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Around Town

Thursday, Nov. 10

ROTARY CLUB MEETING

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

MOVIES ON THE LAWN

The film, "Wonder," will be screened at 7 p.m. as part of the Movies on the Lawn series at Baybrook Mall, 500 Baybrook Mall in Friendswood. Admission is free and blankets and chairs are encouraged.

Friday, Nov. 11

LIBRARIES CLOSED

Brazoria County libraries will be closed for Veterans Day. For information, call 281-652-1677 or visit bcls.lib.tx.us.

Saturday, Nov. 12

VETERANS DAY WALK

Veterans Day Walk begins at the Pearland Rec Center at 8 a.m. honoring those who have served. For information, visit PearlandWalk.org.

Sunday, Nov. 13

MARKET DAYS FALL FEST

Fall Fest hosted by Pearland Market Days is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 2320 Hatfield Road, Pearland.

COUNTRY MUSIC SHOWCASE

Pearland Country Music Showcase is 4 to 6:30 p.m. at Pearland Town Center, 11200 Broadway St. Lineup includes Cash Dawson, Chase Richburg, Shalane and Holly Tucker. Admission is free.

FARMERS MARKET

Brookside Village Farmers Market vendors offer fresh produce, eggs, meat, honey, baked goods, crafts, coffee and more with food trucks and live music at Lawhon Elementary, 5810 Brookside Road, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month. For information, visit BrooksideVillageMarket.com.

Saturday, Nov. 19

LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Brazoria County Library System Market Days Book Sale is slated for Saturday, Nov. 19 from 9am to 5pm and Sunday, Nov. 20 from 11am to 4pm at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds, 901 S. Downing St. in Angleton. Thousands of discarded and donated books and more. Cash or check only - nothing over \$1.

FARMERS MARKET

Old Pearland Farmers Market is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every third Saturday at Independence Park, 3449 Pearland Parkway. Lone Star Snakes will be at the market from 9am to 1pm. Meet some scaly friends and learn about native critters while supporting local businesses. Free for all ages. Parking and entry are free and available at the park or at the City Hall annex, 3523 Liberty Drive.

MERIDIANA VENDOR MARKET
Meridiana Vendor Market will be held in the Oasis Village from 11am to 3pm. Variety of vendors to help start holiday shopping early. Meridiana is located at 4003 Meridiana Parkway in Iowa Colony.



DISTRICT 23-6A CHAMPIONS

The Shadow Creek Sharks completed the 2022 football season with a perfect 10-0 record and were crowned the District 23-6A champions with a 7-0 mark. The Sharks will now advance to the Class 6A Region III Div II playoffs where they will host the Brazoswood Buccaneers in the bi-district round on Friday, Nov. 11 at Freedom Field at 7:00 p.m.

Error leaves city with deficit

By N. BRADFORD
Reporter News Staff

The City of Pearland is facing a \$10 million revenue shortfall due to an inaccuracy in tax calculations for Harris County properties, City Council members learned this week.

"We've had a calculation of our values change from when we did our budget several months ago, and it's a rather drastic change in our value," Mayor Kevin Cole said during a discussion Monday night. "This was found almost by happenstance as we were looking to create TIRZ No. 3 (and) calling for values again. Those values when they came back in from the county didn't match up with what we had before."

The miscalculations were uncovered only within the last two weeks.

"I've really got more questions than answers at this point," Councilman Tony Carbone said Monday night. "This is reminiscent of the whole water billing issue."

Councilmembers grappled both with how the mistakes happened, what to do about it going forward and how it will affect the city.

"The tax rate it set. That will not change," City Manager Clay Pearson said. "The city rate is lower than it would have been otherwise, but that's set now."

Water and sewer rates are also not impacted, he said.

What is changed, however, is the amount of revenue generated from property taxes in the city's general fund and tax-backed debt funds

— it is far less than budgeted.

In such a situation, city policy recommends deferral of capital equipment purchases, hiring freezes, using fund balance and fee increases, among other measures.

The council will consider ways to shore up the budget at its Dec. 5 meeting via budget amendments.

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Pearland Councilman Alex Kamkar

"That will allow us more time to talk to our financial advisor and develop solutions," Pearson said.

"Obviously this is something we will be talking about for a while and try to avoid this ever happening again," Councilman Adrian Hernandez said.

Pearland includes three counties: Harris, Brazoria and Fort Bend. Each county's appraisal district determines assessed values, which are collected and calculated by Brazoria County into a tax rate calculation worksheet provided to the City of Pearland.

"We need to have an independent third party come in and review the documentation, talk to all the parties and tell us where did we fail, where can we get better and what can we do in the interim," Councilman Alex Kamkar said. "The reality is we are one of 16 cities that have three counties. We are not the first city to have three county jurisdictions involved."

"We failed," Kamkar continued. "We now have \$10 million that we are going to have to go find and it's going to be uncomfortable."

All city meetings are livestreamed and posted on the city's website at pearlandtx.gov, and on the city's YouTube channel.

First-ever Restaurant Weeks underway

By N. BRADFORD
Reporter News Staff

At least 16 local restaurants are taking part in an inaugural Pearland Restaurant Weeks event, scheduled through now through Nov. 20.

Originating in New York City in the early 1990s, Restaurant Week caught on nationwide as a way to not only boost businesses during slow times of the year with special pricing, but to get diners out of their typical restaurant orbit and get them to try new foods, with participating establishments offering the same multi-course menu at one discounted price, known as a prix fixe menu.

Pearland's version will not only make it easy for diners to explore new foods, but part of the proceeds during Restaurant Weeks will benefit the non-profit Pearland Neighborhood Center.

The first-ever Pearland Restaurant Weeks was developed through a collaboration among Harold Wong of Pearland's Boiling Dragon and Phaedra Cook of Houston Food Finder as well as the Pearland Convention and Visitors Bureau.

"This project team is very passionate about supporting both the restaurant industry and the wider community and we hope to see the event flourish into something that truly makes a difference," said Pearland Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director Tracy Rohrbacher. "Ultimately, an annual event for Pearland Restaurant Weeks would be ideal."

A portion of the proceeds of every Restaurant Weeks meal will be donated to the Pearland Neighborhood Center, which provides a variety of social services to Brazoria County residents, including a food pantry, rent and utility assistance, school supply vouchers, financial stability classes, health care and emergency assistance.

"There is so much more this organization does to help our community," said Wong. "We could not be happier to be partnered with them for this great cause."

Restaurants, menus and pre-set prices for each are listed online at visit-pearland.com/restaurantweeks/.

For more information, contact Rebekah Burns at rburns@pearlandtx.gov or 281-997-5971.

