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Around Town

Thursday, Sept. 22

ROTARY CLUB MEETING

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

BACKYARD BIRD FEEDING

West Pearland Library hosts "The Joy of Backyard Bird Feeding" with Wild Birds Unlimited's Jeff Glattly from 6 to 7 p.m. at 11801 Shadow Creek Parkway. Library programs are free and open to the public. For information, call 713-436-0995.

Friday, Sept. 23

FALL FLING DANCE

Melvin Knapp Center hosts its Fall Fling Dance for ages 50 and up at 2424 South Park Avenue. From 1 to 3 p.m., center hosts light refreshments, live DJ and door prizes. Entry is \$5 for members, \$10 for nonmembers. For information, call 281-652-1890.

THE SNOW QUEEN

Pearland Theatre Guild presents a matinee of "The Snow Queen," by Stacey Lane at the Pearl Theatre, 14803 Park Alameda Drive. Tickets \$14 for adults, \$12 students and seniors. Box office opens at 6:30 p.m. with performance at 7:30 p.m. For information, call 832-459-4674.

Saturday, Sept. 24

KPB LITTER CLEANUP

Keep Pearland Beautiful hosts a Litter Cleanup is 7:30 to 9 a.m. at Centennial Park, 3219 McLean Road. Visit Keeppearlandbeautiful.org.

PARTY WITH THE POLICE

Pearland Police Officers Association will host the annual Party with the Police Concert features Junior Gordon performing at 6 p.m. and Bag of Donuts at 8 p.m. at Independence Park, 3449 Pearland Parkway. Tickets are \$10 for ages 14 and under and \$20 for adults, with a portion of proceeds going to Pearland POA charities. VIP tables are also available for \$500. For information, visit pearlandpoa.com/concert.

Sunday, Sept. 25

BAY AREA FARMERS MARKET

Bay Area Farmers Market vendors offer locally made foods and products from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Sunday in the parking lot of Baybrook Mall, 500 Baybrook Mall, Friendswood.

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Monday, Sept. 26

TOASTMASTERS MEETING

Mid-Pearland Toastmasters group meets both in person and via Zoom each Monday from noon to 1 p.m. to hone leadership and communication skills. In-person meeting is held at the Pearland Chamber of Commerce, 6117 Broadway. Visit www.toastmasters.org to learn more.

Tuesday, Sept. 27

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET

Brazoria County Commissioners hold a special meeting at 9 a.m. in Suite 100A, first floor of the County Courthouse, 111 E. Locust St. Angleton.

Wednesday, Sept. 28

CEREAL CONVERSATIONS

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



GRANDPARENTS DAY CELEBRATED AT PEARLAND ISD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Pearland ISD Elementary schools celebrated Grandparents Day by inviting grandparents to come and eat with their students. Mohanad Albayyaa and his son, Zain Albayyaa Skyped with his grandparents who were not able to be there in person.

City OKs 1st readings of zone changes

By N. BRADFORD

Reporter News Staff

Pearland City Council on Sept. 12 approved first readings of two zoning changes, including an area where a developer wants to build townhomes instead of retail.

In the Westwood Village Subdivision, the owner of four tracts at McLean Road and Springfield Avenue wants to change the zoning from general business to townhome district.

A preliminary plan calls for six townhome units of roughly 1,400 square feet. The area is surrounded by single family homes.

Since it was zoned general business, the developer at first considered a retail center.

"I don't think it would be fair to residents to have a shopping center in their back yards; townhomes make more

sense," said Sameer Gulamani, who represented the owner, Fric Inc.

A nearby resident spoke in favor of changing the zoning to residential. Planning and Zoning in August voted to recommend the zone change 4-1. City Council on Tuesday approved the first reading 4-3.

Also on Sept. 12, the council unanimously approved the first reading of a request to rezone 5 acres on Hatfield Road from general business to single family residential.

Located on the east of Hatfield Road south of Fite Road, the site is surrounded by single family homes, mobile homes and detention ponds. A public hearing drew no speakers.

Planning and Zoning unanimously recommended the zone change at its August meeting.

P&Z rules on planned developments

By N. BRADFORD

Reporter News Staff

Renewed plans for an age-in-place development proposed off Pearland Parkway will come before City Council soon, with some changes.

A planned development is a type of zoning that often mixes uses and requires a specific site plan be approved.

The 62 acres in the 3900 block of Pearland Parkway had already been zoned as a planned development, but since Hurricane Harvey and the COVID-19 pandemic unfolded since, that zoning classification had expired before a site plan was done.

On Monday, however, the city's Planning and Zoning Commission forwarded a recommendation to reinstate zoning for the French Quarter Planned Development, and allow the developer to move forward with a slate of amendments to the plan.

The development is a mix of uses, with all of the residential component to be age-restricted. The amended plan calls for 90 independent living, 36 duplex-style cottages, 63 assisted living and 29 memory care units.

"The main change is we moved from single family residential lots to what we call cottages north of that industrial ditch," said Justin Barnett, spokesman for Triangle 31 Properties LLC. "They will be part of the senior living facilities. They will be rentals."

The changes are a result of working with the drainage district, he said, as well as creating one cohesive age-restricted community.

"The whole idea of this is age in place," he said.

Also on Monday, Planning and Zoning voted 5-0 to recommend a

zone change for just under 80 acres south of Old Massey Ranch Road and West of McLean Road from residential estate to a planned development — to become part of the existing Massey Oaks Planned Development.

Proposed are three-bedroom duplex homes with shared driveways among four units. Prices for the homes start at \$310,000 and the builder is Chesmar Homes.

Planning and Zoning recommendations from Monday will likely come before city council at its Oct. 10 meeting.

County, school districts set tax rates

By N. BRADFORD

Reporter News Staff

Brazoria County, Pearland and Alvin ISDs all adopted property tax rates Sept. 13 for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

Hard hit by inflation and fuel costs, the county budget includes a 4% cost-of-living increases for county employees but provides for only four out of 59 new positions requested by various department heads.

County Commissioners originally proposed a tax rate of 35.52 cents per \$100 of value rate - about a penny above the calculated no-new-revenue rate, which adjusts for rising property values.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Stacy Adams moved to amend the rate to be equal to the no-new-revenue rate of 34.1 cents per \$100, and that the county use funding reserves to make up the difference to balance the budget.

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Stacy Adams
Pct. 3 Commissioner

"We've been 13 years at the effective - or now called the (no-new-revenue) rate," Precinct 3 Adams said. "But for the inflation, we probably would have made this through without a deficit budget."

"Whether it's raining or not, certainly the clouds are dark," he said. "It's not a good time in a lot of people's worlds, who are on fixed incomes, with inflation being what it is."

Adam's motion to use the no-new-revenue rate passed 4 to 1, with Commissioner Donald Payne voting no.

Public hearings on the county budget and tax rate drew no speakers.

• Pearland ISD

Pearland ISD Trustees on Sept. 13 adopted a total tax rate of \$1.30 cents per \$100 of assessed value, down from the current year's rate of \$1.13.

"This is the lowest rate we've had in more than 30 years," the district's Chief Financial Officer Jorgannie Carter told the board. "Property values have undoubtedly grown, and taxpayers who don't have a homestead exemption, even though the tax rate is decreasing, they will see \$158 (average) increase."

Those with a homestead exemption will see an average savings of \$34.

• Alvin ISD

The Alvin ISD on Sept. 13 adopted the 2022-23 tax rate \$1.37 per \$100.

The new rate is a 2-cent reduction over the current year's rate but is considered an increase by the Texas Property Tax Code when factoring in rising property values.

"This required language often causes confusion, as the statement does not account for the offsetting reduction in state funding that occurs based on the current school finance system," Superintendent Carol Nelson said.

Groundbreaking set for inclusive park

By N. BRADFORD

Reporter News Staff

City leaders and the Forever Parks Foundation will gather on Monday, Sept. 26 to break ground for Pearland's first inclusive park, along with the park's namesake, Rep. Ed Thompson.

The groundbreaking will be held at 10 a.m. at the Shadow Creek Sports Complex, 13050 Shadow Creek Parkway.

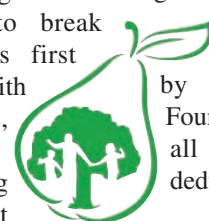
Increasingly popular inclusive playgrounds incorporate equipment for children of all abilities

to play and interact together, with few if any mobility barriers and a wide range of equipment including ramps, swings and slides.

The park is made possible through fundraising by the Forever Parks Foundation, a nonprofit and all donations are tax deductible.

In addition to corporate and individual donations, the park received a \$750,000 grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife with the help of Thompson.

For information, email forever-parksfoundation@gmail.com.



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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.

Wednesday, Sept. 14

A man arrested at 2 p.m. in the 1000 block of Washington Street is charged with unlawful use of criminal instruments.

Police were called at about 4:30 p.m. to the 2300 block of Golfcrest Drive about a solicitor without a permit. An arrest was made.

Shortly after 8 p.m., a DWI arrest was made in the 2700 block of Pearland Parkway. Charges were enhanced due to a prior conviction.

