
- Animal house
- Alluring
- "Comprende?"

Down

- "The Natural" baseball star Roy
- "What ___!"
- Texas state reptile
- Decree
- Allow to be a part of
- Twenty: Comb. form.
- His "4" was retired
- Neophyte
- Crush
- "Absolutely!"
- Ready to go

- Put to rest, as fears
- Lifted, so to speak
- Has a mortgage
- Lively intelligence
- Give off, as light
- ___ king
- Kind of cross
- Belittle
- Carpenter's tool
- Kind of group, in chemistry
- ___ the good
- ___-guided
- They have panels
- Deprive of heat?
- Crow's home
- Ball in a socket
- Constrictor
- Consumes
- Artist's stand
- Composed
- Lets water in the boat

- Inventors' go there, abbr.
- Derives from
- Tin plate unit
- On, as a lamp
- Ancient
- Apt to gab
- Disneyland souvenirs
- Words to live by
- Chicago airport
- The "L" of XXL
- Like "The X-Files"
- Commemorative marker
- "No problem!"
- Certifiable
- Photo ___ (camera sessions)

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FAITH MATTERS

By Rev. Dr. Brian Gige

ELECTION DAY

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”

- Colossians 3:12

How many times were you ever that last one picked? The only time it was ever good to be last was in the Spelling Bee at school because then you were the winner and oh yes, there was musical chairs...and the cheese stands alone and then you are a winner, too. But, for most of us we learn early on in life that our world is full of winners and losers. Superbowls, lotteries, poker games, etc. place us in a position to win or lose and in those cases it’s not about how you play the game. The next-to-the-last-one standing is still left out. But, that’s not God’s way... there’s one better as ‘election’ is God’s way of reminding us how important we really are and that in God’s way of thinking we are never losers but, rather, all winners... all important... as the Bible reminds us, *“God is no respecter of persons”* (Acts 10:34) ... meaning... we all count... all loved the same by the one who has enough love for us all...

Just for the record... I’m typing this on October 31... an infamous day for those who profess a Lutheran Christian faith... and being of the tribe of Lutherans... this is the day in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 statements about the future of the Church. It seemed like a ‘protest’ to many yet a declaration of Godly dependence to others... changing the trajectory of the Christian movement in the world... and frankly... words which continue to express today a certain freedom in the world for those who seek the face of God...

Martin Luther was also known for writing hymns and his most famous is one many people of all faiths know well... based on Psalm 46... going by the title of *“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”* of which one of my favorite verses goes like this...

“No Strength of Ours Can Match His Might.

We Would Be Lost Rejected

*But Now a Champion Comes to Fight
Whom God Himself Elected*

*You Ask Who This May Be
The Lord Of Hosts Is He
Christ Jesus Mighty Lord
God’s Only Son Adored
He Holds The Field Victorious!”*

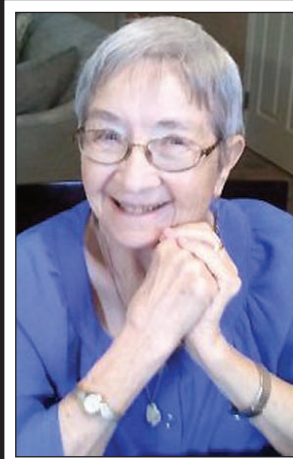
Our God IS a mighty fortress and has done something unique within all religious expressions around the globe... that is... taking on human form to live among the people... to show them how righteous and purposeful and holy life can be and in the end willing to go to the cross to take on the cosmos’ shortcomings and brokenness but also to prove the point that sacrifice produce new life... God raised Jesus from the dead... because Jesus was ‘elected’ to do that very thing that not a one of us could even get close to accomplishing!

You see... the Bible is full of chapters and stories of those who were chosen... elected... selected or voted for... to address certain moments for the sake of the Kingdom. And that is why I write each week that ‘faith matters...’ whether it be Noah or Moses or the judges or the kings or Queen Esther or the prophets or John the Baptizer or the disciples or Saul of Tarsus or even Stephen and Philip who were elected by the disciples to add a new layer of leadership to the early church... and then comes the letter to the Colossians about being *“God’s chosen people...”* a title ...chosen... selected... voted for or elected... by Christ himself and a tag which applies to each and every one who calls Jesus... ‘Lord.’

