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Around Town

Thursday, June 1

LIBRARY SCAVENGER HUNT
All ages scavenger hunt is 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. as part of the summer reading program at the Tom Reid Library, 3522 Liberty Drive. Call 281-652-1677 or email pearland@bcls.lib.tx.us for information.

ADULT CRAFTING SERIES

An adult crafting series presents "Summer Wreath" at 6 p.m. in the conference room of the West Pearland Library, 11801 Shadow Creek Parkway. Library programs are free and open to the public. For information, call 713-436-0995.

BAYBROOK OUTDOOR MOVIE

Outdoor free screening of "Grease" 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.

Friday, June 2

NATIONAL DONUT DAY

National Donut Day Celebration is 9 a.m. at the Melvin Knapp Activity Center, 2424 Park Avenue. Activities and memberships are open to anyone 50 and up. For information, call 281-652-1890.

CHAMBER FRIDAY NETWORKING

Pearland Chamber hosts First Fridays Networking Event from 2 to 4 p.m. For information, visit pearlandchamber.org.

CONCERT IN THE PARK

The free Concerts in the Park series changes venues with Gary Kyle and the Silverado Band performing from 7 to 9 p.m. at Independence Park, 3449 Pearlard 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.

Saturday, June 3

BOAT TURN-IN DEADLINE

Final day of a free turn-in program for inoperable boats from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Clear Lake Park Community Center parking lot, 5002 NASA Road 1 in Seabrook. For information, call 713-274-2222.

Monday, June 5

ADULT BOOK CLUB

Bookworms adult book club will discuss "Fellowship Point" at 6:30 p.m. at the Tom Reid Library, 3522 Liberty Drive. Call 281-652-1677 or email pearland@bcls.lib.tx.us for information.

TINY ART SHOW OPENS

Tiny Art Show opens at the West Pearlard Library, 11801 Shadow Creek Parkway, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.. Library programs are free and open to the public. For information, call 713-436-0995.

Tuesday, June 6

FAMILY PAJAMA STORYTIME

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

Wednesday, June 7

COMMUNITY ART PUZZLE

A community art puzzle for all ages will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. in the children's area at the Tom Reid Library, 3522 Liberty Drive. Call 281-652-1677 or email pearland@bcls.lib.tx.us for information.

SCIENCE HEROES

"School Age: Science Heroes -- Saving Earth Together" will be presented at 2:30 p.m. at West Pearlard Library, 11801 Shadow Creek Parkway. Library programs are free and open to the public. For information, call 713-436-0995.

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'Communication breakdown'

Firm gives report on budget error

By N. BRADFORD

Reporter News Staff

An outside audit contracted after a valuation error led to a \$10 million budget shortfall in the City of Pearland found there was no "intentional deception" in the process.

"It was more of a communication breakdown," consultant Rodney Rhoades told council members during a report May 22.

City Council in February hired the firm Strategic Government Resources to examine the city's overall tax calculation process and make recommendations.

The valuation error occurred in August with Harris County properties that are within the city. After being built into the city's budget, the error and resulting \$10 million shortfall was uncovered in November.

The error was attributed to incorrect tax calculations included in a Harris County Appraisal District worksheet that was ultimately used to create the city's budget and tax

rate.

The assessment did not find any wrongdoing on the part of Pearland's city staff.

"I would say your staff did a very nice job of reaching out and getting clarification," Rhoades said. "Some of the best practices recommendations address how in the future staff can be better prepared for that, but in general staff did a great job of asking questions to the best of their ability, and the answers they received from the tax assessor's office was that they had looked at the numbers and double-checked the numbers and everything looked appropriate."

Councilman Alex Kamkar said he had read the email correspondence and offered a different view.

"Those inquiries were one sentence inquiries. I wouldn't characterize that as thorough," he said.

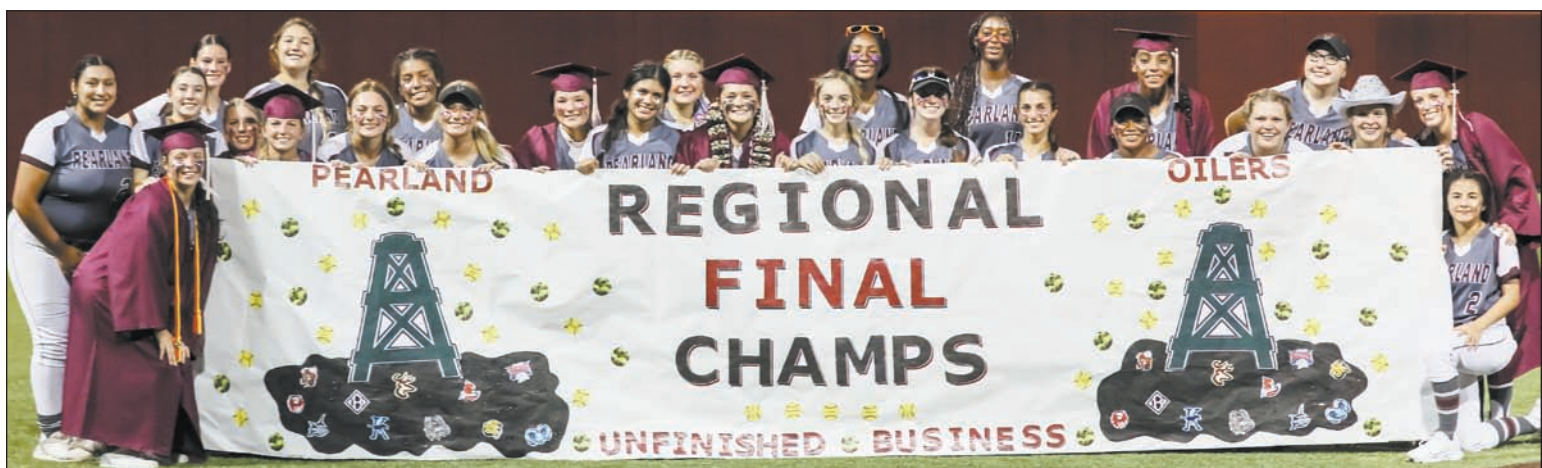
According to the Brazoria County Tax Assessor, no comparison was made between

certified estimates from July 2022 and the certified tax roll uploaded Aug. 31, 2022.

"Further, during this audit, the Brazoria Tax Assessor stated it was not their responsibility to compared certified estimates to final certified rolls," SGR states in its presentation to council.

"It's drastically different, and that should have spurred some questions," Rhoades said. "The City of Pearland had relied on the Brazoria County Tax Assessor for 22 years. The reliance on their communication is really where the communication breakdown occurred between the tax assessor's office and city staff."

Recommendations included staff training on tax rate calculations, monthly communications and monitoring of communication with all three county appraisal districts involved and contracting with a company to do calculations to help ensure accuracy of numbers.



STATE BOUND

The No. 3 state-ranked Lady Oilers (39-3) beat Deer Park 9-8 to win the 6A Region III crown to advance to the Class 6A state softball tournament where they will face the No. 2 state-ranked San Benito Lady Greyhounds (40-3) in the 6A state semifinals on Friday, June 3 at 4:00 p.m. at the Red and Charline McCombs Softball Field on the campus of the University of Texas in Austin. Photo by Lloyd Hendricks

Home repairs, nonprofits among grant options

By N. BRADFORD

Reporter News Staff

Pearland will soon enter a public feedback period on how to best use \$466,000 in funding from the annual Community Development Block Grant Program.

The program funnels federal dollars to states, counties and cities to expand housing for low-income residents.

