

## Around Town

Thursday, Feb. 16

### 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.

### BINGO AT VFW

VFW Post 7109 holds Big Time Bingo at the post, 4202 Walnut St. both Thursdays and Fridays. Doors open at 10 a.m. with the first session at noon and second at 1:30 p.m. For information, call 281-968-1518.

Friday, Feb. 17

### FILING DEADLINE

Deadline is 5 p.m. for candidates to file for local city or Alvin and Pearland ISD school board seats. Pearland ISD candidates may call 832-736-6153 or visit 1928 N. Main St., Pearland. Alvin ISD candidates call 281-388-1130 or email mmcwhirter@alvinisd.net. City council candidates call 281-652-1651.

Saturday, Feb. 18

### FARMERS MARKET

Old Pearland Farmers Market is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every third Saturday at Independence Park, 3449 Pearland Parkway. Vendors offer locally made items and fresh seasonal produce. Parking and entry are free and available at the park or at the City Hall annex, 3523 Liberty Drive.

### 'HISTORY IN BRICKS' EXHIBIT

"History in Bricks" Lego exhibit featuring recreations of the USS Texas, Alamo, San Jacinto Monument and 1935 downtown Angleton opens at the Brazoria County Historical Museum, 100 East Cedar in Angleton, with a Family Fun Day. Exhibit will be on display through May 12. For more information, call 979-864-1208.

### GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE

Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council will kick off the 2023 Girl Scout Cookie Sale at Kroger at FM 518 and Barry Rose; Kroger on Pearland Parkway at Cullen; Kroger on Shadow Creek Parkway at Highway 288; MOD Pizza on Business Center Drive; Sam's Club on Highway 288 and Pet Supplies Plus on Broadway. Visit [tinyurl.com/FindGirlScoutCookies](http://tinyurl.com/FindGirlScoutCookies).

### MUSIC & DANCE FESTIVAL

The 6th Annual Texas Shivarathri Music & Dance Festival will be held from 4:30 to 8:00pm at the Sri Meenakshi Temple, 17130 McLean Road in Pearland. For more information call 281-217-7611 or email [maarga.usa@gmail.com](mailto:maarga.usa@gmail.com).

Sunday, Feb. 19

### BAY AREA FARMERS MARKET

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

Tuesday, Feb. 21

### KNAPP CENTER MARDI GRAS

Mardi Gras Bingo begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Melvin Knapp Center, 2424 South Park Ave. Cards are \$3 each and King Cake will be served. For information, call 281-652-1890.

Wednesday, Feb. 22

### NATURE CENTER WILD HOUR

Learn about Chameleons at the Delores Fenwick Nature Center Wild Hour Wednesday on Feb. 22 at 4pm. The library is located at 3522 Liberty Dr.

Saturday, Feb. 25

### DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Pearland Rotary presents the 2023 Daddy Daughter Sweetheart Dance on from 6 to 8pm at Pearland Junior High South. For more information visit <https://pearlandrotary.com/Page/2023-daddy-daughter>. Tickets available for purchase at [PearlandRotary.com](http://PearlandRotary.com).

# Bond packages head to voters

By N. BRADFORD  
Reporter News Staff

City of Pearland voters will decide May 6 on four bond propositions totaling approximately \$181.3 million.

City Council on Monday voted unanimously to call the May election on four separate bond proposals. City residents will be able to vote for none, one, several or all of the propositions.

"If you have a favorite pet project you can break those up and vote for the ones you want," Councilman Jeffrey Barry said.

Proposition A would authorize the issuance of \$105.5 million in general obligation bonds for drainage projects throughout the city. A citizen's drainage bond committee last year

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Paul Eskine, Citizen's Drainage Committee

recommended a list of priority drainage projects totaling to be placed on the ballot.

"This bond package includes the entire list from the committee," said Paul Eskine, who served on the committee. "Our city fell behind for many decades on the refurbishing our city's drainage infrastructure. Many of our older subdivisions never had any engineered drainage."

Proposition B calls for \$26.14 million for city streets, bridges and sidewalks, including the city's sidewalk gap program.

Proposition C dedicates \$33.7 million for parks and recreation.

Proposition D calls for \$15.96 million for construction and repair Fire Station No. 7.

If all are approved by voters, the total \$181.3 million would have an annual tax impact of \$24.38 on a home valued at \$250,000, \$34.13 on a \$350,000 home and \$39 on a \$400,000 property, according to city staff. Those calculations are for properties with a homestead exemption.

Still, completed projects would also add more operations and maintenance costs to the city's general fund.



## STEVE BUCKELEW RETIRES

Pearland head basketball coach Steve Buckelew has decided to retire after 28 years at the helm of the Pearland roundballers. Buckelew has won over 800 games during his tenure at the high school level which currently ranks him No. 34 in the nation among active high school basketball coaches. Buckelew began his coaching career at Dodson, Louisiana. He then returned to his hometown of Winfield, where he made the playoffs all six years. After five years as an assistant coach at Louisiana Tech, he returned to the high school ranks in Jessieville, AR. In 1995 Buckelew moved to Pearland where his Oilers have made multiple playoff appearances, including a trip to the final four in 1998. He is a past president of the Greater Houston Area Basketball Coaches Association. Pearland Superintendent Larry Berger (left) presented Buckelew (center) with a special plaque recognizing his outstanding career at the Oilers final home game last week. Buckelew is the all-time winningest basketball coach at Pearland High School. Photo by Lloyd Hendricks

# PISD Oks new school calendar

By N. BRADFORD  
Reporter News Staff

Pearland ISD students won't return from next year's holiday break until Jan. 10, based on a 2023-24 academic calendar just approved by the school board.

Trustees adopted the calendar Feb. 7 5-1, with Trustee Kristopher Schoeffler casing the lone vote against, suggesting earlier in the meeting the district take a few weeks to get more community input.

Trustee Crystal Carbone noted more parent feedback on the calendar this year.

"The primary concern was the winter break, and there were some parents interested in having a February break and an October break," she said. "I want to make sure we validate all the concerns that were brought to us."