Opposition thwarts Hatfield project

By N. BRADFORD
Reporter News Staff

Pearland City Council on Monday rejected a zone change that would have allowed a subdivision to develop near West Orange and Hatfield.

Even though four of the three council members voted in favor, approximately 28 percent of adjacent landowners opposed the zone change. This triggered a city policy requiring a supermajority vote of council, or six out of seven votes, for it to pass.

The request was to rezone 12 acres south of West Orange and east of Hatfield from a single family residential zone known as R2 to a single family residential zone of R3. The R3 zoning permits higher density and smaller lot sizes than R2. In this case, the proposal called for homes priced from \$425,000 to \$475,000 on 7,000 square foot lots.

Councilman Adrian Hernandez was among those voting in favor of the change to R3.

that are out of reach for the everyday person, no one's going to be able to afford to live in Pearland," he said. "If we just focus on building million-dollar homes, only millionaires can live here."

Several neighboring property owners addressed the council on Monday.

"It's easy to say, 'It's just more homes' when you're not living next to it and you're going to have 10 or 11 houses alongside your home," said Laura Jiminez, who lives next to the site. "My concern is the noise. My concern is the traffic and the zoning of the schools."

Councilman Alex Kamkar voted against. "Progress happens, and I hate to say it, but these people were here first," Kamkar said, referring to neighbors who spoke in opposition.

The city's Planning and Zoning Commission voted 3-2 to recommend the zone change at its Oct. 17 meeting. The property is currently vacant and remains zoned as single family R2.

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Councilman Adrian Hernandez

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PEARLAND POLICE REPORT

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

Thursday, Nov. 3

Theft was reported from a building on Manvel Road at 4:15 a.m.

An arrest for assault by physical contact family violence was made at 4900 block of Meadowglen Drive just before 7 a.m.

A man arrested for theft on Smith Ranch Road at 11:15 a.m. was found to have previous convictions.

An arrest for assault of a family member was made at 1:21 p.m., 2500 block of Sunlight Lane.

A woman was arrested for assault of a family member causing injury at 5 p.m. on Worthington Drive.

A vehicle was reported stolen at 6 p.m., 12300 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

An arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia was made at 8:16 p.m. at 1700 block of Main St.

Friday, Nov. 4

A 36-year-old Alvin man was arrested for indecency with a child at 8:43 a.m., 2800 Pearland Parkway.

An arrest was made for theft of service at 12:48 p.m., 11800 block of Broadway St.

Arrests for engaging in organized criminal activity and evading arrest were made around 3:30 p.m. at 700 N. San Jacinto St.

A man was arrested and charged with violating occupational driver's license, 3600 block of Broadway St.

A shoplifting arrest was made at 8 p.m., 12600 block of Broadway St.

Saturday, Nov. 5

Criminal mischief was reported at 12:18 a.m., 7400 block of Newport Lane.

An arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia was made at 3:13 a.m., 10900 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

A criminal investigation was conducted at 12:46 p.m. in the 1700 block of Main St.

A man was arrested for assault by threat/family violence just before 9 p.m., 3100 block of Centennial Village Drive.

A shoplifting arrest was made at 1710 Broadway St. at 10:19 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 6

An arrest for DWI was made at 12:44 a.m. at 2200 block of Pearland Parkway.

An arrest for assault by physical contact/family violence was made at 1 a.m., 1900 block of Garden Road.

An arrest for unlawful carrying of weapon was made just before 2 a.m., 13900 block of South Freeway.

An arrest for DWI was made at 1:39 a.m., 6200 Sumac Drive.

An arrest for assault by physical contact/family violence was made at 1:42 a.m., 3500 block of Broadway St.

An arrest for unlawful carrying of a weapon was made at 1:48 a.m., 15800

South Freeway.

A DWI arrest was made at 1:52 a.m. at 2200 Pearland Parkway.

An arrest for unlawful carrying of a weapon in a prohibited place was made at 1:56 a.m., 13965 South Freeway N.

A DWI arrest was made at 2:10 a.m., 9600 block of Summer Breeze Drive.

Police summoned to the 3300 block of Aspenbrook Court at 4 a.m. made arrests for assault causing bodily injury and public intoxication.

An arrest for assault causing bodily injury was made at 3:33 p.m., 1000 Broadway St.

DWI arrest was made at 7:34 p.m., 1900 Pearland Parkway.

A man was arrested for burglary of a vehicle at 11:37 p.m. was found to have more than two prior convictions for the same offense, 700 N. San Jacinto.

Monday, Nov. 7

A man arrested at 4:16 a.m. in the 300 block of Helmsley Drive was charged with assault by contact/family violence.

A man arrested at 4:42 a.m. at 12501 Broadway St. was charged with assault by physical contact.

Stolen property was recovered in the 2500 block of Pearland Parkway.

A referral to Adult Protective Services was made at 10:16 a.m., 2400 block of Colleen Drive.

Vehicle was stolen from the 2200 block of O'Day Road.

Fraudulent use of identifying information reported at 4 p.m., 1400 block of Pineash Court.

Fraudulent use of identifying information reported at 6:36 p.m., 13600 block of Silent Walk Drive.

DWI arrest with open alcohol container, 8:36 p.m., 16700 South Freeway South.

FRIENDSWOOD POLICE REPORT

OCTOBER 31 thru NOVEMBER 7

BURGLARY

Nov. 2 (7:19 p.m.) A vehicle parked at Bales Intermediate, 211 Stadium Lane, was broken into while the victim attended a baseball game at Renwick Park. The victim's purse, wallet, and a firearm were stolen. The front passenger window was smashed to gain entry inside the vehicle. The burglary occurred between 6:20 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. At 8:10 p.m., a suspect attempted to use a stolen credit card at a Kroger location.

Nov. 5 (5:38 p.m.) A vehicle burglary occurred at Primrose School located at 1409 S. Friendswood Dr. on Nov. 2 at approximately 5:30 p.m. The victim left her cell phone and credit cards inside her vehicle as she stepped inside the day care center for just a couple of minutes. Security cameras captured the burglary. A black SUV, possibly a Nissan Rouge or Murano, stopped behind the victim's vehicle. A male exited the black SUV and was seen entering the victim's vehicle.

THEFT

Oct. 31 (9:05 p.m.) An Alvin man agreed to meet an individual at the Chase Bank located at 255 W. Parkwood Ave. to sell a computer. The transaction was set up through the OfferUp website. The victim agreed to accept a cashier's check instead of cash. He later discovered that the cashier's check was fraudulent. The suspect goes by the name of Micah Bradley on OfferUp and is described as a black male, in his 20s, with black hair.