The funds are restricted to housing, social services or redevelopment activities. A 30-day comment period regarding how the funds are used will open June 26 with a public hearing. City leaders in August will develop a fiscal year 2024 action plan to be submitted to HUD for final approval.

Current projects under way using CDBG funds include a \$404,000 expansion at the Melvin Knapp Center that entails enclosing the center's patio area.

"As we get through the design phase and a clearer picture of what construction costs look like, we may need to add more

funds to that project," special projects administrator Joel Hardy said.

In addition, a repair program will help owners of single-family homes with up to \$15,000 in repairs and code compliance.

"We've got about five or six homes that have been completed this year and another five on the horizon," Hardy said, "so we're getting back to 10 homes per year we want to make sure we touch on."

Income limits for this program change every year, adjusted for wages and inflation.

"The median family income level of Pearland is \$111,400, and 80 percent of that is where we are capped as far as our ability to assist specific households," Hardy said.

Local organizations eligible to receive CDBG funding include the Pearland Neighborhood Center,

Counseling Connections for Change Inc., Gathering Outreach Community Services and SEVA Clinic.

Pearland ISD:

Health council meetings move to in person

By N. BRADFORD

Reporter News Staff

A proposal to exempt Pearland ISD's health advisory council from audio and video recordings didn't quite fly with the school board.

Exempting meetings of the School Health Advisory Council from a recording requirement was among several recommended changes to PISD's District of Innovation Status brought to trustees May 16.

A District of Innovation designation gives Pearland ISD and other public-school districts that attain it more flexibility on things like school start dates and hiring procedures. The Pearland school board on May 16 OKed several changes to its current status but left off one regarding recording the health advisory council discussions.

"It's an impactful committee that I would have for the public not to have exposure to in a meaningful way," Trustee Crystal Carbone said.

The advisory committee review topics such as guidance services, mental health, vaping, district food services and other topics that often concern parents. Since 40 or more people typically participate, the meetings were moved to a Zoom format to meet the recording requirement, said Dr. Lisa Nixon, assistant Superintendent of Special Programs.

"It just doesn't have the same level of discussion in our meetings," she told the board. "There are things our group is missing out on, and there's not any place for us to meet and effectively capture that if we meet in person."

The meetings are all posted and open to the public, she said.

"The difficulty is the quality of recording with that many people," Superintendent Larry Berger said.

Trustee Kris Schoeffler moved to strike the recording exemption from a list of District of Innovation amendments.

"(Zoom) stifles conversation, and you step over people and have technology problems," Trustee Kris Schoeffler said. "At the same time, if it has that much influence and information, I want to make it as accessible as possible and transparent as possible. I would rather see us invest in some technology and find a way to capture all the audio in person."

Rather than ending the recording requirement, trustees and staff opted to bring the meetings face-to-face and try to record them.

"Technology is everywhere and it's part of life now," Schoeffler said. "I know a solution exists."

Among changes that were approved by the board was exempting the district from a one-year commitment when accepting out-of-district transfers. This allows PISD to rescind a transfer any time during the school year for issues such as discipline and attendance.

"If you're allowed the privilege of transferring into our district and you misbehavior or don't follow guidelines, we should have the ability to rescind your transfer here," board President Sean Murphy said.



HONORING OUR FALLEN HEROES

On Monday morning, a Memorial Day ceremony was held at VFW Post 7109 Pearland. Members of the Post and Auxiliary placed symbolic items at the memorial to remember fallen heroes. Pictured at right: Junior Vice Commander Joe Haynes places a white flower at the memorial. Pictured above (from left): Mayor Kevin Cole, VFW Post Commander Shawn Cole, and PFD Fire Chief Jack Taylor III.

Photos by Kathy Hickey



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.

• Wednesday, May 24

Warrant arrests at 100 block of Winding Road, 12300 block of Highway 6, 2400 block of Dixie Woods Drive, 2400 block of Dixie Farm Road, 1600 block of McDonald St., 7300 Broadway St.

Arrest for assault causing bodily injury at 4:05 a.m., 2555 Cullen Parkway.

Reports of vehicle burglaries at 8:47 a.m., 2900 block of Cullen Parkway.

Arrest for assault causing bodily injury of family member at 8:56 a.m., 3300 block of Mossy Oak Trail.

Aggravated robbery report at 10:20 a.m., 1800 block of Pearland Parkway.

Arrest for aggravated assault with deadly weapon at 12:16 p.m. 1409 O'Day Road.

Criminal trespass arrest at 1 p.m., 4000 block of Quail Run Drive.

Arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia at 1:30 p.m., 3200 London Court.

Found property at 2:12 p.m., 9000 block of Broadway St.

Arrest for operating vehicle with wrong license plate at 4:12 p.m., 5300 McHard Road.

Robbery reported at 4:22 p.m., 1800 block Pearland Parkway.

Arrest for minor in possession of tobacco at 4:41 Bailey Road, 4:26 p.m.

Arrest for assault by physical contact family violence, 4:37 p.m., 2200 Business Center Drive.

• Thursday, May 25

DWI arrest with BAC over .15 at 1:17 a.m., 13300 County Road 190.

Arrest for possession of

drug paraphernalia at 2:09 a.m., 2500 block of Reid Blvd.

A Houston man, 35, was charged with felony theft.

A 30-year-old Missouri City resident was arrested for assault of a family member with a previous conviction and assault causing bodily injury, 11200 Broadway St.

Shoplifting arrest was made at 9:11 p.m., 1710 Broadway St.

Arrest for assault causing bodily injury at 4:48 p.m., 11801 Sam Houston.

Hospice death at 6:20 p.m., 4800 block of Elm St.

• Friday, May 26

DWI arrest with open alcohol container, 11131 Broadway St.

Referrals to adult protective services in the 12600 block of Shadow Creek and 2100 block of Windy Shores Drive.

Arrest for operating vehicle with wrong license plate, 4500 Main St.

Arrest for failure to maintain financial responsibility, 3:15 p.m., 2000 Main St.

Criminal investigation at 8:50 p.m., 2600 block of Cypress Springs Drive.

Arrest for felony possession of a controlled substance at 11:20 p.m., 2000 Cullen Parkway.

• Saturday, May 27

Arrest for failure to identify at 2:37 a.m., 2700 Old Max Court.

DWI arrest with blood alcohol contest over .15 at 3:21 a.m., 17556 SW Fwy.

Death investigation at 9 a.m., 7700 block of Bailey Road.

Terroristic threat arrest at 11:12 a.m., 3500 block of Plum St.

Shoplifting arrests were made at 1900 block of Main St., 2800 block of Business Center Drive.

Theft of service reported at 11200 block of Broadway

An arrest for assault by contact family violence at 9:17 p.m., 3500 block of Cullen Parkway.

Arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia at 10:30 p.m., 2100 Cullen Parkway.

Arrest for possession of marijuana, 2800 Main St.

• Sunday, May 28

DWI arrest at 3:39 a.m., 3900 Harkey Road.

DWI arrest at 3:51 a.m., 7990 Broadway St.

Theft of vehicle parts, 4:40 a.m., 2200 block of Business Center Drive.

Arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia, 11400 Shadow Creek Parkway.

Criminal investigation at 9 a.m., 15100 block of South Freeway.

Hospice death at 11:32 a.m., 1100 block of Woodchase Drive.

Shoplifting arrests at 1710 Broadway St. and 1900 block of Main St.

Death investigation at 9:14 p.m., 11100 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

• Monday, May 29

Death investigation at 12:37 a.m., 16100 block of South Freeway.