A man arrested in the 3100 block of Main Street after 11 p.m. was charged with felony possession of a controlled substance.

Thursday, Sept. 15

Charges were enhanced because of a prior conviction for a DWI arrest just before 2 a.m., 4600 block of Main St.

A vehicle was reported stolen at 4 a.m. in the 6700 block of Sharon Drive.

A death investigation was conducted at 1 p.m., 3400 block of E. Walnut St.

A home burglary was reported at 2:29 p.m., 12500 block of Starcroft Drive.

A home burglary was reported at 2:30 p.m., 13100 block of Indigo Bay Court.

A death investigation was conducted at 3 p.m., 2900

block of Cullen Parkway.

Charges were enhanced for a DWI arrest made just before midnight at 2100 Barry Rose Road.

Friday, Sept. 16

A woman arrested just before 2 a.m. was charged with assault of a family member causing injury, 700 block of N. San Jacinto St.

Vehicle parts were reported stolen at 3:40 a.m. in the 12900 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

A woman arrested at 10:22 a.m. was charged with unlawful installation of a tracking device, 11000 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

An arrest for evading with a vehicle was made at 4:24 p.m., 1100 Main St.

A man arrested 4:24 p.m. was charged with felony possession of a controlled substance, 10700 Broadway St.

A man arrested at 10 p.m. was charged with tampering with or fabricating evidence, 3300 Veterans Drive.

Saturday, Sept. 17

Arrests for DWI and public intoxication were made just after midnight at 2500 Cullen Parkway.

A woman arrested just before 3 a.m. was charged with assault/causes bodily injury of a family member, 2400 block of Sail Port St.

A DWI arrest was made at 5:30 a.m. at 1930 Kingsley Drive.

An arrest for theft of a firearm was made at 6 a.m. at 1930 Kingsley Drive.

Two people were arrested at 8:24 p.m. at 4200 McHard Road. One was

charged with possession of a dangerous drug and the other with unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Sunday, Sept. 18

An arrest for public intoxication was made at 1:30 a.m. in the 10100 block of Broadway St.

A man arrested at 3:13 a.m. was charged with assault/causes injury of family member, 1100 block of Barkly Court.

An arrest for public intoxication was made at 4 a.m. in the 2400 block of Business Center Drive.

A shoplifting arrest was made at noon at 10111 Broadway St.

A death investigation was conducted at 1:34 p.m. in the 700 block of E. Country Grove Circle.

A woman arrested just before 6 p.m. in the 4600 block of Orange Circle North was charged with assault of a family member.

Two people were arrested at 8 p.m. in the 1900 block of Main St. and charged with shoplifting.

A DWI arrest was made in the 17000 block of Highway 288 at 9:30 p.m. The driver is also charged with having an open alcohol container.

Monday, Sept. 19

A man arrested just after midnight in the 2400 block of Pearland Avenue is charged with assault family violence.

A death investigation was conducted at 4:16 a.m. in the 2200 block of Lady Leslie Lane.

Both a man and woman arrested at 10:10 a.m. in the 1100 block of Robert St. are charged with assault family violence.

A vehicle was reported stolen at noon from the 3500 block of Pearland Parkway.

A man arrested at 7 p.m. in the 11500 block of Shadow Creek Parkway was charged with possession of marijuana in a drug-free zone.

FRIENDSWOOD POLICE REPORT

SEPTEMBER 12-19

BURGLARY

Sept. 15 (5:30 a.m.) Two vehicles were burglarized at the Bellevue Apartments located at 17231 Blackhawk Blvd. One vehicle had the rear passenger window broken. It was rummaged through, but nothing was stolen. The second vehicle also had the rear passenger window broken. A laptop was stolen.

Sept. 15 (5:41 a.m.) Two vehicle burglaries were reported at the Salem Square Apartments located at 110 Clearview Avenue. One vehicle had a broken rear passenger window. Power tools were taken from the vehicle. The second vehicle had power tools stolen from the bed and back seat of the truck.

Sept. 15 (8:03 a.m.) A vehicle burglary was reported at Eagle Automotive and Transmission located at 4542 FM 2351. All four tires and wheels were stolen, and the rear driver's side window was broken. Stolen from inside the vehicle were four boxes of ammunition, a drill, and a jump box.

THEFT

Sept. 13 (10:20 a.m.) A resident at an assisted living facility in the 2200 block of Thomas Trace reported a check missing from his checkbook. That was followed by a phone call from his bank to verify that he had issued a check to someone for \$850, which he did not.

Sept. 17 (7:02 a.m.) A 32-year-old man from Houston, was charged with Theft of a Firearm and Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 2. A stolen gun, marijuana, and Ecstasy were found inside a vehicle in the 1500 block of Regency Court. The gun's serial number was filed off, but a secondary number was found on the gun. The sus-

pect was found sleeping inside is vehicle when an officer noticed the vehicle running with its lights on in a residential neighborhood. The officer opened the car door to check on the welfare of the driver and observed Ecstasy pills in a baggie. When the man woke up, he scrambled to find his identification. In the process, the officer observed a baggie of marijuana.

FRAUD

Sept. 12 (11:58 a.m.) A Friendswood resident reports that an unknown person opened a T-Mobile account using his personal identifying information resulting in \$2,568 in collection charges.

Sept. 12 (7:32 p.m.) A Friendswood resident received five identical letters regarding a closed account. Each letter had a different account number. He contacted Capital One who advised that they closed those accounts due to suspicious activity. No monetary loss to the victim at this time.

Sept. 13 (12:04 p.m.) A 75-year-old Friendswood resident is the victim of fraud after an unknown person posing as Amazon customer service obtained money from the victim. The victim ordered a FitBit that kept getting delayed, so she called what she thought was Amazon customer service.

The scammer told the victim that the only way he could process a refund was through Zelle. He walked her through what to do and took almost all her money from her account. A check of the number called shows that it is a fake support number for numerous vendors such as eBay, Amazon, etc. Sept. 13 (7:22 p.m.) A Friendswood man received an email from Capital One notifying him of his newly opened checking account. The victim did not open the checking account, so he called Capital One to advise of the mistake. He was told that someone opened the account using his name, social security number, and address.

Sept. 14 (11:40 a.m.) Police are investigating a case of enhanced credit card abuse incidents where a suspect made numerous charges using an elderly victim's credit card. The victim is currently under hospice care.

Sept. 14 (3:24 p.m.) A Friendswood man began receiving text messages that large withdrawals were being made from his money market account. He called the bank, and they advised that three large withdrawals were made. An unknown person contacted the bank and requested a debit card.

Sept. 14 (5:57 p.m.) A Friendswood woman received a credit card in the mail from Cashapp that she did not apply for. It was issued through Sutton Bank. Sept. 15 (10:56 a.m.) A Friendswood resident received emails from Bank of America regarding the opening of a new account. She contacted Bank of America to report the fraud. More recently, she received emails from Woodforest Bank regarding a recently opened account. She contacted Woodforest and discovered that an unknown suspect attempted to open accounts using her maiden name.

ASSAULT

Sept. 12 (10:10 p.m.) A 45-year-old Friendswood woman was charged with Assault by Contact-Family Violence. The woman is accused of assaulting her husband at their home in the 900 block of Tall Pines Drive.

NARCOTICS

Sept. 13 (8:11 p.m.) A 34-year-old Dickinson man was charged with Manufacture or Delivery of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1. The man was driving with a unsecured temporary buyer's tag in the 1500 block of W. Parkwood Avenue. During the contact, the officer detected the smell of marijuana. When asked if he smoked marijuana, the suspect reached into his center console and produced a bagging containing marijuana and baggies containing a white powdery substance. The officer conducted a search of the vehicle and found twelve small baggies of cocaine.

