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Around Town

June 21

MUSICAL PETTING ZOO

A musical petting zoo hosted by the Angleton Community Band for grades kindergarten through 5th is 2:30 p.m. at the West Pearland Library, 11801 Shadow Creek Parkway. Free to public. For information, call 713-436-0995.

June 22

MOVIE ON THE LAWN

Outdoor free screening of "Minions: The Rise of Gru" begins at 7 p.m. in the parking lot of Baybrook Mall, 500 Baybrook Mall, Friendswood. Blankets and lawn chairs recommended. Baybook's Movies on the Lawn series is held Thursdays during the summer through Aug. 31. Baybrookmall.com.

ROVER DAY

Lone Star Flight Museum, 11551 Aerospace Avenue at Ellington Airport, hosts NASA Day beginning at 10:30 a.m. with Rover Tours and a Shuttle Trainer Talk at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. General admission is \$5. For information, visit Lonestarflight.org.

June 23

CONCERT IN THE PARK

Concerts in the Park series continues with Steel Country from 7 to 9 p.m. at Independence Park, 3449 Pearland Parkway. Smoking and glass containers prohibited; pets must be on a leash. Picnics, lawn chairs and blankets are encouraged and food vendors will be on site.

ALMOST MAINE

Pearland Theatre Guild presents "Almost, Maine" at 7:30 p.m. at the Pearl Theatre, 14803 Park Alameda Drive. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 students and seniors. For information, call 713-340-2540, or visit pearl-theater.com.

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COUNTRY MUSIC SHOWCASE

Pearland Country Music Showcase featuring country singer Britt Godwin is 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the Pearlland Town Center, 11200 Broadway St. For information and full lineup, go to VisitPearland.com/CountryMusicShowcase.

June 27

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET

Brazoria County Commissioners meet at 9 a.m. at the courthouse, 111 E. Locust St., Angleton. Meetings are open to the public and public comment time is allotted. For information, minutes, video and agendas, visit brazoriacountytx.gov.

PAJAMA STORYTIME

Family Pajama Storytime is 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. at West Pearland Library, 11801 Shadow Creek Parkway. Library programs are free and open to the public. For information, call 713-436-0995.

June 28

CHICKS TO CHILDREN

Educational program titled "School Age: Chicks to Children" presented by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension will be 10:15 to 11 a.m. at the Tom Reid Library, 3522 Liberty Drive. All library programs are free. Call 281-652-1677 or email pearland@bcls.lib.tx.us for information.

ARMADILLO'S DREAM OPERA

Houston Grand Opera: The Armadillo's Dream is 2:30 p.m. at the West Pearland Library, 11801 Shadow Creek Parkway, for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. All library events are free. For information, call 713-436-0995.

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Mosquito Spraying Prompts Birds & Bees Talk

By N. BRADFORD
Reporter News Staff

The reality of living on the Texas coast combined with ongoing concern over how mosquito warfare is affecting beneficial insects has city leaders in Pearland looking to open a dialogue with Brazoria County, which coordinates local mosquito control.

"Pearland and Brazoria County are bird sanctuaries -- it's all over our websites," Pearland Council member Layni Cade said. "Yet, we spray things that are poisonous to the birds and to the insects they eat."

Cade and Councilman Adrian Hernandez were behind a June 12 resolution to prioritize use of larvicides over products that kill adult mosquitoes.

"I'm not trying to say we shouldn't spray -- I'm wanting to know why we can't use larvicides," Cade said.

Larvicides allow for a more targeted approach when applied, Her-

andez said.

Mosquitos can and do spread disease and can multiply quickly when unchecked, he said.

"We're not trying to force anything -- this is just asking them to join us and take a look at the chemicals being used and be a little bit more mindful moving forward," he said.

Opening a dialogue

The resolution didn't make it to a vote; city leaders instead made a plan to open a dialogue with the county and gather numbers on costs, effectiveness and barriers to shifting to a more environmentally friendly method.

"I'd really like to know what's more effective," Councilman Tony

Carbone said. "We wrestle with budget here. In terms of passing a resolution, it's a lot of words and not any teeth."

"If we're not willing to buy the chemical or apply it, we need to be honest about that," Councilman Alex Kamkar agreed.

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~ Layni Cade, Pearland City Council

Adulticide sprays immediately kill flying mosquitoes, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, while larvicide sprays kill larvae that hatch from eggs and lasts longer than adulticide sprays. Both temporarily reduce mosquito populations but won't permanently get rid of them.

"Harris County uses larvicide, so part of Pearland is sprayed using larvicide," Cade said.

Monarch massacre

Not long after the Brazoria County Beekeepers Association was established 12 years ago, founding member Dane Bieto said a 3 p.m. run by a mosquito spraying truck "managed to wipe out an entire Monarch butterfly migratory run to South America."