But... then there’s this... Election Day November 8, 2022... and I recall the words of my dad... *‘go vote. Pull the curtain. Cast your ballot. Don’t tell anyone who you voted for... but present yourself with compassion, kindness, humility and patience and be the best citizen you can be...’* making every day... *‘election day’*...because faith matters even to God!

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.

OBITUARY



McCord

Myrtis Moore McCord, 90, formerly of Friendswood, died peacefully and with great anticipation on Oct. 15, 2022. She was admired by everyone who met her - young children were attracted to her like magnets, family and friends sought out her wisdom and humor, and those who cared for her in her final years confessed that, although they weren’t supposed to have favorites, Myrtis was their favorite. Myrtis was born on Feb. 1, 1932, to Geneva and Virgil Moore in their home in Belden, MS. She earned a B.A. from Blue Mountain College and an M.L.S. from Louisiana State University, where she met her beloved and adoring husband, Joe McCord. They married on March 16, 1963.

Despite growing up in poverty, Myrtis had a ridiculously happy childhood, which she and Joe gave their own children. They taught their children

that the greatest sources of joy are family and friends, knowledge and learning, nature, helping others, and honoring the giants on whose shoulders we all stand.

Myrtis was a true steel magnolia, both exemplifying and challenging traditional roles and expectations. She did not think of herself as brave, yet she consistently faced her fears to stand up for what was right and to protect others.

Myrtis lived a remarkable life through extraordinary times, and she will be sorely missed by all.

She is preceded in death by her parents and husband; brother Jon Orion Moore and wife Evelyn; and brothers-in-law Lynn McCord, Jim McCord and wife Lorine, Clarence McCord, and Jesse McCord.

She is survived by daughter Gretchen McCord DeFlorio and son-in-law Dominick DeFlorio (Rockdale, TX); son Jody McCord (CO); sisters-in-law Frances McCord (LA) and Jean McCord (GA); numerous nieces, nephews, and their children; and countless friends, colleagues, former students, and more, all grateful that she was a part of their lives.

See details about the Nov. 18, 2022, in-person and virtual gathering to celebrate Myrtis and in lieu donations at www.holdingspaceevents.com/myrtismccord.

Nutcracker Collection on site at Christmas Home Tour

By KAROLYN GEPHART
Reporter News Staff

The Nutcracker Hut is on this year’s Heritage Gardener Christmas Home Tour. This “hut” is the new home of Lois Peden and it is truly a Holiday Wonderland filled with nutcrackers in every room. Peden loves to decorate for Christmas and tourgoers will enjoy her work.

Each room is different and ‘over the top’ in décor.

Nutcrackers from her vast collection are part of each area and was an ideal idea to make them her tour theme. For the two day tour, her grandson will be dressed as a living nutcracker.

Peden has lived in Friendswood since 1979 and this year her grandchildren helped her decorate her home. Trees, garlands and holiday swags add to the seasonal spirit. In one room where a beautiful rose quilt is displayed, a decorated tree with roses has been placed.

Peden has two sons and a daughter, 10 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Tourgoers will enjoy getting into the holiday spirit visiting a home filled to the brim with holiday spirit.

The Christmas Home tour also has three more private homes and the three local museums. Museums include the Frank Brown Museum, the Perry Home and the Friendswood Schools Museum where the theme will be a Mustang Christmas. The Brown Museum and Perry Home will be decorated in period style of each.

At the garden clubhouse at 112 W. Spreading Oaks, there will be a Holiday Market with shopping that offers the perfect gifts and stocking stuffers for all ages. Shopping is free and runs from 9 am to 4 pm each day.

A Holiday Bakery will answer all your needs for what to serve at Thanksgiving as well as offering delicious treats to nibble and/or share with others.

The raffles are big and exciting this year. Raffle tickets as well as tour tickets will be on sale at the clubhouse. Tour tickets are also on sale now at businesses around town now.