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

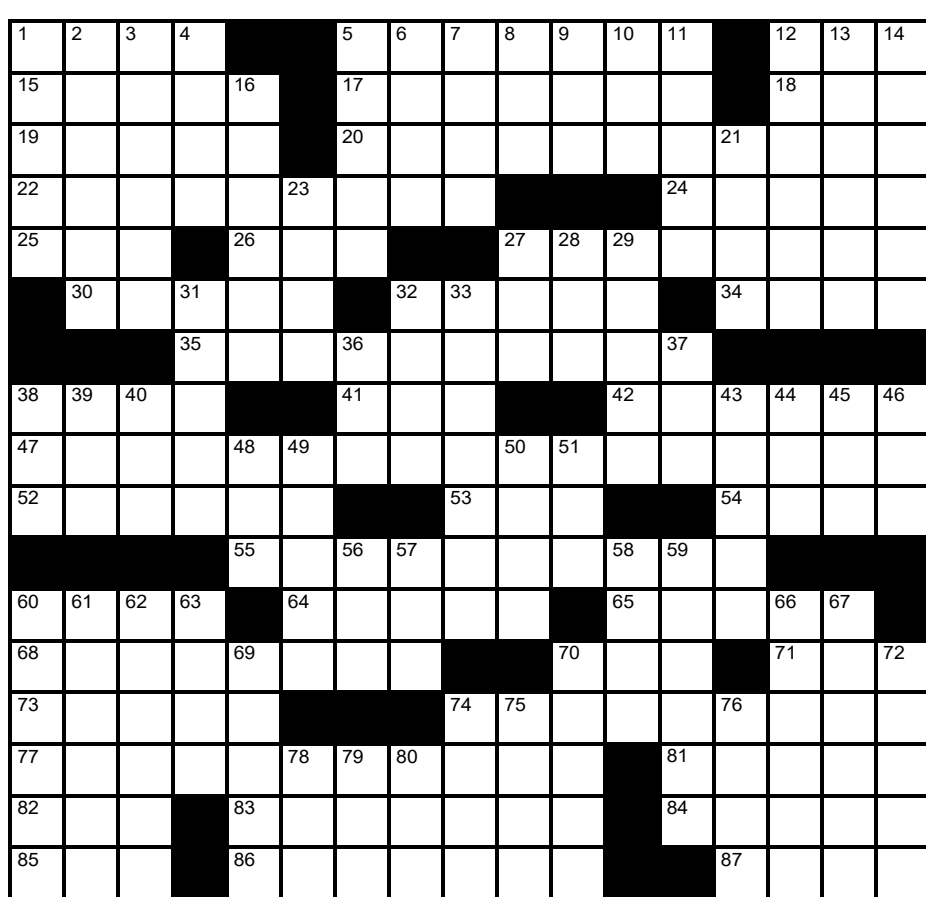
Sept. 16 (12:34 a.m.) A 20-year-old Houston man was charged with Driving While Intoxicated in the 100 block of E. Parkwood Ave. The driver was stopped for a license plate violation. He exhibited signs of intoxication and failed a field sobriety test. He also had several empty beer bottles inside his vehicle.

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 - Copy, in a way
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 - Bill Clinton, e.g.
 - Musical repetition mark
 - Russian Leader, Vladimir
 - Curly cabbage
 - Lewd
 - "What've you been _____?"
 - Fed. construction overseer
 - Flea market deal
 - Christian date system
 - Submarine sandwich
 - Word on all U.S. coins
 - "Field of Dreams" setting
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 - Wimp
 - Kind of concerto
 - Alpha's opposite
 - Loreleis
 - Today
 - Armageddon
 - Grassy plain
 - Soundness
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 - American symbol
 - Barely get, with "out"
 - Laughable
 - Have the helm
 - Notes after dos
 - Fast driver
 - Blows it



- Down**
- Brakes
 - Vagrants
 - Forever, poetically
 - Mope around
 - Questionable
 - Decorative case
 - Flock member
 - Final: Abbr.
 - Cloak-and-dagger org.
 - Hack
 - Soul
 - Buddhist principle of "no harm"
 - Post-ovulation phase
 - Tom, Dick or Harry
 - Reddish brown
 - Connect
 - New Mexico art community
 - Padme's baby daddy
 - "Flying Down to _____"

- Coin-edge ridge
- Hot Swedish wine beverage
- Mona
- Good news
- Film graphics initials
- "Comprende?"
- "Bleah!"
- Ace
- Oolong, for one
- Take potshots (at)
- "Much _____ About Nothing"
- Police, with "the"
- Victorian, for one
- Black gold
- "The Canterbury Tales" pilgrim
- "The Last of the Mohicans" girl
- Infomercials, e.g.
- Balloon filler

- Affairs
- Cheat, slangily
- They're cast
- One who carries a torch?
- Different from
- Gawks
- function
- counter
- Buck feature
- Andean stimulants
- Abolute
- Batik artists, e.g.
- Bibliographical abbr.
- Opening time, maybe
- Size up
- Cooking meas.
- Conk out
- Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.

Lego exhibit comes to Botanic Garden

A collection of art created with Lego Bricks and depicting man's interaction with nature will be on exhibit beginning Sept. 24 at Houston Botanical Gardens, located in south Houston off I-45. Artist Sean Kenney's "Nature Connects Made with Lego Bricks" will be on display through Feb. 19, 2023 at the garden, 1 Botanic Lane, Houston. The garden is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, and admission includes access to gardens and walking trails. Admission is \$15 adults, \$10 children and \$10 students Friday through Sunday; and drops to \$12.50 adults, \$8 children and students on Monday through Thursday. For information, call 713-715-9675, Ext. 100 or visit www.hbg.org.

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Puranava India Culture Fest draws huge crowd

The 4th Annual Puranava India Culture Fest, organized by Global Organization for Divinity, was held at Pearland Town Center on Aug 13. The event saw a moving crowd of almost 1000 through the day from across the Greater Houston area and other parts of Texas. Showcased were several of India's beautiful, inherently divine traditions through a variety of programs and exhibits. There were fun competitions in chess, art and Indian classical dance that were held earlier in the afternoon, and cultural performances and a chariot parade in the evening.

Ahead of the event, Pearland Mayor Kevin Cole, issued a proclamation declaring Aug 13 as "Global Organization for Divinity Houston Day." The proclamation recognized the contributions of the organization to the Pearland/Manvel area through its annual Puranava Culture Fest as well as numerous cultural and community activities, including the establishment of Sri Aishwarya Srinivasa Temple at Namadwaar Houston. The proclamation was read by special guest, Pearland City Councilmember Mr. Adrian Hernandez.

Other special guests at the event also included Ms. Rebekah Burns representing the Pearland Convention and Visitors Bureau, that supported this event through a City of Pearland Cultural Arts Grant; Ms. Margo Green, Exhibit Chair of Pearland Arts League; Ms. Nicole Bowen, Marketing Director of Pearland Town Center; Mr. Arun Sharma, Joint Education Director of HSS USA; Mr. Arun Verma, Founder of Shri Sitaram Foundation.

The cultural performances began with a soulful rendition of the popular Hindi song emphasizing India's unity amid diversity, Mile Sur Mera Tumhara, by young singer Ms. Sruthi Srivathson accompanied by musician Dr. Jyoti Joshi on the keyboard. This was followed by a series of dance performances presenting numerous classical dance forms of India. The first was a Bharatanatyam performance by students of Sreepadam School of Arts, Ms. Jasmine Thomas, Ms. Tarini Kumar, Ms. Varsha Venugopal and Ms. Vinisha Venugopal. Ms. Kavya Mathukumalli of Silambam Houston then presented a Kuchipudi performance that included the traditional art of dancing gracefully on a brass plate. This was followed by a lovely east-Indian Odissi performance by Ms. Purba Dey of Kalaangan Dance School. The final stage performance of the evening was a combination of two folk art forms from the southern state of Tamil Nadu - Parai drums and the unique Karakattam dance where dancers performed with a decorated metal pot delicately balanced on their heads. The performers were Dr. Gopalakrishnan, Ms. Mala Gopal, Mr. Senthil Devaraj, Mr. Thangaraj Petchiappan, Ms. Punitha Thangaraj, Mr. Sanjiv Thangaraj and Ms. Simrita Thangaraj.

A highlight of the event was the chariot parade, a gesture for universal harmony, that showcased Sri Aishwarya Srinivasa Temple at Namadwaar Houston, a Hindu temple located in the Pearland/Manvel area. The hand-built chariot was pulled in a procession around the Town Center Pavilion to the chanting of the divine names. There were also street performances in front of the chariot, including a Chenda Melam folk percussion presentation by Panchari Arts (Rohit Muthukumar, Abhinav Sunil, Srinivasan Seithur, Vilson Verghese, Vijayakumar S, Senthil Kumar Devaraj) and a folk-dance performance by young children from Pearland (Harshini Reddy, Chinmayi Rapaka, Sajanaasri Jayasuriyan, Nilasha Muthaiyan, Ritu Singh, Anika Bhasin, Sahana Thothadri, Chris Sajeev, Johan Sajeev) to a composition of HH Sri Sri Muralidhara Swamiji, Bhavani Varugin-draan, that sings of the deity coming in procession.

Another highlight of the event was the Darshana Exhibit on the Hindu Civilization, a nationwide traveling exhibition put together by HSS USA that presents and explains different aspects of Indian and Hindu culture to help the community understand it better. Volunteers from HSS Houston were present at the exhibit to explain as well as answer queries by visitors.

As part of Love to Share Foundation America's annual giving program, a food and Hurricane Preparedness Drive was organized which collected donations from all over Houston to support Pearland Neighborhood Center that has been supporting low-income families in Brazoria County for the past three decades. PNC Vice President Mr. Buck Stevens attended the event and shared words of appreciation.

Visitors also got to shop at various vendor booths by local and home-owned businesses; try on the traditional Indian sari and henna tattoos; and taste a variety of delicious Indian vegetarian foods thanks to Kicha's Kitchen (a volunteer-run nonprofit kitchen by G.O.D.).

Awards for the chess, art, dance competitions held earlier in the day, as well as for the Indian classical music and India quiz contests (that were held online a week earlier) were distributed by the special guests at the culture fest. The competitions, sponsored by LTSFA, saw over 200 registrants from all around the Houston area.

