

## More info to emerge on tax error

By N. BRADFORD  
Reporter News Staff

An outside review of a recent tax calculation error affecting the City of Pearland is expected to be available before the city begins its early budget planning in 2023.

City Council on Dec. 12 held a closed session regarding potential litigation as well as a planned audit associated with this fiscal year's tax calculations.

Contracting with an outside firm to audit the tax calculation process is part of the city's ongoing plan to deal with a more than \$10 million budget shortfall uncovered in

November. What is known thus far is data provided by the Harris County Appraisal District was incorrectly input on a tax rate calculation worksheet in Brazoria County and Pearland city staff used that worksheet to create the city's current budget and tax rate.

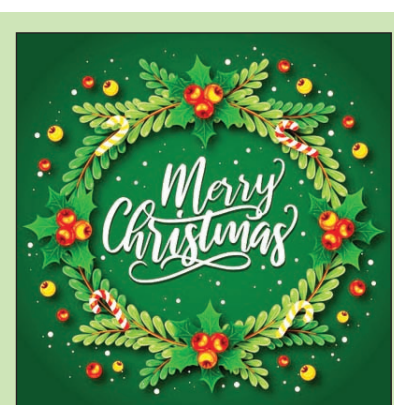
City Council on Dec. 12 gave its second and final approval to budget amendments designed to deal with the shortfall using savings, reallocating federal grant dollars and reducing transfers into ongoing savings funds created to finance vehicles and facilities.

The uncovering of the budget error occurred simultaneously as a city council

decision to terminate City Manager Clay Pearson, who had served in the role since 2014.

The scope of the audit will include answering questions such as which government organization is primarily responsible for accuracy of information on the tax calculation worksheet, what role city staff plays in finding those errors and what needs to happen with the tax worksheet to improve it.

"Whatever those recommendations are when they come forward, we look forward to working with them and improving the process," budget officer Eric Roche said.



### Around Town

Thursday, Dec. 22

#### ROTARY CLUB MEETING

Rotary Club of Pearland meets at 7:30 a.m. Thursdays at the Pearland Chamber, 6117 W. Broadway St. Call 832-293-9860 for information.

#### READING WITH A RANGER

Galveston Island State Park hosts Reading with a Ranger 2 to 2:30 p.m. at the park's observation tower. Blanket sand chairs are recommended. Cost is the \$5 adult entry, or free for children 12 and under. For information, call 409-737-1222 or email Taylor.galaviz@tpwd.texas.gov.

#### FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

The Hometown Festival of Lights will be illuminated and free to the public at Independence Park, 3449 Pearland Parkway, every evening until Christmas Eve. Sponsored by Second Baptist Church -Pearland Campus, the display will be lit from 6 to 9 p.m. each evening.

Friday, Dec. 23

#### KNAPP CENTER HOLIDAY HOURS

Melvin Knapp Activity Center, 2424 South Park Ave., is closed for the holidays, reopening on Tuesday, Dec. 27. Membership is open to those 50 and up for \$25 per year for city residents, or \$50 per year for non-residents. For information, call 281-652-1890.

#### CHRISTMAS WITH THE CLAWS

Galveston Island State Park hosts Christmas with the Claws educational program about crabs from 10 a.m. to noon at the park Nature Center. Cost is the \$5 adult entry, or free for children 12 and under. For information, call 409-737-1222 or email Taylor.galaviz@tpwd.texas.gov.

Saturday, Dec. 24

#### CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

First Baptist Church Pearland hosts Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5 p.m. and a Christmas Day service at 10:45 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 26

#### WILDLIFE REFUGE OPEN HOUSE

The Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge Discovery Center Open House will be held Dec. 26 through Jan. 1 from 11 am to 4 pm each day. Activities for all ages include holding snakes or alligators, dissecting an owl pellet, looking into the microscope, doing art and crafts, taking an auto tour and more. Use 2022 CR 227 Freeport for directions.

#### HOLIDAY HOURS

U.S. post office locations, local government offices and city facilities such as the library and recreation center will be closed due to the Christmas holiday falling on a Sunday this year, reopening on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

Wednesday, Dec. 28

#### NETWORKING BREAKFAST

Cereal Conversations, hosted by the Pearland Chamber of Commerce, is a series of business leader conversations and networking held over breakfast every fourth Wednesday at the Commerce Center, 6117 Broadway St. The 7:30 a.m. presentations are free, but sponsorships are available by emailing jim.johnson@pearlandchamber.org or calling 281-485-3634.

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### PHS KANTOREI CHOIR VISITS ESC

The Pearland High School Kantorei Choir visited the ESC on Monday, December 12. ESC employees gathered in the board room to enjoy some holiday cheer!

### Post offices to close Dec. 26, Jan. 2

U.S. Post Offices will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26, since Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year.

Post offices will also be closed in observance of New Year's Day on Monday, Jan. 2, 2023.

There will be no residential or business deliveries on Monday, Dec. 26, or on Monday, Jan. 2 - except for Priority Mail Express, which is delivered every day in select locations for an additional fee.

In Pearland, the post office at 3519 East Walnut St. has retail hours from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. The Silverlake location, 2700 Cullen Blvd., offers retail hours from 9 a.m.

to 5 p.m. weekdays only.

All post office locations will be open for business and regular mail delivery on Dec. 27 and on Jan. 3.

Blue collection boxes with final collection times before noon will not be affected on Christmas Eve.

However, if a box has a final collection time after noon, its mail may be picked up earlier on Christmas Eve.

Customers who are unable to mail items before the scheduled collection box pickup times Christmas Eve should visit [tools.usps.com](https://tools.usps.com) to find a location that may be open late. Blue collection boxes are not serviced on Sundays or holidays.



Pearland High School's National Honor Society were recognized by the Board of Trustees during a board meeting held on Nov. 8. The group was recognized for being named American Heart Association's (AHA) Rookie of the Year after raising \$10,000 during the American Heart Challenge.

## Pearland High School National Honor Society recognized by American Heart Association

Pearland High School's National Honor Society (NHS) was recently named American Heart Association's (AHA) Rookie of the Year after raising \$10,000 during the American Heart Challenge. The American Heart Challenge is a learning project in which participants are offered community service hours and scholarship opportunities through spreading the word about heart disease.

Last year, Pearland High School senior, Brady Beeson, shared his heart survivor story with fellow NHS members. Brady is currently living with half of a functioning heart and is an AHA Youth Heart Ambassador. Brady's testimonial encouraged his peers to spread the

word about heart health and heart disease to help other students just like him.

When the American Heart Challenge was offered at Pearland High School last year, NHS sponsor, Jennifer Kelly, and the team of officers, led the effort in sharing the basics of hands-only CPR and the dangers of vaping. NHS students also shared this information through social media and text messages throughout the community. Funds raised through this program were used to help AHA fund research grants and life-saving research.

In addition to the PHS NHS members being named Rookie of the Year, Brady was also recognized as a heart hero.

## PISD shifts to handle spike in special ed

By N. BRADFORD  
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A steep increase in students qualifying for special education led Pearland ISD trustees to add staff positions.

Trustees on their Dec. 13 regular board meeting approved the addition of positions at Pearland Junior High South and at C.J. Harris Elementary.

Since the beginning of the school year, more than 200 students have either enrolled in the district or has been identified as qualifying for specialized services, according to PISD documents that state, "this far exceeds what was projected."

A Dec. 5 meeting among administrators focused on the increase in special education students this year, Superintendent Larry Berger told the board.

"In that meeting there were a total of six positions that were asked for through special programs," he said. "Through a joint conversation we worked it down to two priority items."

Positions to be added include a behavior support intervention aide and a life skills aide at a cost of \$53,275.

"We are going to fund these positions through federal funds that come through special programs," Berger said.

The district is working on solutions regarding the other four positions needed.

"One of them we worked out a solution with a temporary employee position," he said. "Special programs is continually fluctuating as students get qualified or move on. We felt that we could wait and see on those."

Pearland ISD's Special Programs department provides education to children ages 3 through 21 with disabilities who live in the district.

## Alvin ISD appoints leadership roles

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Alvin ISD Trustees on Dec. 12 named former Pearland ISD educator Dr. Amanda Smith as the district's Director of Advanced Academics.

Currently serving as Alvin ISD's coordinator of Advanced Academics, Smith succeeds Patricia Hammer, who is retiring. Smith, who has also served as magnet program coordinator for AISD, spent eight years in Pearland ISD as a science teacher.