"The streets were literally littered with thousands of Monarch butterflies," he said.

Since then, he adds, efforts to halt the spraying at the county have gone nowhere.

"They will not talk to us in any way, shape or form," Bieto said.

The county's mosquito control uses larvicide in low lying areas and storm drains, and ground spraying of adulticide. According to the county website, aerial spraying is used "when there is a widespread outbreak or when the landing rate counts begin to climb."

For information, visit brazoriacountytx.gov/departments/mosquito-control

'Vape Detectors' Coming to PISD Schools

By N. BRADFORD
Reporter News Staff

Coming this fall to Pearland ISD campuses: Vape detectors.

Pearland ISD administrators say vaping among students is an ongoing problem at high schools and junior high campuses.

"We have done education. We have done consequences," Superintendent Larry Berger said.

Now, the district will be adding "vape detectors" in restrooms. The devices register chemical signature of vaping aerosol and alert school officials.

Available in sweet and fruity flavors, e-cigarettes are popular

among teens. Like regular cigarettes, they contain nicotine and are equally as addictive.

"It's sad to me that you can go to any gas station and buy a THC vape. Our students can acquire these pretty easily. They are bringing them to school, and they are using them in the restrooms in high numbers."

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strooms in high numbers."

The school board on June 13 approved the Title IV federally fund-

ed purchase of the vape detectors, to be installed in or near restroom ceilings.

"They are hard-wired into our internet," Berger said. "When they do signal, it signals the administra-

tors on the campus through their cellphones or their computers that there is an issue in a restroom."

The majority of the devices should be online by the coming school year this August.

Elsewhere in Brazoria County, other school districts have installed various degrees of vape detectors.

"There has been a decline after the initial increase in detection," Berger said. "Our goal is not to increase punishment on students. Our goal is to combine education of the difficulty that comes with vapes to your health, to the consequences to you as well as deterring them from bringing them to school."

County Library Cooling Stations Open for Summer

Keeping cool in the summer months in Brazoria County is essential to staying healthy. As the summer temperatures rise, the risk of health problems for infants, the elderly, and those with respiratory illness greatly increases.

The Brazoria County Library System has partnered with United Way of Brazoria County to create cooling stations at their libraries to provide bottled water and an air-conditioned environment where residents can escape the heat.

From now until the end of September, the Brazoria County Library System will open its doors for those that need relief from the heat, with the initial supply of bottled water donated by Actions, Inc. of Brazoria County, Center-

Point Energy, Angleton Church of Christ, and others. Residents may take advantage of the cooling stations when the heat index is pre-

dicted to be 100 degrees or higher Monday through Saturday during regular library operating hours.

Groups, organizations, and indi-

viduals that would like to donate cases of bottled water can drop them off at any of the twelve libraries throughout the county.

For library locations and hours, visit: mybcls.org.

About Brazoria County Library System (BCLS)

BCLS is a dynamic system of libraries providing convenient access to quality and popular resources to meet the educational and recreational needs of Brazoria County residents of all ages. There are 12 libraries in the system, located in the following cities: Alvin, Angleton, Brazoria, Clute, Danbury, Freeport, Lake Jackson, Manvel, Pearland (2), Sweeny, and West Columbia.



Some Homes To Rise Above Flood Risk

By N. BRADFORD
Reporter News Staff

Seven years after Hurricane Harvey, some Pearland homeowners are getting peace of mind from the risk of flooding.

Funded through the Texas Water Development Board, the \$1.43 million project will bring a total of Pearland seven homes above the base flood elevation.

"After disasters like Hurricane Harvey there's often dollars available for mitigation type programs, and there are the buyout programs as well as home elevation programs," City Manager Trent Epperson said. "This is the contract for the company that will do the elevation."

The city has been working on securing the funding for the past

couple of years.

"It took the state a while to get the projects approved and funded," Special projects administrator Joel Hardy said.

The elevations will be done by Houston-based Planet Three Home Elevation, which in 2021 began working in Brazoria County on FEMA-funded mitigation to prevent future flooding risks. Their work

to elevate homes at least two feet above FEMA's base flood elevation includes structural supports, utility restoration, stairs and landings.

Completion of all seven homes is expected by the end of 2024. The homes selected for the project include two on Green Tee Drive as well as homes on Pine Tree Drive, Piper Road, Josephine Street and Colmesneil Drive.

PEARLAND POLICE REPORT

Below are highlights from reports filed during the past week by Pearland Police. Incident and arrest reports are public record and are available in full online at p2c.pearlandtx.gov.