For more information about Puranava in America - which is an event that is also conducted in other US cities - visit www.puranava-usa.org.

To learn more about Global Organization for Divinity, Sri Aishwarya Srinivasa Temple and Namadwaar Houston prayer house, please visit houston.godivinity.org, Facebook page GOD Namadwaar Houston, call or WhatsApp 281-402-6585.




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VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.092122 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.160748 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2022 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for BRAZORIA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 4 from the same properties in both the 2021 tax year and the 2022 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that BRAZORIA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 4 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for BRAZORIA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 4 exceeds the voter-approval rate for BRAZORIA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 4.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for BRAZORIA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 4, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for BRAZORIA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 4.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that BRAZORIA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 4 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2022 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 27, 2022 AT 6:00PM AT the County Line Event Center, 18232 County Road 127, Pearland, TX 77581.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax rate but not greater than the de minimis rate. However, the proposed tax rate exceeds the rate that allows voters to petition for an election under Section 26.075, Tax Code. If BRAZORIA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 4 adopts the proposed tax rate, the qualified voters of the BRAZORIA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 4 may petition the BRAZORIA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 4 to require an election to be held to determine whether to reduce the proposed tax rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the BRAZORIA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 4 will be the voter-approval tax rate of the BRAZORIA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 4.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount = (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property) / 100

FOR the proposal:	Commissioner Bill Brummett	Commissioner Jeff Bean
	Commissioner Mike Harris	Commissioner Caye Hauser
AGAINST the proposal:	None	
PRESENT and not voting:	None	
ABSENT:	Commissioner Paige Brennan	

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The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by BRAZORIA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 4 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by BRAZORIA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 4 this year.

	2021	2022	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.100000	\$0.100000	increase of 0.000000, or 0.00%
Average homestead taxable value	\$11,507	\$33,182	increase of 21,675, or 188.36%
Tax on average homestead	\$11.51	\$33.18	increase of 21.67, or 188.27%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$595,143	\$696,948	increase of 101,805, or 17.11%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for BRAZORIA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 4 at 979-864-1320 or taxoffice@brazoria-county.com, or visit <https://www.brazoriacountytx.gov/departments/tax-office> for more information.



Brazoria County Master Gardeners will host a booth at the upcoming Nature Fest on Oct. 8.

4th Annual Nature Fest returns in October

By KAROLYN GEPHART
Reporter News Staff

The 4th Annual Surfside Beach Nature Fest is planned for Saturday, Oct. 8 from 10 am to 3 pm at the Surfside Bird and Butterfly Trail.

The event is hosted by the Surfside Tourism Committee and Bird City Surfside.

A variety of activities will be offered for all ages. These will include educational booths, nature crafts, guided nature walks, and giveaways. There will be photo booths, train rides by Barrel of Fun and a special

family fishing event. Poles and bait will be provided or participants can bring their own. A fishing license is needed for all participants ages 17 and older.

The Bluebonnet Seed Stomp is one of the favorite activities for the past three years is also returning.

Surfside Bird and Butterfly Trail is located at 418 Parkview in Surfside Beach. The Family Fishing event will be held at the Public Boat Ramp on Coast Guard Road.

For more information, visit the Surfside Beach Tx Facebook page.

Water District

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The BRAZORIA-FORT BEND MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2022 on Friday, October 14, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. at the office of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston Texas, 77027. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

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FOR the proposal: Michael Parks, Julie Ward, Geoffrey Pope, Karri Axtell, Lawrence LeSure

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.84800 /\$100 Adopted	\$0.52000 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$-0.32800 /\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	-38.68%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$302,055.00	\$345,702.00
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$59,916.00	\$91,488.00
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$242,139.00	\$254,214.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$2,053.34	\$1,321.91
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	\$-731.43	-35.62%

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 3.5 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23602, Water Code.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact the tax office at 281-482-0216.

AREA BRIEFS

Party with Pearland Police Concert

Two acts scheduled for annual concert A music double feature will highlight the Pearland Police Officers Association's fourth annual Party with the Police Concert, set for Sept. 24 at Independence Park. The benefit show raises money for organizations supported by the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 119. These include Wreaths Across America, VFW Post 7109, local robotics team, marching band, girls soccer and tennis teams, Toys for Tots and more, as well as the Police Memorial Maintenance Fund.

Entertainment will get under way at 6 p.m. with the Junior Gordon Band. The New Orleans band known as Bag of Donuts is scheduled to take the stage at 8 p.m.

Lawn chairs and blankets are encouraged, and food trucks will be on site. Tickets are \$10 each for 14 and under, \$20 for adults and VIP tables are available for \$500.

For information or registration, visit pearlandpoa.com/concert.

Job fair to match companies with talent

A Sept. 29 job fair hosted by the Pearland Economic Development Corp. will match up employers and job searchers in a wide variety of fields, according to organizers.

The in-person fair will host businesses and organizations with job openings in manufacturing, healthcare, construction, administration, hotel, retail and more.

Set from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the fair is being held in partnership with the Pearland Chamber of Commerce and the Workforce Solutions Pearland Career office. It will take place at the city's Recreation Center, 4141 Bailey Road.

For more information or for companies interested in the fair, email msarkar@pearlandedc.com or visit pearlandedc.com/jobfair2022.

Game warden training to begin

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is taking applications through the end of the month for its 66th Texas Game Warden Cadet class.

TPWD will accept applications through Sept 30. Applicants must be at least 21 by the start date of the academy with a bachelor's degree from an accredited college. Cadets accepted to the program are required to live at the Game Warden Training Center near Hamilton, Texas for the duration of the 33-week training period, set to begin October 2023.

For information, visit tpwd.texas.gov/warden/ or contact Texas Game Warden recruiter Chelsea Bailey at chelsea.bailey@tpwd.texas.gov.

Deadline for grant program nears

Cultural nonprofits based in Pearland can submit applications for grant funding until Monday, Sept. 26. Coordinated by the Pearland Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Pearland Cultural Arts grant program uses hotel occupancy tax revenues to support organizations and events such as the Indian Culture Festival, art leagues and concerts that draw tourism and consequently bring more travel dollars to Pearland. Events and programs to be funded must take place between Oct. 1 of this year and Sept. 30, 2023. Recipients of grants of \$6,000 and up will be announced in early November.

Applications are available online at VisitPearland.com/FY23CulturalApplication

For information email pearlandcvb@pearlandtx.gov, or call 281-997-5972.

Alliance plans annual summit

The Economic Development Alliance for Brazoria County and the Brazoria County Council of Chambers have announced the 2022 date for the annual Transportation and Infrastructure Summit, a full day of workshops and speakers on topics affecting the future of Brazoria County.

The summit is planned for Thursday, Oct. 27, at the Liberty Alumni Hall, 10855 Iowa Colony Blvd., in Rosharon. Cost is \$50 for individuals or \$600 for a table of eight. Speakers for this year's summit have not yet been announced.

For more information, call 979-848-0560.

Historical Society holds 'Real Places'

The Texas Historical Society will bring together 90 experts for the 2023 Real Places conference, scheduled for February 2023 in Austin.

Scheduled for Feb. 1-3 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Austin, the event includes workshops on cultivating history appreciation among youth, storytelling for fundraising, preservation, rediscovering living history programs during COVID-19, care for historic buildings, downtown and historic theater revitalization programs, among others. Hosted by the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission, Real Places is an opportunity for preservationists and officials to network and learn from County Historical Commissions, Main Street managers, architects and engineers, historians, archeologists and curators as well as THC staff, Texas Heritage Trail Regions and other partner organizations.

Registration for the full conference includes meals, or guests can register for one day or individual workshops. For information visit thc.texas.gov.

Water District

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The BRAZORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 56 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2022 on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 11:30 a.m., at Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, TX 77027. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

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FOR the proposal: Lance E. Taylor, Michael Albrecht, Tamu Williams, Reid Derek Wendell

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.90000 /\$100 Adopted	\$0.90000 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$0.00000 /\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)	0.00%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$0.00	\$441,608.00
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0.00	\$43.00
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$0.00	\$441,565.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$0.00	\$3,974.09
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	\$3,974.09	0.00%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 8 percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact the tax office at 281-482-0216.

Water District

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The HARRIS-BRAZORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 509 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2022 on Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 11:00 AM at the office of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, TX 77027. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

FOR the proposal: Ricardo Rodriguez, Louis Brown, Luis Miguel Avila

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: Gregory Wamhoff, Hector Handal

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.85000 /\$100 Adopted	\$0.85000 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$0.00000 /\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)	0.00%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$321,415.00	\$358,328.00
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$321,415.00	\$358,328.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$2,732.03	\$3,045.79
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	\$313.76	11.48%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 8 percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code. The District has issued bonds and is required to levy a debt service tax rate to support the payment on such bonds. Further, the District has infrastructure that requires regular operations, maintenance, and repairs that necessitates the levy of an operations and maintenance tax in an amount to maintain the infrastructure in good and working condition.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

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SPORTS

Friendswood mistakes prove costly in loss to Manvel 24-14

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

Friendswood is in a new district this season and it has some of the best teams in the Houston area which means every game is crucial if a team wants to advance to the post-season.