The return from the holiday break typically fluctuates around Jan. 2 or 3, district staff said.

"The length of this year's winter break was 13 days and the length of (next year's) winter

break is 13 days," Superintendent Larry Berger said. "I do understand it extends further into January but as far as length it's only one day more."

The calendar was developed by the 2023-2024 District Advisory Calendar Committee, which is made up of teachers and parents.

"Clear Creek has a similar calendar, and there are other calendars out there that have a fall and a spring break," Berger said. "They've added two extra vacation weeks in their calendar and that's not something that we're going toward. You have to look at the number of minutes in the school year to make sure you get proper funding. There are many facets of a school calendar in play."

The last day of fall classes is Dec. 20 is set as an early dismissal day, followed by the winter break from Dec. 21 until Jan. 10, the beginning of the second semester. Jan. 8 and 9 are in-service days. The calendar has schools dismissed for the summer before Memorial Day weekend.

Other highlights include:

The first day of school for students will be Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2023.

In-service days for the fall semester are proposed for Sept. 18, Oct. 9, Nov. 10 and Dec. 20.

A full week for Thanksgiving break is Nov. 20-24.

Spring break is scheduled March 11-15 and holidays include March 29 and April 1.

Additional staff workdays in the second semester are proposed for Feb. 19 and March 24.

The last instructional day for students will be Thursday, May 23, 2024, which would be early dismissal.

"It's been a directive from the school board that we are out before Memorial Day," Berger said.

Graduation for the Class of 2024 is set for Friday, May 24, 2024, ahead of the Memorial Day weekend. The calendar includes three bad weather days.

## State of City:

# Mayor tackles tough topics at address

By N. BRADFORD  
Reporter News Staff

From firing the city manager to an oft criticized traffic circle, no topic was off limits during Mayor Kevin Cole's State of the City Address hosted Thursday by the Pearland Chamber of Commerce.

Among those topics was the recent 13 percent hike in city water rates, which Cole said was caused by factors such as continuing capital needs such as building new capacity and maintaining older plants.

"We are in the midst of a capital improvement program, and that comes with costs," he told the audience. "Capital is a big driver of our rates right now. There's a detailed analysis that goes into (rate increases)."

Water is regulated by the state, which has requirements on capacity.

The city's water and sewer fund are part of an enterprise fund and thus must operate like a business, according to city's chief financial officer Amy Johnson.

"It needs to be self-supporting," she said. "We recently aligned the rate model with the five-year (capital improvements plan)."

City leaders also recently learned about a 40% increase on chemical costs.

"That goes into the rate," Cole said. "That's one component. We still have to treat the water coming in and water leaving."

Ultimately, he said, rates are in the hands of elected officials, but those officials also have

to balance water rates with the capacity needs.

"There is political pressure each year, 'Don't you dare raise my rate,' when we are also facing capital improvement (needs)," Cole said. "You've seen more and more places across the country having problems with water and sewer. It is a looming crisis in our country. We've heard about Jackson Miss. and Flint, Michigan. We don't want to be the next Jackson Mississippi. You can't live without water."

### 'Suicide circle'

Another contentious subject is that of the recently rebuilt and reopened Pearland Parkway traffic circle, described by some as "suicide circle."

"The circle has been open six months. Since then? two accidents. In the six months prior, there was 19," said Cole, who took written questions from audience members during his address. "I would say the improvements to the traffic circle helped. It was a good thing we did it."

### 'It was a train wreck'

The mayor also didn't shy away from a recently uncovered error that put the City of Pearland in headlines for a \$10 million budget shortfall. He described the day he found out



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about the error.

"I was leaving City Hall when the city manager was receiving the news," Cole said. "I thought he was going to throw up on the scene. It was a raw moment in time."

Estimated values provided in July by Harris County, in which part of Pearland lies, turned out to be erroneous.

"It was a train wreck," Cole said. "Thankfully, we found out one month into the budget and not six months in."

The city is hiring a firm to determine how the error happened, how the city could have caught it and how to prevent it in the future.

Since then, he said, the city has amended its budget to shore up the shortfall.

"We walked council through it. We walked through it with the rest of the staff," he said. "The good news is we have amended our budget and are on the path to having a very good year."

### 'The right thing to do'

The city's subsequent firing of City Manager Clay Pearson was also discussed.

"It's never easy, never fun," Cole said. "There's a human side to all this. But at the end of the day, council felt necessary we needed a change in direction. It just seemed every 180 days it was the next thing that popped up."

Cole said that ultimately, the situation was handled with respect, "because it's the right thing to do."

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

**• Wednesday, Feb. 8**

A death investigation was conducted at 5:25 a.m., 2000 block of Sunset Springs Drive.

Warrant arrests were made before 8 a.m. at 2700 Broadway St., 12900 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

Adult protective services referral was made at :30 a.m., 3300 block of Aspenbrook Court.

Children's protective services referral made at 7:31 a.m., 3500 block of Red Acorn Trail.

Theft was reported at 9:47 a.m., 2200 block of Business Center Drive.

Fraudulent use of identifying information reported at 9:49 a.m., 3400 block of Lindhaven Drive.

Reports of vehicle burglaries were made Wednesday in the 1000 block of Main Street and 13500 block of Mason Canyon Lane.

A stolen vehicle was recovered at 12:38 p.m., 2400 block of McHard Road.

Two people were arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia at 4:45, 1600 Main St.

Theft by fraud was reported at 5:08 p.m., 2500 block of Cullen Parkway.

A shoplifting arrest was made at 6:17 p.m., 1919 Main St.

**• Thursday, Feb. 9**

A DWI arrest was made at 1:22 a.m., 2600 Corrigan Drive.

Vehicles were burglarized at 5 a.m., 2555 Cullen Parkway.

A man was arrested just before 9 a.m. and charged with theft of service, 3775 Main St.

A man arrested on a warrant at 2:15 p.m. was also charged with evading arrest, 11300 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

A mental health incident was reported at 2:48 p.m.,

16600 block of Ewing Lane.