Tuesday, June 13

Two women were arrested around 2 a.m., one for DWI, second offense, and one for public intoxication, 6100 block of Larrycrest. Death investigation was conducted at 6:34 a.m., 12000 block of Forest Sage Lane. Two instances of theft by fraud were reported around 11 a.m. at 3500 block of Mustang Ridge and 3100 block of Autumn Court. A Rosharon contractor, 40, was arrested in Fresno for theft with two or more prior convictions. Vehicle reported stolen at 7:45 pm, 1000 block of Bass Pro Drive. Death investigation just before midnight, South Freeway.

Wednesday, June 14

A Deer Park man, 44, was arrested at 8 am for felony theft with two prior convictions, 121000 block of Dickinson Road. An arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia was made at 6 pm, 2600 block of County Road 298. Vehicle reported stolen at 6:45 pm from 2400 block of Business Center Drive. An assault was reported at 7:21 pm, 2100 block of Kingsley.

Thursday, June 15

A Pearland man, 30, was arrested at 12:10 a.m. for public intoxication and family violence assault causing bodily injury, 2100 block of Kingsley Drive. A Webster man, 31, was arrested for theft, 1710 Broadway St. Death investigation conducted at 6:48 a.m. in the 2700 block of Janet Lane. DWI arrest was made at 8 p.m. 1710 Broadway St. Death investigation conducted at 8:15 p.m., 16100 block of South Freeway.

Friday, June 16

Public intoxication arrest at 1:49 a.m. at 10111 Broadway St. Arrest for felony theft at 2:21 a.m. at 700 San Jacinto St. DWI arrest at 2:43 a.m. 5700 Broadway St. DWI arrest at 3:27 a.m. at 10100 Broadway St. A 32-year-old man was arrested on a warrant in Houston at 12:11 p.m. for aggravated sexual assault of a child. A death investigation was conducted at 1:12 pm in the 3000 block of Becket St. A death investigation was conducted at 4:10 pm, 11100 block of Shadow Creek Parkway. A death investigation was conducted at

5:10 pm, 16100 block of South Parkway. A 52-year-old Cypress woman was arrested in Houston at 11:23 pm for forgery. Vehicles were reported burglarized at 11:30 pm, 11900 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

Saturday, June 17

A Pearland woman, 36, was arrested just after midnight Saturday for family violence assault impeding breathing or circulation, 2020 Business Center Drive. DWI arrest made at 3:25 a.m. at 11500 Magnolia Parkway. DWI arrest at 3:37 am, 11300 Magnolia Parkway. Two people were arrested at 3:30 pm for disorderly conducts- fighting at 5012 Broadway St. A Houston man, 56, was arrested for DWI, third or more, and felony drug possession in the 2100 block of Main St. A Lake Jackson woman, 43, was arrested at 11 pm for public intoxication, 16100 South Freeway.

Sunday, June 18

A Fresno, Texas man, 37, was arrested for unlawful carrying of a weapon at 3:47 am, 1800 Kingsley Drive. A Pearland man, 40, was arrested at 4 am for family violence assault- impeding circulation or breathing, 13600 block of Canyon Ranch Drive. Public intoxication arrest was made at 6:16 am, 8400 block of Broadway St. An assault was reported at 11 am in the 4000 block of Lotus Drive. An arrest for criminal trespass was made at 11:18 am, 11100 Shadow Creek Parkway. Two people were arrested for family violence assault by physical contact, 4000 block of Lotus Drive. Three people were charged with family violence assault by contact at 3:20 pm, 3510 Broadway St. A death investigation was conducted at 6 pm, 16100 block of South Freeway. A Pearland woman, 44, was arrested at 10:15 pm for continuous violence against the family, 2500 block of Meadowhurst Drive. Public intoxication arrest at 10:21 pm, 2800 Harkey Road. A Pearland man, 57, was arrested at 10:26 pm for felony DWI, third or more, 2600 Harkey Road. A Pearland woman, 56, was arrested at 11 pm and charged with disorderly conduct displaying a weapon, 2500 block of Walnut Grove Court. Family violence assault reported at 11:32 pm, 3500 block of Broadway St.

Monday, June 19

Public intoxication arrest at 12:04 am, 4000 block of Crystal Lake Circle. Arrest for unlawful carrying of a weapon made at 12:16 am, 11151 Shadow Creek Parkway. A Houston woman, 50, was arrested at 4:15 am for family violence assault causing bodily injury, 2555 Cullen Parkway. A Pearland woman, 47, was arrested at 1:41 pm for family violence assault by contact, 2100 block of Plum Fall Drive.