Theft of service reported at 2800 block of Broadway.

Arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia, 2600 McHard Road.

Multiple vehicle burglaries reported at 3600 block of Gracie Circle.

DWI arrest at 9:30 a.m., 5800 Magnolia Parkway.

Arrest for assault causing bodily injury family member at 12:40 p.m., 1500 block of Meadow Wood.

Report of threat to publish intimate visual material at 8:20 p.m., 1700 block of Main St.

Arrest for assault family violence at 8:28 p.m., 12900 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

Arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia, 2700 block of Cullen Parkway.

FRIENDSWOOD POLICE REPORT

MAY 22 thru MAY 29

THEFT

May 23 (5:41 p.m.) A theft of mail was reported at Baywood Apartments, 5025 FM 2351. The package was delivered on May 19 at 4:00 p.m. by the United States Postal Service. When the victim checked her mail, she found the mailbox was broken and all the mailboxes were left open.

May 27 (8:26 a.m.) A vehicle was stolen in the 1000 block of Myrtlewood Drive but was found a few blocks away in the 2300 block of Judy Avenue. The victim was able to track his vehicle using a Ford track app. When police arrived at the vehicle's location, the key was in the vehicle and a pair of apple air pods were in the front seat. The rear seats were laid down and several packages were inside the vehicle. The owner did not own the air pods or the packages. The victim suspected a neighborhood teen and had talked with another neighbor who had their trailer detached from their truck overnight. The owner realized that an Apple air tag was missing from the key used to steal the truck and began to track it. Some evidence was retrieved from the vehicle including information about an iPhone that had been connected to the vehicle's Bluetooth system that said, "Zachary's iPhone". Video evidence was obtained from the victim and from a local McDonald's where the suspect used the drive-thru and a witness came forward to police. A suspect has been developed.

May 29 (9:18 p.m.) A tailgate was stolen from a truck parked in the 15700 block of Bougainville Lane. The Theft occurred sometime overnight.

May 29 (11:27 a.m.) A tailgate was stolen from a truck parked in the 16800 block of Barcelona Drive. The suspect vehicle was described as a small white SUV. The theft occurred sometime overnight.

FRAUD

May 24 (1:48 p.m.) A Friendswood man's identity was used to apply for vehicle loans. He was alerted to identity theft when he received a call from Jeff England Auto in Cleburne, TX. The dealership became suspicious, did their own investigation, and contacted the victim.

May 25 (10:15 a.m.) A Friendswood resident reported that several bank accounts were opened using his personal identifying information. The banks where the accounts were opened were Chime and Ally.

May 25 (11:27 a.m.) A Friendswood man reported identity theft. The online report contained information about several accounts that were opened using the victim's personal identifying information.

May 25 (3:28 p.m.) A 19-year-old man from Los Angeles, CA, was charged with Fraudulent Use/Possession of Identifying Information. The man attempted to open a bank account at Chase Bank using a fraudulent out-of-state driver's license. Officers located the suspect at the entrance to HEB and contacted him. He claimed to have no identification and denied the possession of fraudulent identification. During the contact, the suspect dumped out the contents of his bag onto the ground. At that time, the officer observed a California driver's license. Before the man could conceal the driver's license, the officer discovered that the driver's license had his image but another individual's name. The suspect was taken into custody. His person was searched, and he was found in possession of a credit card belonging to someone else and a New York driver's license, again with his image, but someone else's identifiers.

May 26 (12:39 p.m.) A Friendswood man reported identity theft. He received two separate emails from two different banks regarding the opening of a new account. The banks were Chime and Square. No transactions were present, and the accounts were closed. The victim's email and phone number were used to open the account but changed after the account was opened.

May 26 (12:55 p.m.) A Friendswood woman's bank accounts were drained, and her credit cards were maxed out. The victim applied for an online job as a mystery shopper. After several transactions between the employer and herself, she now has fraudulent activity.

ASSAULT

May 27 (3:51 p.m.) A 28-year-old Friendswood man was stopped in the 3200 block of FM 528 for a license plate violation. During the contact, the officer detected the smell of marijuana. The man exited the vehicle and told the officer that he had a personal use amount of marijuana inside the vehicle. A search was conducted and yielded marijuana, Hydrocodone pills, and other drug paraphernalia. When an officer attempted to put the man in handcuffs, he assaulted the police officer. Once the suspect was in custody, he became unresponsive. Police believe he may have ingested narcotics. The man was transported to a local hospital. A warrant was filed charging him with Assault on a Police Officer.

May 29 (11:15 a.m.) Two 17-year-old girls were assaulted by a Door Dash driver. They ordered a Door Dash delivery from McDonalds and instructed the driver to bring the delivery to the side of the home at a

bedroom window. When the driver handed over the delivery, one of the teen girls snapped a picture of the delivery driver. He reached in, grabbed the phone, and assaulted the teen. He took the phone, ran around to the front of home, chased by the teens. Ultimately, the teen got her phone back. The Door Dash driver is described as a black male with a goatee and mustache. At the time of the assault, he was wearing a red do-rag, an orange sweatshirt, and blue shorts.

NARCOTICS

May 22 (7:24 p.m.) A 18-year-old Texas City woman was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1 and Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon. The woman was stopped for an insurance violation in the 100 block of W. Parkwood Ave. During the contact, the officer detected the smell of marijuana. A search was conducted, and the officer found LSD and a gun.

May 26 (12:00 p.m.) Two 17-year-old Friendswood men and an 18-year-old Pearland man were charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. They were stopped for running a stop sign and making a wide right turn at a red light. The traffic stop took place at the intersection of El Dorado Blvd and Signal Hill Drive.

During the contact, the officer detected the smell of marijuana. A search yielded marijuana and a THC vape pen.

May 29 (10:46 p.m.) A 17-year-old Friendswood man was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Officers responded to a report of loud music in the 800 block of W. Stadium Court. The witness also reported that several persons were smoking marijuana and drinking alcohol in the cul-de-sac. When the officers arrived, the suspect got out of his vehicle. Inside the vehicle, in plain view, the officer observed a marijuana bong and a grinder. Other drug paraphernalia was found.

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

May 26 (2:44 a.m.) A 28-year-old Houston man was charged with Driving While Intoxicated. The suspect was stopped for an insurance violation and was stopped for a considerable amount of time at the intersection of Mary Ann and Stadium Lane. He exhibited signs of intoxication and failed a field sobriety test.

May 28 (1:22 a.m.) A 21-year-old Dallas man was charged with Driving While Intoxicated in the 2600 block of W. Parkwood Ave. A 20-year-old woman from Dallas was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. A 19-year-old Dallas woman was charged with Minor in Possession of Tobacco. Seda The man was stopped for speeding. During the contact, the officer observed smoke billowing out of the vehicle and detected the smell of marijuana. The officer conducted a search of the vehicle and found marijuana and tobacco products.

OTHER INCIDENTS

May 24 (4:56 p.m.) A 26-year-old Friendswood man was charged with Indecent Exposure. A witness reported the man masturbating in front a woman who was waiting a bus stop in the 2700 block of W. Bay Area. When the man realized the witness was talking on the phone, he walked away. The witness followed him and gave the police his location. He was found behind a building in the 3600 block of FM 528.

Lineup announced for Pearland Country Music Showcase

The Pearland Country Music Showcase is planned for June 25 in the open air pavilion at the Pearland

Music Showcase

are welcome at the outdoor event featuring headliner Britt Godwin, a Bridge City, Texas, native now based in Beaumont. Godwin has been featured on the Grand Ole Opry, Louisiana Hayride, David Letterman Show and Charlie Pruitt Country Music Show and previously performed with the B.B. & Company band. Other performers include Shalane, Ellie Townley, Zac Clifton, Allie Rae and Blair Kudelka.