Interference with child custody reported at 5 p.m., 1700 block of Old Alvin Road.

A 22-year-old local man was arrested just before 7 p.m. for possession of a controlled substance, 3000 block of Magnolia Parkway.

A woman was arrested for criminal trespass at 7:26 p.m., 1919 Main St.

Two people were arrested after police responded to a domestic disturbance at 7:31 p.m., 3500 block of Pine Tree Drive.

A man arrested in the 2800 block of Business Center Dr. Thursday night was charged with disorderly conduct-tumultuous behavior.

**• Friday, Feb. 10**

A 32-year-old San Antonio man was arrested just after midnight and charged with felony possession of a controlled substance; a Rosenberg woman was also arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, 10600 block of Hughes Ranch Road at Country Place.

An arrest for assault causing bodily injury was made at 1:27 a.m., 2555 Cullen Parkway.

A local woman, 35, was arrested for felony possession of a controlled substance at 3:20 a.m., 4900 Magnolia Parkway.

A vehicle was reported stolen at 9:45 a.m. in the 2600 block of Pearland Parkway.

Vehicle parts were reported stolen at 11:45 a.m., 11000 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

A 24-year-old Houston man was arrested at 12:16 p.m for felony theft, 1710 Broadway St. a

A 33-year-old paramedic from Pearland was arrested at midnight for DWI with a blood alcohol content of over .15, 3500 McLean Road.

**• Saturday, Feb. 11**

A 25-year-old Pearland woman was charged with DWI with a blood alcohol content over .15 at 4:16

a.m., 2500 block of McHard Road.

A family violence episode reported at 6 a.m. resulted in one arrest, 3600 block of Banbury Lane.

A death investigation was conducted at 11 a.m., 16100 block of South Freeway.

A shoplifting arrest was made at 3:51 p.m., 1919 Main St.

Property was recovered at 2900 block of Oak Road, 3300 block of E. Walnut Street and 3100 block of Kirby Drive.

A shoplifting arrest was made just before 10 p.m., 1919 Main St.

An arrest for criminal mischief was made at 10:33 p.m., 2555 Cullen Parkway.

**• Sunday, Feb. 12**

A 19-year-old from Dickinson was arrested after midnight and charged with driving under the influence-minor, 1500 Broadway St.

A shoplifting arrest was made at 6:45 a.m., 11200 Broadway St.

A death investigation was conducted at 10:30 a.m., 12600 Windy Bridge Lane.

A 45-year-old Houston woman was arrested Sunday evening for misdemeanor theft with a previous conviction, 1919 Main St.

An arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia was made at 8 p.m., 7220 Magnolia Parkway.

**• Monday, Feb. 13**

A Houston woman was arrested for criminal mischief at midnight, 1100 block of Messina Court.

A DWI arrest was made at 1:20 a.m., 4000 McHard Road.

An arrest for assault family violence was made at 1:33 a.m., 11200 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

A Pearland teenager was arrested at 11:17 a.m. and charged with possession of a controlled substance in a drug-free zone, 4717 Bailey Road.

An arrest for unauthorized use of a temporary tag was made at 11:37 a.m., 6900 Broadway St.

An arrest for operating a vehicle with the wrong license plate was made at 1:13 p.m., 2400 Cullen Parkway.

A death investigation was conducted at 3 p.m., 2900 block of Pearland Parkway.

A 27-year-old Pearland man was arrested at 9:28 p.m. for possession of a controlled substance, 3600 block of Belmore Lane.

# FRIENDSWOOD POLICE REPORT

FEBRUARY 6 THRU FEBRUARY 12

**BURGLARY**

Feb. 6 (8:31 a.m.) A gun was stolen out of a vehicle parked in the 800 block of Camelot Lane. A juvenile suspect has been named. The juvenile suspect was visiting the home and has been posting images of himself holding guns and cash on Facebook and Instagram. Feb. 6 (5:49 p.m.) A rear passenger window was smashed during a burglary attempt in the 2700 block of Tampa Street. The burglary occurred between Feb. 5 at 9pm and Feb. 6 at 11:00am. Nothing was stolen from inside the vehicle.

**TRESPASS**

Feb. 9 (6:53 p.m.) Officers responded to Edgewood Pharmacy located at 186 S. Friendswood Drive regarding an attempted burglary. When officers arrived, the suspect was gone. A white male, early 20s, 5'8" to 5'10" tall, 200+ lbs, wearing a yellow long-sleeved hoodie and black pants attempt to make entry to an area of the pharmacy not accessible to the public. At the time of the trespass, the suspect was wearing black gloves. Officers checked the area, but they were unable to locate the suspicious person to determine his motive.

**THEFT**

Feb. 6 (8:44 a.m.) Pallet forks were stolen from a construction site on Jacob Trail. The theft occurred between Friday, Feb. 3 at 5:30 p.m. and Monday, Feb. 6 at 6:45 a.m.

Feb. 9 (1:19 p.m.) A 35-year-old Houston woman was charged with Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, and Manufacture/Delivery of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1. The woman was driving a stolen truck. A felony traffic stop was conducted in the 100 block of Clearview Avenue.

Instead of complying with the officers' commands, the suspect kept reaching inside her pants and bra. She was taken into custody and found to be in possession of a knife. Inside the stolen vehicle, the suspect was in possession of a gun, 204

grams of Methamphetamine, 24.1 grams of cocaine and 2.6 ounces of marijuana. She is a convicted felon, is on parole, and had an ankle monitor. The vehicle was stolen in Houston on Jan. 21.

**FRAUD**

Feb. 8 (9:37 p.m.) A Friendswood man reported out-of-state purchases on his credit card. The purchases were fraudulent. He believes his credit card information was stolen following a pay-at-the pump gasoline purchase at a local Valero gas station.

**TRAFFIC**

Feb. 9 (3:41 a.m.) A 24-year-old Houston man was charged with Defective Head Lamps and Operate Vehicle with Wrong License Plates in the 200 block of S. Friendswood Drive.