Also at the December board meeting, trustees named Alvin ISD Police Department Captain Chad Fontenot as the district's director of safety. He has 36 years of experience, including with Alvin city police, and has spent six years with Alviu ISD.

"The state has put a lot of requirements on ISDs now; there are a lot of mandates happening,"

Superintendent Carol Nelson said. "(The director of safety position) will work with campuses, training of staff and how to make our schools even more safe, continually working in collaboration with PD and the district."

Alvin ISD campuses in the Pearland include Shadow Creek High, Nolan Ryan and McNair junior highs and Brothers, Wilder, Marek, Mason and York elementary schools.



# 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](http://p2c.pearlandtx.gov/Summary.aspx).

**Thursday, Dec. 15**  
A misdemeanor assault was reported just after midnight in the 2900 block of Burgess Hill Court.

Disorderly conduct was reported at 12:39 a.m., 1900 block of Kingsley Drive.

A crash was reported at 3:14 a.m., 2600 block of Jasper Road.

A man was arrested at 5 a.m. for possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone, 2555 Cullen Parkway.

A warrant was served at 7:34 a.m., 1800 block of Kingsley Drive.

A crash was reported at 7:40 a.m., 2800 block of Barrow Creek Lane.

A crash was reported at 9 a.m., 2400 block of Broadway St.

A death investigation was conducted in the 3700 block of Bluebird Way.

Warrants were served at 8:500 Hughes Road, 2500 Pearland Parkway, 1800 block of Business Center Drive, 500 block of Walker St., 12100 block of Dickinson Road.

Property was found at 1:15 p.m., 11000 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

A shoplifting arrest was made at 2:30 p.m., 1700 block of Broadway St.

Fighting was reported at 2:40 p.m., 1800 block of Cullen Parkway.

Disorderly conduct was reported at 2:46 p.m., 9400 block of Hughes Ranch Rd.

A death investigation was conducted at 5:44 p.m., 16100 block of South Fwy.

A building burglary was reported at 6 p.m., 2800 block of OakHeath Crest Court.

A shoplifting arrest was

made at 6:24 p.m., 2805 Business Center Drive.

A shoplifter was arrested at 9:19 p.m., 1151 Shadow Creek Parkway.

**Friday, Dec. 16**  
Warrant arrests were made just after midnight Friday at 12130 Dickinson Road, 6300 block of Orange St.

An arrest for no driver's license was made at 4 a.m., 12700 block of SH 288.

A death investigation was conducted at 4:45 a.m., 12600 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

An assault was reported just before 7 a.m., 1900 block of Honey Meadow Lane.

Warrants were served at 2527 Main St., 2200 block of Country Place Parkway, 11200 block of Broadway St., 10900 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

Crashes were reported at 1100 block of Main St., 12700 block of Shadow Creek Parkway, 8300 block of Freedom Drive, 16600 block of South Freeway N., 2100 block of Broadway, 3200 block of Broadway, 9700 block of Broadway.

An assault was reported at 4:55 p.m., 2200 block of Business Center Drive.

Car burglaries were reported at 6:16 p.m., 2000 block of Main St.

An arrest for assault by physical contact-family violence was made at 6:49 p.m., 2200 Business Center Drive.

A man arrested at 7:50 p.m. at 1919 Main St. is charged with evading arrest.

A DWI arrest was made at 8:23 p.m., 1850 Mykawa Rd

A DWI arrest was made at 11:38 p.m., 3200 block of McLean Road.

**Saturday, Dec. 17**  
Two people were arrested for assault during a 2 a.m. disturbance at 3500 block of Whitestone Drive.

A DWI arrest was made just before 3 a.m., 14800 block of South Freeway.

An arrest for theft was made around noon at 12800 block of Broadway St.

An arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia was made at noon, 3100 Main.

A vehicle was reported stolen at 1 p.m., 2700 block of Yost Blvd.

A vehicle was reported stolen at 2 p.m., 3200 block of Randall Drive.

Crashes were reported at 10900 block of Shadow Creek Parkway, 7100 block of Magnolia Parkway, 12100 block of Shadow Creek Parkway, 2800 block of Business Center Drive, 2700 block of Smith Ranch Road, 2300 block of Mykawa Road.

**Sunday, Dec. 18**  
A shoplifting arrest was made at 1:30 p.m., 1028 Main St.

Crashes were reported at 14900 block of Highway 288 South, 16300 block of South Freeway, 2900 block of Broadway St.

A shoplifting arrest was made at 2:30 p.m., 2805 Business Center Drive.

A shoplifting arrest was made at 3:15 p.m., 1919 Main St.

An assault was reported at 6:38 p.m., 1900 block of Sleepy Hollow Drive.

Two people were arrested after 9 p.m. and charged with assault after a disturbance in the 3100 block of Seneca Landing Lane.

**Monday, Dec. 19**  
A woman arrested just after midnight in the 3600 block of Granite Trace Lane is charged with tampering with evidence.

A warrant arrest was made at midnight, 1900 block of Mykawa.

Vehicle thefts were reported before 6 a.m. in the 1800 block of Country Place Parkway and 9000 block of Broadway.

Stolen vehicles were recovered at 11:48 a.m., 12900 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

# FRIENDSWOOD POLICE REPORT

DECEMBER 12 thru DECEMBER 18

## BURGLARY

Dec. 16 (9:21 a.m.) A vehicle burglary was reported at Friendswood Lake Park located at 2533 Davis Prairie Lane. A rear passenger window was broken, and the victim's purse was stolen. Soon after the burglary, the suspect used the victim's credit cards at the Target store on W. Bay Area Blvd.

Dec. 16 (11:10 p.m.) Two vehicles were burglarized in the parking lot of the Senior Activity Center located at 416 Morningside Dr. Windows were shattered on both vehicles. Nothing was stolen from one vehicle, but the other vehicle contained six Christmas presents in gift bags. They were all stolen.

Dec. 17 (2:49 a.m.) Officers were dispatched to a vehicle burglary in the 200 block of Ron Circle. The victim called police to report that someone smashed a window on their truck. Nothing was stolen. A suspect vehicle was identified from surveillance video as a Nissan Sentra.

Dec. 17 (6:02 a.m.) A vehicle burglary was reported in the 1200 block of White Wing Circle. The incident occurred over night. A work truck's rear driver's side window was shattered, and the interior of the vehicle was rummaged through. Power tools were stolen.

## NARCOTICS

Dec. 15 (10:45 p.m.) A 25-year-old Houston man was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was stopped for speeding in the 900 block of W. Parkwood Ave. During the stop, the officer discovered that the suspect had an outstanding Webster warrant. He was taken into custody and an

## Dr. Karen Engle officially named CCISD Superintendent

Dr. Karen Engle was officially named to the Superintendent of Schools position for the Clear Creek

inventory of his vehicle was completed prior to the vehicle being towed. During the inventory, the officer found marijuana inside the vehicle.

## DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

Dec. 16 (7:20 a.m.) A 38-year-old League City man was charged with Driving While Intoxicated in the 3900 block of W. Bay Area Blvd. A witness reported an intoxicated driver. An officer located the suspect vehicle and found the driver asleep at the wheel. He exhibited signs of intoxication and failed a field sobriety test.

Dec. 17 (9:00 p.m.) A 64-year-old Friendswood man was charged with Driving While Intoxicated in the 700 block of W. Parkwood Ave. An officer responded to the HEB parking lot for a report of an intoxicated driver. The suspect vehicle was located as the vehicle came to a stop. The suspect was identified as the driver. He exhibited signs of intoxication, to include the smell of alcohol on his person. He failed a field sobriety test.

Dec. 18 (2:26 a.m.) A 32-year-old Pearland man was charged with Driving While Intoxicated in the 200 block of N. Sunset Drive. The driver was stopped for speeding and a defective brake light. During the contact, he exhibited signs of intoxication and failed a field sobriety test.

## FRAUD

Dec. 13 (1:18 p.m.) A Friendswood man is the victim of identity theft. He received mailings from several banks about new accounts. The accounts were opened without his permis-

sion using his personal identifying information.

Dec. 15 (12:40 p.m.) A Friendswood woman's debit card number was fraudulently used to place an online order with Michael's. The order was cancelled, and the debit card was cancelled. The online order was supposed to be delivered to an address in Houston.