FRIENDSWOOD POLICE REPORT

JUNE 12 thru JUNE 18

Burglary

June 14 (11:59 a.m.) A 33 year old Houston man was charged with Disorderly Conduct and Driving While License Invalid. A 34 year old accomplice, of Houston, was charged with Burglary of a Vehicle and Tamper/Fabricate Physical Evidence. A burglary of a vehicle was reported in the 2500 block of Austin Trail. The residence had surveillance cameras that captured the incident. Just prior to the burglary call, a police detective witnessed one suspect urinating in public in the parking of Gold's Gym, 130 W. Parkwood Avenue. He called to have a marked police unit stop the vehicle that the man was in. The traffic stop was conducted in the 2000 block of W. Parkwood Avenue. When the officer took the vehicle burglary report, the victim told police that he left the McDonalds at 130 W. Parkwood and arrived home at 11:28 a.m. The surveillance camera captured a black Toyota Rav4 at the end of the driveway. The suspect exited the vehicle and entered victim's vehicle through the rear passenger side window and tried to remove a gold bag and golf clubs. He was unsuccessful and left the scene in the black Toyota. Both suspects were taken into custody for outstanding warrants and the first was charged with the traffic offense and urinating in public. At the jail, the officer checked his back seat and found that the second suspect had discarded six crack rocks in the back of his patrol vehicle.

June 15 (10:47 a.m.) A vehicle burglary was reported in the 900 block of Cedarwood at the City Pool parking lot. The victim parked at 11:15 a.m. and found her vehicle burglarized at 1:15 p.m. A purse was stolen.

June 16 (4:51 p.m.) Police are investigating a possible bank jugging. A New Caney man made a bank withdrawal at the Wells Fargo located at 200 W. Parkwood Avenue. He left the bank and drove straight to a work site in the 700 block of Tanglewood Drive. As soon as he parked, a dark grey 4-door Chevroelt Cruze pulled in front of the work van. A black male opened the driver's side door of the unlocked van, grabbed a logbook on the dashboard, and ran back to the Cruze. Investigators do have leads in the case.

Theft

June 12 (4:16 p.m.) Copper wire was stripped and stolen from a commercial building located at 4552 FM 2351. When the property owner arrived, he found the gate unsecured. The copper wire that was recently installed had been cut from the panel and pulled from the building. June 14 (6:30 p.m.) A gun was stolen out of a vehicle parked in a garage in the 700 block of Excaliber Court. The theft occurred sometime between June 11th and June 14th. The victim believes the theft may have occurred during the day when his garage doors were open.

June 15 (11:57 a.m.) A theft of gasoline was reported at the HEB Fuel Station located at 501 W. Parkwood Avenue. A tall black male, driving a silver Nissan Altima, pumped gas without paying. The same suspect stole gas on June 13th. Surveillance video captured the license plate of the vehicle and it was traced to a registered owner in Friendswood. A citation was issued to a 22 year old male suspect of Friendswood, charging him with theft.

June 13 (11:04 a.m.) A Friendswood man received a debit card in the mail from Chime Bank. He did not apply for an account or authorize anyone else to apply for an account. June 13 (2:40 p.m.) A 33 year old man from Houston, was charged with Fraudulent Use/Possession of Identifying Information and Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 2. The man was stopped for a license plate violation in the 18000 block of Gulf Freeway. Before he stopped, the man threw something out of the vehicle. During the contact, the officer detected the smell of marijuana. Another officer picked up the discarded item. It was a driver's license belonging to a 40-year-old Houston woman. The officer searched the vehicle and found credit cards, gift cards, a window punch, prescription bottles, money, other driver's licenses,

June 14 (4:21 p.m.) A Friendswood woman received a letter from Speedy Cash about a past due account. The victim has never applied for nor

opened any type of account with Speedy Cash. June 17 (10:14 a.m.) A Friendswood man has been receiving emails about newly opened loan accounts, despite never applying for a loan. The applications had addresses in La Porte and Hitchcock.

June 19 (10:32 a.m.) A Friendswood woman's bank account was placed on hold after someone tried to transfer money out of her savings account. According to the victim, someone was able to log into the victim's bank account on a mobile app.

Threats

June 14 (12:13 a.m.) A 37 year old man of Friendswood, was charged with Threats. Officers arrived on scene of a disturbance in the 4400 block of Ravine and found the home in disarray with a broken bedroom window. The man made threatening comments toward his mother and caused all the damage. The victim was fearful of escalating violence and did not feel safe.

Assault

June 18 (6:18 p.m.) A 37 year old woman of Friendswood, was charged with Assault. She is accused of assaulting her husband at their home in the 1500 block of San Miguel Drive. In addition to assaulting her husband, there was also damage to her husband's vehicle. When officers tried to arrest her, she refused to open the front door, gave the officers "the bird" through the window, and tried to run and hide in the bathroom. Nevertheless, she was captured and taken to jail.