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AREA BRIEFS

Hurricane season expo set June 17

The Brazoria County Hurricane and Disaster Preparedness Expo is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on June 17 at the County Fairgrounds in Angleton.

The free event will include informational presentations, goody bags, door prizes, free hot dogs will supplies last, exhibitor booths and emergency vehicle displays.

Presentations will cover topics such as the National Weather Service, generator safety, pet safety during an emergency and how to prepare your yard and home for hurricane season.

Save date for popular BBQ fundraiser

Save the date June 14 for the Senior Activity Center's 11th Annual BBQ Fundraiser planned for 11 am to 1 pm.

Each meal includes a chopped brisket BBQ sandwich, potato salad, baked beans, cookie and a drink. Orders of 10 or more meals can be delivered for free within City limits. There will also be dine in and to go orders. To go orders may be called in advance. Prices are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors (50-plus) and \$8 for kids.

All proceeds benefit the Friendswood Senior Citizen Program (FSCP).

For more information on the fundraiser, contact the Friendswood Activity Building at 281-482-8441.

Lineup announced for country showcase

The Pearland Country Music Showcase is planned for June 25 in the open air pavilion at the Pearland Town Center. The event is 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the center, 11200 Broadway.

Coolers and lawn chairs are welcome at the outdoor event featuring headliner Britt Godwin, a Bridge City, Texas, native now based in Beaumont. Godwin has been featured on the Grand Ole Opry, Louisiana Hayride, David Letterman Show and Charlie Pruitt Country Music Show and previously performed with the B.B. & Company band. Other performers include Shalane, Ellie Townley, Zac Clifton, Allie Rae and Blair Kudelka.

For more information, go to VisitPearland.com/CountryMusicShowcase.

'No Name Fest' set June 9

The Brazoria Chamber of Commerce is planning the 38th "No Name Festival" beginning Friday, June 9, through the weekend. The event includes a barbecue and hamburger cookout, vendors, street dance and more. Festivities begin Friday at 4 p.m. at the Brazoria Heritage Foundation Civic Center, 202 W. Smith St., Brazoria

For more information, call 979-824-0455.

Honey festival this summer at expo

The 6th annual Honey Expo is scheduled on Saturday, July 15, at the County Fairgrounds, 901 Downing Road, Angleton. This event is open to the public with educational displays on beekeeping, extracting honey and more, food and vendors.

Become a Junior Lifeguard

Youth can find out what being a Friendswood Lifeguard is really like with the Parks and Recreation Department Junior Lifeguard program. This program offers a unique insight into the day-to-day operations with the aquatics team. Participants will have the opportunity to attend weekly in-service training where they will be introduced to water rescue procedures and CPR/First Aid skills.

Session 1 is June 12-23 and Session 2 is July 10-21. Cost is \$10 per person for each session. Space is limited so anyone interested is encouraged to register immediately.

To register, click on the link on the Park and Rec's Facebook page or call.

For questions and inquiries call the Parks & Rec department at 281-996-3220 or email pool@friendswood.com/.

Concerts move to Independence Park

The Concerts in the Park Series will move to Independence Park beginning this Friday at 2449 Pearland Parkway. The June 2 act will be Gary Kyle and the Silverado Band. Food vendors will include Houston's Pink Box and Kona Ice.

Lawn chairs and pets on a leash are welcome; smoking is prohibited. Weather-related updates will be posted on the city website, parks.pearlandtx.gov/special-events/concerts-in-the-park or on the event hotline, 281-412-8989. For more information, email events@pearlandtx.gov.

Southdown splash pad closed

The splash pad at Southdown Park is closed for repairs until further notice.

The water feature at Centennial Park remains open, according to City Parks and Recreation.

Sales tax up for May

Sales taxes returned to the City of Pearland this month were up 7.27 percent over the prior year, according to the Texas Comptroller's office.

Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts are seeing approximately \$1.2 billion in local sales tax allocations for May, which is 4.3 percent more than the prior year, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced.

The allocations are based on sales made in March by businesses that report tax monthly, and on sales made in January, February and March for those that file quarterly.

Boaters urged to clean, drain, dry

Texas Parks and Wildlife this summer is again reminding boaters to clean, drain and dry all watercraft to prevent the spread of invasive species.

Giant salvinia and zebra mussels continue to spread to new areas in Texas and remain some of the biggest threats to Texas lakes.

A free-floating fern that can double its coverage area in a week, giant salvinia produces thick surface mats that make fishing, boating or swimming nearly impossible. It is currently present in 27 Texas lakes and numerous rivers, creeks and marshes between Houston and Beaumont.

Now in 36 Texas lakes, Zebra mussels damage boats, alter lake ecosystems and harm native species. Once they become established, nothing can be done to control or eradicate them.

Boaters are urged to clean and drain boats and gear before moving from lake to lake and allow them to dry for a week, if possible. Anyone who spots invasive species on boats, trailers or equipment that is being moved may report it to TPWD at 512-389-4848. Anyone who finds invasive species such as zebra mussels in lakes where they haven't been found before can help identify new introductions by emailing photos and location information to aquaticinvasives@tpwd.texas.gov.



FAITH MATTERS

By Rev. Dr. Brian Gige

WORDS TO LIVE BY

(3rd in a series of five articles from Mother's Day to Father's Day)

"From the fruit of their lips people are filled with good things, and the work of their hands brings them reward.

15 The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice. 16 Fools show their annoyance at once, but the prudent overlook an insult. An honest witness tells the truth, but a false witness tells lies. 18 The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing."

- Proverbs 12:14-18

I have only a few memories of being around my great-grandfather. He was my dad's mom's dad. His given name was Henry but in the family he was known as 'Grandpa Hank' ... a tall slender man who some might describe as a 'hopeless romantic' caught writing poetry on the job more than once or twice and even found time to copyright some music he penned. I have two original songs of his and a folder of poems in his own handwriting in both pen and pencil I am transposing to chronicle his thoughts and prose.

But here's the memory which stands out... when I was a toddler visiting my great-great Aunt Ella's home out in the country. She was Hank's sister-in-law and the occasion for gathering matters little now as I was only three years old at the time. You see... Aunt Ella had a row of Hawthorne bushes on the side of her home and the berries were in full form and a tempting bright red. Another cousin and I were standing there admiring the almost good enough to eat prize when Grandpa Hank appeared from around the corner waving his long, thin, Methodist finger saying clearly and firmly... "Don't you eat those berries boy" and he was looking right at me. It was a fearful moment and perhaps even more ominous for him as I think I know now what was disguised in that memorable phrase. I think what he was feeling and thinking was... "I don't have time to scoop up this curious little lad and take him to the ER and have his stomach pumped because when he eats these little red berries it's likely he will experience nausea, stomach upset, dizziness, drowsiness, sweating and God knows what else and I'm try-

ing to have a grand time with my family as the pater familias and being old and all... and this won't be ruined by the newest male in the family..." and instead of that what I got was "don't you eat those berries, boy..." and I didn't. Grandpa Hank to the rescue! God save the day with a hal-lelujah, too!