The Mustangs won their first league contest last week with a 27-7 win over Fort Bend Kempner, but the Cougars were a pre-season pick to finish last in the tough District 10-5A Div. I standings while the Manvel Mavericks were a pre-season pick to win the league crown.

After the opening week — Friendswood is 1-0 while Manvel fell to Angleton 24-21 to begin district with a 0-1 mark. And the games for the Mustangs will only get tougher as the season progresses making each game that more important.

"To come in here (Friendswood) and win was big," Manvel coach Kevin Hall said. "It gets us back into a better place in the district standings — and our goal is to get in the playoffs."

Manvel kicker Chase Cross gave the Mavs the early lead after hitting a 25-yard field goal with 8:37 left in the opening quarter to make the score 3-0 on Manvel's first possession of the game.

The Mavs used a 7-play, 64-yard drive that stalled at the Friendswood eight-yard line that forced the field goal.

Friendswood's offense was basically ineffective throughout the first half while suffering two turnovers that Manvel turned into touchdowns.

With 5:00 left in the second quarter, the Mustangs began their fifth possession of the first half, but fumbled to the Mavs on the first play at their own 10-yard line which was recovered by Steve Polk.

It took only two plays as Andrew Riley scooted into the Friendswood end zone on a 6-yard run. Cross added the PAT for a 10-0 lead with 4:05 left in the second period.

On Friendswood's next possession, quarterback Brock Foster threw a pass that was intercepted by Quincy Nevins at the Mustang 44 with 2:32 left in the quarter.

Manvel used a 7-play, 44-yard drive to score on a 1-yard plunge by Riley with :45 seconds left before intermission giving the Mavs a 17-0 half-time lead.

Friendswood began the second half with the ball and backup quarterback Matthew Dupuis took control of the offense.

With the ball on the 50, Dupuis dropped back to pass, couldn't find an open receiver so he took off on a 50-yard scoring jaunt with 9:31 left in the third period to close the scoring gap to 17-7.

The Mavericks sealed the victory on QB Kaden Smith's 86-yard touchdown strike to WR

Kyler Flint, who beat his man to the ball, then took off down the left sideline for a 24-7 advantage with 3:01 left in the contest.

Dupuis broke loose on another long run for a 53-yard touchdown with only 1:03 remaining in the game with the outcome decided in favor of the Mavericks 24-14.

"That last touchdown we gave up was frustrating, but our kids were tired," Hall said.

Manvel finished with 274 yards and 10 first downs. Smith threw for 206 yards on 17-of-27

passing.

Friendswood had 270 yards and 14 first downs but committed three turnovers and had eight penalties for 75 yards in the second half after none in the first half.

The Mustangs (2-2, 1-1) will face the Richmond Foster Falcons (4-0, 2-0) at Henry Winston Stadium on Friday, Sept. 23 at 7:00 p.m. Foster beat Angleton last week 35-7 in dominating fashion.



COLLISION AT THE GOAL LINE - A Friendswood defender tried to stop Manvel running back Andrew Riley (25) from scoring but wasn't able to stop the hard-running ball carrier. Riley scored two touchdowns against the Mustangs on runs of 6 and 2-yards as the Mavs beat the Mustangs 24-14 in a District 10-5A Div I showdown.

Photo by Kelechi Amogu

From the Cluttered Desk

by Dr. David Davis

Made it another year

This past week was my birthday and I made it another year.

Hardly seems possible that I am beginning my 26th year with the paper.

What a joy it has been to be a part of so many successful athletic programs at five different schools. Keeps a man young! And I was much younger when I started this journey.

Once again -- it caused me to think about things that would help me know I am getting older.

So -- here are some old and new ways that you know when you are getting older.

* You and your teeth don't sleep together anymore.

* You try to straighten out the wrinkles in your socks and realize you aren't wearing any.

* At the breakfast table -- you hear snap, crackle, and pop and you're not eating cereal.

* Your back goes out more than you do.

* You wake up looking like your driver's license.

* It takes two tries to get up from the couch.

* Happy Hour is a nap.

* You're on vacation, and your energy runs out before your money does.

* You look for your glasses for half an hour and they were on your head the whole time.

* You sink your teeth into a steak -- and they stay there.

* All you want for your birthday is not to be reminded of your age.

* It takes longer to rest than it did to get tired.

* Your memory is shorter and your complaining lasts longer.

* The names in your little black book all end in M.D.

* The pharmacist has become your new best friend.

* Getting "lucky" means you found your car in the parking lot after going shopping.

* It takes twice as long - to look half as good.

* Everything hurts, and what doesn't hurt -- doesn't work.

* You sit in a rocking chair, and you can't get it going.

* You finally get your head together and your body starts falling apart.

* You wonder how you could be over the hill when you don't ever remember being on top.

And my all-time favorite -- "When I bend over to tie my shoes -- I wonder what I else I can do while I'm down there."

Old friend Robert said, "I'm kind of comfortable with getting older because it's better than the other option, which is being dead. So I'll take getting older."

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Peters wins Texas A&M Invitational Cross-Country Meet

Pearland junior Madison Peters won the Texas A&M Invitational cross country meet in record fashion as she set a new course record in 17:52.3 to break the previous mark by 30 seconds. She finished ahead of the second-place runner who ran a time of 18:50.



Former Friendswood head coach Van Meter reaches milestone

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

Former Friendswood head coach Steve Van Meter roamed the sidelines for almost 30 years as an assistant and head coach for the Mustangs.

In 2012, Van Meter left the Mustangs for a couple of years before becoming the head coach and athletic director for the Hutton Hippos where he saw great success. Now, Coach Van is the head coach for the Pflugerville Weiss Wolves.

His coaching record at Friendswood (1992-2011) was 148 wins ad 80 losses. Under Van Meter's leadership included two state semifinal and two state quarter-final appearances.

This past Friday, Van Meter's team at Pflugerville Weiss beat New Braunfels 49-42 for his 200th career victory. We congratulate coach Van Meter on such a monumental accomplishment.

AREA VOLLEYBALL REPORT

FRIENDSWOOD 3, PEARLAND DAWSON 2

Scheduling one of the area's toughest teams for their bye week, the Friendswood Lady Mustangs emerged victorious in a thrilling 20-25, 25-17, 25-22, 14-25, 15-10 win over the Pearland Dawson Lady Eagles at home.

Turning in top showings for the Lady Mustangs were Sydney Gibson (10 kills, 10 digs), Nadi'Ya Shelby (eight kills, three blocks), Kaitlyn Gotsch (eight kills, eight blocks), Cierra Pesak (25 digs) and Caroline Adams (23 assists, 16 digs).

FRIENDSWOOD 3, ANGLETON 1

The Friendswood Lady Mustangs overcame a slow start to close out their road match against Angleton in dominant fashion for an 18-25, 25-7, 25-11, 25-13 win.

Top performers for the Lady Mustangs were Nadi'Ya Shelby (16 kills, four blocks), Kaitlyn Gotsch (10 kills, eight blocks), Cierra Pesak (10 assists, five aces), Sydney Gibson (15 digs), Caroline Adams (23 assists, 11 digs), Meghan Donoghue (17 assists) and Andi Vaught (10 digs).

PEARLAND 3 - ALIEF ELSIK 0

Pearland improved to 2-0 in district with a sweep of the Alief Elsik Lady Rams 25-14, 25-10, 25-18.

Leading the way for the Lady Oilers included Madie Whitehead (6 digs, 8 kills), Kimanni Rugley (8 kills), Cora Wolford (27 assists), and Emily Brock (8 assists).

PEARLAND 3 - ALVIN 1

Pearland defeated the Alvin Lady Yellowjackets 25-13, 22-25, 25-19, 25-13 in a hard-fought match to improve to 3-0 in District 23-6A action. The Lady Oilers improve to 22-12 overall for the season.

Leading the way to victory included Cora Wolford (45 assists, 11 digs), Avery Koonsen (8 kills, 9 digs), Madie Whitehead (22 kills), and Kimanni Rugley (14 kills).



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STANDOUT PERFORMANCE - Pearland sophomore Cora Wolford had an outstanding performance against district rival Alvin as she had 45 assists and 11 digs as the Lady Oilers beat the Lady Jackets 25-13, 22-25, 25-19, 25-13 to improve to 3-0 in district competition.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Friendswood vs. Manvel

OFFENSE

Matthew Dupuis
QB Dupuis scored on runs of 50 and 53 yards for a total of 113 yards on eight carries. He also was 11-of-20 passing for 80 yards -- all in the second half against the Manvel who won the game 24-14.

Amos Armand
OLB Armand registered four tackles and two tackles for loss against the Manvel Mavericks in an outstanding effort.