## TRAFFIC

Dec. 15 (3:40 p.m.) A 23-year-old Houston man was charged with Unauthorized Use of a Temporary Tag and No Driver's License. He was stopped on Dec. 4 for Unauthorized Use of a Temporary Tag. The tag was confiscated. The driver was observed driving in the 4000 block of Friendswood Link Road with another temporary tag. During the stop, the man admitted to purchasing the tag off the Internet. He was taken into custody.

## OTHER INCIDENTS

Dec. 15 (2:28 p.m.) A 16-year-old Friendswood High School student was found in possession of a dab pen containing THC. She will receive a summons to appear in court on the charges of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Dec. 15 (11:09 p.m.) A Friendswood woman reports having an online relationship with a man she met on the social media site Tumblr. During their relationship, the victim shared sexually explicit pictures with a man she has never met in person. They have now had a relationship break up and she has discovered that the man is posting the photographs of her intimate parts online without her consent.

Independent School District at the Dec. 12 Board of Trustees meeting.

The Board unanimously voted her to the position after naming her as the lone finalist at the November regular meeting. By law, the name of the lone finalist must be public for a minimum of 21 days before a hire is official.

Dr. Engle is a product of the District, having attended Clear Lake City Elementary, Webster Intermediate and graduated from Clear Lake High School. Her children have also graduated from CCISD, and she now has a grandchild attending school in the District. Her long list of professional accomplish-

ments includes elementary principal, high school principal and assistant superintendent of secondary education for CCISD.

"The talented artist we saw here tonight made me think of a Vincent Van Gogh quote about dreaming, 'For my part I know nothing with certainty, but the sight of the stars makes me dream,'" said Dr. Engle. "For me, the CCISD star represents the shining light of hope of education that our District has been for me personally and for thousands of students over the decades. I am excited to look ahead at what is possible for the next generation of Clear Creek ISD graduates."

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

The Original Mobile Game

- Across**
- Emergency supply
  - "By \_\_\_!"
  - Bound
  - Agreeing (with)
  - "A God in Ruins" novelist
  - Crown
  - Casino activity
  - \_\_\_ mortals
  - All the rage
  - Aggravate
  - Deposits
  - Goes after
  - Car from "Thelma & Louise"
  - Forgetful type
  - Broadway opening
  - Western blue flag, e.g.
  - "\_\_\_ bad!"
  - Bank offerings
  - Aqua \_\_\_
  - Puts in stitches
  - Nova, e.g.
  - Pie perch
  - "\_\_\_, old chap"
  - Breakfast favorite
  - Fencing equipment
  - Cage component
  - "A Delicate Balance" playwright
  - "... there is no \_\_\_ angel but Love": Shakespeare
  - "Not \_\_\_ bet!"
  - Farm soil
  - Leading
  - \_\_\_ bag
  - Arab League member

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- Bone-chilling
- Black cat, maybe
- In good health
- Derby prize
- Down**
- Princess in Woolf's "Orlando"
- Character
- Genealogy
- A, in Acapulco
- Kind of unit
- Code expert
- Face-to-face exam
- Big shot
- Cousin of -trix
- Hedy of Old Hollywood
- Empty calendar squares
- Benefit
- Donald and Ivana, e.g.
- Pepsi, e.g.
- Apron tops
- "No returns"
- Prefix with byte
- Cheese on crackers
- Deed
- "Field of Dreams" setting
- Like a busybody
- Afflicts
- Gator's cousin
- Economic stimulus provision
- Sensation, slangily
- Misfortunes
- Communicate silently
- "Peter Pan" pirate
- Cave dwellers
- Godlike
- "\_\_\_ Brockovich"
- Elder or Trevino, e.g.
- Yokels
- "Tomorrow" musical
- Hotel posting
- A chorus line
- Come into view
- And others, for short
- "\_\_\_ Baby Baby" (Linda Ronstadt hit)
- Emma player in "The Avengers"
- \_\_\_ Speedwagon

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# LETTERS TO SANTA

From Pearland ISD Carlestone Elementary 1st Grade Students



Dear Santa,  
My name is Rodrigo. I am 7 years old. I have been good this year. I would like some cool pencils and some stickers and rainbow slime.  
From, Rodrigo  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Lydiana. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. I would like a elowel haws and a pupe and toys for mi bruther.  
From, Lydiana  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Keira. I am 6 years old. I have been good. I would like a baerdi and a LOL and a real puppy in a box and a junastic baerdbi dol and a baerdbi shurt.  
From, Keira  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
My names is Christopher. I am 7 years old. I have been good this year. I would like Porteria be fwbol, los wantes be fubol, la camiseta be cristiano.  
From, Christopher  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Matthew. I am 7 years old. I have been good this year. I would like a Hare Potr Lego set.  
From, Matthew  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Thomas. I am 7 years old. I have been good this year. I would like lagows and a new toucan that I can griv.  
From, Thomas  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Vanya. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. I would like \$15,000,000 and Squish Melows and a phone and Barbie Pet Shop and walet.  
From, Vanya  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Santiago. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. I would like a fun buni moni.  
From, Santiago  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
I bin gud this yer. Cin I plez git a fon and erfox and a hu Bic an Cpidr and a rckr and a huvbord.  
From, Aaric  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Isabella. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. I would like Toy Book Ifons, table tebir, macrfon tamr.  
From, Isabella  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Aylin. I am 7 years old. I have been good this year. I would like Buts a Kulirpesos.  
From, Aylin  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
I wut this year a Soctlo and I wut a toy wot foyn and the wes is on you. I love Santa.  
From, Peyton  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jaelyn. I am six years old. I have been good this year. I would like a Phone and a Parot and a miny mouse toy.  
From, Jaelyn  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Charlie-Rose. I am 7 years old. I have been good this year. I would like the Robot horse and the sockr baerbi and a gine pig and a new Iphone and bring the elf in the shelf to come flix rlax for Crismis.  
From, Charlie-Rose  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Haley. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. I would like wadrbooll Big Pelow.  
From, Haley  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Leandro. I am six years old. I have been good this year. I would like a dog.  
From, Leandro  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Eloise. I am 7 years old. I have been good this year. I would like a Lego set, littel toy unicorns.  
From, Eloise  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Miriam. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. I would like Airpods and a iphone 14 and a elf and a purse.  
From, Miriam  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Elizabeth. I am seven years old. I have been good this year. I would like foy rengs and foy litto beak beax.  
From, Elizabeth  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Reese. I am 7 years old. I have been good this year. I would like a Barbi home and I wold have a Lego set and a dol.  
From, Reese  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Zoe. I am 7 years old. I have been good this year becoz I go to shol. I wehs a esas cosas de eso de los que she be real.  
From, Zoe  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Amaya. I am 6 years old. I would som box. I would like a toy and a dey-sechhad a toyavyou and a Oexo ad tablet and I wot a bzes eyou.  
From, Amaya  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Rex. I am 7 years old. I have been good this year. I would like Zvr ahda havr and Frad Robot.  
From, Rex  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Marcos. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. I wold like Manstr ac dainosors.  
From, Marcos  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Marily. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. I woold like Bacpaks.  
From, Marily  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Cesar. I am 7 years old. I have been good this year. I would like PS5, PS5 blue case, headphones with mic, Nintendo, dirt bike and gel blasters and pc and color pencils.  
From, Cesar  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Keily. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. I would like a Legibox Poolrelo rooki and foxsi and boxsi and a pen apad.  
From, Keily  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Alma. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year and I would like a canebe.  
From, Alma  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Sofia. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. I would like a Vaende wit magap. Oso wit Sllare. I wid love it.  
From, Sofia  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Monse. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. I would like a Barbi. I would like a Lacibox ploshi. I would like a coneio. I would like a iPad and a appol pen.  
From, Monse.  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jireh. I am been good this year. I would like a gud Crizmz and a Stkr Popit. I em ged.  
From, Jireh  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Zach. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year.