Nov. 2 (8:35 p.m.) A bicycle was stolen from the front porch of an apartment located at Bay Meadows Apartments, 17201 Blackhawk Blvd. The theft occurred between 7:50 p.m. and 8:10 p.m. The bicycle is described as a black and white

Huffy brand mountain bike with a cupholder attached to the handlebars.

Nov. 5 (11:01 p.m.) A Friendswood officer stopped into a local convenience store in the 2200 block of south Friendswood Dr. while on duty. The officer was speaking with an employee at the store when they mentioned that a female had been walking around the store just prior to the officer's arrival and appeared homeless. At the time of this conversation, the employee noticed his vehicle being stolen and advised the officer. The officer caught up to the vehicle and turned on her overhead lights to initiate a traffic stop. The vehicle failed to stop and continued down FM 518 towards League City. The League City Police Department was contacted and assisted with putting out spikes at Hobbs Rd. and Main St. just before I-45. The vehicle ran over the spikes and continued onto the I-45 southbound feeder. Officers were able to contain the vehicle in the 2300 block of the southbound Gulf Freeway just before Hwy 646. Once the vehicle stopped, the suspect refused to exit the vehicle, citing that there was an explosive device in the vehicle. Officers were eventually able to remove the suspect from the vehicle without incident. The suspect was later identified as Natasha Mealer, 28, of Hitchcock. The Galveston County District Attorney's Office accepted charges for Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle and Evading Arrest or Detention with a vehicle. Mealer's bond was set at \$120,000.

FRAUD

Oct. 31 (2:35 p.m.) Michael Covell, 46, of New Jersey, was charged with Fraudulent Possession/Use of Credit or Debit Card. Kevan Henry, 23, of New York, was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Henry was stopped for a traffic violation that occurred in the 100 block of Pecan Drive. The officer had prior information that the vehicle Henry was driving was seen going to various banks, providing fraudulent identity, and withdrawing money from victims' accounts. The occupants denied consent to search the officer, so the officer deployed his K-9 partner. The K-9 gave an alert for the presence of narcotics inside the vehicle. During the search, the officer found THC oils, marijuana residue and passport card and a notebook containing personal information of a person not inside the vehicle.

Nov. 2 (3:58 p.m.) A Friendswood woman's identity theft protection program alerted her to someone attempting to open a bank account in her name. Due to

the fraud protection, the account was declined.

Nov. 6 (1:12 p.m.) A Friendswood woman was scammed into providing her username and password to multiple personal accounts. After the information was provided, fraudulent activity began occurring within the accounts including withdrawals and transfers.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

Nov. 4 (11:06 p.m.) Officers responded to a disturbance at Cheers Pub located at 502 N. Friendswood Drive. When officers arrived, the bartender told police that she refused to continue service a customer who became upset and assaulted another customer. The victim was assisting the suspect into an Uber when the suspect punched the victim in the face and broke his glasses. Officers were able to identify the suspect and went to his home in the 800 block of Hackberry. He refused to cooperate with the investigation. A municipal court summons will be issued for the suspect charging him with assault and an arrest warrant will be issued charging the suspect with criminal mischief.

ASSAULT

Oct. 31 (6:38 p.m.) Dominic Morales, 26, of Houston, was charged with Assault Causing Bodily Injury to a Family Member and Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1. Morales is accused of assault his girlfriend at a home in the 16600 block of Forest Bend Avenue. Morales was found in possession of a glass pipe and methamphetamine.

Nov. 1 (8:48 a.m.) An assault was reported at a residence in the 3500 block of Firenze Drive. The suspect is accused of assaulting his girlfriend. An assault by contact warrant is being filed with the Municipal Court.

Nov. 6 (6:36 a.m.) A 32-year-old Friendswood woman was charged with Assault by Contact and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The suspect is accused of assaulting her stepfather at a home in the 3700 block of Laura Leigh Lane. At the jail, the woman was found in possession of methamphetamine residue.

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

Nov. 4 (4:48 a.m.) A 50-year-old Friendswood man was charged with Driving While Intoxicated in the 2900 block of FM 528. He was stopped for speeding and exhibited signs of intoxication including the smell of alcohol on his breath. He failed a field sobriety test.

WEAPON OFFENSE

Nov. 5 (4:45 p.m.) Terrance McNair, 37, of Dickinson, was charged with Unlawful Carrying Weapon. McNair was stopped for speeding in the 2000 block of W. Parkwood Avenue.

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 - Aristotelian final cause
 - 30-day mo.
 - "Guilty," e.g.
 - 10 kilogauss
 - The "p" in m.p.g.
 - "I see!"
 - "20/20" network
 - ___ agreement, a pact between governments
 - Hacienda hand, maybe
 - Feudal lord
 - Who "ever loved you more than I," in song
 - Driver's lic. and others
 - Many, many moons
 - Churchill's "so few": Abbr.
 - Jocks' antitheses
 - Climate between temperate and torrid
 - More fitting
 - "___ rang?"
 - Fraternity letters
 - Ceiling
 - Bakery offering
 - Some tournaments
 - Whimper
 - Fear of 13
 - In-flight info, for short
 - "Is that ___?"
 - Animal house
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- Time div.
- Mozart's "L___ del Cairo"
- "La Scala di ___" (Rossini opera)
- Boring tool
- "Do the Right Thing" pizzeria owner
- "Dammit!"
- Digital mimic
- Part of a bridle
- Excessively sentimental expressions
- Big laugh
- Jam
- Dakota's dwelling
- Sharp
- Party time, maybe
- Reassembled
- Dyes
- Amorphous shape
- Acquire
- "O Sanctissima," e.g.
- "I found it!"
- ___ haddie (smoked fish)
- Adjusts, as a clock
- Cross
- Astrological transition point
- Cracks
- Curtain
- Dress rehearsal
- Three-dimensional
- Drive off
- Exemplars of twinship
- Barely make, with "out"
- Cornmeal concoction
- "Thanks ___!"
- Maltreat
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Holiday Tour to offer Fieldcreek home with *Yours, Mine & Ours*

Meg Crowley and husband Rich Delgado are opening their home in Fieldcreek in Friendswood for the upcoming Heritage Gardeners' Christmas Home Tour Nov. 19-20. Their theme is *Yours, Mine and Ours*. Before they got married, they decided to keep Rich's house but totally remodeled the home, including removing a kitchen wall to open up the living space.

Between the two of them there are three grown children and two grandchildren. The home has special meaning to them as Meg and Rich got married in the home. They married in March and March 2023 will be their 7th anniversary. They were introduced to each other by one of Meg's neighbors in her former neighborhood. Between the two of them there are three

grown children and two grandchildren. Rich has lived in Friendswood for 25 years and in the current house 20 years. Meg has lived in Friendswood 10 years. Friends are helping Meg and Rich decorate the home and the theme of *Yours Mine and Ours* will definitely be seen throughout the lovely home.