How many times have any of us been placed in a moment when something needed to be said and when we did... instead of the right words rising up something totally different was spoken and yet the desired result came to be. Sometimes it's when a parent or a sibling just yells, "hey" when the youngest of the bunch is about to embark on something dumb or unnecessary or when a parent has just been blasted with a "I hate you" line from a teenager and the only reply we can come up with is ... "well, I love you and I always will". Sometimes it is just harder to love than it is to hate... requiring patience and trust and space for the emotions to clear out and provide the desired relationship to emerge allowing for both persons to experience a certain healing so the deeper details of life can be enjoyed. Meister Eckhardt once said... "If the only prayer you said in your whole life was 'thank you'... that would suffice."

Plato once wrote... "be kind... for everyone you meet is fighting a harder battle." How did he know? And when we add on the words of the great 20th century spiritualist, Thomas Merton... "Love is our true destiny!" ... then we're quick to realize we are either a big part of the problem or a key part of the solution where everyone's effort is required!

And this... Memorial Day weekend in our country is the announcement of 'summer' and all that comes with it... a testing for younger souls you might say... where encounters with words of fools collide with words of wisdom. Be well. Live well! Faith matters. We all believe in something!

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.

SCHS student receives Presidential Environmental Youth Award

In April, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in partnership with the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), announced the 2023 recipients of the Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators (PIAEE) and the President's Environmental Youth Award (PEYA).

Rahul Vijayan, Shadow Creek HS junior, was one of only 34 students in the nation who received this prestigious award.

His nonprofit, Farm-to-Tray (FTT) Hydroponics Farming in Schools, began in January 2022 when Earth Force granted him enough funds to purchase a hydroponic gardening system. In August 2022, after securing support from the Alvin ISD school board and Shadow Creek HS principal, Craig Rhodes, Vijayan successfully launched the system, which has since been a research tool for the school's AP Environmental Science curriculum and yielded five food harvests for 2,600 people.

Not only has Rahul brought this technology to his community, but he also encourages his community to further expand upon this work. He currently collaborates with the City of Pearland, Kroger's grocery stores, and even the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to bring the benefits of his project to a wider audience. Additionally, he intends to bring new gardens to other

schools. His garden, and his teachings, will inspire others to add fresh, organic produce to the school lunch menu while ingrain the concept of sustainable agriculture into the student core curriculum.

Vijayan recently presented his vision for Farm-to-Tray to the Alvin ISD school board during the May meeting. He also received a commendation from the Board for receiving the President's Environmental Youth Award.

The President's Environmental Youth Award was established by the Environmental Education Act of 1970 and recognizes outstanding community-level environmental projects by K-12 youth

that promote awareness of natural resources and encourages positive community involvement. Each year, PEYA honors a variety of local projects developed by students, school classes, summer camp attendees and youth organizations to promote engagement in environmental stewardship and protection.

"I would like to thank Alvin ISD, Ms. Shannon Oliver, and Principal Rhodes for their support and guidance in making my Farm-to-tray mission a success," shared Vijayan, "I could not have done any of this without each of you. I hope the future brings more success to our Hydroponic mission."



HEALTH FAIR

- Free Health Screenings by

Thursday, June 8
from 12pm to 4pm

Presentation Schedule

- 12:00pm Texas Health and Human Services Benefits
- 12:45pm Gulf Coast Center Programs
- 1:30pm City of Friendswood EMS
- 2:15pm COM Sickle Cell Club
- 3:00pm Dr. Tim McCullough - GERD

- Visit with Organizations and Local Authors
- Attend Presentations

Friendswood Library, 416 S. Friendswood Dr., Friendswood

SPORTS

FROM THE CLUTTERED DESK

by Dr. David Davis

Is it just me?

I had some reflective moments this past week. What started it was when I was scanning the internet and saw something I hadn't thought about in over 50 years.



I clicked on an old show on YouTube - "This Is Your Life" with Ralph Edwards as the host. I'm not sure what the year of the show was, but I know it was around mid-1955.

The show actually honored two lives - Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy. That's right! The comedy duo of Laurel and Hardy who brought laughter into my home as a young child on a black and white TV.

I later saw that Hardy died of a stroke in 1957 and Laurel died in 1965. Both were born in 1890. If you never saw them, then you missed some great humor which made me realize some things in the past.

I'm a Baby Boomer. I've lived through the birth of rock-and-roll, the Jesus Movement, hippie culture, the invention of color television, the birth of FM radio, records, cassettes, CDs, MP3s, and satellite radio. I was around before the Internet and cell phones. My grandparents had a party line and growing up all our phones had cords.

I learned to drive with a stick shift, we didn't have seat belts, and the dashboard was metal. We didn't use car seats, and we didn't lock our doors at night. The streets were fairly safe for kids to play in, and we knew our neighbors. Most of us went to the same kind of church our parents and grandparents attended.

The Vietnam War, the Cold War, the Civil Rights Movement, the birth of the drug culture, teenage rebellion, and the catastrophic change in attitudes in our land about social, moral, and ethical issues. I've lived through 14 presidents so far.

When I started driving gas was 24.9 cents (that's right - cents!) per gallon and when I went to Texas from Oklahoma when I was in college - I would take advantage of a gas war between neighboring gas stations and get gas for 16.9 cents per gallon. Yes - you read it correctly - I could fill up my 1960 Ford Falcon for \$5 bucks!

All that being said, I think I've learned a few things. I've been around the block a few times as well as around the world and I've learned from my experiences, my mistakes, and my mentors. I'm now in my eighth decade, and I'm still learning.

Most of what I've learned in life, I've learned from people older than me. Most of the books that have profoundly impacted my life have been written by people older than me. As I've gotten older, that fact has somewhat changed, but it still is prevalent. Most of the time in life, we learn from people who have been down the road farther than we have.

While my generation rebelled against our parents, many of us have come to realize that our parents weren't as stupid as we thought they were. They had wisdom; we just had some form of limited knowledge. They fought for their freedoms; we took ours to excess. While a person can mature physically and have many birthdays, it doesn't guarantee they are wise or worth listening to.

I've said all that to ask, "Is it just me — or is our world still the same as it was 40, 50, or 60 years ago? Have we, as a nation and a society, not learned anything?"

Quite frankly, I don't watch the news much anymore because I get sick and tired of turning on the TV and all I hear is the news media taking advantage of social media to criticize and blast anyone and anything they want because they now have the social tools to do so.

Is there something wrong with this picture? The news is constantly filled with bitterness and hate that seemingly only reports about murders or injuries to innocent people. We have more hate in this country than at any time I can remember - and I grew up in the 60's where racial hatred was actually real!

Never in my wildest imagination did I ever dream that one day I would have a license to carry a gun out of the need to protect me or my family.

Is it just me?
I am curious what others think? Am I the only one who has seen the decline in our moral behavior as a nation? We would rather chastise those who try to make a difference and criticize their message or method for doing good — and yet — those who seek to infiltrate and influence our society with negative and hurtful actions go unnoticed without anyone raising a voice to their demonic behavior.

Is it just me?
Laurel and Hardy came to American TV with an innocence that made people laugh. Quite frankly — there isn't much to laugh at anymore. Or is it just me?

Old friend Robert said, "Real change requires you to change your behavior - not just your attitude. Behavior is the substance of religion. Belief is the substance of a Godly relationship."

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Miraculous comeback sends No. 3 Lady O's to state tournament

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

The late, great baseball Hall of Famer Yogi Berra was noted for saying, "It ain't over till it's over." He might have added, in the case of the Pearland Lady Oilers, "That's the reason we play all seven innings in a softball game."