— JUDGE —

Mike Engelhart

FOR COURT OF APPEALS

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Lois Peden’s home - “The Nutcracker Hut” - is on this year’s Heritage Gardener Christmas Home Tour. This “hut” is a Holiday Wonderland filled with nutcrackers in every room. The Christmas Home Tour showcasing 4 homes and 3 historic museums is slated for Saturday, Nov. 19 and Sunday, Nov. 20. For more information visit heritagegardener.org.

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Pearland solidifies playoff spot with win over Strake Jesuit

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

Pearland got a much-needed win over Strake Jesuit to

punch their ticket for the 23rd straight year to the post-season. The Oilers overcame some turnovers to get a 24-14 district win to improve to 5-4 overall and 4-2 in district.

The Oilers will host Alief Hastings (1-8, 1-5) at The Rig on Thursday, Nov. 3 at 6:00 p.m.

New head coach B.J. Gotte has seen his team grow with each game this season.

“Overall, I was pleased with how we played in all three phases of the game,” Gotte said. “Defensively we did a good job limiting the No. 1 ranked offense well below their average in yards and points. It was our most complete game on the defensive side of the ball.”

Special teams wise, we handled the elements well and Jackson Staggs was able to make a late field goal into the wind to give us a two-score lead.”

Pearland’s defense held Strake Jesuit to 99 yards rushing and 66 yards through the air for a total of 185 yards and two scores.

The Oilers doubled the offensive output of Strake with 238 yards on the ground and 143 yards passing for a total of 381 yards and 24 points.

Both teams came up empty on offense after the opening quarter, but Pearland scored in the first minute of the second quarter when sophomore quarterback Jackson Hamilton tossed a screen pass to sophomore LaDamion McDowell who turned it into a 55-yard touchdown. Jackson Staggs added the PAT for the 7-0 lead.

Strake Jesuit answered the score in the second frame making the score 7-7.

With 1:12 left in the first half, McDowell took a handoff from Hamilton and raced around the right end for the Oilers second touchdown of the game to make the score 14-7 at intermission.

Strake scored in the third quarter to once again tie up the game 14-14, but the Pearland offense answered when Hamilton threw a 25-yard scoring pass to Evan Garcia to give the Oilers back the lead 21-14 with 9:56 left in the third period.

Pearland’s defense controlled the rest of the second half and the Oilers offense added a 28-yard field goal by Staggs with 6:31 remaining in the game to make the final score 24-14.

“I was proud of our offense for overcoming some early penalties and a costly turn over early in the second half to take control of the game late and keep the ball out of Strake’s hands in the final minutes,” Gotte said. “We are young on the offensive side of the ball but continue to find our identity while gaining quality experience.”

“I am excited that our kids were able to earn a playoff spot last week and look forward to finishing off the regular season against an athletic Hastings team Thursday night.”

Hamilton was 8-for-15 passing for 143 yards and two touchdowns and two interceptions. He also rushed for 50 yards on seven carries.

McDowell led the ground attack with 126 yards on 26 totes and a score. He also caught three passes for 65 yards one TD.

Kennedy Lewis had 59 yards on nine carries.

Garcia had one catch for 25 yards and a TD. Patrick Bridges had two grabs for 24 yards. Gabe Ortiz had one reception for 22 yards.



GREAT DEFENSIVE PLAY - Pearland’s Gabriel Sheppard intercepts a Strake Jesuit pass and takes it for a short return in the third quarter. Pearland defeated the Crusaders 24-14 to advance to the playoffs for the 23rd consecutive year. The Oilers will host Hastings on Thursday, Nov. 3 at 6:00 p.m. Photo by Olyn Taylor

Shadow Creek shuts out Alief Taylor 45-0

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

As the 2022 regular football season winds down - the Shadow Creek Sharks remained perfect with a 9-0 overall record and 6-0 in district while claiming the 23-6A crown for this season after beating the Alief Taylor Lions 45-0.

Shadow Creek will close out the season by hosting the Strake Jesuit Crusaders on Friday, Nov. 4 at 7:00 p.m. at Freedom Field.