DEFENSE



FAITH MATTERS

By Rev. Dr. Brian Gige

ON DYING DAILY

“What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”

-Romans 6:1-4

It's no big surprise to see a photo of a clergyperson standing in front of a bride and groom on their wedding day or a picture of a minister holding up a child in front of a congregation presenting the newest member in the church upon celebrating a baptism... but it is rare... and in my heart and mind somewhat disrespectful to see a picture of a pastor leading a funeral procession in a cemetery. I've been wrong before. Death gets our attention... all the time... every time... even God's... whether it be a reigning monarch of 70 years known around the globe or a homeless person with no ID left for dead in a ditch... there's something about death we a very uncomfortable with... even though we will all get our day.

And when it comes to death... just once should be enough... so what's this idea about 'dying daily?' Kind of monotonous don't you think? And is it really necessary? Can't we all just live our lives just like we want and give it our best and then plan for a big send-off? One could say that... but it's good to look around and notice some patterns... like the seasons we experience... as Autumn approaches around the world... trees change colors and the leaves 'fall'... and then the barrenness and emptiness of winter seem like death... only to be followed by Spring's greening of the earth and the flourishing of Summer we all enjoy... but that's not a daily dying like a daily sunset's death and the morning's sunrise birth to start all over again... but you see the point... as the point of the sun's dying (and of course we know the sun's still there) is to provide us a darkness to rest and renew so when the sun comes

to life again in the morning... we get a new start to what's already begun.

My old mentor Martin Luther (1483-1546) used the gift of his baptism... pointing out eternal life's beginning versus waiting for your final hour... to address this idea of daily dying... as this was his way of being 'born again' and again and again... every day... saying... *“Baptism means that the old Adam in us should be drowned by daily reflection and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.”* How many parties do you want to have with a promise from God like that? Or this... from the Greek Orthodox priest and theologian Kallistos Ware (1934-2022) ... *“Death is the means of our return to God. It is an encounter with Christ. It could be transformed into an act of worship, into an experience of healing. It is a friend, not an enemy. It is a beginning, not an end.”* ... and if death leads us back to God then a daily dying should do the same... and... does...

I remember my days as a pastor in New Orleans when from time to time I would stumble on a 'jazz funeral' being held ... where there would be a somber procession as people sang "Nearer My God to Thee" from the church to the cemetery and once the person was laid to rest the crowd and the musicians would turn with an eruption of joy... playing "When the Saints Go Marching In" as a reminder to get on with life... as there's just one life we all get...

So...dying daily is good for all of us...keeping in perspective the idea that once we were not here and some day we will no longer be...but for now...we are...and each day becomes a gift to be used to serve God and neighbor... Faith matters!

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.

OBITUARY



Hill

Fleta Aline Warr Hill, 84, of Friendswood, Texas, passed away peacefully, Sept. 15, 2022, at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. Fleta was born on March 11, 1938, in St. Augustine County, Texas, to Ora Spurlock Chance and Robert (Bob) Warr. She and her mom moved to Friendswood in June of 1951. She graduated from Friendswood High School in 1957. At that time there were only 48 students in the high school and 126 in the district. Fleta participated in the All-State Choir, FHS choir, band, basketball, cheerleading, one-act play, class officer and Rainbow Girls. After high school Fleta first worked at Prudential Insurance Company before marrying her high school sweetheart and love of her life, Arden C. Hill, Jr., on May 2, 1958. Fleta also worked for the U.S. Post Office and loved her job as she was able to meet many new residents when they first moved to Friendswood. She retired from the Post Office in 1973, before joining Arden in the office at Hill Sand Company.

Arden and Fleta were always partners in business and began running their first gas station, a Texaco, in 1962. They later opened the Phillips 66 in 1963, while operating Hill Trucking Company. In 1969, Hill Sand Company was founded and became a thriving business for the family. Later in 1980, they bought and ran Bar H Ranch in Alto, Texas, which Fleta loved and continued to visit until she fell ill. Arden and Fleta were involved in Friendswood community and school activities including following the football team in a bus named The Sandman that they converted for fun and hospitality. She was involved in the early spirit of Friendswood watching it grow from 300 citizens to thousands.

Fleta was active in various clubs and organizations. She was a member of the Quaker Church from the time she moved to Friendswood until her death. She served as a Vacation Bible School helper with the Friendswood Friends Church for many years as well as singing in the church choir because of her love of music. She volunteered with the Frank J.

Brown Heritage Museum and served as the president for two years. As part of her tenure, she welcomed Ron Stone to Friendswood for a segment of *The Eyes of Texas*. One of her true joys in life was the friendships she made and shared with her FIG sisters. The Friendship Investment Group, founded in January 1982, was started by a group of women who supported each other through life's ups and downs, joys and sorrows, while investing in the stock market. They often traveled off their earnings and made memories galore. They were her true sisters that she never had and lifelong friends. She never met a stranger and became a woman of many words.

Fleta and Arden raised a daughter and son in the town they loved. She truly enjoyed time spent with her family especially her three grandchildren and one great grandchild. Known as MeMe, she never missed a game, dance recital, or musical. In addition, she shared her beloved ranch with them as they grew up. She particularly loved lunch dates with her great grandson at the Charleston Tea Room.

Fleta was preceded in death by Arden, her husband of 31 years; her half-brothers, Claude Chance, Larry Chance, Maxi Chance, Lonnie Chance, and her parents Ora and Bob Warr. She leaves behind her daughter Anita Hill Griffon and husband Robert; her son Arden C. Hill, III (Trey) and wife Jamie; and her 3 grandchildren: Robert Joshua Griffon and wife Britney, Abigail Arden Griffon, and Arden C. Hill, IV, and her great grandson Robert Jacob Griffon.

Visitation was held Monday, Sept. 19, 2022 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at Jeter Memorial Funeral Home, 311 N. Friendswood Dr., Friendswood, TX 77546, 281-992-7200.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022 at 3:00pm at Friendswood Friends Church, 502 S. Friendswood Dr., Friendswood, Texas 77546 with Rev. David Bridges officiating. Interment followed at Friends Cemetery in Friendswood, Texas.

The family suggests that memorial gifts may be made to Friendswood Friends Church, 502 S. Friendswood Dr., Friendswood, Texas 77546.

Condolences may be sent to the family in care of Jeter Memorial Funeral Home at www.jeterfuneralhome.com.

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Dawson High School Athletic Training Staff recognized for hard work

Dawson High School athletic trainers were recently honored with the 2022 Dave Campbell's Texas Football Training Staff Superstars Award. The award seeks to amplify the teams behind the teams that make Friday nights truly special, including hard-working student trainers. As a winner of the weekly award, the Dawson's Training Staff Superstars received \$250 for program supplies and will be entered to win a \$1,000 in the organization's end of season voting poll. Pictured left to right (back to front) Noah Byars '25, Brooklyn Bradberry '23, Christina Fry (Staff), Thomas Patrey (Staff), Joseph Eberhardt (Staff), Jason Klinglesmith '23, Haile Pamoja '25, Aburey Leonard '26, Shaelyn Gallagher '25, Laila Groves '25, Mia Dvorak '25, Paige Thomas '24, Tatum Langley '26, Mayla Jabbar '26, Katie Roth '26, Omar Mohammad '24, Ayden Gonzales '24, Mustafa "Moose" Madinnawala '25, Maddie Locklear '25, Vanessa Martinez '24.

BCHM to hold lectures celebrating Texas Archeology Month

October is Texas Archeology Month, a month-long celebration of Texas' archeological heritage. Numerous organizations and institutions host events to heighten awareness and appreciation of this heritage in communities across the state.

In recognition of Texas Archeology Month, the Brazoria County Historical Museum will kick-off its Archeological Lecture Series Thursday, Oct. 6 at 6 pm with a presentation by Dr. Kenneth Brown. Dr. Brown, Professor of

Anthropology at University of Houston, will present "If it Looks Like a Barn...Archeology & Interpreting the Past at the Levi Jordan Plantation." Join us as he explores recent archaeological research undertaken within the quarters for the enslaved and tenant families that has "determined" these human residences were not what they seemed.

On Thursday, Oct. 28 at 6 pm Dr. Leslie Bush will present "The Deep Roots of Texas Edible, Medicinal, & Craft Plants." Dr. Bush outlines how archaeologists recover and identify plant remains and discusses plants that were used in Texas, especially coastal Texas, for various purposes in past times: food, fiber, basketry, dyes, stimulants, smoking, medicine, and weaponry. Dr. Bush will also teach us how to welcome some of these useful Texas plants into our modern gardens.

These programs are free and will be held at the Brazoria County Historical Museum located at 100 East Cedar in Angleton. For more information follow us on Facebook or call 979-864-1208.



BROWN



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Mustang Water Polo district success in the Inaugural UIL season

The Friendswood High Girls and Boys Water Polo teams continued their district seasons last Tuesday, Sept. 6 at the FHS Natatorium versus Galveston Ball Golden Tornadoes.

The FHS girls played lock down defense and won 16-0. FHS goals were scored by Emmie Ratcliff, Genevieve Ringo, Addisyn Pendle, Hallie Ratcliff, Nicole Medina, Peyton Robbins and Amelia Morgan. FHS's goalie, Lacey Drouet, saved every shot from the Golden Tornado ladies for her first district shutout this season.