One of the upstairs bedrooms has pictures and furniture memorable to Meg including photographs of her childhood home and photographs of her mother, grandmother, great g'ma and great-great g'ma all on their wedding day wearing the same pearl necklace.

The bedroom Rich is decorating has memorabilia of his skydiving trips including nice aerial photos and two skydiving

suits that will be displayed on the bed. He is working on a tree that will display his skydiving medals. Megan's (Meg's daughter), bedroom will feature a Tiffany inspired tree with turquoise colors and white pearls.

As a special treat, Santa will be at the home to greet tourgoers.

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

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

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

The raffles are big and exciting this year. Raffle tickets as well as tour tickets will be on sale at the clubhouse.

Tour tickets are also on sale now at businesses around town now.



The home Meg Crowley and her husband Rich Delgado is one of the homes on the upcoming Heritage Gardeners' Christmas Home Tour Nov. 19-20. Their theme is *Yours, Mine and Ours*.

Free Flu Shots, Vision, Hearing Screenings and more at Life and Soul Health Fair on Nov. 19

"Life and Soul" Health Fair is a free community health fair serving the residents of Houston and neighboring cities. The 10th annual health fair this year will be held on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 8am to 12Noon at Sai Primary Care-New Life Plaza, 3945 CR 58 (cross of Hwy 288 and CR 58), Manvel. It is organized by Love to Share Foundation America, a non-profit community organization that brings together several service organizations and volunteers to serve the community.

Manvel Mayor Debra Davison and Pearland Mayor Kevin Cole are expected to kick-off the event this year at 8 am.

All the screenings will be offered free of cost to attendees and these include - Biometrics, EKG, Carotid Doppler, Blood Sugar, Lung Function Test, Vision and Glaucoma Screening, Dental Screenings, Thyroid Ultrasound and Blood Pressure.



Registration for these screenings and for flu shots will be available a week prior to the event at www.lovetosharefoundation.org. Walk-ins are also welcome.

CPR and Stroke education classes at the health fair will be organized by Indian American Nurses Association of Greater Houston. The Rose center will register eligible participants at the event for Screening Mammograms. Both insured and uninsured participants can sign up for this screening which will be held the first week of Feb 2023.

Free flu vaccines will be offered to the first 120 participants 6 months and above. Free bike helmets will be given away to educate the public about preventing head injury. Flu Vaccines and Bike Helmet giveaways are made possible by Texas Medical Association's Vaccines Defend What Matters Program and Hard Hats for Little Heads Program.

General Practitioners and several specialty consultants will be available to answer any questions.

Sponsors include Grand Sponsors - Walmart and Texas Medical Association. Other sponsors of the event are HEB,

Southeast Cardiovascular Associates, Coastal Vascular Center, Alvin Community College - Respiratory Division, University of Houston - Department of Optometry, Bandy and Associates, Law Offices of Leena Bhasin and Internal Medicine Associates of Houston.

Several community volunteers and volunteers from Love To Share Foundation America will serve at the event in addition to local school students from Dawson High School, Shadow Creek High School and Nolan Ryan Junior High. Student volunteers will be eligible for community service hours. Please check out the web page www.lovetosharefoundation.org for more information.

For further information or to make a tax-exempt donation, please call 281-402-6585.

Area districts land on school rankings

By N. BRADFORD
Reporter News Staff

Pearland ISD ranked No. 4 in among 47 Houston area school districts and No. 24 among 1,018 districts statewide by Niche, a real estate research website that recently released its nationwide Best Public Schools rankings.

The site also issued letter grades to districts based on a mix of public data and surveys. Pearland ISD was among only four Houston area district to receive an A-plus; the others were Friendswood, Katy and Tomball ISDs.

Individual Pearland ISD campuses that ranked high on the Houston area rankings included Silvercrest Elementary at No. 18 and Shadycrest Elementary among elementary campuses; Berry Miller at No. 17, Pearland Junior High East at No. 21 and Rogers Middle School among Best Public Middle Schools and Dawson High at No. 16

for Best Public High Schools in the Houston Metro Area.

Alvin ISD, which was ranked No. 117 statewide and received a grade of A-minus, landed at No. 9 in the rankings for Most Diverse School Districts and at No. 13 for Best School Districts for Athletes.

Founded in 2002 as Collegeprover.com, Niche has since expanded to provide insights and reviews of K-12 schools, cities and neighborhoods nationwide.

The site also ranks schools in individual counties. Of the 16 public high schools in Brazoria County, Dawson is ranked as the No. 1, followed by Turner College and Career High at No. 2 and Pearland High at No. 3. Alvin ISD campuses Crosby High, Shadow Creek High and Manvel High landed at No. 4, 5 and 6, respectively.

Complete rankings are available at niche.com.



STUDENT LEADERS ATTEND MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING

Wednesday, Nov. 2, more than 40 junior high and high school student leaders attended a mental health and suicide awareness training. Representatives from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) and Youth and Family Counseling Services (YFCS) presented to the group. Here Berry Miller 8th grader, Sophia Ledee, discusses with AFSP representative, Dr. Ned Strauss, on how to notice if someone needs help.

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Hastings Fumbles Ball

Pearland's Cole Anderson (20) and Lazarus Range (22) force a fumble by Hastings Omar Abdule (12) which was recovered by Range. The Oilers thrashed the Bears 59-7 in the final game of the regular season. Pearlland (6-4) will face the Dickinson Gators (7-3) on Friday, Nov. 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the 6A Region III Div I bi-district playoffs at The Rig.

Photo by Olyn Taylor

Pearland routs Hastings 59-7, playoffs next

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

It's not how you begin but how you finish, and the Pearlland Oilers finished the 2022 regular season with a 59-7 win over the Alief Hastings Bears for a 6-4 overall record. Now, the Oilers will ride into the Class 6A Region III Div I playoffs with a three-game winning streak and the post-season for the 23rd straight year.

Pearland will face the Dickinson Gators on Friday, Nov. 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the 6A Region III Div I playoffs at The Rig.

The Oilers closed out the regular season under new head coach B.J. Gotte with a positive statement while building momentum in the next step of the season.

"I was very pleased with how we wrapped up the regular season with our best all-around performance," Gotte said. "This season we have talked at length about controlling our ability to execute at a high level and play clean football in all three phases regardless of our opponent."

Pearland did just that against Hastings in the blowout victory. Hastings surprisingly scored with ease on the first possession of the game going 75-yards in seven-plays to score on an 8-yard run with 9:41 left in the first quarter for a 7-0 lead.

The Oilers would outscore the Bears 59-0 for the rest of the game.