Feb. 12 (10:07 a.m.) A 37-year-old Seabrook man was charged with Driving While License Invalid in the 1600 block of Friendswood Parkway. The driver was stopped for making a wide right turn. He did not have a driver's license and had three outstanding Clear Lake Shores warrants.

**DWI**

Feb. 7 (3:37 a.m.) A 45-year-old Alvin woman was charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Unlawful Carrying Weapon in the 3100 block of W. Parkwood Ave. The woman was stopped for speeding. During the contact, she exhibited signs of intoxication including the smell of alcohol on her person. She failed a field sobriety test.

Feb. 8 (2:46 p.m.) A 36-year-old Friendswood woman was charged with Driving While Intoxicated with a Child Under 15 in the 1500 block of Country Club Dr. The woman was observed falling asleep at the wheel in the 2300 block of W. Parkwood. A police unit was beside her when she almost reentered a vehicle in front of her. The officer got behind the driver and observed her failing to drive in a single marked lane. During the traffic stop, the woman exhibited signs of intoxication. She had a child

in a car seat in the back of the vehicle. Chan failed a field sobriety test.

**PUBLIC**

**INTOXICATION**

Feb. 7 (3:07 p.m.) A 36-year-old female of unknown address, was charged with Public Intoxication. A suspicious female was reported in the 1700 block of S. Friendswood Dr. When the officer arrived, he found the woman intoxicated on drugs and alcohol, not knowing what city she was in, and not making much sense. She was transported to the police department and later taken to a local hospital.

**NARCOTICS**

Feb. 6 (12:41 a.m.) A 21-year-old Webster man was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The suspect was speeding and driving with a defective headlight in the 2600 block of FM 528. During the contact, the officer detected the smell of marijuana. A search was conducted and yielded marijuana. A passenger was released without charges.

Feb. 8 (1:03 a.m.) A 35-year-old Spring man was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The man was stopped for expired registration in the 3200 block of FM 528. He appeared very nervous and was asked if he had anything illegal inside his vehicle. At that time, the officer discovered the man had an outstanding Harris County Precinct 4 traffic warrant. He declined to allow officers to search his vehicle. A police narcotic K-9 arrived on scene and gave a positive alert for the presence of narcotics. A probable cause search was conducted and yielded a pipe, marijuana residue, and numerous THC vape pens.

Feb. 12 (1:19 a.m.) A 19-year-old Pearland man was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The man was stopped for a defective brake light in the 100 block of E. Castlewood Drive. During the contact, the officer detected the smell of marijuana. A search was conducted; marijuana and psilocybin mushrooms were found.

## City OKs permit for assisted living

By N. BRADFORD  
Reporter News Staff

A plan to build a residential memory care facility at 3205 Dixie Farm Road took a step forward Monday night with city council's approval of a special use permit.

The council approved the conditional use permit 5-1, with Councilman Alex Kamkar voting against.

The plan has met with concerns by residential neighbors, including lighting, noise, dumpsters and traffic.

"The owner has never reached out to us to come to some kind of compromise,"

Pine Hollow resident Angela Ornelas told the council.

The council attached a restriction to the CUP stating the portion of the property located near neighboring residences, east of a pipeline on the site, remain undeveloped

or as green space. This means an amendment to the conditional use permit would be needed for development on that portion.

In 2020, city council approved a conditional use permit for an assisted living facility at the location, but that permit expired after a year went by without a building permit submitted.

Now the applicant, Friendswood-based G and G Partners Development, is seeking to renew the permit.

The 9.6-acre site was zoned as neighborhood services in 2017.

Plans for the one-story assisted living facility with memory care are the same as those approved in 2020. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended granting the special use permit during its meeting last month.

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## Friendswood Parks & Rec hiring now for summer aquatics team

The Friendswood Parks & Recreation Department is now hiring for this summer's aquatics team. Positions include lifeguard, swim instructor, pool manager and assistant pool manager.

Work dates will be May 27 through August 13 but the Parks and Recreation Department has announced that there are opportunities for year-round lifeguarding.

The summer positions offer 25 to 60 hours a week at a pay range of \$10.25 to \$18 an hour.

To apply, go to <https://cifriendswoodtx.applicantpro.com/jobs/>.

For questions and inquiries, contact [pool@friendswood.com](mailto:pool@friendswood.com) or call the Parks & Rec office at 281-996-3220.

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

The Original Mobile Game

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## AREA BRIEFS

### Free women's defense course offered

Registration is open now for the Pearland Police Department's second winter RAD self-defense class for women.

Sessions for the two-week class are scheduled from 6 to 9:30 p.m. on Feb. 21, Feb. 22, Feb. 28 and March 1.

Free to the community, RAD, or Rape Aggression Defense, teaches basic physical defense and awareness for women of all abilities. All classes will be taught at the Pearland Police Department, 2555 Cullen Parkway. The course is available to women aged 16 and up, or to teens ages 13 to 15 who attend with an adult.

To register or for more information, visit the city's website at [PearlandTx.gov](http://PearlandTx.gov) or email [RAD@PearlandTx.gov](mailto:RAD@PearlandTx.gov).

### Girl Scout cookie sales begin

Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council will kick off the 2023 Girl Scout Cookie season this month with cookie booths set up around town selling Thin Mints, Caramel deLites, Lemonades and more for \$5 per box.

It should be noted that this year, the traditional shortbread cookies are now called "Trefoils," and are the same cookies.

Beginning this weekend — Feb. 18 — and ending March 24, cookie sales booths will be set up on most weekdays and weekends at Kroger at FM 518 and Barry Rose; Kroger on Pearland Parkway at Cullen; Kroger on Shadow Creek Parkway at Highway 288; MOD Pizza on Business Center Drive; Sam's Club on Highway 288 and Pet Supplies Plus on Broadway.

For more times and locations, visit the online cookie finder [tinyurl.com/FindGirlScoutCookies](http://tinyurl.com/FindGirlScoutCookies).

### Benefit golf tourney set for April 17

The second annual Pearland Mayor Kevin Cole's Benefit Golf Tournament will be April 17, with proceeds benefitting the nonprofit Forever Parks Foundation.