Trailing 8-5 to state-power Deer Park in the bottom of the seventh inning and no outs, Pearland junior Trinity Perry opened with a single to centerfield, senior Lydia Njus then reached base on an error to put two runners on base. Courtesy runner Kailey Monsef runs for Perry and courtesy runner Layla Bennett runs for Njus.

That set up senior Gabbie Roundtree, who was hitting for Laila Nobles, to drive a 2-2 pitch over the left field wall to plate three runs and tie up the game 8-8 as the Lady Oilers celebrated.

Clark's decision to pinch-hit Roundtree

showed a lot of trust and confidence in the senior.

"The series before when we had a couple runners on, I pinch-hit her and she got a hit that scored a couple of runs," Clark said. "Since she's a senior, and I told myself that if anybody really wants it, it's a senior.

"I just kept saying chip away, chip away. You never know. I knew it was gone. There was no doubt. We just kept fighting after that. These girls just have a lot of tenacity."

Following Roundtree's game-tying blast, Darian DeLeon walked, Hailey Golden reached on an error and Kaylee Schweitzer beat out an infield hit.

After Deer Park pitcher Aubrey Graham retired Kennedy Drafton on a fly out with the bases loaded, Kristyn Whitlock lifted a deep enough fly to right field to score pinch runner Kelsey Martin for the

walkoff win in the four-run seventh.

That propelled the No. 3 state-ranked Lady Oilers (39-3) to the Class 6A state softball tournament where they will face the No. 2 state-ranked San Benito Lady Greyhounds (40-3) in the 6A semifinals on Friday, June 3 at 4:00 p.m. at the Red and Charline McCombs Softball Field on the campus of the University of Texas in Austin.

Pearland found themselves behind for most of the game as Deer Park was seeking to make the trip to the state tournament for the third consecutive year. The Lady Deer won the state title in 2021 and came up short 8-4 to Lake Ridge last season in the state semifinals.

The Lady Oilers scored first with a run in the second, but Deer Park took a 3-1 lead thanks to a three-run homer by senior Angelina Morales in the third inning.

Pearland answered with a run in their half of the third when Raenna Liscano ripped a two-out double to left-center field to score Kennedy Drafton and make it 3-2.

The Lady Deer moved ahead, 4-2, in the fifth inning when Julia Donnell singled home Bryanna Fuentes, who led off with a single and was wild pitched to second.

Pearland refused to give in and tied the game 4-4 in the fifth on consecutive home runs from Drafton and Whitlock.

Deer Park (32-11) added four runs in the sixth and seventh innings while Pearland scored a run in the sixth to set up the 8-5 miracle comeback in the seventh frame.

Leading hitters for Pearland included Golden (2-for-4, 1 run, 2B), Kaylee Schweitzer (2-for-4), Drafton (2-for-4, 2 runs, 1 RBI, 2B, HR), Whitlock (1-for-2, 1 run, 3 RBIs, HR), Liscano (1-for-3, 1 RBI, 2B), Perry (2-for-2, 2B), Njus (1-for-2), and Roundtree (1-for-1, 1 run, 3 RBIs, HR).

Pearland goes to the 6A state softball tournament having won 18 consecutive games.

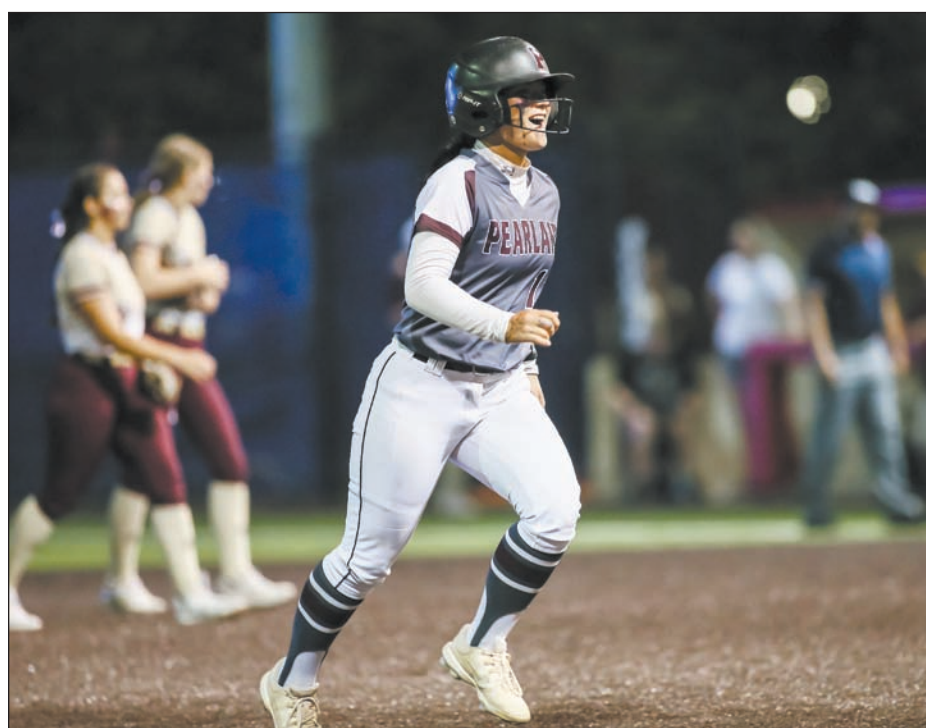


Photo by Lloyd Hendricks

CLUTCH HITTER - Senior Kristyn Whitlock rounds the bases after hitting a solo home run. Whitlock was 1-for-2 with three RBI's and two walks. She also hit the game-winning sacrifice fly that allowed the winning run to get home from third base to give the Lady Oilers the miraculous 9-8 come-from-behind win over Deer Park.



Photo by Lloyd Hendricks

6A REGION III SEMIFINAL WINNERS - The Oilers (35-6) took care of business with a 3-0, 1-0 sweep of the Katy Cinco Ranch Cougars at the UH Schroeder Park to win the 6A Region III semifinals. Pearland advances to face the Katy Tigers in a best-of-three series on Thursday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m. Game 2 will be on Friday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m. Game 3 (if needed) will be on Saturday, June 3 at 5:00 p.m. All games will be played at Constellation Field in Sugar Land.

Oilers roll to region finals in sweeping Cinco Ranch 3-0, 1-0

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

Pearland is one of the top teams in the state this year thanks to a strong pitching staff and timely hitting that has vaulted the Oilers to the Class 6A Region III finals where they will face the Katy Tigers (30-6).

The winner of the best-of-three series will advance to the 6A state baseball tournament at Dell Diamond in Round Rock on June 9-10.

The Oilers (35-6) took care of business with a 3-0, 1-0 sweep of the Katy Cinco Ranch Cougars at the UH Schroeder Park.

As he done all season, sophomore hurler Nico Partida pitched a four-hitter and struck out eight in 6 2/3 innings to pick up the win.

Pearland took a 1-0 lead in the second inning after Isaiah Castaneda singled to left.

He was bunted to second by Cade Adams before Brett Smajstrla stroked a run-scoring single to left.

The Oilers stretched the lead to 2-0 in

the fourth after Castaneda singled and Adams followed with a bunt single.

Following an intentional walk to Ferraro to load the bases, Landry was hit by a pitch to bring home the second Oilers run.

In the seventh-inning, Pearland got a leadoff double to right-center by Ferraro. Landry laid down a bunt, and a Cinco Ranch throwing error allowed pinch runner Jordan Hernandez to score for a 3-0 cushion.

Cinco Ranch threatened in the seventh when Cinco Ranch Ranier Castillo and Paul Acosta each reach base on bloop singles while Ethan Muniz walked to load the bases with two outs.