June 18 (7:13 p.m.) A 28 year old male of Webster was charged with Assault. The man is accused of assaulting his father at his father's home in the 1000 block of Bolivar Point Lane. When officers arrived, the man was gone from the scene. However, an officer located him at his apartment in Webster and took him into custody.

June 19 (9:02 p.m.) An 18 year old male of Friendswood, was charged with Assault Causing Bodily Injury-Family Violence. Dukes is accused of assaulting his stepfather at their home in the 100 block of Cherry Tree Lane. An investigation into injury to a child is on-going.

Narcotics

June 14 (2:50 p.m.) A man, 35, of Hempstead, was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 2. A woman, 22, of New Caney, was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The woman was stopped for expired license plates in the 100 block of E. Edgewood Drive. She was very nervous and when asked if there was anything illegal inside the vehicle, she admitted to having a marijuana grinder in her purse. The officer conducted a search and found the grinder and a THC vape in her purse. Inside the man's wallet, the officer found 2 Adderall pills.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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SPORTS

Clark, Gutierrez headline All-District 23-6A selections

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

Pearland head coach Laneigh Clark has been at the helm of the Lady Oilers softball program since 1998-1999. She has led the Lady O's to be one of the winningest softball teams in the state of Texas.

Pearland just captured the 2023 Class 6A state championship with a 4-2 win over Denton Guyer to finish 43-3.

The Lady Oilers have won three state titles (1996, 2010, 2023) while also advancing to the state softball tournament in 1995, 2009, 2011, and 2016. Clark has guided the Lady Oilers to the state tournament five times.

Clark was recently named the Texas Girls Coaches Association Class 5A-6A "Coach of the Year" while she was also named the "Coach of the Year" by her District 23-6A coaching peers. It won't be long before the Texas Sports Writers Association names the 6A All-State teams that will no doubt include coach Clark as the TSWA 6A "Coach of the Year."

Clark is the winningest 6A high school softball coach in Texas and the second winningest softball coach in Texas of any class.

The veteran coach has a 25-year mark of 688-227-5 record at Pearland High School. Clark also coached at Houghton High School in Louisiana that gives her a career record of 794-461-8. She also was the head coach at Centenary College and Sam Houston State University before coming to Pearland in 1998 with her first season at the Pearland helm in

1999 where she began her PHS career with a 27-10 mark.

Clark was recognized for her outstanding coaching career when she was inducted into the Texas Girls Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2021.

When coach Clark learned of her recent selection as the TGCA 5A-6A "Coach of the Year" — she said, "This would not be possible without the leadership of the Pearland athletic department. I view this as a whole coaching staff award."

"It would also not be possible without coach Hayden and all the hard work, dedication, love for the game, love for the kids and her loyalty to me and Lady Oiler softball."

Of course, coach Clark also knows how important each player is to the team that is a reflection of her accolades.

"I view this honor as a team award," Clark said. "This would not be possible without the players, support from parents, the community and that which my coaching staff shows on a daily basis."

Pearland senior pitcher **Abigail Gutierrez** was selected as the District 23-6A Most Valuable Player after she posted a 26-1 record with 145.3 innings, 1.39 earned run average, 191 strikeouts, and 36 walks.

Gutierrez beat San Bonita 3-2 in the 6A state semifinal game and Denton Guyer 4-2 in the state finals as she was also named to the UIL All-Tournament Team. Gutierrez will continue her education and playing career at UT-

Arlington next season.

Named to the All-District first-team was senior second baseman **Kennedy Drafton** (.473 BA, 6 double, 6 triples, 2 HR, 30 RBIs, 55 runs scored, and 28-out-of 31 stolen bases). Drafton will continue her education and playing career at Eastern Kentucky. Drafton was named to the UIL All-Tournament Team.

Junior third baseman **Raenna Liscano** was named to the All-District first-team after she hit .385, 13 doubles, 4 triples, one home run, 57 RBIs, 30 runs, 11 walks, and nine stolen bases.

Sophomore outfielder **Kaylee Schweitzer** was named to the All-District first-team as she hit .455, 3 triples, 19 RBIs, and 39 runs.

Junior designated player **Kelsey Martin** was selected to the All-District first-team as she hit .341 with 1 double, 13 RBIs, 12 runs, and 11 stolen bases.

Senior At-Large pick was **Kristyn Whitlock** who was an All-District first-team pick as she hit .409 with nine doubles, 7 HRs, 55 RBIs, 27 runs, 19 walks, and 11 stolen bases.

Named to the All-District second-team was sophomore pitcher **Isela Flores**, senior outfielders **Darian DeLeon** and sophomore **Jordan Smith**, and At-Large senior **Lydia Njus**.