It took Pearlland only three plays to tie up the game as senior running back Kennedy Lewis went 59-yards on a scoring pass from QB Jackson Hamilton to even up the score 7-7 with 8:33 left in the opening period.

With 1:44 remaining in the first quarter, Pearlland would score again as Lewis crossed the pay station on a 7-yard run to make the score 14-7.

At the beginning of the second quarter, Zander Winters would recover a Hastings fumble at the Bears 29 and the Oilers would score on a Hamilton 12-yard scoring pass to Evan Gracia with 8:19 left in the second quarter for a 21-0 advantage.

After the ensuing kickoff to the Bears, the Pearlland defense would be back in the end zone as Jaden Wincher intercepted a pass and returned it 26-yards for a score with 7:14 left in the second frame for a 28-7 lead.

The Oilers would add one more score before the end of the first half when sophomore running back LaDamion McDowell would score on a five-yard scamper for a 35-7 halftime lead.

"I felt that after the first drive of the game, we settled in and played up to our capabilities," Gotte said. "It was also a special night to get to see all of our seniors contribute on the field, because as a coach, you always love to see your players get excited for others on game night."

The Oilers would score 24 more points in the second half

in the 59-0 rout of the Bears.

Hamilton would throw two scoring passes to Patrick Bridges covering six-yards and then hit Christian Pitts on a 15-yard scoring toss to make the score 49-7 with 2:22 left in the third quarter.

Junior kicker Jackson Stagg, who hit 7-for-7 extra points for the game, booted a 34-yard field goal early in the fourth period to make the score 52-7.

The final Pearlland score came on a 19-yard scoring pass from junior QB Cole Morkovsky to senior wide receiver Bryson O'Neal to put the finishing touches on the 59-7 final score.

Hamilton was 9-of-14 passing for 149 yards and four touchdowns while Morkovsky was 4-for-4 passing for 51 yards and one TD.

McDowell had seven carries for 107 yards and one TD while Lewis had 49 yards on nine totes.

Pitts had three catches for 43 yards and one score while O'Neal had three grabs for 42 yards and a TD and Lewis had one reception for 59 yards and a score. Bridges added two catches for 22 yards and a TD.

"We now move on to the third and final phase of our season, with a home playoff game vs. Dickinson," Gotte said. "It is time for us to take the experiences and lessons learned throughout the season and use them to be at our best on Friday."

Dawson takes care of Alvin to advance to post-season

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

The Dawson Eagles had already punched their ticket to the playoffs before facing Alvin, but head coach Mike Allison wanted to continue the momentum the Eagles had established. Dawson beat Alvin 42-20 to end the 2022 regular season with a 6-4 mark and 6-1 in district.

Dawson will face the Clear Falls Knights (8-2) on Friday, Nov. 11 at 7:00 p.m. at CCISD Veterans Memorial Stadium in League City.

For the 13th straight year, the Eagles will advance to the post-season as well as having never had a losing season since Dawson opened in 2007.

The game started out with a bang for Dawson as the Eagles scored on the

second play of the game. QB Colin Johnson found an opening in the Alvin defense and raced 32-yards untouched to the end zone to give Dawson a 7-0 lead with only 15 seconds gone in the game.

The Eagles followed that play with an on-side kick that was recovered by Dawson at the Alvin 49.

Dawson went on a 7-play, 49-yard drive that was capped off with a 13-yard scoring dash by Bryce Burgess. Ayden Treadaway added his second PAT and the Eagles had a 14-0 advantage at the 9:27 mark of the opening period.

Alvin finally got their first possession of the game and scored on a 12-yard run by Dayshawn Peterson. The PAT was good and the Yellowjackets closed the gap to 14-7 with 3:30 remaining in the first quarter.

The Yellowjackets returned the favor as they recovered the on-side kick at the Dawson 41. Four plays later and Peterson found the end zone again, this time on a 31-yard run with 1:45 left in the explosive first quarter. The Jackets missed the PAT leaving the Eagles with a 14-13 lead.

Dawson would take control of the game by adding three more scores before the end of the first half.

Bryce Burgess sprint to the goal line on a 22-yard scoring run to cap off a 91-yard, 9-play drive with 10:29 left in the second period for a 21-13 lead.

Following an Alvin punt, the Eagles would begin their next scoring drive at the Alvin 40. It would take only five



Photo by Lloyd Hendricks

SCORING JAUNT - Dawson senior quarterback Colin Johnson breaks loose for a 32-yard touchdown run vs Alvin on the second play of the game. Johnson also had an excellent night in the pocket, throwing for 153 yards and three touchdowns as the Eagles finished off the regular season with a 42-20 victory over Alvin. The Eagles will go on the road for the playoffs, starting with the Clear Falls Knights at CCISD Veterans Memorial Stadium on Friday, Nov. 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Bayway SENIOR PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
CHEVROLET

Dawson vs. Alvin

<p>OFFENSE</p>  <p>Tyler Wheeler OL Wheeler gave a great effort and exhibits a positive attitude, shows a willingness to step in whenever needed</p>	<p>DEFENSE</p>  <p>Mustafa Yousaf DB Yousaf shows a strong work ethic and has been an unselfish teammate all season.</p>
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Pearland vs. Alief Hastings

<p>OFFENSE</p>  <p>Matthew Lumpkin LB Lumpkin registered eight total tackles, one sack, and two QB pressures in the victory vs. Alief Hastings.</p>	<p>DEFENSE</p>  <p>Kennedy Lewis RB Lewis played very well finishing with one rushing score and one receiving TD in the victory over Alief Hastings.</p>
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CHEVROLET HOUSTON AREA CHEVY DEALERS

Bayway PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
CHEVROLET

Shadow Creek vs. Strake Jesuit

<p>OFFENSE</p>  <p>Duke Butler QB Butler returned to the line-up completing 15-of-21 attempts for 290 yards and five scores in the win over Strake Jesuit.</p>	<p>DEFENSE</p>  <p>Robert Edmonson ILB Edmonson continued to be a force for the disruptive Shark defense recording six tackles, two tackles for loss and one pass break up.</p>
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CHEVROLET HOUSTON AREA CHEVY DEALERS

SPORTS



Photo by Kelechi Amogu

TOUCHDOWN GRAB - Friendswood senior Hayden Crowson (81) catches a 33-yard touchdown pass from QB Matthew Dupuis to cut the lead by Magnolia West to 15-13 at halftime. Unfortunately, the Mustangs came up short 22-19 in the final game of the regular season.

Magnolia West edges Friendswood in Koopmann's final game

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

It won't be the same next year when the 2023 high school football season kicks off for the Friendswood Mustangs as head coach Robert Koopmann, who has been roaming the sideline as an assistant coach, and for the past 11 years as the head coach has announced his retirement.