I would like a Ps5 sife oll the gameds.  
From, Zach  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Luis. I am 7 years old. I have been good this year. I wold like cracolor.  
From, Luis  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Valerie. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. I would like Lito Pisu Pak pc nopk.  
From, Valeria  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
My name in Anaya. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. I would like a spring gose up.  
From, Anaya  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jaylin. I am 7 years old. I have been good this year. I would like a mini backpack.  
From, Jaylin  
Ms. Delcid's class

Dear Santa,  
I want a BarBie House. I want sum jure. I want a BarBie dol.  
From, Journee  
Ms. Sanderson's class

Dear Santa,  
I want an Xbox.  
From, Logan  
Ms. Sanderson's class

Dear Santa,  
Please giveme a Xbox wif a control that I can download a game.  
From, Oliver  
Ms. Sanderson's class

Dear Santa,  
I want a Plushered for Kres.  
From, Shepard  
Ms. Sanderson's class

Dear Santa,  
I wuta Ponla. I wut a Rbohul doll. I wut nafos.  
From, Christian  
Ms. Sanderson's class

Dear Santa,  
I want a Bunne for Cismis Santa and I want a Playcayd but you can give it.  
From, Zoe  
Ms. Sanderson's class

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a greate Crismuse.  
From, Sophia  
Ms. Sanderson's class

Dear Santa,  
I want a intendo swch and can you give my mom a shaved ice machine and can you please give my dad a iPhone 14.  
Love, Lincan  
Ms. Loya's class

Dear Santa,  
Toy Kitchen, LOL dolls, LOL dolls home.  
From, Amaya  
Ms. Sanderson's class

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy siren.  
From, Micah  
Ms. Sanderson's class

Dear Santa,  
I want an iPad, phone, xbox, dog.  
From, Breyson  
Ms. Sanderson's class

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy arpano.  
From, Harrison  
Ms. Sanderson's class

Dear Santa,  
Can I have a Red Ridr BeeBee gun.  
Love, Joshua  
Ms. Sanderson's class

Dear Santa,  
I want a EDS and a DS and Mario vs. Sonic.  
From, William  
Ms. Sanderson's class

Dear Santa,  
I wot a new toy.  
From, Ayesha  
Ms. Sanderson's class

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy bell and a catanda dog and a doll Mickey Mouse toy.  
From, Erica  
Ms. Sanderson's class

Dear Santa,  
I want a Sonic toy please and a Intendo.  
Love, Nathan  
Ms. Loya's class

Dear Santa,  
Can I have a LOL Dolls and a LOL van and a LOL hais and a Barbe Ken.  
Love, Samantha  
Ms. Loya's class

Dear Santa,  
I want a Pop it Pro, Drone, Shave ice machine, trumpet, cotton candy maker, fidget.  
Love, Leonard  
Ms. Loya's class

Dear Santa,  
Mare Cremes Santa. I love you  
From, Lucas  
Ms. Loya's class

Dear Santa,  
I want a Cotton Candy maker, toy mushe, popit, Intendo,  
Love, DJ  
Ms. Loya's class

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy car, drone, cotton candy maker, fidget, iPhone 14.  
Love, Jorayn

Dear Santa,  
I want a iPhone 14.  
Love your friend, Kieb  
Ms. Loya's class

Dear Santa,  
Can I have a dog please??  
Love, Ray  
Ms. Loya's class

Dear Santa,  
VR 3TV, 2 PS4, snugcucey, 10 donut macr, iPhone 14.  
Love, Cam  
Ms. Loya's class

Dear Santa,  
Can I have Fatve Bookall, fidge- et, T-shrch, Ipod, key chain for my bike, ten books.  
Love, Joe  
Ms. Loya's class

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie home and a rainbow guitar.  
Love, Autumn  
Ms. Loya's class

Dear Santa,  
I want an intendo. I want an popit. I want an Elfe. I want an cotton candy. I want an trum- pet. I want a fidget.  
Love, Alex  
Ms. Loya's class

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a brand new iPad and a TV in my room and I want a iPhone 14. I want a computer and a Apple wach and makeup and Gucci shoes to and nail polish. Thank you.  
From, Laelani  
Ms. Buch's class

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like pupmas cem24.  
From, Miller  
Ms. Buch's class

Dear Santa,  
Barbe geep, Crybaby, iphone, real life unicorn, horsis, Cinderella kostum.  
From, Aliya  
Ms. Buch's class

Dear Santa,  
I want a flawr blakit.  
From, Mia  
Ms. Buch's class

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I wold like a Baby Ya.  
From, Matthew  
Ms. Buch's class

Dear Santa,  
For Christmads I want a train.  
From, Anthony  
Ms. Buch's class

Dear Santa,  
I want a clau for Christmas I would likea phone.  
From, Lavih  
Ms. Buch's class

Dear Santa,  
I want a electric scooter.  
From, Derek  
Ms. Buch's class

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a PS5, I would like a phone and PC and I want a Nintendo.  
From, Dyllon  
Ms. Buch's class

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a computer and Dream House.  
From, Rae  
Ms. Buch's class

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a PS5 and a dog.  
From, Carter  
Ms. Buch's class

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a Howez ltdsu.  
From, Ayden  
Ms. Buch's class

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a Xbox, Brbe, LOL, iPad, bull doll.  
From, McKenzie  
Ms. Buch's class

Dear Santa,  
How are Mrs. Claus? I wold like a doll for Christmas please.  
From, Danya  
Mrs. Piña's class

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. How are your reindeer? I want a Pokeymon.  
From, Luke  
Mrs. Piña's class

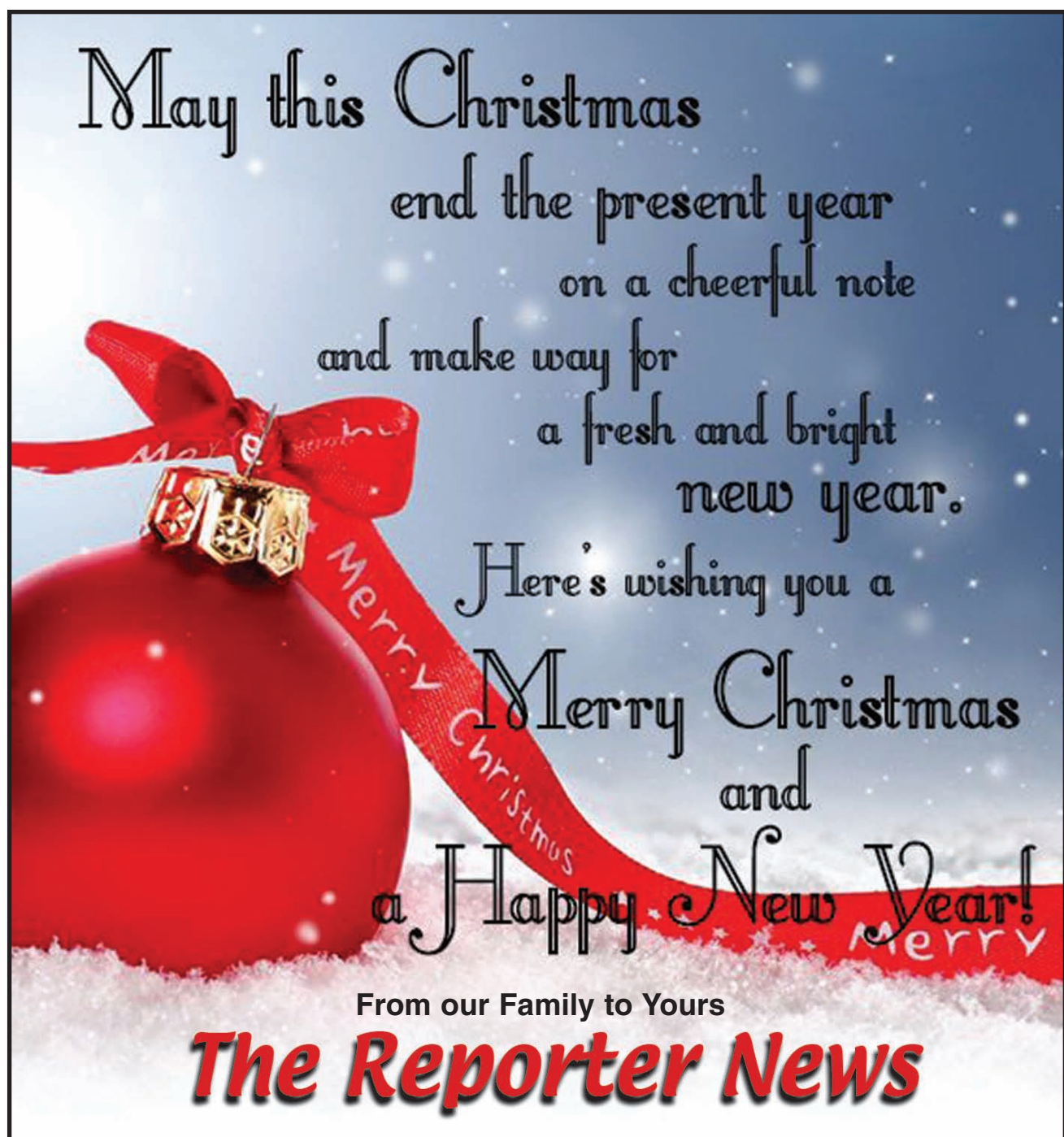
Dear Santa,  
Buddy, real dog, ring, pig, turtle, dog, cat, slide, swing.  
From, Esmee  
Mrs. Piña's class