Named to the All-District honorable mention was senior **Hailey Golden** (Texas A&M) and the UIL All-Tournament MVP and junior **Trinity Perry**.

Named to the UIL State Tournament Team was Gutierrez, Perry, Njus, and Drafton while Hailey Golden was named MVP.



TGCA 5A-6A "COACH OF THE YEAR" - Pearland softball coach Laneigh Clark was recently named the Texas Girls Coaches Association 5A-6A "Coach of the Year" after leading the Lady Oilers to the 2023 6A state championship. Clark was inducted into the TGCA Hall of Fame in 2021 while Reporter News Sports Editor Dr. David Davis shared in her monumental moment.



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FROM THE CLUTTERED DESK

by Dr. David Davis

Advertise in the Dawson/Pearland football media guides

The 2023 high school football season is approaching for Pearland and Dawson High Schools.



It is also time for area businesses to plan on placing an ad in the award-winning football publications. Since I produce the media guides for Dawson and Pearland, there is still space available in these full-color publications for the 2023 football season. But the deadlines are soon approaching. Deadline is Friday, August 11.

For the ninth consecutive year — both media guides finished in first place in the nation at the National High School Sports Media Publications Contest with winning the Gold Award in two different categories.

Both publications can be seen at reporternewsports.com — just click on a cover and turn the pages.

Each booster club manages 100 percent of the money, and they account for every dime spent in these ventures. Plus - each school has a first-class media guide to present to their fans and visiting teams. The money is used to support the scholarship funds for each school through the booster clubs.

If you are interested in placing an ad in these media guides, please give me a call or Email me and I will send you the details of what you need to do. You can also find the forms at the same address above.

Both communities need to realize that they can support their individual teams while knowing that all of the money stays at home. Every check is made out to the right organization of each school, and they control all finances without any funny business.

I can be reached at 281.997.6800 or 713.449.7474 or E-mail me at drdaviddavis@yahoo.com to let me know of your interest.

Here are the following E-mails to let us know of your interest in placing a business ad.

- pearlandfootball@yahoo.com

- dawsonfootballprogram@yahoo.com

Also, if you are a parent and want to place a personal ad for your son or daughter in any of these football media guides - you can use the same E-mail addresses to contact us for the information sheet for each submission.

Make plans now as space is limited. Don't wait until the final deadlines in August.

Old friend Robert said, "Texas has four seasons: winter, spring, summer, and football."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

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Sales tax proceeds will be used for Projects, as part of the Corporation's fiscal year 2023-2024 budget that includes land, buildings, equipment, facilities, expenditures, targeted infrastructure and improvements that are for the creation and retention of primary jobs. Proposed project types include: manufacturing and industrial facilities, research and development facilities, transportation facilities, distribution centers, regional and corporate headquarter facilities and small warehouse and storage facilities. Sales Tax proceeds will also be used for promotional expenses to new and expanding businesses, open space improvements, demolition, infrastructure and transportation improvements, Old Townsite Master Plan, recreation, job training, debt obligations, administrative expenses and other improvements or facilities related to any of the foregoing projects, along with related maintenance for any of the proposed projects.

If you plan to attend this public meeting and you have a disability that requires special arrangements at the meeting, please contact Roxanne Luna-Larsen at (281) 997-3001, within 48 hours of the scheduled business meeting date. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.

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City of Pearland Request for Qualifications RFQ #0623-03 For Professional Design and Engineering Services Hickory Creek, Garden Acres, Herridge-Miller, and Hickory Slough Roadside Drainage Ditch Improvements and Flood Mitigation

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 roadside ditch improvements for the purpose of mitigating residential flooding in Hickory Creek, Garden Acres, and Herridge-Miller subdivisions in Pearland, as well as along a small segment of Hickory Slough. 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 civil engineering, design and any applicable surveying and/or other professional services necessary for the construction of an approximately 47,336 linear feet of roadside ditch improvements, culvert and driveway replacements, and potential roadway improvements. In addition, the firm is to provide similar services for the removal and replacement of a concrete embankment slope located along the east bank of Hickory Slough drainage channel at its intersection with Garden Road. 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 facility.

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 Firm will be responsible for the successful design 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.