Shadow Creek had to deal with less-than-ideal weather as the teams battled in soggy conditions.

The Sharks took control of the game early as the defense led the charge by scoring two quick touchdowns thanks to a 30-yard interception return for a score to give Shadow Creek a 7-0 and then Aiden Benjamin got a second interception and returned it 20-yards for a TD making the score 14-0.

The Sharks got an 8-yard scoring run by Jacob Washington to make the score 21-0 in the first quarter and then quarterback Duke Butler hit Jacorey Watson on a 6-yard touchdown pass for a 28-0 advantage. Kicker Aiden Bui hit all four PATs.

With the score at 28-0 at intermission, the Sharks added 10 points in the third quarter when Joshua Best snagged an 8-yard scoring toss from Butler. Bui would later kick a 27-yard field goal making the score 38-0 at the end of three periods.

The Sharks would add one more score in the final period when Christian Seriale caught a 15-yard touchdown pass from Watson. Bui, who finished with nine points, added the PAT and the final score was posted 45-0.

Butler, who was hurt early in the year and missed several games, was back in action and hit 13-of-21 passing for 66 yards and two TDs.

Washington led the ground attack with 11 carries for 90 yards and one score.

Best had three catches for 22 yards and one score, Seriale had two grabs for 23 yards and a TD while Watson had four catches for 18 yards and a touchdown.



TOUCHDOWN GRAB - Shadow Creek QB turned wide receiver Jacorey Watson caught a 6-yard pass from QB Duke Butler in the 45-0 win over Alief Taylor. Photo by Michael McManus

Bayway SENIOR PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
CHEVROLET

Dawson vs. Alief Elsik

<p>OFFENSE</p>  <p>Kenneth Stroman RB Stroman had 21 carries for 96 yards and one touchdown against Alief Elsik in the 23-16 win.</p>	<p>DEFENSE</p>  <p>Nasir Watkins DE Watkins had two solo tackles, three assisted stops, one tackle for loss, and on fumble recovery against Elsik.</p>
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Pearland vs. Strake Jesuit

<p>OFFENSE</p>  <p>Aiden Glasper WR Glasper was sidelined the last few weeks due to injury but returned to give the offense a boost with a big catch and several key blocks in the victory over Strake Jesuit.</p>	<p>DEFENSE</p>  <p>Gabriel Sheppard DB Sheppard registered six total tackles, 1 pass break-up and 1 interception in a big district win vs. Strake Jesuit.</p>
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CHEVROLET HOUSTON AREA CHEVY DEALERS

Bayway PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
CHEVROLET

Shadow Creek vs. Alief Taylor

<p>OFFENSE</p>  <p>Jacob Washington RB Washington averaged over eight yards per carry and scored a TD for the Sharks against Alief Taylor.</p>	<p>DEFENSE</p>  <p>Theorin Randle DE Randle had nine solo tackles and two tackles for loss as the Shark's defense returned back-to-back interceptions for TDs.</p>
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CHEVROLET HOUSTON AREA CHEVY DEALERS

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TOUCHDOWN RUN - Dawson junior running back Bryce Burgess scored on a 35-yard run as the Eagles beat Alief Elsiek 26-16. Burgess had 23 carries for 152 yards and a score. Dawson will travel to Alvin to face the Yellowjackets in the final game of the regular season on Friday, Nov. 4 at 7:00 p.m. at Alvin Memorial Stadium.

Dawson slides past Alief Elsiek 23-16

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
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The game between Dawson and Alief Elsiek was played in constant rain with wind which meant less than ideal conditions. The outcome didn't really matter as far as determining the playoffs as the Eagles have already punched their ticket to the post-season while Elsiek will be staying at home once again.

But head coach Mike Allison never wants to give up the momentum entering the playoffs and he was happy to get the win despite the conditions.

"I have faith that we will be better from playing in the terrible elements," Allison said. "The kids battled, and I will always take an ugly win."

Dawson improves to 5-4 on the season and they have clinched their place in the playoffs behind District 23-6A champion Shadow Creek who remains undefeated on the season at 9-0 and 6-0 in the district standings.