The FHS boys had a strong game and won 20-2. All 9 FHS players on our roster scored contributing to the win. Our amazing goalie Nash Baker made several key saves.

The Mustangs' district record is now 2-1 for both FHS water polo teams.

The remaining water polo schedule is:
9/27 versus Galveston Ball at FHS, girls play at 5 pm and boys at 6 pm
10/10-11 Bi District Games location TBD
10/13-15 Area Games location TBD
10/17-18 Regional Quarterfinals location TBD
10/21-22 Regional location TBD
10/29 State in San Antonio, TX
Craig Sikkema is the head coach at Friendswood High School for both girls and boys water polo teams.

THIS WEEK'S HS FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

- Friendswood Mustangs vs Foster Falcons**
Friday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m.
Henry Winston Stadium
- Shadow Creek Sharks vs Pearland Oilers**
Friday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m.
Pearland ISD Stadium
- Dawson Eagles vs Alief Hastings Bears**
Friday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m.
Crump Stadium
- Manvel Mavericks vs Magnolia West Mustangs**
Friday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m.
Freedom Field



Photo by Lloyd Hendricks

Former Shadow Creek Shark (C/O 2019) and now Houston Cougar linebacker Mannie Nunnery calls out the coverage vs the Kansas Jayhawks. Nunnery had six total tackles on the day. The Cougars are facing some early season adversity, starting the season 1-2 with losses to Texas Tech and Kansas. They are heavily favored and will try to bring the record back to even against Rice at home on Saturday Sept. 24, 5pm at TDECU Stadium.

Texas Parks and Wildlife opens 79th paddling trail

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department opened its 79th paddling trail over the summer.

Located in Sabine County on Toledo Bend Reservoir, the Patroon Bayou Paddling Trail is accessed at Holly Park Marina in Milam. The trail is designed in a loop, so shuttles are not needed.

The trail ranges from two to eight miles depending on the route and can take up to six hours to complete. A portion takes paddlers across open-water before moving to Patroon Bayou on the opposite side of the bay. Birders will see wood ducks, egrets, herons, bunting and storks in the summertime while a winter trip enables paddlers to view sparrows, pintails and teal.

For more information visit tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/boat/paddlingtrails/.

FALL BAZAAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

BBQ Lunch starts at 11 a.m. • Live Auction starts at 1 p.m.

Food Booths • Market Tent • Children's Games & Activities
Silent Auction & More!

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Ruby Star

Ruby red with pronounced white star



Moon Scene

Creamy white blooms with scarlet veining

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Pearland Independent School District will be accepting **Request for Proposals for Contracted Services - Fine Arts RFP # 23-1209-02** until 3:00 p.m., Friday, December 9, 2022. Proposals will be submitted online in the Pearland ISD eBid System. Vendors may login and view specifications and submit their response at the following link: <https://pearlandisd.ionwave.net>.

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**CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD
ORDINANCE NO. 2022-25**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE STREET NAME CHANGE OF HATCHER LANE TO PARKSIDE DRIVE ALONG THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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**CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD
ORDINANCE NO. 2022-24**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR "EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES" IN APPENDIX D "SCHEDULE OF FEES, RATES, CHARGES, DEPOSITS, BONDS AND INSURANCE AMOUNTS" OF THE FRIENDSWOOD CITY CODE TO UPDATE FEES FOR GROUND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD THROUGH THE FRIENDSWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PUBLICATION AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

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**CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD
ORDINANCE NO. 2022-22**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD TO CHANGE THE CLASSIFICATION OF 5.7092 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED ON WEST PARKWOOD AVENUE, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS 5.7092 ACRES OUT OF A 10,9037 ACRE TRACT, BEING A PART OF THE I & GN RR COMPANY SURVEY NO. 23, ABSTRACT 624, GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS AND ABSTRACT 740, BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS; FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SIR) TO COMMUNITY SHOPPING CENTER (CSC); PROVIDING A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF TWO THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$2,000.00); REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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**CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD
ORDINANCE NO. 2022-21**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, AMENDING SPECIFIC USE PERMIT 98-7 FOR NAICS USE 96111, "ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS" TO ALLOW AN ADDITION TO THE SCHOOL AND OTHER SITE AMENDMENTS ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2100 WEST PARKWOOD AVENUE, BEING 16.925 ACRES, ALSO KNOWN AS LOT 1 IN THE FINAL PLAT OF FISD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL #2, BEING ALL OF A CALLED 7.4058-ACRE TRACT AS DESCRIBED IN A DEED TO FRIENDSWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND BEING OUT OF LOTS 12 AND 15 ALONG WITH A PORTION OF A 40400T WIDE PLATTED ROAD AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF THE BURGESS SUBDIVISION OF SECTION 6, BS&F AS RECORDED IN VOLUME 11% PAGE 14 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS; AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD CONSISTENT THERewith; PROVIDING A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF TWO THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$2,000.00); REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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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, October 13, 2022**, and read aloud into the public record for the following project:

**McHard Road Fiber Optics Conduit & Cable Installation
SH 288 to Cullen Blvd. (Tie into the Westside Event Center on
Country Place Pkwy.) & Mykawa Road to West of SH 35
City of Pearland, Texas
COP PN: TR1405-Fiber
BID NO.: #ITB-0822-27**

The project will entail the installation of approximately 17,600 LF of 4" diameter fiber optic conduit and all associated appurtenances. This project will be completed in 2 segments. Segment 1 goes from west of SH 288 to Cullen Blvd. along McHard Road including a tie-in to the Westside Event Center on Country Place Pkwy. Segment 2 extends from the intersection of McHard Road and Mykawa Road to SH 35. There are 3 bridge crossings and 1 railroad crossing throughout the project limits. This project will tie into a 4" diameter fiber optic project constructed with the McHard Road Extension Project. The project will also include coordination with Brazoria Drainage District 4 (BDD4) and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF).

A **mandatory** pre-bid conference will be held at Engineering & Public Works Service Center Brazos Conference Room, located at 2016 Old Alvin Rd, Pearland, Texas 77581 at **10:00 a.m., CST, Thursday, September 29, 2022**.

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

Bid Documents are also available for review at the following plan houses:

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| Amtex Plan Room | (713) 956-0100 |
| The Associated General Contractors of America, Inc. | (713) 334-7100 |
| Associated Builders & Contractors of Greater Houston | (713) 523-6222 |
| Dodge Reports | (713) 316-9411 |

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

Frances Aguilar, TRMC, MMC,
City Secretary, City of Pearland

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Notice Of Constable Sale

Cause Number: 84581-CV

(See Notes Below)

James Brawner Constable Precinct 4

Under the authority and by virtue of a Writ of Execution 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 October, the same being October 4th, 2022, 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 2th day of May, 2017, Brazoria Cold River Ranch Association Inc, recovered a judgment in the 412th Judicial District Court of Brazoria County, Texas against, Sandra Luz Guzman-Walle for the sum of seventy five and 00/100 dollars (\$75.00) as the total amount due on the assessment account of the 5527 Rio San Juan St, Rosharon, TX 77583 (Property) that is not secured by the Plaintiff's lien on the Property as of the date the motion for Default was filed; four-thousand sixty seven and 97/100 dollars (\$4,067.97) as the total amount due on the assessment account of the Property that is secured by the Plaintiff's lien on the Property as of the date the Motion for Default was filed; its reasonable attorney's fees in the amount of two thousand seven hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$2,700.00); That an Order of Sale shall issue o any sheriff or any constable within the State of Texas, directing the sheriff or constable to seize and sell the Property the same as under execution, in satisfaction of this final Default Judgment subject to any superior liens provided for 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 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, Sandra Luz Guzman-Walle; costs of court and post-judgment interest at the rate of five percent (5%) per annum on all amounts awarded in this judgment, including attorney fees, from the date this judgment is signed until fully paid; and, whereas, the said judgment is a foreclosure of a Property lien on the following described property, to-wit:

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

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

Table with 7 columns: Sale #, Cause Number, Court, Judgment Date, Order Issue Date, Levy Date, Other Account #. Row 1: 1, 84581-CV, 412th Judicial District Court, 5/2/2017, 8/2/2022, August 22th, 2022, 597010

Plaintiff: Brazoria Cold River Ranch Association Inc, VS Defendant: Sandra Luz Guzman-Walle

Property Description: Lot(s) 30, Block 7, Cold River Ranch subdivision, Phase I, as shown by the Map or Plat thereof Recorded in Volume 24, Page 357, Map Records of Brazoria County, Texas, more commonly known as 5527 Rio San Juan Street, Rosharon, TX 77583 (Property);

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: \$2,204.90. Published In The Pearland Reporter Newspaper. 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)

SALE TO BE HELD 4th day of October, 2022 Between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM 111 Locust Angleton, Texas 77515 James Brawner, Constable Brazoria County Precinct 4 121 North 10th Street West Columbia, Texas 77486 (979) 345-2115 By: Jon Baker, Chief Deputy #

Notice Of Constable Sale

Cause Number: 112818-CV*

(See Notes Below)