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: June 14, 2023
Second Publication: June 21, 2023

Questions are due no later than 5:00 p.m., Thursday, June 29, 2023, and must be sent in writing via email to ebids@pearlandtx.gov, but **may be delivered directly to the City Purchasing Office - City of Pearland, City Hall Annex located at 3523 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas 77581 if email is not an available option.**

RFQs will be accepted until **2:00 p.m., Thursday, July 6, 2023.**

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CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 2023-09 CITY GROUP MEDICAL INSURANCE

Sealed Request for Proposals (RFPs) for Fully Insured and Chapter 172 Group Medical Plans, including Group Life/ADD, Medical, Dental, and LTD plans, and effective October 1, 2023, shall be submitted via one (1) paper copy and one (1) electronic copy in PDF format on a flash drive or CD. Each copy must match identically and must include the ink signature of a person with the authority to bind the vendor into a contract. All submitted materials must be clearly marked with "RFP NO. 2023-09 City Group Medical Insurance" along with the name of the company and addressed to the City of Friendswood, Attn: City Secretary. Said submissions are to be received at Friendswood City Hall, City Secretary's Office, 910 S. Friendswood Dr., Friendswood, TX, 77546 on or before **Thursday, July 6, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.**

The City of Friendswood (the "City") reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Any contract resulting from this RFP shall be awarded to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the City considering the relative importance of price and the other evaluation factors included in this request for proposals.

The City is not requesting the services of a Consultant/Agent/Broker. Forms and specifications for this proposal may be obtained from the City's consultant/agent of record, **Shaina Miller, Higginbotham, 1400 FM 528, Suite F, Webster, TX 77598, 713-439-5233, Email: smiller@higginbotham.net.**

/s/ Leticia Brysch, City Secretary

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Notice of 2nd Public Hearing for City of Pearland's Community Development Block Grant Program Action Plan - Program Year 2023

The City of Pearland is receiving \$466,162 for its Community Development Block Grant in Program Year (PY) 2023 (City of Pearland fiscal year 2024) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. **The City will conduct this public hearing to provide information about the CDBG program. This public hearing will provide citizens and public officials with the 2nd public hearing about the available funds.** The public hearing will take place:

**June 26, 2023 - 6:30 PM
Pearland City Hall
3519 Liberty Drive
Pearland, Texas 77581**

About the CDBG Program

The national objective of the CDBG program is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities principally for low and moderate-income persons. Not less than 70% of CDBG funds must be used for activities that benefit low and moderate-income persons, and CDBG-funded "area-benefit" projects must be located in Pearland Census Block Groups comprised of more than 45% low-moderate income households. CDBG goals include improving the urban environment in low- and moderate-income areas; eliminating blighting influences and the deterioration of property, neighborhoods and public facilities in low and moderate-income areas; and ensuring decent, safe, sanitary housing for low and moderate-income residents.

Eligible activities include but are not limited to: public facility construction and improvements; handicapped accessibility; operational funding for non-profit agencies serving low income persons; rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing; enforcement of City codes; clearance and demolition; and infrastructure improvement activities. The City has not developed a spending plan at this time.

Public Comment Period and Proposed Spending Plan

The CDBG Public Comment Period for the PY 2023 CDBG program will begin on June 26, 2023 with the citizen comment portion of this public hearing. The public is encouraged to speak on behalf of its interests regarding Community Development Block Grant spending, which is being proposed to cover the following allowable and planned expenditures, per the 2022 - 2026 CDBG Consolidated 5-Year Plan:

\$ 93,232 - Program Support
\$ 69,924 - Social and Public Services
\$ 70,000 - Housing Rehab/Repair Program Administration
\$233,006 - Melvin Knapp Senior Center Outdoor Patio Enclosure/Expansion
\$466,162 Total Annual Allocation

Fair Housing Issues

The Public Hearing will also be a forum to discuss fair housing and related issues. Residents with suggestions and/or concerns will be provided opportunity to voice those issues during the public hearing.

Notes: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, this facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for special accommodations or interpretive services must be made to the City Secretary's Office at (281) 652-1653 at least 48 hours prior to this meeting.

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Sales tax proceeds will be used for the purchase of land, engineering and design services, and construction of road, drainage, water, sewer and related facilities for Industrial Drive west of SH 35.

If you plan to attend this public meeting and you have a disability that requires special arrangements at the meeting, please contact Roxanne Luna-Larsen at (281) 997-3001, within 48 hours of the scheduled business meeting date. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.

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NOTICE TO OFFERORS CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS

Request for Proposal for Construction Manager at Risk Hillhouse Road Annex Phase II City of Pearland, Texas Project # FA2106 RFP # 0423-11

Hillhouse Road Annex Phase II

Phase II will complete the buildout of the Hillhouse Road Complex and centralize services with the construction of approximately 20,000 square foot Fleet facility and a 14,000 square foot Parks Maintenance facility. Including offices, locker rooms, and material and equipment storage. The site will conform to all City Building Standards.

A **Mandatory Pre-Proposal Meeting** will be held at the City of Pearland Engineering and Public Works Building, 2016 Old Alvin Road, Pearland, Texas 77581 in the **Rio Grande 1st floor Training Room at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 29th, 2023.** This meeting is a **Mandatory** Pre-Proposal Meeting. Attendance at this meeting is a requirement for successful submittal of a Proposal for this Project.