Elsiek entered the game in the basement of the District 23-6A standing with a 1-8 season record and 0-5 in the league standings.

So it came as a surprise to see the Rams get the opening kickoff in the driving rain and go 64-yards in 5-plays for four-yard touchdown plus they were successful on the 2-point conversion for an 8-0 lead with 10:36 left in the opening quarter.

The big play for Elsiek was a 37-yard run by running back Phavian Horn to the Dawson 27 on the first play of the game.

Elsiek would score one more time in the fourth quarter when the score was 23-8.

Meanwhile, Dawson answered on their first possession of the game when they went on an 80-yard, 9-play scoring march capped off by a 24-yard scoring strike from QB Colin Johnson to wide receiver Braylon Howard to make the score 8-7 following the PAT by Ayden Treadaway with 5:48 left in the opening stanza.

With on :50 seconds left in the first quarter, the Eagles would take the lead for good when they got a safety after pinning the Rams on their own one-yard line to make the score 9-8.

Dawson would get the ensuing kickoff at their own 29 and find the end zone once again, this time on a 35-yard run by Bryce Burgess to complete the 5-play, 71-yard drive with 11:09 remaining in the second quarter. The Eagles would maintain the 16-8 lead at intermission.

The weather continued to affect the two teams as Dawson managed to score once in the third as Kenneth Stroman scored on a 5-yard run with 2:45 left in the third to give the Eagles a 23-8 advantage.

Elsiek managed to make the game interesting as they went on a 63-yard scoring drive capped off by a 1-yard plunge by Gregory Harris at the 8:07 mark of the fourth period to close the gap to 23-16 following another successful two-point conversion.

Neither team could penetrate the goal line again as Dawson hung on for the 23-16 win.

Johnson was 8-of-10 passing for 58 yards and one score. Bryce Burgess had 23 carries for 152 yards and a score. Stroman 21 totes for 95 yards and a TD.

Howard had three catches for 24 yards and a score while Josh Gillis-Henry had three grabs for 23 yards.

Dawson will travel to Alvin to face the Yellowjackets in the final game of the regular season on Friday, Nov. 4 at 7:00 p.m. at Alvin Memorial Stadium.

Softball tourney set for Nov. 19

Blue Santa Softball Tournament is returning again this year and will be played Saturday, Nov. 19 at Schulz SportsPark at 2910 W. Parkwood in Friendswood.

Each year the Friendswood Police Department and Friendswood Police Officers Association partner with the Friendswood Parks and Recreation Department to host the Blue Santa Softball Tournament and Toy Drive.

The community is asked to get their teams together and register for a fun-filled day of competition softball and charity.

Adult Co-ed and Men's "D" Divisions are available. Cost is \$25, one new unwrapped toy per person or one new bicycle per team and a \$15 umpire fee per game.

Call 281-996-3228 to register by Nov. 15 with payment. For additional information, email mboyyett@friendswood.com.



DISTRICT 23-6A CHAMPIONS

The Pearlland Lady Oilers beat the Alief Hastings Lady Bears to close out the 2022 regular volleyball season with a perfect 12-0 mark and 33-12 overall. The Lady Oilers beat the Lady Bears 25-12, 25-10, 25-15 to capture the 23-6A crown. Pearlland will face Clear Falls in the first round of the Class 6A Region III bi-district round of the volleyball playoffs.



DAWSON ADVANCES TO VOLLEYBALL PLAYOFFS

The Dawson Lady Eagles closed out the 2022 volleyball season with a sparkling 29-13 overall record and 10-2 in district. The Lady Eagles advance to the 6A Region III post-season and will face the Brazoswood Lady Buccaneers in the bi-district round.



GREAT CATCH

Houston Texans wide receiver Brandin Cooks goes up high to catch a pass from quarterback Davis Mills for 26 yards vs the Tennessee Titans. Cooks finished the game with four catches for 73 yards. The Texans offense struggled to put together a sustained drive for most of the game and the visiting Titans held them off to take the win 17-10. It could be Cooks' final game as a Texan with trade rumors running rampant. The Texans stay home this week for a tough contest with the undefeated Philadelphia Eagles on Thursday night.