Koopmann has been with the Mustangs for a total of 29 years. He concludes with a 79-46 overall record as the head coach from 2012-2022. The Mustangs, who were competing in one of the toughest 5A districts in the state, finished 4-6 this year and will miss the post-season.

Knowing they wouldn't be extending their season, the Mustangs still rallied to make an effort to finish strong and to attempt to send Koopmann out with a win. Though the Mustangs came up short, Koopmann still ended his coaching career at Friendswood with a team of winners as the Mustangs always displayed a no-quit attitude that exemplified the trait taught by Koopmann.

"That's our season. We're just a bunch of hard-working dudes," Koopmann said. "Those little mistakes add up, but man, we got after a good football team."

Magnolia West scored first on a 1-yard plunge by Terry Daniels for a 7-0 lead. The score was set up by a Friendswood fumble on the first snap of the game giving West the ball at the Friendswood 27-yard line. Nine plays later resulted in the first score of the game.

Another turnover plagued Friendswood as West blocked a punt after forcing the

Mustangs to a three-and-out on its next series. Caylon Dygert blocked the punt and scooped up the ball for a 12-yard scoring return. Dygert also scored the two-point conversion giving West a 15-0 lead with :15 seconds left in the first quarter.

But the Mustangs weren't going away as they scored on the ensuing possession. Quarterback Matthew Dupuis orchestrated a 78-yard, 14-play scoring drive capped off by a 32-yard catch-and-run from Dupuis to tight end Hunter Smyrl to cut the lead to 15-6 following the missed PAT.

The Friendswood defense held West on their next series and the Mustangs went on another scoring drive as Dupuis fired a laser to Hayden Crowson for a 33-yard scoring strike to close the gap to 15-13 that stood at intermission.

Key plays in the scoring drive were pass completions to Walker Winters for 14 yards and Smyrl for 26-yards.

Friendswood came out in the second half and took the lead on a 1-yard plunge by Winters for a 19-15 advantage following the missed two-point conversion with 1:12 left in the third.

The touchdown was set up with a great catch by Smyrl for a 48-yard gain.

With 4:51 to play in the game, Magnolia West got a score on a 3-yard run by Kai Alcoa-Disdier to reclaim the lead 22-19 which would be the final score.

With the victory, Magnolia West (7-3 overall, 5-3 district) sewed up the No. 4 playoff seed from 10-5A Div I and will meet Ball High on Friday in the bi-district round of the UIL playoffs.

Alvin scored with 10:00 left in the fourth quarter to close the gap to 42-20 which would stand as the final score.

Johnson was 11-of-16 passing for 153 yards and three scores while rushing for 29 yards on four carries and one TD.

Bryce Burgess had 11 carries for 119 yards and two TDs.

Gillis-Harry had three catches for 40 yards and a TD; Jaeden McCleskey had two grabs for 26 yards, Brown had one catch for 26 yards and a score, and Gage Greene had one grab for 32 yards.

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plays to find the pay station as Johnson hit Joseph Brown on a 23-yard scoring strike to make the score 28-13 with 5:35 left in the second quarter.

The final score of the first half came on a scoring pass from Johnson to Braylon Howard covering 12-yards with 1:04 remaining before intermission to make the score 35-13.

Each team would score in the second half as Dawson scored on a pass from Johnson to Josh Gillis-Henry for a 24-yard touchdown to make the score 42-13 with 3:06 left in the third quarter.

SHARK TOUCHDOWN
The Shadow Creek Sharks defeated the Strake Jesuit Crusaders 56-21 to close out the season with a perfect 10-0 record. Tylik Burton rushed for a Shark touchdown against the Crusaders. The Sharks will now advance to the Class 6A Region III Div II playoffs where they will host the Brazoswood Buccaneers in the bi-district round on Friday, Nov. 11 at Freedom Field at 7pm.
Photo by Michael McManus



Photo by Lloyd Hendricks

Houston Texans rookie running back Dameon Pierce (31) picks up yardage vs the Philadelphia Eagles on Thursday night football. Pierce had a career night with 27 carries for 139 yards, including a 36-yard jaunt. Despite the great showing from Pierce the Texans weren't able to keep up as Philadelphia pulled away in the fourth quarter, with Houston falling to the undefeated Eagles 29-17.

AREA VOLLEYBALL



DAWSON ADVANCES - The Dawson Lady Eagles advance to the Class 6A Region III quarterfinals after defeating Brazoswood 3-0 (25-16, 25-11, 25-23) and Deer Park (20-25, 17-25, 25-23, 25-20, 15-9). The Lady Eagles were down two games to Deer Park but rallied to win the next three in a hard-fought 3-2 match. Dawson will now face Summer Creek.



PEARLAND ADVANCES - The Pearland Lady Oilers won their Class 6A Region III bi-district and area round volleyball games to advance to the region quarterfinals. Pearland opened the post-season with a sweep of Clear Falls (25-11, 25-20, 25-10) in the bi-district round and a sweep of Kingwood (25-22, 25-18, 25-24) in the area round. The Lady O's will face Clear Springs in the quarterfinals.

FHS Swim sails to team win with a new 500 Freestyle record

On Thursday, Nov. 3, Friendswood High School Girls and Boys 5A Swim teams defeated Barbers Hill High School at the first hosted meet of the season. The team scores are for girls were FHS with 376 points and BHHS with 42 points. Boys' scores were FHS with 259 points and BHHS with 78 points.

Notably, sophomore swimmer KK LeBlanc broke her previous 500 Freestyle Mustang record with a time of 5:07.38.

The first and second place relay results are as follows:

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

Girl's 200-yard free relay: (1st) Friendswood - Hallie Ratcliff, Olivia Esbeck, Erin Voelker, Lauren Tillman; (2nd) Friendswood - Emmie Ratcliff, Lacey Drouet, Amelia Morgan, Alex Linden.

Girl's 400-yard free relay: (1st) Friendswood - Andi Jeanes, Edi Jakob, Peyton Becker, KK LeBlanc; (2nd) Friendswood - Brooke Hubenak, Amelia Morgan, Paige McCray, Alex Linden.

Boy's 200-yard medley relay: (1st) Friendswood - Marshall Odom, Hardt, Jordan Lane and Talon Welch; (2nd) Barbers Hill - Cooper Stanford, Colton Walker, Kyle Fontenot, Brenton Vaughan.

Boy's 200-yard free relay: (1st) Friendswood - Andrew Rubio, Talon Welch, Chayton Budzik, Marshall Odom; (2nd) Barbers Hill - Cooper Stanford, Colton Walker, Kyle Fontenot, Brenton Vaughan.