All Proposals should be submitted through the "E-Bid" system located on the City's website at: <https://pearland.ionwave.net/Login.aspx>. All interested Offerors 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 Proposal Documents and Forms are available for download after registration is approved by the City's Purchasing Department. No plan fees or deposits are required for Proposal Documents obtained through the City's E-Bid system. Questions regarding electronic bidding should be directed to City Purchasing Department at ebids@pearlandtx.gov.

Proposal Documents may also be 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 Pre-Construction Services price, must accompany each Proposal. See Instructions to Offerors for Bond submittal information and instructions. The City of Pearland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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

RIDGEWOOD ESTATES REPLAT NO. 1 (PLAT 23-00074)

Notice is hereby given that on July 17, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Pearland, Counties of Brazoria, Harris and Fort Bend, Texas, will conduct a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas, at the request of CE Engineers and Development Consultants, the applicant; on behalf of Kimberly Barnes Henson, owner; for approval of a partial Replat of Ridgewood Estates creating 3 lots on 0.2085 acres located on Broadmore Lane, to wit:

A subdivision of 0.285 acres (9,085 square feet) of land being out of Lot 3, Block 34, of Ridgewood Estate Addition, Fort Bend County, Texas, A subdivision recorded in Plat Book No. 5 on Pages 29-A, 29-B, 29-C and 29-D, in the County Clerks Office, Fort Bend County, Texas

General Location: Third Lot off the SE Corner of Broadmore and Tulip Lane

At said hearing all interested parties shall have the right and opportunity to appear and be heard on the subject.

Florence Buaku, AICP
Senior Planner

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS REGARDING A APPENDIX C ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS REGARDING USE TABLES AMENDMENTS

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:

Proposed amendments to Appendix C, Zoning Ordinance, Section 7.P.6, Permitted Use Table, including updates to categories because of changes to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) reference book, changes in allowed uses in the commercial zoning districts, and to remove sub note (b).5. S1, which was inadvertently left off changes made with Ordinance 2022-01.

The **Planning and Zoning Commission** will hold its public hearing on Thursday, July 13, 2023, in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 910 South Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, Texas, 77546-4856, at its meeting commencing at 6:00 P.M.

The **City Council** will hold its public hearing on Monday, August 7, 2023, in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 910 South Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, Texas, 77546-4856, at its meeting commencing at 5:30 P.M.

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

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

/s/ Leticia Brysch, City Secretary
City of Friendswood

Texas Master Naturalists learn about hurricanes

By Richard Schaffhausen
Special to the Reporter News

Lance Wood with National Weather Service presented "2023 Hurricane Season What We Need To Know" at the Brazoria chapter of Texas Master Naturalist monthly meeting Wednesday morning June 14, 2023, at the AgriLife building in Angleton.

Wood stated most of the Texas landfalls started as tropical storms and developed into Hurricanes in the Gulf which results in very little time to take action.

Because coastal residents may only have 2-3 days to prepare, advanced planning is critical. Wood said the various models such as storm surge and hurricane tracking are improving each year but with so many variables it is still very difficult to say exactly where a hurricane will make landfall.

The Master Naturalists also received information about a

recent fish kill. Bryan Frazier, Director of County Parks, talked about the fish kill that occurred on Quintana and Bryan Beach over a recent weekend. They stated several factors came together at the wrong time resulting in the kill. The sudden increase in water temperature resulted in lower oxygen levels, and no wave action to aerate the water in the Gulf for several weeks resulted in the Dissolved Oxygen levels to be near zero. The fish didn't have enough oxygen to survive.

Nature Notes was presented by Quintana County Park Manager Patty Brinkmeyer.

Also at the meeting John Boettiger, membership chairman, reported that 19 members had recertified in May and 39 members year to date. To recertify, members must have 8 hours of advanced training and 40 volunteer hours. Boettiger also reported that Kathy Purvis attained 250 and Roy Morgan 5,000 volunteer service hours. Morgan was a

member of the 2004 intern class and volunteered at Sea Center Texas, and Brazosport Museum of Natural Science as well as many outreach functions. Kathy Pittman presented Lisa Myers the President's Lifetime Service Award Certificate.

Members who reach 4,000 volunteer hours receive a certificate. This year to date, members have impacted 3,746 adults and 18,122 youth through outreach programs and educational programs such as the "Birds of Prey" programs presented at area schools, Brazoria County Summer Library Programs and the Discovery Environmental Education Program for area 4th and 7th graders at Brazoria NWR.

For more information on becoming a Texas Master Naturalist: <https://txmn.org/tmncot/>

The groups next meeting will be 5:30 pm July 12 at the AgriLife building Angleton.

Visitors are welcome.