Dear Santa,  
I want a fown.  
From, Kai  
Mrs. Piña's class

Dear Santa,  
Mare Christmas! I wud like a intendo, and a Lakey boxc and a LOL doll house and a afmae bakpak and a memeou.  
From, Stuckey  
Mrs. Piña's class

Dear Santa,  
How are you and your elves? I have bin a gud boy. I wont a tendo sich casu. Happy Christmas Santa!  
From, Christian  
Mrs. Piña's class

Dear Santa,  
How aer yo reindeer doweg? I have been a good boy. Can I see yo frandes. Please can I? Happy Christmas Santa.  
From, Ariel  
Mrs. Piña's class







# FAITH MATTERS

...because everyone believes in something!

By Rev. Dr. Brian Gige

## I'M DREAMING OF A W-I-D-E CHRISTMAS

*"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."*

John 1:14

Christmas is knocking on the door. Hear it? Some are quick to answer. Some are slower getting out of the chair and others are trying to sneak out the back door to avoid whatever feelings come attached to the words... "Merry Christmas" or "Happy Holy-days!" Born in Ohio ... I spent my first 20 Christmases in snow... meaning almost 40 Christmases now in Texas... so... when I write 'I'm dreaming of a W-I-D-E Christmas...' it's no typo! Yes... another Christmas looms.... What will it be like? Better than all the rest? Not sure? Not wanting even to stop to smell the was-sail? Remember... Christmas comes all by itself... without our coaxing... or our permission... with good cause... and is why I'm wanting a W-I-D-E one...as that's what Christmas is... **W-I-D-E**...

**W-onder**... start there... "Wonder" not as in 'I wonder what I'll get for Christmas' but 'wonder' as in the reality of God's fullness and how when giving the creation a bold free will... we always choose ourselves over God. We WONDER why things in life get all messed up. We don't have to wonder long. We can't blame God for the mess... only that in Christ Jesus we have in us the power to live in peace... The real wonder comes when we realize that God will not allow us to be consumed by our own selfishness and that in a self-less act comes to us (*Emmanuel = God with us!*) in Jesus... our eternal wonder... whose life, death, resurrection and ascension provides us with a model of the godly life... each and every day...

**I-nclusion**... which sums up the eternal notion Christmas is not just for Christians... as Jesus' coming into the world wasn't designed for a handful of people... God sent his only son into the world... out of love... the world... as in 'cosmos...' ... everything out there... at least according to the Bible. So, the second reason that Christmas is a W-I-D-E

deal is that Jesus is for everyone... not just a sinner like me... and just in case you are a bit uncomfortable with the term... "inclusion" ... replace it carefully with the word 'welcoming!'

**D-elivering**... Having conversations about Jesus and Christmas... words of delivering packages from Amazon, UPS or FedEx is not where the conversation goes! Rather... I try to get to the bottom line... as in if you are going to believe in God or a higher power or some kind of energy beyond the stars and certainly bigger than any one of us or all of us combined... I point out that you will want to place all your faith and trust in a God who can deliver the goods... as in save me and everyone else from sin, death and the power of evil... and... Jesus does that... and searching like a wise man to find someone better...I haven't... and now I have no need to seek another...

**E-verywhere**... I don't need to look very far to see and experience Christmas! I get the wonder each day and am awed by God's power and presence in my life and in so many others... God's work is eternal... God's grace prevails... it is all around us and in us... And although Christmas gets celebrated on December 25th each year and attached are 12 days to ramp up the joy... I get a taste of Christmas on Festival days and on some other plain old days throughout the year... for a W-I-D-E Christmas is never a date on the calendar... rather, it is an attitude of the heart... Martin Luther once said, "The Bible is the manger in which Christ lays!" Get it? There's a W-I-D-E Christmas for all of us... just open your Bible and you will find the gift that never breaks and will last you all your life! Faith matters... and a happy and W-I-D-E Christmas to you all...

*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](mailto:godworks247365@gmail.com).*



New 2022 KFB chair Patty Steinke works with children on a Fall Workshop for Kids in Stevenson Park in November.

## KFB had busy, productive 2022

By KAROLYN GEPHART  
Reporter News Staff

Keep Friendswood Beautiful members have been very busy this year with projects, education, cleanups and improving the environment for Friendswood. As the end of the year approaches, KFB looks back on the 2022 activities.

They welcomed their new KFB chair, Patty Steinke, retired college educator and longtime board member of KFB and the Community Appearance Board.

KFB, the Pollinator garden volunteers, student volunteers and Wanda Murphy logged in over 3,000 hours this year. The volunteers have cumulatively provided a monetary value of their services totaling \$81,600 for their volunteer time per the Independent Sector.

KFB gave away 100 Trees at the 2022 KFB's Annual Tree Giveaway last January.

The group recognized three businesses for the KFB Business Beautification Awards. The businesses are Park Avenue Yarns, Parkwood Professional Building and West Ranch HOA.

Their Pollinator Garden and Fairy Trail in Stevenson Park were recognized by Houston Galveston Area Council Parks and Natural Areas Award

KFB coordinator, Kimberly Ramirez of Friendswood Parks and Recreation Department was invited by Keep Texas Beautiful to judge the Governor's Community Achievement Awards (GCAA) in Austin.

KFB held City Wide Cleanups with Spring Sparkle and Fall Haul. Both events brought in 142.41 tons of trash, 5,242 lbs. of electronics, 13,800 lbs. of shredding, 941 cars drove thru the event, and the garage sales brought in \$2,112.30.

KFB was invited to participate in Kendra Scott's Give Back and collected \$190.70 from sales at the Baybrook Mall store.

The group dedicated a new butterfly bench in Stevenson Park to Natasha McAdoo, former chair of KFB.

The members had several educational presentations at Mary Queen Catholic Church's Earth Day event, Chara Dance Academy Back to School event, and at Friendswood Heritage Gardeners.

The group dedicated a new fairy, Joy, the Wranglerettes Fairy to the trail and, in return, the Wranglerettes dedicated a new bench in Stevenson Park.

KFB was awarded Gold Star Status by Keep Texas Beautiful, a designation granted to 70 affiliates of KTB's nearly 300 affiliates. Gold Star recognition is the membership recognition highest status any community affiliate can achieve.

KFB planted Texas Maroon Bluebonnets purchased from Texas A & M in their garden this year and the bluebonnets bloomed. The pollinator garden in Stevenson Park is totally maintained by KFB volunteers. They work year-round keeping the garden looking beautiful and inviting pollinators, bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and much more to Stevenson Park

Their photo contest had 172 entries and prizes were donated by HomeTown Bank, JJ's Car Wash, Birraportti's and Powerfit.

KFB members attended the Keep Texas Beautiful Conference in Austin

The group won first place for their 4th of July parade entry.

They sponsored a Movie in the Park featuring Encanto with the parents of Hollywood actress, Stephanie Beatriz, (lead actor in movie) attending.

They held three Adopt a Highway Cleanups along FM 518.

Members provided a free educational class, Fall Leaves, where children learned why leaves change color and fall off plants and provided an art project where they painted leaves. These were held in Stevenson Park.

KFB has begun teaming up with Friendswood Great Outdoors in assisting clean up activities in Bay Area Park.

KFB awarded Quakers Landing with a \$2,000 Matching Grant for their beautification project at their neighborhoods entrance.

They supported the conceptual plan for improvements to the Stevenson Park parking lot.

The Fairy Trail map was nationally recognized by the City-County Communications and Marketing Association or 3CMA. They are the nation's premiere network of local government communicators. The map was created by KFB, staff and brought to life by City staff member Katy Blanchard.