Enter reliever Jake Mader-Cooper to the mound to retire Brock DeYoung for the final out to preserve the 3-0 win.

Leading hitters for Pearland were Ferraro (2-for-3, 2B), Damian Landry (1-for-3, 1 RBI), Castaneda (2-for-3, 2 runs), and Brett Smajstrla (1-for-2, 1 RBI).

PEARLAND 1 - CINCO RANCH 0

Once again, the pitching was the differ-

ence for Pearland as Jaden Barfield took the hill in relief of starter Ryler Smart who got in early control trouble with four walks. Barfield pitched six innings, allowed two hits while striking out 10 Cinco Ranch hitters.

The Cougars limited the Oilers to only four hits and one run in the loss as neither team could mount a serious offensive threat.

Pearland managed to score only one run in the bottom of the third when Jace Caceres opened the frame by getting hit by a pitch. Courtesy runner Jordan Hernandez entered the game for Caceres and advanced to second on a stolen base. Brett Smajstrla had a sacrifice bunt sending Hernandez to third with one out.

With Caden Ferraro at bat, Hernandez would score on a passed ball on a 1-1 count to Ferraro for a 1-0 lead.

That would be all Pearland would need to sweep the series and advance to the region finals.

Barfield would pitch a masterful game in relief to pick up the win.

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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) RENEWAL

General Permit Authorization No. TXRo40233

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Friendswood, 910 South Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, Texas 77546, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Small MS4 General Permit No. TXRo40000 for a renewal of authorization number TXRo40233 to discharge stormwater to surface water in the state from the City of Friendswood MS4. The notice of intent (NOI) and stormwater management program (SWMP) were received by the TCEQ on July 18, 2019.

The MS4 is located area within the City of Friendswood limits that is located within the Houston Urbanized Area in Galveston County, Texas. The discharge from the MS4 will eventually reach Clear Creek Above Tidal, Dickinson Bayou Tidal, and Dickinson Bayou Above Tidal in Segment No. 1102, 1103 and 1104, respectively, of the San Jacinto-Brazos Coastal Basin.

A copy of the NOI, stormwater management program (SWMP), general permit, and general permit fact sheet are available for viewing and copying at City of Friendswood Library, 416 South Friendswood Drive, Galveston, Texas 77546. The SWMP can also be viewed online at the City of Friendswood's website at <https://www.ci.friendswood.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/391/Storm-Water-Management-Plan-PDF>. Substantial changes to the MS4's SWMP during the permit term will be posted on the same website.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and SWMP. The SWMP, if approved, would establish additional terms and conditions, not included in the general permit, under which the MS4 must operate. The Executive Director has made the preliminary decision that the SWMP meets all statutory and regulatory requirements and made a preliminary decision to approve the small MS4's authorization under the TPDES Small (Phase II) MS4 General Permit No. TXRo40000.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comments or to ask questions about the application. The TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. If significant interest exists, the Executive Director will direct the applicant to publish a notice of the public meeting and hold the public meeting. The applicant must publish notice of a public meeting at least 30 days prior to the meeting in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the MS4 is located. If the MS4 is located in more than one county, the applicant must publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county containing the largest residential population.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or electronically at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment> within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant material, or significant public comments. The response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid>. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Any personal contact information you provide to the TCEQ will become part of the agency's records; this includes your name, phone number, email address, and physical address. For more information about this application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, toll free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep>. Si desea información en español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Friendswood at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Leticia Brysch at 281-996-3270.

Issuance Date: May 16, 2023

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, **June 19, 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, **July 10, 2023**, at 6:30 p.m., at City Hall, 3519 Liberty Dr., Pearland, Texas 77581, for the following cases:

1. Zone Change Application No. ZONE23-05: A request by Long Ha, H4 Architects & Engineers, applicant, on behalf of Jonathan Geren, SCI Management Corporation, representing Paradise Cemetery South, Inc., owner, for approval of a zone change for 0.9062 acres of land from Suburban Residential-12 (SR-12) District to General Commercial (GC) District, to wit:

Legal Description: Being a 0.9062-acre out of Lots 25, 26, 27 and 28, Allison Richey Gulf Coast Homes Company Subdivision in Section 19, Volume 2, Page 24, out of the Deeds Records of Brazoria County, Texas.

General Location: 8209 Hughes Ranch Road, Pearland, Texas.

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

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CITY OF BROOKSIDE VILLAGE NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID / REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Brookside Village, Texas will accept Sealed Bids - Request for Proposals for **Debris Monitoring and Consulting Services until 4:00 p.m., on June 21, 2023**, in the City Secretary's Office.

At the location, date, and time stated below, timely proposals will be announced at that time.

All interested persons are invited to attend the opening. Attendance is not required.

Proposal Title: **DEBRIS MONITORING & CONSULTING SERVICES**
Location: **Brookside Village City Hall, 6243 Brookside Road, Brookside Village, Texas 77581**

Opening Date: **June 21, 2023**
Opening Time: **4:00 P.M. CT**

Request for Proposals with attachments may be obtained beginning May 31, 2023, in the office of the City Secretary located at Brookside Village City Hall, 6243 Brookside Road, Brookside Village, Texas 77581.

The documents are also available on the City's website at www.brooksidevillage-tx.org. Further information or questions can be addressed to Cleo Rodriguez, City Secretary at crodriguez@cobvtx.org or by phone at 281-485-3048.

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Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Responsible Entity (City of Friendswood) under Part 58 has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under the CDBG-DR program under Grant No. 20-065-134-C451. The Proposed Action (project) will include the removal of an existing aerial utility crossing over Clear Creek and the installation of an 8-inch diameter water line and a 24-inch diameter force main beneath Clear Creek utilizing boring techniques. The project is located on the western side of Bay Area Boulevard, southwest of the Blackhawk Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant and east of the Polly Ranch Airport, in the City of Friendswood, in Galveston and Harris Counties, Texas. Outside of Clear Creek, the pipelines will be installed through open cut. The new water line and force main will connect to existing utilities on each side of Clear Creek. The project is located on approximately 2.5 acres of land. The Proposed Action area includes approximately 2.41 acres of 100-year floodplains, including 1.05 acres of floodway.

The City of Friendswood has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values. The Proposed Action must take place in a floodplain because the existing infrastructure to be removed/replaced is already located in a floodplain. Further, it will still connect existing essential infrastructure on both sides of Clear Creek; it will not cause current residents to become displaced; it will be located on uninhabited property where the City of Friendswood either owns or has an easement to avoid costly land acquisition; it will be located within the Friendswood City limits in order for City funding contribution to be available; it will remove the existing utility bridge that poses safety risks for area residents that frequently climb and jump off of the utility bridge; and it will protect essential utility infrastructure by placing underground.

Two alternatives for utility relocation were considered, including a No Action Alternative. Alternative A would involve relocating the utilities within other areas that would be located outside of the 100-year floodplain. The portion to be relocated must still connect to existing infrastructure on either side of Clear Creek that is still located within the 100-year floodplain, so there are no other areas in this portion of Friendswood that avoid the 100-year floodplain and still allows connections to existing infrastructure on either side of Clear Creek. Rerouting in a different location would require increased construction costs and costly land acquisition outside of areas already being used for these utilities by the City of Friendswood. Alternative A is not practicable. Under the No Action Alternative, the utilities would not be relocated, 100-year floodplains would not be impacted, safety risks would still be present for area residents that climb and jump off of the utility bridge, and essential utility infrastructure will not be protected. The No Action Alternative would not contribute to a reduction in loss of life and property from flooding. The No Action Alternative would not meet the need and purpose of the project.