James Brawner Constable Precinct 4

Under the authority and by virtue of an Order of Sale dated and issued pursuant to the judgment of the 239th Judicial District Court Brazoria County, Texas by the clerk of said courts as shown in the following schedule of cases, and to me directed and delivered as Constable in Brazoria County, I have on the date indicated below seized and levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in October, the same being October 4th, 2022, 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 28th day of September, 2021, Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association, recovered a judgment in the 239th Judicial District Court of Brazoria County, Texas against, Kirkland Deran West for the sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Four Dollars and Fifty-four Cents (\$2,704.54) as the total amount due on the assessment account of the Property that is secured by the Plaintiff's lien on the Property as of the date the Motion for default was filed; its reasonable attorney's fees in the amount of Three Thousand Nine hundred Twenty-Three Dollars and No Cents (\$3,923.00); 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 Final Default 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, Kirkland Deran West; additional attorney's fees in the amount of one thousand eight hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$1,800.00) because it became necessary for Plaintiff to obtain a writ of execution and/ or an order of sale and have the Property posted for a constable or sheriff's sale in order to collect the amounts awarded in this judgment; all costs of court in the amount of \$299.10, process server fees in the amount of \$381.95, and post-judgment interest at the rate of five percent (5%) per annum on the total judgment, including attorney's fees awarded herein from the date this judgment is signed until fully paid. And, whereas, the said judgment is a foreclosure of a Property lien on the following described property, to-wit:

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

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Table with 7 columns: Sale #, Cause Number, Court, Judgment Date, Order Issue Date, Levy Date, Other Account #. Row 1: 1, 112818-CV*, 239th Judicial District Court, 9/28/2021, 7/7/2022, , 597010

Plaintiff: Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association, VS Defendant: Kirkland Deran West

Property Description: LOT11, IN BLOCK 1, FINAL PLAT STERLING AT IOWA COLONY SEC. 4 ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED UNDER CLERK'S FILENO.2007014732, OFFICIAL RECORDS, BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS, more commonly known as 9422 Emerald Lakes Drive, 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: \$2,632.13. Published In The Pearland Reporter Newspaper. 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)

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CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS NO. 2022-16 ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER REMODEL PROJECT

Request for Qualifications (RFQs) shall be submitted via two (2) electronic copies, each copy on one flash drive or CD. Each flash drive/CD must contain only one (1) file in PDF format and must match identically. The PDF files must include the ink signature of a person with the authority to bind the vendor into a contract. All submitted materials must be clearly marked with RFQ NO. 2022-16, ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER REMODEL PROJECT, and addressed to the City of Friendswood, Attn: City Secretary, and are to be received at Friendswood City Hall, City Secretary's Office, 910 S. Friendswood Dr., Friendswood, TX, 77546, on or before 2:00 P.M. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022.

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

Specifications and related information may be downloaded from the City of Friendswood's website at https://www.ci.friendswood.tx.us/Bids.aspx or may be reviewed/inspected during regular business hours in the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 910 South Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546.

For additional information, please contact Leticia Brysch, City Secretary at (281) 996-3270 or via email to citysecretary@friendwood.com.

/s/ Leticia Brysch, City Secretary City of Friendswood, Texas

Notice of Public Comments and 2nd Public Hearing City of Pearland's Community Development Block Grant Program

City of Pearland will hold a 2nd public hearing to give all Pearland residents an additional opportunity to voice opinions on the City's HUD Community Development Block Grant program. We are developing a new 5-Year Consolidated Plan to outline our City's priorities for using CDBG funds over the next 5 years. We are also developing the HUD Program Year 2022 Annual Action Plan (City of Pearland Fiscal Year 2023) to detail exactly how we anticipate spending \$478,854 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. We would like to hear your comments on program priorities as well as specific activities.

The Consolidated Plan is available for review on the City's website at www.pearlandtx.gov. Paper copies of the survey are available upon request for those without internet access. All public hearing attendees are invited to speak about CDBG on:

September 26, 2022 at 6:30 PM City Hall 3519 Liberty Drive Pearland, Texas

Residents may also send comments before October 14, 2022 to the City of Pearland, Administration, at 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, TX 77581 Attn: CDBG Grant Public Comments.

CDBG Program Overview

The national objective of the CDBG program is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities principally for low and moderate-income persons. No less than 70% of CDBG funds must be used for activities that benefit low and moderate-income persons.

CDBG goals include: Improving the urban environment in low and moderate income areas; Eliminating blighting influences and the deterioration of property, neighborhoods, and public facilities in low and moderate-income areas; and Ensuring decent housing for low and moderate-income residents.

Eligible activities include but are not limited to: public facility construction and improvements; handicapped accessibility; operational funding for non-profit agencies servicing primarily low income persons; rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing; housing development assistance, enforcement of City codes; clearance and demolition; infrastructure improvements; business development and job creation activities.

The planned expenditures include the following: Mental Health Services - Counseling and Therapy Services: \$26,878; Mental Health Services - Facility Improvements: \$271,049; Emergency Subsidence - Rental Assistance: \$20,000; Youth Services - Childcare/Aftercare: \$25,000; Housing Rehabilitation - Housing Program Administration: \$67,496; General Program Administration: \$68,431

Fair Housing Issues

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

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

Aviso de comentarios públicos y segunda audiencia pública Ciudad de Pearland Programa de subvenciones en bloque para el desarrollo comunitario

La ciudad de Pearland llevará a cabo una segunda audiencia pública para brindarles a todos los residentes de Pearland una oportunidad adicional de expresar sus opiniones sobre el programa de Subsidios en bloque para el desarrollo comunitario de HUD de la ciudad. Estamos desarrollando un nuevo Plan Consolidado de 5 Años para delinear las prioridades de nuestra Ciudad para usar los fondos de CDBG durante los próximos 5 años. También estamos desarrollando el Plan de acción anual del programa HUD para el año 2022 (Ciudad de Pearland, año fiscal 2023) para detallar exactamente cómo anticipamos gastar \$478,854 en fondos de subvención en bloque para el desarrollo comunitario (CDBG). Nos gustaría escuchar sus comentarios sobre las prioridades del programa, así como actividades específicas.

El Plan Consolidado está disponible para su revisión en el sitio web de la Ciudad en www.pearlandtx.gov. Las copias en papel de la encuesta están disponibles a pedido para aquellos que no tienen acceso al Internet. Todos los asistentes a la audiencia pública están invitados a hablar sobre CDBG en:

26 de Septiembre 2022 a las 6:30 PM Municipalidad 3519 Libertad Drive Pearland, Texas

Los residentes también pueden enviar comentarios antes del 14 de Octubre de 2022 a la Administración de la Ciudad de Pearland, en 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, TX 77581 Attn: CDBG Grant Public Comments.

Descripción general del programa CDBG

El objetivo nacional del programa CDBG es desarrollar comunidades urbanas viables proporcionando viviendas decentes, un entorno de vida adecuado y ampliando las oportunidades económicas principalmente para personas de ingresos bajos y moderados. No menos del 70% de los fondos de CDBG deben usarse para actividades que beneficien a personas de ingresos bajos y moderados.

Los objetivos de CDBG incluyen: Mejorar el entorno urbano en áreas de ingresos bajos y moderados; Eliminar las influencias del deterioro y el deterioro de la propiedad, los vecindarios y las instalaciones públicas en áreas de ingresos bajos y moderados; y Garantizar una vivienda digna para los residentes de ingresos bajos y moderados.

Las actividades elegibles incluyen pero no se limitan a: construcción y mejoras de instalaciones públicas; accesibilidad para discapacitados; financiamiento operativo para agencias sin fines de lucro que atienden principalmente a personas de bajos ingresos; rehabilitación de viviendas ocupadas por sus propietarios; asistencia para el desarrollo de viviendas, cumplimiento de los códigos de la ciudad; limpieza y demolición; mejoras de infraestructura; actividades de desarrollo empresarial y creación de empleo.

Los gastos previstos incluyen lo siguiente: Servicios de Salud Mental - Servicios de Consejería y Terapia: \$26,878; Servicios de Salud Mental - Mejoras a las Instalaciones: \$271,049; Subsistencia de Emergencia - Asistencia de Alquiler: \$20,000; Servicios juveniles: cuidado de niños/cuidado posterior: \$25,000; Rehabilitación de Vivienda - Administración del Programa de Vivienda: \$67,496; Administración General del Programa: \$68,431

Problemas de Vivienda Justa La Audiencia Pública también será un foro para discutir la vivienda justa y temas relacionados. Los residentes con sugerencias y/o inquietudes tendrán la oportunidad de expresar esos problemas durante la audiencia pública. Una sección de la encuesta pública también incluye temas relacionados con la vivienda justa.

Nota: De conformidad con la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades, esta instalación es accesible para sillas de ruedas y hay espacios de estacionamiento accesibles disponibles. Las solicitudes de adaptaciones especiales o servicios de interpretación deben realizarse al menos 48 horas antes de esta reunión. Comuníquese con la Oficina del Secretario de la Ciudad al 281-652-1653.

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