The tournament begins at 10 a.m. at the Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 County Club Drive, Pearland. Entries begin at \$120.

The first-ever tournament raised more than \$60,000 that went toward an inclusive playground at the Shadow Creek Sports Complex. For more information or to register, visit [tinyurl.com/ForeverParksTourney](http://tinyurl.com/ForeverParksTourney).

### Deadline Friday for local elections

The filing deadline for city and school board elections this May is 5 p.m. this Friday, Feb. 17.

City of Pearland residents will select a mayor and two council seats. For information on that election, call the city secretary's office, 281-652-1651.

Two positions on the Pearland ISD school board are up for election: Position No. 1 and Position No. 2. PISD Trustees serve three-year terms and are all elected at-large. The board meets at 5 p.m. on the second Tuesday. Call 832-736-6153 or pick up a filing package at 1928 N. Main St., Pearland.

Two positions are also up for election on the Alvin ISD school board. Candidate packets for Alvin ISD, which includes parts of Pearland including Shadow Creek west of Highway 288, are available at the Alvin ISD Administration Building, 301 E. House Street, Alvin. For information, call Mary Anne McWhirter, 281-388-1130 or email [mmcwhirter@alvinisd.net](mailto:mmcwhirter@alvinisd.net).

The last day to register to vote in the May election is April 6, and early voting begins April 24.

### Pearland Chamber announces

#### 2023 Board of Directors

Stuart Cayer, senior director of ambulatory clinics in the south region, is a longtime administrative leader of Kelsey-Seybold Clinic, having worked for the ambulatory health system for 22 years. Kelsey-Seybold is one of the most trusted names in medicine and a leader in delivering coordinated, evidence-based care, with 35 locations in the greater Houston area. Stuart has been on the board of the Pearland Chamber of Commerce since 2019 and has previously chaired the Community Council and Governmental Relations committees in addition to serving as Vice Chair of Governance.



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"I am humbled to serve as Board Chair for 2023. The Chamber is vital to our business, residential, and civic communities, and I am committed to strengthening and building relationships with these groups, and individuals, in the coming year."

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# FAITH MATTERS

...because everyone believes in something!

By REV. DR. BRIAN GIGEE

## REFRESHMENT FOR THE SOUL

*"Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord..." - Acts of the Apostles 3:17-19*

Call it... "REFRESH23..." here, there and everywhere... and I can't help myself after all these years and even though I teased about it just a little in last week's post... I can say with confident and humble enthusiasm... the season of Lent is knocking on the door... my favorite time of the year and an opportunity for each one of us to engage in some thoughtful reflection. Are you ready? Faith Matters. It does!

Lent is the oldest of the seasons built into the ancient Christian church year... when it comes to spiritual calisthenics of the heart and mind! Many find these 40 days helpful. Others ignore them completely and even some chuckle within when 'church folks' talk about it as it sure sounds a lot like belly button fuzz... but all of us understand the value of checking up on ourselves... looking within... pondering deeper than navel gazing... taking genuine stock in oneself whether it be an NFL coach or player who just lost the Superbowl or whether a nurse's accreditation is up for renewal or even when a school teacher insists on upping the bar of their classroom abilities... it actually is a good thing... a faith 'check-up' that is... but even so... going beyond oneself and taking time to evaluate how things are between us and God... and as pitchers and catchers show up for Spring training in a few short weeks... Christians show up on Ash Wednesday...

During this time of the church year, Christians ponder the unfolding events that led to Jesus' condemnation and crucifixion... his triumphal march into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday; his firm words of warning about the events to come; his sham trial—one of the first historical reports of

"fake news", the brutal scourging, and horrific crucifixion. No movie or painting can depict the truth and no day could be any darker... no travesty more calamitous than the slaying of God's own beloved Son. And yet, that's what we find on "the hill of the skull"... *Golgotha*... our sins demanding his death to satisfy the Father's righteous judgment. Were you there when they crucified our Lord? Sure you were! We all were! Taken from the cross, the lifeless form of Christ was placed in another man's tomb. He owned nothing the day he died... yet he was present at creation! With that action the "powers of the day" thought the ordeal complete, the savagery it had witnessed was something it could now put behind it. But God's work wasn't quite done. Three days later, out of a sealed tomb—guarded to prevent theft—Jesus rose from the dead. And with that thunderous crescendo, humankind's disgrace and ruin, which had destined it for eternal slaughter, is forgiven through the blood of Christ.

So... Lent is when we turn our eyes to the cross. It is there where Jesus, the sinless Son of God, suffered the indignity and shame of dying for our sins. And it is there where God's wrath was satisfied by his beloved Son's supreme sacrifice, winning salvation for all who call Him their Savior. It's not about you... it's all about God... the one who "refreshes" this Lent 2023! Come and own your role in the drama of God... open your Bible and read the Gospel of Mark... or find a good book about Christ and the Church... or talk to a friend and covenant for 40 days to pray for and with each other and by all means... as Mother Teresa used to say... *"Go do something good for God"* as God knows there's plenty work to do...

*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).*



Pearland Troop 104 Court of Honor, top row from left: Nathan Alexander Navarajo, Eric James Metz; bottom row from left: Rene E. Garcia, Scoutmaster John Bland, Pearland Mayor Kevin Cole, Sebastian G. Garcia and Jared T. Schwartz. Photo by Eugene J. Metz Jr.

### Boy Scouts:

## Five earn Eagle rank in Troop 104

By N. BRADFORD

Reporter News Staff

Pearland Boy Scout Troop 104 held its court of honor this month for five scouts attaining the rank of Eagle, the highest achievement attainable in the BSA program.

Approximately four percent of scout achieve the Eagle Scout rank, which requires at least 21 merit badges, service and leadership in their communities.

New Eagle Scouts and their service projects include:

Nathan Navarajo, 18, coordinated with Texas Historical Cemetery Guardianship Association in Angleton in clearing the overgrown Payne Cemetery in Rosharon, Texas. Nathan and his fellow scouts were able to reveal markers and gravesites previously obscured by nature. A senior at St. Pius High in Houston, Nathan is the son of Joseph and Alice Navarajo.