KFB assisted staff in writing 1,000 letters to Santa.

With the help of Parks and Recreation staff, KFB provided the popular Christmas Fairy Hunt and they have gone through almost 1,250 maps at this time.

Finally, KFB volunteered at one of the biggest city events of the year, Santa in the Park. where over 8,000 people attended.

The KFB members provide services through dedication to make Friendswood a better place to live.

## In The Garden by Karolyn Gephart

### December To Do List in the Garden

It is December and gardeners have a to do list for this month. Check out if any of the following items pertain to you and your garden.

Late December through early February is usually the best time to prune woody plants.

Houseplant potting soils can dry out more quickly in the winter than during the summer with home heating systems. Check soil moisture level more often and water accordingly. Reduce the fertilization of indoor plants from now to mid-March.

Keep indoor poinsettias in bright light and cool temperatures. Poinsettias may cause moderate to severe gastrointestinal disturbances when ingested in sufficient quantity. Be sure to keep poinsettias out of reach of small children and pets.

Plant snapdragons, dianthus, delphiniums, pansies, primroses, and ornamental cabbage.

Snip holly with berries as well as boxwood, cedar, pine, juniper, and magnolia leaves for holiday decorations.

Tulip bulbs which have received the necessary chilled treatment should be planted in late

December or by the first week in January. Tulip bulbs must be planted immediately upon removal from cold storage.

Experimental evidence indicates that exposing bulbs to 10 to 14 days of room temperature (72 degrees F) after removing from cold storage erases the benefits of cold storage.

Make sure plants are well-watered before a freeze. Use mulch, newspaper, or cloth for covering tender plants.

Move azaleas and camellias if

necessary.

Sow seeds for larkspur and Drummond's phlox. Sow seeds for sweet peas during the first half of this month.

Inspect holly, camellias, citrus, and other plants for scale insects. Apply dormant oil now or in January.

Chickweed and oxalis are making a cool-season comeback. Weed and mulch.

Plant bulb onion sets. Sow seeds for English, snow, and sugar snap peas. Start tomatoes and peppers indoors from seed.



Photo by Lloyd Hendricks

Houston Texans QB Davis Mills throws a pass vs the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday. Mills had a promising game through regulation time, with two touchdown passes and a rushing touchdown. The Texans took the 11-3 AFC West Champion Kansas City to overtime and forced the Chiefs to punt in the first series. Unfortunately, a Mills fumble on the first offensive play of overtime for the Texans will overshadow what was a good game to that point for the Texans' second-year QB. The Chiefs needed just one more play to get a 26-yard scoring run and take the game 30-24. The Texans have just one final home game remaining vs the Jaguars on New Year's Day at noon.



# SPORTS

## AREA GIRLS BASKETBALL REPORT

### PEARLAND 59 - ALIEF HASTINGS 36

The No. 2 state-ranked Pearland Lady Oilers continued their winning ways with a solid 59-36 district win over the Alief Hastings Lady Bears. Pearland improved to 17-1 overall and 1-0 in league play.

The Lady Oilers jumped on Hastings at the very outset to immediately get control of the district contest. Pearland outscored the visitors 23-5 in the first quarter and continued to build on the established momentum with a 13-7 second period for a 36-12 lead at intermission.

Pearland head coach Jere Adams made sure they maintained control in the second half as both teams score seven points in the third while Hastings managed to take the final period 17-16 leaving Pearland with a lopsided 59-36 win.

Senior Rylee Grays paced the Lady Oilers on offense with 20 points while junior Nyah Hardy tossed in 16.

Grays grabbed 10 rebounds, four steals, and two blocks while senior Paige Bonner had five boards, two assists, and three steals.

Pearland hit 12-of-20 free throws and 3-of-8 from 3-point range.

### DAWSON 72 - ALIEF ELSIK 37

The Dawson Lady Eagles improved to 12-8 overall and 2-0 in District 23-6A competition with a 72-37 win over the Alief Elsie Rams.

The outcome of the game was never in doubt as the Lady Eagles took control from the beginning.



Dawson was led on offense by freshman Kendall Ford (7 rebounds, 3 assists, 4 steals) and senior Ziara James (6 rebounds, 1 block) who both scored a game-high 16 points while senior Miracle Gibson (5 rebounds) added 14 with 4-of-7 from the 3-point arc.

The Lady Eagles hit 11-of-19 free throws.

### SHADOW CREEK 51 - ALIEF TAYLOR 50

Shadow Creek won their first game of District 23-6A competition, but it didn't come easy as the Lady Sharks nipped the Alief Taylor Lady Lions 51-50 in the district opener for both teams. Shadow Creek is 11-7 overall and 1-0 in league play.



The Lady Sharks took the opening quarter 9-6 and continued to pull ahead with a 17-14 second period for a 26-20 advantage at halftime.

But the Lady Lions came out hot in the second half as they tied up the game with an 18-12 third quarter to make the score 38-38.

Shadow Creek was able to outscore the Taylor 13-12 in the final stanza for the 51-50 win.

Senior Alana Trail (3 rebounds, 1 assist, four steals) led the Lady Sharks on offense with 14 points while senior Payton Holmes tossed in 12.

Shadow Creek was 10-of-16 from the charity stripe.



## Pearland falls to Cypress Falls 58-37

By DR. DAVID DAVIS  
Reporter News Staff

Pearland head coach Steve Buckelew is using the non-district schedule to prepare his team for the upcoming District 23-6A schedule.

For the first time in Buckelew's illustrious 28-year career at Pearland, the veteran coach began the 2022-2023 basketball season without a returning starter or letterman. All the players on varsity this year played on the freshman or JV team last season so he is dealing with a lot of inexperience.

The Oilers faced the Cypress Falls Eagles and came up short 58-37, but it was another game to give his players the experience they need at the varsity level.

Pearland faced the challenge for the first three quarters and were very much in the game until the final frame gave the Eagles the win.

Cy-Falls took the opening quarter 17-12 but the Oilers stayed even in the second period 11-11 to give the Eagles a 28-23 lead at intermission.

The third quarter saw the Eagles continue to surge with a 16-12 period for a 44-35 lead entering the final frame.

The wheels fell off for the Oilers as they were able to score only one basket down the stretch while the Eagles tossed in 14 more points to make the final 58-37.

Pearland is now 4-11 overall and will face district competition on January 4 when they play Alief Elsie.

## Friendswood wins four-team swim meet

By DR. DAVID DAVIS  
Reporter News Staff

The Friendswood boys and girls swim teams won a four-team swim meet with Richmond Foster, Ball High, and La Porte.

The Friendswood girls won with a total of 295 points followed by Foster (160), Ball High (20), and La Porte (17).

The Friendswood boys won with a total of 205 points followed by Foster (187), La Porte (55), and Ball High (42).

### Relay Results are as follows:

Girl's 200-yard medley relay: (1st) Friendswood - KK LeBlanc, Peyton Becker, Andi Jeanes, Lauren Tillman (2nd) Richmond Foster (3rd) Friendswood - Hallie Ratcliff, Erin Voelker, Paige McCray, Olivia Esbeck.

Girl's 200-yard free relay: (1st) Friendswood - Andi Jeanes, Peyton Becker, Lauren Tillman, KK LeBlanc; (2nd) Richmond Foster (3rd) Friendswood - Amelia Morgan, Lacey Drouet, Olivia Esbeck, Hallie Ratcliff.

Girl's 400-yard free relay: (1st) Friendswood - Andi Jeanes, Edi Jakob, Paige McCray, Lauren Tillman (2nd) Richmond Foster (3rd) Friendswood - Amelia Morgan, Lacey Drouet, Alex Linden, Erin Voelker.

Boy's 200-yard medley relay: (1st) Friendswood - Talon

Welch, Tony Laurito, Lane Jordan, Marshall Odom (2nd) Richmond Foster (3rd) La Porte.

Boy's 200-yard free relay: (1st) Richmond Foster (2nd) Friendswood - Lane Jordan, Nathan Henderson, Talon Welch, Andrew Rubio (3rd) La Porte.

Boy's 400-yard free relay: (1st) Richmond Foster (2nd) Friendswood - Nathan Henderson, Andrew Rubio, Tony Laurito, Marshall Odom, (3rd) Richmond Foster.