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CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID NO. 2022-22 2020 LIFT STATION MITIGATION PACKAGE 2 (LIFT STATIONS 5,13,24,25)

Sealed Competitive Bids shall be submitted via one (1) paper copy and one (1) electronic copy in pdf format on a flash drive or CD. Each copy must match identically and must include the ink signature of a person with the authority to bind the vendor into a contract. All submitted materials must be clearly marked with BID NO. 2022-22, and addressed to the City of Friendswood, Attn: City Secretary, and are to be received at Friendswood City Hall, City Secretary's Office, 910 S. Friendswood Dr., Friendswood, TX, 77546 before **2:00 P.M., Thursday, December 8, 2022.**

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

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

A bid guarantee in the form of a bidder's bond, certified check or a cashier's check made out to "City of Friendswood" in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the greatest amount bid must accompany each proposal. **BIDS THAT DO NOT HAVE THE ACCOMPANYING BID GUARANTEE WILL BE RETURNED TO THE BIDDER.**

For contracts in excess of \$50,000, performance, payment and maintenance bonds along with a bid guarantee are required by the City.

A **NON Mandatory Pre-Bid Virtual Meeting** is scheduled for **Thursday, November 17, 10:22, 2022** at **2:00 P.M.**, at <https://friendswood.com/2020LiftStationPackage2Pre-BidMeeting>.

For additional information, please contact Jildardo Arias, Director of Engineering at (281) 993-3411 or via email to engineering@friendswood.com.

/s/ Leticia Brysch, City Secretary
City of Friendswood

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NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL OUT-OF-DISTRICT MEETING PLACES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BRAZORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 21

To the residents and taxpayers of Brazoria County Municipal Utility District No. 21 (the "District"), and to all the persons interested in the meetings of the Board of Directors of such District:

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the District, at a meeting held October 17, 2022, established additional meeting places outside the boundaries of the District at the Savannah Fire Station, 1511 County Road 58, Rosharon, TX, 77583, Lakes of Savannah Recreation Center, 4330 Laurel Heights Drive, Rosharon, TX 77583, Sacred Heart Church, 6502 County road 58, Manvel, TX 77578, and West Pearland Library, 11801 Shadow Creek Parkway, Pearland, TX 77584.

Said meeting places are hereby declared to be public places and open to the public. All residents and taxpayers of the District and all other interested persons are hereby invited to attend any meetings of the Board of Directors at such locations and other locations previously established by the Board of Directors as meeting places of the District.

/s/ Kiesha Curtis
Secretary, Board of Directors

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NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL OUT-OF-DISTRICT MEETING PLACES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BRAZORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 22

To the residents and taxpayers of Brazoria County Municipal Utility District No. 22 (the "District"), and to all the persons interested in the meetings of the Board of Directors of such District:

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the District, at a meeting held October 25, 2022, established additional meeting places outside the boundaries of the District at Sacred Heart Church, 6502 County Road 48, Manvel, TX 77578, West Pearland Library, 11801 Shadow Creek Parkway, Pearland, TX, 77584, and Lakes of Savannah Clubhouse, 4330 Laurel Heights Drive, Rosharon, TX 77583.

Said meeting places are hereby declared to be a public places and open to the public. All residents and taxpayers of the District and all other interested persons are hereby invited to attend any meetings of the Board of Directors at such locations and other locations previously established by the Board of Directors as meeting places of the District.

/s/ Alfred Horace
Secretary, Board of Directors

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS 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, **November 21, 2022**, 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, **December 5, 2022**, at 6:30 p.m., at City Hall, 3519 Liberty Dr., Pearland, Texas 77581, for the following cases:

1. Zone Change Application No. ZONE22-21: A request by Jennifer Curtis, META Planning & Design LLC., applicant, on behalf of Michael Harrington, owner, for approval of a zone change from Planned Development (PD) to PD, replacing the old Promenade Shops Lifestyle Center PD with a new mixed-use PD, on approximately 93.443 acres of land, to wit:

Legal Description: Lot A, Block 1 of The Promenade Shops at The Spectrum, a subdivision of 93.443 acres of land in the City of Pearland, Texas, according to the Plat recorded in County Clerk's File No. 610201 in the Map Records of Harris County, Texas.