A recent graduate of Dawson High in 2022, Eagle Scout Sebastian G. Garcia coordinated the landscape cleanup in outdoor lunch area at Pearland Junior High. This included removal of old shrubs and the addition of donated mulch. Sebastian is currently attending Alvin Community College with plans to attend the University of Houston in Fall 2023.

Also a 2022 graduate of Dawson High, Rene E. Garcia planned and undertook a cleanup of landscaping around the flag poles at Pearland Junior High as his Eagle project, which included shrub removal and mulching. He is also

attending ACC with plans to transfer to the University of Houston in 2023. He is the son of Lissette and Eduardo Garcia.

Eagle Scout Eric Metz for his project installed two high top park tables and trash container for a community in La Porte. A graduate of Thurgood Marshall High School, he is the son of Eugene and Alison Metz.

Eagle Scout Jared Schwartz, 18, planned the cleanup for the Greenhill Cemetery home of the Orozimbo Plantation, along with the Texas Historical Cemetery Guardianship Association in Angleton. A student at Dawson High, he is the son of Nancy and Kenneth Schwartz.

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# SPORTS

## From the Cluttered Desk

by Dr. David Davis

### What is true friendship?

I recently was visiting with a man who was a superintendent of a school and had done a tremendous job in seeing his school system become one of the leading schools in the state of Texas.

My first encounter with him came when I was invited to speak to all of the students in this school district during national "Red Ribbon Week" — the week set aside by schools to educate and motivate their students regarding the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse while stressing right choices in life.

I received a call from him informing me that he had changed schools and then he began to fill me in on what had happened to him during the past year.

You see — he had learned that he had cancer this past year and instead of this former school officials rallying around him and giving him the necessary support that he needed during his treatment — they showed their true colors by putting pressure on him to resign with little compassion regarding his health and recovery.

He said to me, "David, I found out who my true friends were during this entire ordeal. It shocked me that they would treat me the way they did — especially while I was going through treatment — I had written a grant that was approved by the federal government for \$500,000 to fund a special program for our school."

I could sense in his voice the hurt and the pain — not from the big "C" (which is now in remission), but what I believe was an even greater pain — and that is to experience the reality of finding out who people really are when you need them the most. A moment when people could have responded at his greatest point of need in life...he experienced rejection. I certainly could relate, though not to the same degree, but none the less, I understood.

In past years I have had the opportunity to meet hundreds of people. I was introduced to many of them through the reading of this column.

This form of communication, for the most part, has been an attempt to convey positive words and support to others. Of course, there are times that one has to take a stand when an unjust accusation has been made toward someone when the accuser(s) haven't taken the time to look deep enough into who they are seeking to criticize.

I remember a girl in Del Rio, Texas who gave me a slip of paper with these words written on it after speaking at her school. She wrote: "A real friend is someone who understands your past...believes in your future...and accepts you today just the way you are."

Not bad from a sophomore in high school. Whether she wrote it herself or read it somewhere and copied it from another source — this young lady had etched in her heart the true meaning of friendship.

I am thankful for real friends and their encouraging words.

Mark Twain once said, "I can live three weeks on a compliment."

People who have friends and easily make friends are usually very happy people. Have you ever noticed that? When they walk in a room — people naturally smile and wave at them — glad to see them — delighted they are a part of the festivities. They light up a room.

On the other hand, those who are filled with: "I'm always right" - "You're always wrong" — type attitudes can ruin a happy occasion. They have a lot of baggage that they want others to carry for them that is usually labeled critical, unhappy, and bitter.

I would hope you would take the time today to think about the friends you have in your life. Someone once said that you are a very rich person if you have a trusted friend in your life. Treasure that friendship and in turn also be a friend.

Old friend Robert said, "A real friend is someone who walks into your life when the rest of the world has walked out."

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## Dawson crowned 23-6A champions with win over Elsik

By DR. DAVID DAVIS  
Reporter News Staff

Winning or sharing a district championship has been the DNA of the Dawson Eagles boys basketball program that is under the leadership of head coach Mark Barre.

The Eagles defeated the Alief Elsik Rams which improved their overall record to 29-5 and 13-1 in district. The 58-46 win gave Dawson the outright District 23-6A crown for the 11th time.

Dawson has either shared or

won the title outright 11 out of the past 12 years.

Barre has forged an overall record of 395 wins and 180 losses as the only head coach at Dawson since it opened in 2007.

Dawson took control of the game against Alief Elsik early and the outcome was never in doubt.

The Eagles jumped out to a 15-6 first quarter lead with a strong offensive effort while working a suffocating defense.

Dawson extend the lead in the second quarter 20-10 which gave

them a 35-16 lead at intermission.

Elsik attempted a comeback in the third quarter with 16 points while Dawson managed nine points to close the gap to 44-32 heading into the final frame.

Both teams scored 14 points in the fourth quarter leaving the Eagles with the 58-46 district win.

Leading Dawson on offense was Jaden Miller (6 assists, 3 steals) and Larry Lyons who both tossed in 16 points while Kendrick Bailey tossed in 10

points while also grabbing five rebounds and three assists.

The Eagles hit 18-of-27 free throws.

### DAWSON 53 - SHADOW CREEK 37

Before the start of the basketball season, the prognosticators thought the battle for the District 23-6A title would be between Dawson and Shadow Creek. While both teams have punched their ticket to the post-season, it would be Dawson who would be crowned as the 23-6A champion.

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EASY BASKET - Shadow Creek sophomore Anthony Deuce Williams (22) scores an easy basket against Dawson. Williams scored 11 points but it wasn't enough as the Sharks lost to the Eagles for the second time this season 53-37. Photo by Michael McManus



STRONG MOVE TO THE BASKET - Dawson senior Larry Lyons (16 points) scores a basket over Shadow Creek junior Kaden Tate as the Eagles beat the Sharks 53-37 in a district showdown. Dawson won the 23-6A title this year with a 13-1 record. Both teams have punched their ticket to the playoffs. Photo by Michael McManus

## Strake Jesuit survives against Pearland 72-57

By DR. DAVID DAVIS  
Reporter News Staff

The game between Pearland and Strake Jesuit was a bitter-sweet contest as this would be the final home game for the Oilers this season and also it would be the last game that Pearland head coach Steve Buckelew would be coaching in the "Pressure Pit" as he has made the decision to retire after 28 years at Pearland.