### Individual places: FHS Top 3 Finishes by order of event (yards):

Girl's 200 Free: Paige McCray (1st), Alex Linden (2nd), Olivia Esbeck (3rd)

Boy's 200 Free: Nathan Jennings (2nd), Hayden Holcomb (3rd), Noah Givens (9th)

Girl's 200 Individual Medley: Peyton Becker (1st), Edi Jakob (2nd), Laila Ahmed (5th)

Boy's 200 Individual Medley: Tony Laurito (1st), Talon Welch (2nd), Paul Podrebarac (3rd)

Girl's 50 Free: Lauren Tillman (2nd), Amelia Morgan (5th), Emmie Ratcliff (6th)

Boy's 50 Free: Andrew Rubio (4th), Nathan Henderson (5th), Cooper Barden (6th)

Girl's 100 Butterfly: Andi Jeanes (1st), Erin Voelker

(2nd), Genevieve Ringo (5th)

Boy's 100 Butterfly: Marshall Odom (1st), Lane Jordan (4th), Paul Podrebarac (5th)

Girl's 100 Free: KK LeBlanc (1st), Hallie Ratcliff (3rd), Amelia Morgan (6th)

Boy's 100 Free: Andrew Rubio (4th), Luke LeCompte (7th), Nathan Henderson (8th)

Girl's 500 Free: Edi Jakob (1st) Alex Linden, (2nd), Paige McCray (3rd)

Boys' 500 Free: Nathan Jennings (1st), Chayton Budzik (4th)

Girl's 100 Backstroke: KK LeBlanc (1st), Olivia Esbeck (3rd), Hallie Ratcliff (4th)

Boy's 100 Backstroke: Tony Laurito (1st), Marshall Odom (2nd), Talon Welch (4th)

Girl's 100 Breaststroke: Peyton Becker (1st), Erin Voelker (2nd), Genevieve Ringo, (5th)

Boy's 100 Breaststroke: Chayton Budzik (2nd), Landon Drouet (7th), Noah Givens (9th)

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NOTICE is hereby given that 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:

**Proposed amendment to the Friendswood Comprehensive Plan's Future Land Use Map ("FLUM") concerning a tract of land located along W. Edgewood Drive/FM 2351, being a 4.621-acre tract of land out of Lot 2, in Block 1 of Friendswood, a subdivision out of the Sarah McKissick Survey, Abstract 151, in Galveston County, Texas, to change its FLUM designation from Retail to Low-Density Residential.**

The City Council will hold its public hearing on Monday, January 9, 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 77546-485 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  
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**Proposed amendment to the Friendswood Comprehensive Plan's Future Land Use Map ("FLUM") concerning a tract of land located at 110 Hunters Lane, Friendswood, Galveston County, Texas, to change its FLUM designation from Retail to High-Density Residential.**

The City Council will hold its public hearing on Monday, January 9, 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.

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/s/ Leticia Brysch, City Secretary  
City of Friendswood



**FIRST PLACE FINISH** - Friendswood's Payton Becker won the 100-yard Breaststroke in a meet featuring four teams. Becker also won the 200-yard Individual Medley and swam legs on the first place 200-yard medley relay and the 200-yard free relay. The Lady Mustangs won with 295 points over second-place Foster.

## FROM THE CLUTTERED DESK

by Dr. David Davis

### A time to reflect and be thankful

One cold winter morning in the city of Birmingham, a woman noticed on the street a small boy with newspapers under his arms. He was without shoes and stood in his bare feet on the grating of the hot air vent outside a bakery.

Seeing his red, chapped feet, she was moved with pity and compassion. "Son, where are your shoes?" the lady asked.

"Lady, I ain't got no shoes," was the simple reply.

The woman invited him to go with her to a store where she bought him some heavy shoes and socks. The little fellow - proud of his gifts - ran joyfully from the store without so much as thanking his benefactor.

She was somewhat disappointed at his lack of gratitude, but as she left the store, he came running back and exclaimed breathlessly, "Lady, I forgot to thank you for these nice warm shoes!" Then he continued, "Lady, I want to ask you a question. Are you God's wife?"

The lady was taken back and stumbled for a reply, and stammered, "Why, ah...no! I'm just one of his children."

The little boy said, "Well, I knowed you must be some kin to Him!"

Christmas Day is upon us - it is a time of sharing and caring. Our lives must reflect a spirit of giving and love that goes beyond this time of the year.

In fact, we all should maintain the Christmas spirit every day of the year because our paths cross those, like this little boy, who have needs.

It is also a time when an old year will soon come to an end and a new year approaches. A time of reflection and a time of renewal. A time to learn from the past and a time to press on to the future. We are never sure what a new year holds for each of us. There will be times of great joy and moments, perhaps, of sorrow and disappointment.

My mother, who passed away a couple of years ago, used

to remind me that she still had what I bought her for Christmas during my growing up years. I think she said it was a red pin cushion in the shape of an apple and something else. But my excitement to see the faces of my mom, dad, and little brother when they opened the small gifts that I personally selected was more valuable than the few dollars that I spent.

To be honest, I still have a problem of giving "gift cards" as a gift. I know it allows a person to get what they "really" want - but it takes the thrill out of actually picking out that special gift for the loved ones in your life.

Today we live in a world with our children of laptop computers, iPods, X-Box, and cell phones. I still cherish the Hopalong Cassidy lunch box that I still have at my home. The Fanner 50 toy pistol or the Roy Rogers rifle was pretty special. Or the new red bicycle that had two lights on the front is still vivid in my mind.

And I still remember the ribbon candy and the chocolate candy with the white filling that I found in my stocking. Some of you old timers remember that don't you?

But when it was all said and done - and the presents had been opened and there was nothing left under the tree but a few of the bows that my mom would leave under the tree - Christmas wasn't about "things" - but about love and sharing. You can't wrap up love and put a bow on it. You can't purchase integrity, character, and honesty and give it as a gift.

As you unwrap your gifts this year remember the "reason for the season" and cherish those special moments that you have with people that you love who are near and dear to your heart. Those who offer unconditional love without a price tag. If you have someone in your life like that — you are a most rich person.

Old friend Robert and I wish you a very Merry Christmas!

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### Friendswood ISD

**is seeking E-Rate Services for E-Rate Funding Year 2023 (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)**  
**All interested vendors please visit: <https://portal.usac.org/suite/Form 470 Application Number: 230006754>**  
**Please see RFP at <https://erate.esc12.net/R12/>**

## LEGALS

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### NOTICE TO BIDDERS CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Pearland Purchasing Division, 3523 Liberty Dr., until 2:00 p.m. **Thursday, January 12, 2023**, and all proposals will be read aloud via virtual meeting. Interested parties may join the meeting by calling into the meeting at: Dial in #: 281-652-1955; Meeting #: 1775#; Access Code #: 0971# on that date for:

#### South Corrigan Subdivision Transite Pipe Waterline Replacement City of Pearland, Texas COP PN: WA2105 BID NO.: 1022-32

The project will entail the abandonment of the existing domestic waterlines in the S. Corrigan Subdivision and construction of new HDPE watermain. Additional work items include removing and salvaging of existing fire hydrants, installation of new fire hydrants, new connection of existing services, replacement of existing concrete water meter boxes with new DFW 1200 meter boxes, or approved equal, limited pavement replacement and site restoration.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at City of Pearland Engineering and Public Works Service Center Rio Grande Training Room at 2016 Old Alvin Rd, Pearland, Texas 77581 at 10:00 a.m. on **Thursday, December 29, 2022**.

All bids should be submitted through the E-Bid system located on the City's website at: <https://pearland.ionwave.net/Login.aspx>. All interested Bidders are advised to register as a "supplier" on the City's E-Bid System at the above website by clicking on "Supplier Registration" and completing a short registration questionnaire. Electronic Bid Documents, including Plans, Technical Specifications and Bid Forms are available for download after registration is approved by City Purchasing office. No plan fees or deposits are required for bid documents obtained through the City's E-bid System. Questions regarding electronic bidding should be directed to City Purchasing Office at [ebids@pearlandtx.gov](mailto:ebids@pearlandtx.gov).

Bid Documents are also available for review at the following plan houses:  
 Amtek Plan Room (713) 956-0100  
 The Associated General Contractors of America, Inc. (713) 334-7100  
 Associated Builders & Contractors of Greater Houston (713) 523-6222  
 Dodge Reports (713) 316-9411

Bid Security, in the form of Cashier's Check, Certified Check, or Bid Bond, payable to the City of Pearland in the amount of 5% of the total base bid price, must accompany each Bid proposal. See Instructions to Bidders for Bond submittal information and instructions.