Given that the Proposed Action would not result in significant adverse impacts, mitigation measures are not proposed. Additionally, the Proposed Action would involve removing above-ground infrastructure which will allow for positive drainage improvements.

The Proposed Action would be in compliance with state and local floodplain protection procedures.

The City of Friendswood has reevaluated the alternatives to construction activities in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Friendswood at the following address on or before **June 08, 2023**, City of Friendswood, Attn:15355 Blackhawk Boulevard, Friendswood, Texas 77546 and 281-993-3411, Attention: City of Friendswood Engineering Department. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the address provided above. Comments may also be submitted via email at engineering@friendswood.com.



SAFE ACROSS THE PAY STATION

Junior outfielder Isiah Casteneda sliding into home for a run as the Pearland Oilers shutout the Cinco Ranch Cougars 3-0 in the Class 6A Region III semifinals. Casteneda went 2-for-3 at the plate with two runs scored. The Oilers swept the Cougars in the best-of-three series to advance to the 6A Region III finals vs the Katy Tigers. Photo by Lloyd Hendricks

SOFTBALL/BASEBALL PLAYOFF SCHEDULES

CLASS 6A STATE SEMIFINALS

Pearland Lady Oilers vs San Benito Lady Greyhounds

Friday, June 3 at 4:00 p.m. at the

Red and Charline McCombs Softball Field on the campus of the University of Texas in Austin

CLASS 6A REGION III FINALS

Pearland Oilers vs Katy Tigers

Game 1: Thursday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m.; Game 2: Friday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m.;

Game 3: (if needed) Saturday, June 3 at 5:00 p.m.

All games will be played at Constellation Field in Sugar Land.

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Notice Of Constable Sale

Cause Number: 112790-CV**

(See Notes Below)

James Brawner Constable Precinct 4

Under the authority and by virtue of an Order of Sale dated and issued pursuant to the judgment of the 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 June, the same being June 6th, 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 27th day of July, 2021, Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association, recovered a judgment in the 412th Judicial District Court of Brazoria County, Texas against, Dante Holmes for the sum of Three Thousand Seven Dollars and Twenty Eight Cents (\$3,007.28) 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 Two Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-five Dollars and No Cents (\$2,835.00); An Order of Sale shall issue to any sheriff or any constable within the State of Texas, directing the sheriff or constable to seize and sell the Property the same as under execution, in satisfaction of this 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, Dante Holmes; 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, Dante Holmes shall pay to Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association additional attorney reasonable 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 \$132.50, 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.

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 #
	112790-CV**	412th Judicial District Court	7/27/2021	3/10/2023	April 6th, 2023	

Plaintiff: Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association,

VS

Defendant: Dante Holmes

Property Description:

Lot Seventeen(17), in Block Three (3), 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 9710 steel Knot Lane, Rosharon, Texas 77583

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

The Minimum Bid Is All Costs Of Suit And Sale.

Estimated Minimum Bid: \$2,186.78

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Terms: Cash, or Cashier's Check.

Additional Terms:

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

By: 
Jon Baker, Chief Deputy #

SALE TO BE HELD
6th day of June, 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

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CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Request for Proposals – RFP No. 0323-06 (1st Rebid)
Ballistic Shields – Pearland Police Department

Request for Proposals

The City of Pearland is seeking bids from entities that can supply the Pearland Police Department with approximately 50 ballistic shields. This RFP has been issued for the purpose of securing the Best Value for the City and the specifications include the technical dimensions and manufacturing composition of the required equipment. A previous solicitation for these items has been revoked, and this measure constitutes a 2nd attempt to secure bid responses. Previous respondents ARE eligible and encouraged to submit bids in response to this 2nd solicitation.

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Pearland Purchasing Division, 3523 Liberty Drive until 2:00 PM on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, when all bids will be read aloud at Pearland City Hall – Council Chambers, 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland TX 77581. A virtual option may be provided, which will be included in the detailed solicitation documents for RFP #0323-06.

Pre-Bid Requirements – Vendor Registration

Interested vendors must 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 Ionwave assistance is needed, please email ebids@pearlandtx.gov and refer to RFP #0323-06.

Questions and Submission of Bid Proposals (RFP #0323-06)

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. Vendors MUST submit questions and inquiries about the solicitation process and any other aspect of the RFP, including technical information about the equipment specifications, by emailing those inquiries to ebids@pearlandtx.gov, no later than 5:00 PM Monday, June 19, 2023, and refer to RFP #0323-06. **The bid will close the following week at 2:00pm on Wednesday, June 28, 2023.**

Source of Funds

The funding for this purchase will come from a grant from the State of Texas. Texas Government Code – Uniform Grant Management Standards in Chapter 783 is applicable. The successful offeror must not be debarred from doing business with the State of Texas. Other statutory requirements apply.

Bid Closing Date

2:00 PM on Wednesday, June 28, 2023.

RFP Advertisement Schedule

This RFP is scheduled to run twice in the City's local newspaper of public record – Reporter News (Pearland Edition):

First Publication: May 31, 2023
Second Publication: June 7, 2023

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City of Pearland

Request for Qualifications RFQ #0523-02

For Professional Engineering Services for the
City of Pearland – Emergency Supply Warehouse (ESW)

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 City's Emergency Supply Warehouse (ESW) project. The facility is intended to be located at 2703 Veterans Drive, Pearland TX 77584, east of the existing Pearland Fire Department Administration Building. 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 construction of an approximately 5,000 square foot metal warehouse structure, with utilities and an estimated 15,000 square feet of concrete flat surface for parking, accessibility, and loading/unloading. The purpose of this facility will be to store critical supplies, materials, equipment, and small apparatus needed by the City during emergencies and catastrophic events. 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.

Federal Funding

The City of Pearland was awarded federal Public Assistance Alternative Procedures (PAAP) funds from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security – Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for this purpose. 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. Non-construction and construction costs of this project are funded by FEMA, 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 others. 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: May 24, 2023
Second Publication: May 31, 2023

Questions are due no later than 5:00 p.m., Thursday, June 8, 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, June 22, 2023.**

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS

Sealed Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., **Thursday, June 15, 2023**, and read aloud into the public record for the following project:

Bella Vita Regional Lift Station Rehabilitation
City of Pearland, Texas
COP PN: WW2201
ITB: 0423-10

The project will consist of the following for Bella Vita Regional Lift Station Rehabilitation:

The complete in place rehabilitation of the lift station includes the removal and replacement of the pumps, piping, instrumentation, meters, fittings, odor control, wet well rehabilitation, concrete work, painting and protective coatings. The project will also upgrade the electrical controller, add new electrical panels, an automatic transfer switch, a natural gas generator, SCADA, miscellaneous electrical upgrades, and all other work as shown in the plan and project manual.

A **Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference** will be held in person at the City of Pearland Public Works Rio Grande Conference room at 2016 Old Alvin Rd, Pearland, Texas 77581 at **10:00 a.m. on May 31, 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.

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
Virtual Builders Exchange (832) 613-0201
McGraw Hill Construction – Dodge Reports (800) 393-6343

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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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, June 15, 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 Dial in #: 281-652-1955, Meeting #:1790#, Code #:0971# on that date for:

South Corrigan Subdivision Transite Pipe Waterline Replacement
City of Pearland, Texas
COP PN: WA2105
BID NO.: 0323-08

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

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at City of Pearland Engineering and Public Works Service Center Rio Grande Training Room at 2016 Old Alvin Rd, Pearland, Texas 77581 at **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 1, 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.

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

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