Buckelew took an anemic Pearland basketball program in 1995 and turned it into a recognized Houston area power that was known for a pressing, suffocating defense with a deliberate offense.

With one game remaining when Pearland travels to face the Alief Hastings Bears (late Tuesday), Buckelew should finish with 830 wins and 322 losses over a 38-year span.

The veteran coach is the winningest coach in Pearland HS basketball history with 598

wins and 235 losses.

Over the 28 years Buckelew has been at the helm, the Oilers have made 22 UIL playoff appearances, 24 seasons of 20-plus wins, 4 seasons of 30 wins or more and one trip to the Texas Final Four state basketball tournament (1997-1998).

This year's team has been one of the youngest that Buckelew has ever coached and while the Oilers won't be advancing to the post-season, the team still showed a lot of hustle and effort in every game.

Such was the case against the playoff-bound Strake Jesuit Crusaders who entered the game tied for the No. 2 seed in District 23-6A.

Despite the scoring effort of Pearland junior Julian Valentine who fired in 24 points including four treys, Strake countered with Jace Posey who scored 27 points with a pair



Pearland head coach Steve Buckelew

Photo by Lloyd Hendricks

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# SPORTS



**LEADING SCORER** - Sophomore guard Mike Collins (1) scores on a short jumper over an Alief Taylor defender. Collins scored 13 points with 11 points coming in the fourth quarter to lead the Sharks over the Lions 54-39 in a district showdown. Both teams will advance to the post-season. Photo by Michael McManus

## Shadow Creek gets district win over Alief Taylor

By DR. DAVID DAVIS  
Reporter News Staff

In a game that would decide the playoff seeding for Shadow Creek (22-10, 10-3), the critical 54-39 win over the Alief Taylor Lions guaranteed the Sharks at least the No. 3 seed in the basketball playoffs. But the Sharks have an opportunity to move up to the No.2 seed with a win in their final district game against Strake Jesuit.

Regardless, Shadow Creek, Strake Jesuit, and Taylor have all punched their ticket to the post-season behind league champion Dawson (13-1).

Both teams opened the game cold on offense as they both finished the opening quarter tied 7-7.

Shadow Creek began to find their shooting range in the second period as six players hit a basket for 13 points while the Lions registered for seven more points leaving the Sharks with a 20-14 halftime advantage.

Taylor came out hot in the second half scoring 17 points that included three treys while holding the Sharks to 10 points giving the Lions a 31-30 lead entering the final frame.

The fourth quarter saw the Sharks explode for 24 points while holding the Lions to only eight points to post the 54-37 final score.

Shadow Creek sophomore guard Mike Collins led the charge with 11 points as he hit two jumpers and was 7-for-7 from the free throw line.

Collins finished the game with 13 points while Julian Cullier tossed in nine points and Chase Cain added seven points.

The Sharks were 20-of-27 from the charity stripe with 16 of those coming in the second half.



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## Friendswood signees on National Signing Day

By DR. DAVID DAVIS  
Reporter News Staff

The Friendswood Mustangs were well represented on National Signing Day last week as eight student-athletes formalized their commitments to play at the next level while preparing to take their education to the next level as well.

Players representing football, volleyball, soccer, and softball signed letters-of-intent to continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level.

**Football:**

Braylan Shelby - University of Southern California  
**Volleyball:**

Kaitlyn Gotsch — Grand Canyon University  
Rylee Lansing — Nicholls State University (Beach)  
Cierra Pesak — Blinn College

**Soccer:**  
Lauren Littleton — Liberty University

**Softball:**  
Lainie Schaefer — Liberty University  
Janelle Wilson — University of North Carolina  
Julia Hopkins — Alvin Community College

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of 3-pointers while tossing in 12 points in the final quarter to give the Crusaders a 72-57 district win.

Strake opened the game with a 7-0 run, but the Pearland hardcourt warriors rallied with a 6-0 run to cut the lead to 7-6.

Both teams would end the first quarter tied 14-14.

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champions. Dawson has faced Shadow Creek two rounds of district action and have been victorious in both games. The Eagles beat the Sharks 45-36 in the first round and 53-37 last week in the second encounter.

Larry Lyons (16 points, 7 rebounds) and Kendrick Bailey (14 points, 7 rebounds, 4 assists) led the Eagles past the Sharks.

Dawson edged Shadow Creek 13-11 in the opening quarter as Lyons led the offensive charge with a pair of field goals and 3-for-3 from the free throw line for seven points.

The Eagles increased the lead with a 20-12 second period as Dawson hit three treys for a 33-23 lead at halftime.

The Eagles continued to control the game with a 13-11 third quarter as Bailey led the offensive charge with a pair of field goals and 2-of-2 from the charity stripe and a 46-34 advantage going into the final frame.

Dawson closed out the district contest 8-4 in the fourth quarter to post the 53-37 final score.

Leading scorer for Shadow Creek was Anthony Duece Williams who tossed in 11 points.

Dawson hit 10-of-12 free throws and 17-of-32 field goals while grabbing a total of 31 rebounds.

The second quarter was more of the same as the lead changed several times before Strake edged Pearland 16-14 to take a 30-28 lead into the dressing room at intermission.

The game was tied 37-37 midway in the third period and then Strake went on a 10-0 run for a 47-37 advantage which was led by 3-pointers from Posey, sophomore Lucas Hobin and junior Andrew Love to immediately establish control of the game.

Strake Jesuit head coach Dominic Amorosa fully expected the tough fight he received from Pearland (12-20, 5-8).

“It was a big night for coach Buckelew and this program,” Amorosa said. “He’s been an ambassador for this sport in Houston, and we knew we were going to get their best shot.