The City of Pearland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Frances Aguilar,  
City Secretary,  
City of Pearland

First Publication date **December 14, 2022**  
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## LEGALS

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### Notice Of Constable Sale

**Cause Number: 85374-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 239th Judicial District Court Brazoria County, Texas by the clerk of said courts as shown in the following schedule of cases, and to me directed and delivered as Constable in Brazoria County, I have on the date indicated below seized and levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in January, the same being January 3rd, 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 24th day of January, 2017, Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association, , recovered a judgment in the 239th Judicial District Court of Brazoria County, Texas against , Orlando Loeza for the sum of two thousand eight hundred thirty-one and 93/100 dollars (\$2,831.93) 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; its reasonable attorney's fees in the amount of three thousand one hundred twenty-six and 69/100 dollars (\$3,126.69); that an Order of Sale shall to any sheriff or any constable within the State of Texas, directing the sheriff or constable to seize and sell the Property the same as under execution, in satisfaction of this Final Default. Judgment subject to any superior liens provided for the Restrictions or law, if any; and, if the Property cannot be found, or if the proceeds of such sale be insufficient to satisfy the judgment, then to take the money or any balance thereof remaining unpaid, out of any other property of the Defendant, as in the case of ordinary executions. If any surplus remains after the payment of the sums adjudged to be due, it shall be paid to defendant, Orlando Loeza; That, because it become necessary for Plaintiff, Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association, 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, defendant, Orlando Loeza, shall pay to Plaintiff, Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association, additional attorney reasonable fees and costs in the amount of \$1,800.00; costs of court in the amount of five hundred fifty-four and 20/100 dollars (\$554.20) and post-judgment interest at the rate of five percent (5%) per annum on all amounts awarded in this judgment, including attorney fees, from the date this judgment is signed until fully paid; and, whereas, the said judgment is a foreclosure of a Property lien on the following described property, to wit:

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

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

Sale #	Cause Number	Court	Judgment Date	Order Issue Date	Levy Date	Other Account #
	85374-CV***	239th Judicial District Court	1/24/2017	10/21/2022	November 18th, 2022	

**Plaintiff:** Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association,  
**VS**  
**Defendant:** , Orlando Loeaza

#### Property Description:


Lot 18, in block 1, of Final Plat of Sterling Lakes at Iowa Colony, Section 2, a subdivision in Brazoria County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded at film code No. 2007014717 of the Map Records of Brazoria County, Texas more commonly known as 9814 Opal Rock Drive, Rosharon, Texas 77583 (Property):

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

**The Minimum Bid Is All Costs Of Suit And Sale.** SALE TO BE HELD  
 3rd day of January, 2023  
 Estimated Minimum Bid: \$1,098.89 Between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM  
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**Terms: Cash, or Cashier's Check.** **James Brawner, Constable**  
 Brazoria County Precinct 4  
 121 North 10th Street  
 West Columbia , Texas 77486  
 (979) 345-2115

(Real Property being Sold at the Direction of the Plaintiff's Attorney)  
 (Prospective Bidders or Purchaser's Responsibility to Research or Consult with an Attorney)  
 (Made Subject to right of redemption (if any) in accordance to law)  
 (Constable's Commission due upon final Bid amount)

By:   
 Jon Baker, Chief Deputy #

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### PEARLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PEARLAND, TEXAS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP #23-0124-06 PRIMARY DEPOSITORY SERVICES

The Pearland Independent School District, Pearland, Texas is soliciting proposals from eligible and qualified financial institutions to provide primary Depository Services. Deadline for proposals will be 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 24, 2023. The District encourages proposals be submitted using the Pearland ISD eBid system. If proposer submits a hard copy these proposals should be delivered to the Pearland ISD, Attention: Moniki Mason, Director of Purchasing, Purchasing Department, 1928 North Main, Pearland, Texas 77581.

Questions regarding the RFP should be directed in writing using the following link <https://pearlandisd.ionwave.net/login.aspx>. The award of the Depository Services contract is scheduled for consideration by the Board of Trustees, at its regularly scheduled meeting at 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at the Pearland ISD, Virgil Gant Education Support Center, 1928 North Main, Pearland, Texas 77581.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS REGARDING A REQUEST FOR A ZONE CLASSIFICATION CHANGE FROM A COMMUNITY SHOPPING CENTER (CSC) ZONING DISTRICT TO A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SFR) ZONING DISTRICT, 401 N. FRIENDSWOOD DRIVE

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 from a Community Shopping Center (CSC) Zoning District to a Single Family Residential (SFR) Zoning District for 36,823 square feet of land out Lot 1 of the Final Plat of Jeter Memorial Funeral Home located at 401 N. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, Galveston County, Texas.**

The **Planning and Zoning Commission** will hold its public hearing on Thursday, January 12, 2023, in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 910 South Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, Texas, 77546-4856, at its meeting commencing at 7:00 P.M.

The **City Council** will hold its public hearing on Monday, February 6, 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.

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/s/ Leticia Brysch, City Secretary  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE - CITY OF BROOKSIDE VILLAGE - TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT MITIGATION METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION (CDBG-MIT MOD)

The City of Brookside Village will submit a CDBG-MIT MOD application for \$1,580,200 for a Drainage Plan and Drainage Improvements in areas of the City of Brookside Village related to declared disaster events to the General Land Office (GLO) CDBG-MIT MOD Program. Application will be available for review on and after 12/22/22 at City Hall at 6243 Brookside Rd, Brookside Village, TX 77581 during regular business hours.

### AVISO PUBLICO - LA CIUDAD DE BROOKSIDE VILLAGE - TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT MITIGATION METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION (CDBG-MIT MOD)

La ciudad de Brookside Village presentará una solicitud CDBG-MIT MOD para \$1,580,200 en fondos para planificación y mejoramientos de los sistemas de drenaje en parte de la ciudad de Brookside Village relacionadas con eventos de desastre declarados a la Oficina General de Tierras (GLO) CDBG-MIT MOD Programa. Las solicitudes estarán disponibles para su revision el 12/22/22 y después en la Oficina del Alcalde en 6243 Brookside Rd, Brookside Village, TX 77581 durante el horario comercial normal.

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### Notice Of Constable Sale

**Cause Number: 110377-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, I have on the date indicated below seized and levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in January, the same being January 3rd, 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 28 day of December, 2021, , Lakes Of Savannah North Community Association, , recovered a judgment in the 149th Judicial District Court of Brazoria County, Texas against , Jacquelyn Thibodeaux for unpaid assessments and charges that accrued on Defendants' assessment account through August 31, 2021 in the amount of Two thousand five hundred Twenty-Five and 52/100 Dollars (\$2,525.52); reasonable and necessary attorney's fees for legal services rendered in the amount of \$2,348.00 and expenses/ costs incurred in the amount of \$911.56, said amounts constituting a continuing lien upon the subject Property running in favor of Plaintiff; Reasonable and necessary attorney's fees anticipated to be rendered in collecting on this Judgment in the amount of One Thousand and 00/100 (\$1,000.00); Interest on all amounts awarded in this Judgment at the rate of five percent (5%) per annum from the date of this Judgment until paid in full; an Order of Sale shall issue to any sheriff or constable within the State of Texas to seize and sell-described property, the same being under execution and satisfaction of this Judgment. And if the said property shall sell for more than sufficient to pay off and satisfy said sums of money, then you are hereby directed to pay over the excess to the defendant Jacquelyn Thibodeaux

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Sale #	Cause Number	Court	Judgment Date	Order Issue Date	Levy Date	Other Account #
	110377-CV	149th Judicial District Court	12/28/2021	10/21/2022	November 18th, 2022	

**Plaintiff:** Lakes Of Savannah North Community Association,  
**VS**  
**Defendant:** , Jacquelyn Thibodeaux

#### Property Description:

Lot I, in Block 2, of Final Plat LAUREL HEIGHTS AT SAVANNAH SECTION ONE, a subdivision in Brazoria County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof recorded under Clerk's File No. 2014020056, of the Map Records of Brazoria County, Texas

**For More Information, Contact: Holt Tollett P.C., Phone: 7135101000**

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 3rd day of January, 2023  
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By:   
 Jon Baker, Chief Deputy #