Boy's 400-yard free relay: (1st) Friendswood - Hayden Holcomb, Paul Podrebarac, Joshua Sakahara, Nick Hardt; (2nd) Friendswood. - Noah Givens, Luke LeCompte, Cooper Barden, Austin Madeksho.

Individual places - Top 3 finishes by order of event (yards):

Girl's 200 Free: KK LeBlanc (1st), Paige McCray (2nd), Julia Rupp (3rd)

Boy's 200 Free: Hayden Holcomb (1st), Nathan Jennings (2nd).

Girl's 200 Individual Medley: Edi Jakob (1st) Brooke Hubenak (2nd).

Boy's 200 Individual Medley: Talon Welch (1st), Paul Podrebarac (2nd).

Girl's 50 Free: Peyton Becker (1st), Lauren Tillman (2nd), Hallie Ratcliff (3rd).

Boy's 50 Free: Joshua Sakahara (1st), Andrew Rubio (2nd), Cooper Barden (4th).

Girl's 100 Butterfly: Andi Jeanes (1st), Erin Voelker (2nd), Alex Linden (3rd).

Boy's 100 Butterfly: Nick Hardt (1st), Lane Jordan (2nd), Hayden Holcomb (3rd).

Girl's 100 Free: Lauren Tillman (1st), Hallie Ratcliff (2nd), Amelia Morgan (3rd).

Boy's 100 Free: Marshall Odom (1st), Joshua Sakahara (2nd), Chayton Budzik (3rd).

Girl's 500 Free: KK LeBlanc (1st), Paige McCray (2nd), Edi Jakob (3rd).

Boys' 500 Free: Noah Givens (1st), Auston Madeksho (2nd).

Girl's 100 Backstroke: Olivia Esbeck (1st), Emmie Ratcliff (2nd), Julia Rupp (3rd).

Boy's 100 Backstroke: Marshall Odom (1st), Talon Welch (2nd), Nathan Jennings (4th).

Girl's 100 Breaststroke: Peyton Becker (1st), Erin Voelker (2nd), Andi Jeanes (3rd).

Boy's 100 Breaststroke: Nick Hardt (1st), Chayton Budzik (2nd), Landon Drouet & Noah Givens (Tied 3rd).

The Mustang Swim and Dive Team is coached by Head Coach Craig Sikkema and Varsity Assistant Bonnibeth Smith. FHS Swim thanks the meet officials, parent volunteers, photographers and FISH Leadership for their ongoing support.

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Pearland ISD will be accepting Competitive Sealed Proposals for its Property and Casualty Insurance coverage. A proposer's questionnaire may be accessed through the District's eBid System at <https://pearlandisd.idnwave.net>. Completed Questionnaires must be submitted by 2:00 p.m., November 28, 2022. All proposers will be qualified and insurance companies will be assigned. Proposals must be submitted prior to 10:00 a.m., January 2, 2023. The District's current coverage expires January 31, 2023.

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

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Pearland Purchasing Division, 3523 Liberty Dr., until **2:00 PM on Wednesday November 30, 2022**, and all bids will be read aloud via virtual meeting. Interested parties may join meeting by calling: #281-652-1775; Meeting: #1790, Access Code: #0971 on that date for:

ITB 1122-18 Staffing Study Services

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

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at Council Chambers located at 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas 77581 at **2:00 PM on Wednesday, November 17, 2022**. See bid solicitation for virtual link option if preferred.

Vendors should register on the City's e-bid system <https://pearland.idnwave.net>. Once registered on the City's e-bid system, bid documents may be viewed on the site. If further assistance is needed, please email ebids@pearlandtx.gov no later than **5:00 PM Friday, November 18, 2022**, and refer to RFP 1122-18. Bid Closing Date: **2:00 PM on Wednesday, November 30, 2022**.

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**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING OF
THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
OF THE CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS**

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, December 1, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., a regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Pearland, Counties of Brazoria, Harris and Fort Bend, Texas, will conduct Public Hearing in the Council Chambers at Pearland City Hall, 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas, for the following cases:

- 1. ZBA APPLICATION NO. VARZ 22-19:** A request by Mandy Niscavits, owner, for three (3) variances as permitted by the Unified Development Code, Ordinance No. 2000-T, to allow:
1. a reduced front landscape buffer in lieu of the required 30' buffer by the Corridor Overlay District (Section 2.4.5.1(c)(2));
 2. a reduced landscape buffer along the east property line of a nonresidential use that has a side or rear contiguous to any residential use or residential zoning district (Section 4.2.4.1(a)); and
 3. a reduced landscape buffer along the west property line of a nonresidential use that has a side or rear contiguous to any residential use or residential zoning district (Section 4.2.4.1(a)).

Legal Description: Being the east 181 feet of Lot 2, Block 5, Herridge Miller Subdivision of 102 acres of land (unrecorded), situated in the H.T. & B.R.R. Company Survey, Section 5, Abstract 237, Brazoria County, Texas.
General Location: North of McHard Road and East of Hatfield Road.

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

Patrick Bauer
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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CITY OF BROOKSIDE VILLAGE**

The City of Brookside Village plans to apply for Texas CDBG-MIT Regional Mitigation Program's Method of Distribution Development (CDBG MIT-MOD) program(s) from the Texas General Land Office (GLO) and is soliciting proposals to provide administration and/or planning services for CDBG contract(s), if awarded. Please electronically submit your proposals in .pdf format via email at ghundl@cobvtx.org and crodriguez@cobvtx.org. Proposals must be received by the City of Brookside Village no later than **4:30 pm on November 23, 2022** to be considered. The City of Brookside Village reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals and may award one or more contracts to one or more service provider(s). Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area firms are encouraged to submit proposals. Brookside Village is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Servicios de traducción están disponibles por petición.

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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
CITY OF BROOKSIDE VILLAGE**

The City of Brookside Village plans to apply for the upcoming Texas CDBG-MIT Regional Mitigation Program's Method of Distribution Development (CDBG MIT-MOD) programs from the Texas General Land Office (GLO). According to the City of Brookside Village is seeking to contract with a qualified Engineering/Architectural Firm (individual/firm) to prepare all preliminary and final design plans and specifications, and to conduct all necessary interim and final inspections. These services are being solicited to assist the City of Brookside Village in its application preparation and project implementation of a CDBG contract(s), if awarded, to support eligible activities in the City of Brookside Village. Please electronically submit your SOQs in .pdf format via email to ghundl@cobvtx.org and crodriguez@cobvtx.org. Statements of Qualifications must be received by the City of Brookside Village no later than November 23, 2022 at 4:30 pm to be considered. The City of Brookside Village reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Vendors are encouraged to submit proposals. The City of Brookside Village is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Servicios de traducción están disponibles por petición.