“It got a little dicey with Pearland’s ability to spread floor, and we knew it was going to be difficult if it remained close.

Strake led 51-39 heading into the final eight minutes of the game.

That’s when Posey took over the game with 12 of his 27 points and the Crusaders sealed the game 21-18 in the fourth quarter and a 72-57 final score.

“We’ve gotten better each game,” Buckelew said. “We played (Alief) Taylor to the wire on Tuesday, and we played good for about three quarters tonight.

“Once they locked down on my shooter (Julian Valentine), that made it tough. We play hard, but we’re just young and inexperienced – and Strake is a very good team.” Pearland will try to give Buckelew his 598th career win as the Oilers head coach at Alief Hastings (late Tuesday).

“It’s been a great run,” Buckelew said, “and seeing all the people – fans, parents, former players, colleagues – here tonight was very special.”

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
An application has been made with the Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission for a Beer Retail Dealer's On-Premise License by GolfCipher at the Championship Golf Center, located at 2990 W Parkwood Ave., Friendswood, TX, Galveston County, Texas. Owner operator of the business is Kirt Scott.

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**CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
Sealed bids will be received by the City of Pearland Purchasing Division, 3519 Liberty Dr., until **2:00 PM on Wednesday, March 15, 2023**, and all bids will be read aloud via virtual meeting. Interested parties may join meeting by calling: #281-652-1955; Meeting: #1790, Access Code: #0971 on that date for:

**ITB 0223-02 Fitting, Valves, and Couplings**

Bid forms, specifications and all necessary information may be obtained from the following website: <https://pearland.ionwave.net>. Vendors are encouraged to return the bid response electronically using the City's e-bid system, but may submit by hard-copy, with either manner due by the closing date and time stated above.

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at Council Chambers located at 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas 77581 at **3:00 PM on Wednesday, March 1, 2023**. See bid solicitation for virtual link option if preferred.

Vendors should register on the City's e-bid system <https://pearland.ionwave.net>. Once registered on the City's e-bid system, bid documents may be viewed on the site. If further assistance is needed, please email [ebids@pearlandtx.gov](mailto:ebids@pearlandtx.gov) no later than 5:00 PM Monday, March 6, 2023, and refer to ITB 0223-02. Bid Closing Date: **3:00 PM on Wednesday, March 15, 2023**.

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## SHOT ON TARGET

Pearland senior midfielder Skyler Krchnak scores on a penalty kick late vs Alief Taylor. The goal put the Oilers up for good on their way to a 2-0 victory. The Oilers are now 3-1-2 as they look to secure a playoff spot going into the second half of district play. Next on the schedule is a short road trip west to face Shadow Creek on Friday, Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m.  
Photo by Lloyd Hendricks

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**James Brawner Constable Precinct 4**

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

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

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

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

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

**Plaintiff:** Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association,

**VS**

**Defendant:** Carlos Paz

**Property Description:**

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

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

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

**SALE TO BE HELD**

7th day of March, 2023  
Between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM  
111 Locust Angleton, Texas 77515

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

By:   
Jon Baker, Chief Deputy #

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

**Request for Qualifications and Scope of Work**

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

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

**The Intent of this Request for Qualifications**

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

**Federal Funding**

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

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

**Instructions for Submission**

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

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

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

**RFQ Publication Dates, Questions, and Submission Deadline**

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

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

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

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**Pearland Independent School District will be accepting Request for Proposal for Food Service Equipment until 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, 2023. Proposals will be submitted online in the Pearland ISD eBid System. Vendors may login and view specifications and submit their response at the following link: <https://pearlandisd.ionwave.net>.**

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

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Pearland, in Brazoria, Harris and Fort Bend Counties, Texas, will hold a public hearing on Monday, **March 6, 2023**, at 6:30 p.m., at City Hall, 3519 Liberty Dr., Pearland, Texas 77581; and that the City Council of the City of Pearland will hold a public hearing and first Ordinance adoption consideration on Monday, **March 27, 2023**, at 6:30 p.m., at City Hall, 3519 Liberty Dr., Pearland, Texas 77581, for the following cases:

**1. Zone Change Application No. ZONE 22-21:** 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) District to PD District, replacing the old Promenade Shops Lifestyle Center PD with a proposed mixed-use development consisting of a variety of land uses 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. ZONE 22-32:** A request by Katherine Beckett, HDR Inc, applicant, on behalf of Healgien Scientific LLC., owner, for approval of a zone change from Light Industrial (M-1) District to Planned Development (PD) District, incorporating approximately 6.4566 acres of land into the LNR Clear Lake Planned Development including deviations to the PD regulations pertaining to this site, to wit:

**Legal Description:** 6.4566 acres of land out of the James Hamilton Survey, Abstract No. 876 in Harris County, Texas, same being part of Lots 13? and 20 of Block F of Allison-Richey Gulf Coast Home Company Suburban Gardens Subdivision, the plat of which is recorded in Volume 3, Page 40 of the Harris County Map Records.

**General Location:** Southwest Corner of Sam Houston Parkway West and Hooper Road.

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

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE EXCLUSION AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN LAND TO BRAZORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 40**

Notice is hereby given that Brazoria County Municipal Utility District No. 40 (the "District") will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 12:00 p.m., at the regular meeting place of the District, at the offices of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2400, Rio Grande Conference Room, Houston, Texas 77027, outside the boundaries of the District for the following purpose:

**CONDUCT HEARING ON APPLICATIONS FOR EXCLUSION AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN LAND TO BRAZORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 40**

All interested parties have the right to offer evidence in support of the Applications or against the Applications.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

/s/ Alicia Skinner /s/ Charles M. Eastland  
President, Board of Directors Secretary, Board of Directors

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

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

**Bailey Road Expansion  
Veterans Dr. to Main (SH-35)  
City of Pearland, Texas  
COP PN: TR1904  
BID NO.: 1122-34**

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

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at City of Pearland Engineering and Public Works Service Center Rio Grande Training Room at 2016 Old Alvin Rd, Pearland, Texas 77581 at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2023.

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

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