General Location: Southwest corner of State Highway 288 and Sam Houston Tollway.

2. Zone Change Application No. ZONE22-27: A request by GMS Connects LLC, applicant, on behalf of G & G Partners Development, owner, for approval of a zone change from Neighborhood Service (NS) District to General Business Retail (GB) District on approximately 9.6135 acres of land, to wit:

Legal Description: A tract or parcel of land containing 9.6135 acres of land, (418,766 square feet), being out of and a part of Lot 76, George W. Jenkin Subdivision of the lower one-fourth, (1/4), of the W.D.C. Hall Survey, Abstract No. 70, Brazoria County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 79, Page 616, of the Office of the County Clerk of Brazoria County, Texas, said 9.6135 acre tract of land being that certain tract of land as conveyed to Gary Martin Maynor and wife, Cecelia Maynor, by instrument recorded in document CF No. 2001045201 of the Office of the County Clerk of Brazoria County, Texas. **General Location:** 3205 Dixie Farm Road.

3. Zone Change Application No. ZONE22-28: A request by GMS Connects LLC, applicant, on behalf of Pham Tilly Trang, owner, for approval of a zone change from General Business Retail (GB) District to General Commercial (GC) District on approximately 4.5099 acres, to wit:

Legal Description: 4.5099 acres (196,450 square feet), situated in the H.T. & B.R.R. CO. Survey, Abstract No. 242, Brazoria County, Texas, being all of a tract of land conveyed unto Tilly Pham and Brian Nguyen by deed recorded under County Clerk's File No. 2003031795 of the Official Records of Brazoria County, Texas.

General Location: East of Old Chocolate Bayou Road, South of Broadway St.

4. Zone Change Application No. ZONE22-31: A request by Karim Pirani, applicant, on behalf of Fric Inc., owner, for approval of a zone change from General Business (GB) to Single-family Residential-4 (R-4) District on four (4) tracts of land totaling approximately 5.72 acres, to wit:

Legal Description: Reserves "A" & "B": Being Reserve "A", Block 1 and Reserve "B", Block 2 of the Westwood Village Subdivision, Section 1, a subdivision in the City of Pearland, Brazoria County, Texas, according to the Final Plat recorded in Volume 17, Page 135-136 in the Official Plat Records of Brazoria County, Texas. **Reserves "C" & "D":** Being Reserve "C", Block 4 and Reserve "D", Block 3 of the Westwood Village Subdivision, Section 5, a subdivision in the City of Pearland, Brazoria County, Texas, according to the Final Plat recorded in Volume 17, Page 343-344 in the Official Plat Records of Brazoria County, Texas. **General Location:** Northeast and Southeast Corners of McLean and Springfield Ave. & Northwest and Southwest Corners of Veterans Road and Springfield Ave.

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.

Mohamed A. Bireima, AICP
Senior Planner

In The Garden

by Karolyn Gephart

Garden Tasks to do in November

November in our area can be mild with a few days of cool sprinkled here and there. Time will tell but there are several tasks for gardeners to do this month no matter what the temperature.

Plant English peas or snap beans, turnips, radish, spinach and mustard greens this month. Last call is being made to plant parsley, lettuce, and beets.

Set out pansy and viola transplants. Plant dianthus, stock, candytuft, calendula, and alysium transplants now. These young plants are being offered now at various nurseries and big box stores.

Plant the following bulbs outside: alliums, amaryllis, crocus, daffodils, freesias, *Leucojum*, muscari, and rain lilies. Chill tulip bulbs for six to eight weeks. For indoor enjoyment, plant paper white narcissus, hyacinths, and crocus bulbs in pebbles or water. Enjoy them for the holidays. Amaryllis bulbs can be easily forced to bloom for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Forcing new amaryllis bulbs in late December, they will bloom for Valentine's Day.