FAITH MATTERS

By Rev. Dr. Brian Gige

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

"So now Israel, what do you think GOD expects from you? Just this: Live in his presence in holy reverence, follow the road he sets out for you, love him, serve GOD, your God, with everything you have in you, obey the commandments and regulations of GOD that I'm commanding you today—live a good life." - Deuteronomy 10:12-13

Here's an old Hebrew story to make us think... There was a rabbi whose days were long with having not much life left in him. His name was Yeshua... the name we would say out loud as... 'Joshua!' A new and younger rabbi had now been chosen to walk with Yeshua in his final days to meet the people and to learn of the details of daily life in the synagogue. They talked of many things... the old and sacred things of God and the things of what was to come.

'Has this been a good life for you, rabbi?' asked the younger scholar. 'Yes, o yes!' Yeshua responded quickly and with a certain sense of satisfaction filled with a confident hope... 'that's good,' the young rabbi replied. 'Yes, it is...' torted back Yeshua... 'yet, I have just one worry.' The younger rabbi looked stunned but heard the concern in Yeshua's voice. 'What are you worried about? That when you die and stand before God you will be asked... why weren't you more like Abraham?' Yeshua glanced back then lowered his head... saying... 'no, not that.' 'Are you worried God will ask you why you weren't more like Moses or one of the prophets?' the young rabbi continued... 'No, I'm not worried about that, either?' said the dying old man... 'I'm worried that when I stand before God... I will be asked... why weren't you... Yeshua?'

Great expectations. We all have them. God does, too, it seems. From as far back as parents were having children... there was always a hope their child would be... somebody... be known... do good... and be remembered as someone who made a difference... a recipe' for both frustration and failure if I ever heard one and it took until my mid-20's to finally learn my level of frustration was always equal to and as high as my level of expectation and the only way to reduce my frustration was to lower my expectations.

Whoah! And when it comes to expectations... I can honestly admit that those of my parents along with my expectations of self... tacked to the holy expectations for us all... are not so much unique, and varied but not that different at all...

My parents wanted me to have a better education than they did. I wanted to play college basketball. So, I came to Texas. God wanted me to be a preacher and the only way to make that happen was to get me to Texas and introduce me to people who would encourage me to go to seminary and eventually be a pastor. On the other hand... my grandmother wanted me to be happy... so maybe we're all winners here in this re-telling...but it must be said...many of my fraternity brothers are still talking... almost fifty years now...asking...*"what was God thinking...?"* when answering the question...*"is Gige still a preacher?"* Faith matters.

We all disappoint God... all of us... despite our tapping into the ways of God to make life much more manageable... yet... I suspect that's been the case since the man and the woman tried to be God and the people of Babel tried to build a tower to get to God. But, even so... God does not lower the expectations. Why? The Bible over and over says... *"God will get it done for us..."* my paraphrase of a combination of many verses on both sides of Malachi and Matthew... God's great expectation reflecting eternal love and grace and providing just cause for Jesus to come into the world... God in the flesh... God in human form to accomplish in dying what we cannot do and even refuse to do for ourselves... and then there's this... Jesus told his disciples something good for the world... *"treat others as you want others to treat you!"* (Luke 6:31) ... the greatest expectation of all!

The Rev. Dr. Brian K. Gige is a long-time resident of Pearland, having pastored four churches over the last four decades in Texas and Louisiana. Read more following Brian's blog 'murmurings' at <https://briangige.wordpress.com/>. Send comments and/or questions to godworks247365@gmail.com.



QUAKERS LANDING HOA RECEIVES KFB GRANT

Quakers Landing Home Owners Association (HOA) is this year's recipient of the Keep Friendswood Beautiful (KFB) Matching Grant project. Kaye Corey, KFB's Beautification Committee Chair, is shown with Lillian Wilson, member of the Quakers Landing HOA, and KFB Chair, Patty Steinke. "They did an great job on updating their entrance beds with new flowers, mulch and irrigation," Corey said. For more information on KFB's Matching Grant Program, contact Kimberly Ramirez at 281-996-3219 or kramirez@friendswood.com. The grant application will be available February 2023 on their website at www.ci.friendswood.tx.us/414/Grant-Incentive-Program.

Seniors to host Veterans Day event

Veterans Day Celebration in Friendswood will be on Monday, Nov. 14. The Friendswood Senior Citizen Program is hosting the annual celebration.

The event is scheduled from 11am to 1pm at the Friendswood, Activity Building. The Friendswood Senior Citizen Community is invited to attend this special celebration, meant to honor and celebrate all those individuals who have served their country and their families.

The day will start with a small ceremony honoring the

flag. Special guests will follow sharing their experiences. Following the ceremony, a catered meal will be served, sponsored by Gina's Italian Kitchen & Pizzeria.

Anyone who would like to submit a picture or story to be shared of a veteran loved one, please forward to seniorprogram@friendswood.com. For more information or to have questions answered, call 281-482-8441.

The Activity Center is located at 416 Morningside Drive in Friendswood.

Friendswood seniors to host Thanksgiving potluck

The Friendswood Senior Citizen Program is hosting a Thanksgiving Potluck on Tuesday, Nov. 22 at the Friendswood Activity Building.

The City of Friendswood Parks & Recreation and the Senior Citizen Program are celebrating blessings and friendships with the community from 11 am to 1 pm.

Turkey and dressing will be served from Kelley's Country Cookin' sponsored by Jeter Memorial Funeral Home.



Those wanting to attend should register in advance and let the Senior Program staff know what favorite side dish or dessert they will be bringing.

To register for this event, stop by the Activity Building or send an email at seniorprogram@friendswood.com.

For more information regarding this event, or any of their other activities call at 281-482-8441.

The Activity Building is located at 416 Morningside Drive in Friendswood.

Registration now open for Flapjack Fun Run on Dec. 3

Registration has opened for this year's in person Flapjack Fun Run scheduled for Dec. 3 beginning in Stevenson Park.

To register for the run, walk or participate in the KidsK visit Friendswood.com/register.

The Kid's K for ages 12 and under begins at 8 am with the 5K Fun Run/Walk starting at 8:20 am.

Packet pickup will be Dec. 2 at Friendswood City Hall from 8 am to 5

pm. Entry fees are \$35 for Kid's K, \$45 for 5K Walk and \$50 for 5K Run. The day of the race all entry fees increase by \$5.

Participants receive a race shirt, special sweatband, custom flapjack, custom event Flapjack socks, Flapjack 5K & Kid's K Finisher Medals, and a Whataburger Pancake Breakfast.

Stevenson Park is located at 1100 S. Friendswood Drive in Friendswood.