As chrysanthemums and other perennials finish blooming, cut the flowering stalks to the ground to encourage all the strength to be used in root growth. Pinch off the tops of calendulas, delphiniums, snapdragons, and stock to promote bushy growth.

Now is an excellent time to plant trees. Transplanting during the winter months allows the root system of the plants to become established prior to spring growth and summer heat. Do not fertilize newly planted trees or shrubs. Fertilize instead next spring after the plants have put on new growth.

Prune oaks and other shade trees now through Jan. 31.

Prior to bringing houseplants inside for the winter, check them for signs of scale, mealy bugs, and spider mites.

Trees are losing leaves around us and some even have color changes but don't let them stay on your lawn. Keep leaves raked for a healthier lawn and to reduce fungal leaf spot problems of trees.

Enjoy the fall weather by participating in these gardeners tasks for this time of year.

Minions downtown win scarecrow contest

The Friends of Downtown Friendswood Association hosts the Downtown Scarecrow Contest.

To participate, scarecrow enthusiasts create an original, fun fall display which

incorporates a traditional or whimsical scarecrow and display their creation in the Downtown District of Friendswood for all to enjoy.

The contest is open to all businesses, individuals, families, and groups and on display Oct. 8 through Nov. 5. FDDFA encouraged all to vote for their favorite scarecrow through online voting.

Voting closed on Oct. 28.

The winner of the 2022 Downtown Scarecrow Contest, with a majority of the votes is the FDDFA Transportation Department. The scarecrows they designed were from the movie Minions.

FDDFA would like to thank everyone for their participation in this fun community event. Scarecrows will be on display through the end of the week.

FDDFA member Jennifer Whitley chaired the event this year.

For more information about this event or the organization, visit www.fdfa.org.



Human Trafficking Awareness, Prevention event to be held

The City of Friendswood is joining the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP) and the Houston Airport System (HAS) in addressing the impact of Human Trafficking. Spreading knowledge and awareness is a critical factor in the fight against this heinous crime.

The Ellington Area Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention event to combat Human Trafficking will take place Friday, Nov. 4 starting at 10:30 am at the Lone Star Flight Museum at 11551 Aerospace Avenue in Houston.

The event will run from 10:30 to 11 am with a panel discussion following from 11:30 to 12:30

pm. Moderator is Kerri Taylor, Executive Director of Unbound Now.

A barbecue sandwich lunch will be provided.

The event is free.

To get tickets, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ellington-area-human-trafficking-awareness-prevention-event>.

Free legal clinic for Veterans set for Nov. 7

Metroplex Veterans Legal Services is conducting a virtual Veteran's Exemption and Orders of Non-Disclosure Legal Clinic on Monday, Nov. 7 at 2:00 pm. This clinic is a partnership with the law firm of Sidley Austin LLP, and American Airlines.

This clinic also focuses on assisting all of the Harris, Brazoria and Montgomery County Veterans Court program graduates with the expunctions or orders of non-disclosure from their criminal case. This free legal program offers services to the graduates of the Harris, Brazoria and Montgomery County Veterans Court without restrictions on eligibility based on the Veterans current income.

An Exemption removes all records of an arrest and/or subsequent court case from the public record and the individual may legally deny or fail to acknowledge ever having been arrested for or charged with any crime which has been expunged. A record of an arrest without a conviction

is a barrier to employment. An order of nondisclosure is a legal remedy available to people who successfully complete deferred adjudication probation, in which a Texas court orders that your criminal history on a particular case be sealed from public view. A criminal history can be a barrier for housing.

Metroplex Veterans Legal Services offers single issue legal clinics to Veterans on a pro bono basis. Our legal clinics focus on removing the legal barriers to employment for Veterans, and assisting disabled Veterans to obtain military disability benefits.

Our legal clinics address three of these unmet legal needs, for child support modification, restoring driver's licenses, and legal assistance for warrants and fines.

The clinic will be held virtually on Nov. 7 at 2:00 pm.

Veterans must register on-line in advance of the clinic at <http://greaterhouston.veteranslegalservices.us>

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