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## Around Town

### AUGUST 3

**LIBRARY CRAFTING HOUR**  
Adults are invited to create a decoupage rock paperweight during crafting hour at 6 p.m. at the West Pearlland Library, 11801 Shadow Creek Parkway. For more information, call 713-436-0995 or visit mybels.org.

**MANUSCRIPT MUSEUM TALK**  
Sam Tanksley of the Karpeles Manuscript Museum gives a 6 p.m. talk at the Brazoria County Historical Museum, 100 E. Cedar, Angleton. Admission is free and open to the public. For information, call 979-864-1208.

**MOVIE ON THE LAWN**  
Outdoor free screening of the film, "Brave" begins at 7 p.m. in the parking lot of Baybrook Mall, 500 Baybrook Mall, Friendswood. Blankets and lawn chairs recommended. Baybook's Movies on the Lawn series is held Thursdays during the summer through Aug. 31. Baybrookmall.com.

### AUGUST 4

**FIRST FRIDAYS MEETUP**  
Pearland Chamber of Commerce hosts First Fridays Networking Event from 2 to 4 p.m. at 6117 Broadway St. for introductions, vendors and networking. For information on chamber events, visit pearlandchamber.org.

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

**MACBETH IN THE PARK**  
Houston's Miller Outdoor Theatre presents a free 8:15 p.m. performance Houston Shakespeare Festival: Macbeth Produced by University of Houston at 6000 Hermann Park Drive. For more information on this or other events, visit milleroutdoortheatre.com.

### AUGUST 5

**SCAVENGER HUNT**  
A back-to-school themed scavenger hunt is 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Tom Reid Library, 3522 Liberty Drive. All library programs are free. Call 281-652-1677 or email pearland@bels.lib.tx.us for information.

**BEFORE SCHOOL BASH**  
A Before School Bash is 10 a.m. to noon for all ages at the West Pearlland Library, 11801 Shadow Creek Parkway. For information, call 713-436-0995.

**TEJANO JAM FEST**  
Tejano Jam Fest is 6 to 11:30 p.m. featuring Grammy winner Bobby Pulido at Independence Park, 3449 Pearlland Parkway. Event is presented by Ruiz Law Firm and includes a 50-inch TV and backpack giveaways for back-to-school. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at eventbrite.com or can be purchased at the gate.

### AUGUST 6

**WEDDING GARAGE SALE**  
Springs Event Venue in Angleton hosts the Wedding Garage Sale from 1 to 2:30 p.m. featuring used items for resale including decor, centerpieces, apparel, frames and more at 1950 County Road 220, Angleton. For information, call 936-446-7887.

### AUGUST 7

**AISD TEACHER NIGHT**  
Meet the Teacher Night for elementary and junior high campuses in Alvin ISD.

**PISD ENROLLMENT DAY**  
Pearland ISD offers enrollment help for new and returning students between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays until school begins at the Virgil Gant Education Support Center, 1928 North Main St.

**BOOKWORMS MEETUP**  
Bookworms adult book club will discuss "French Braid" by Anne Tyler at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Tom Reid Library, 3522 Liberty Drive. All library programs are free. Call 281-652-1677 or email pearland@bels.lib.tx.us for information.

### AUGUST 8

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

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## Budget talks set this month

By N. BRADFORD  
Reporter News Staff

The City of Pearland will hold public discussions of the upcoming fiscal year budget on Aug. 12 and Aug. 21.

The first discussion is 8 to noon at City Hall, 3519 Liberty Drive, and the Sept. 25 session is 6:30 p.m. at the same location.

Coming into play this year are recommendations of an outside firm hired to look into a valuation error made during last year's budget process that resulted in a more than \$10 million budget shortfall. The city has shored up that deficit through a series of cuts, dipping

into savings and reallocating federal funds.

Mayor Kevin Cole asked city staff for an update at the first budget meeting Aug. 12 regarding where the city is on implementation of those recommendations.

How the City of Pearland will prevent such an error in the future is a question Cole has been asked quite often, he said.

"We're going through this process No. 1 to have fresh eyes on what happened, and No. 2 so we get good feedback on best practices moving forward so it doesn't reoccur," he said.

A public hearing and first reading of fiscal year 2024 budget is set for Sept. 11, with a second reading and tax rate public hearing scheduled Sept. 25.

## JB Hensler College and Career Academy's Collision Repair Program

Alvin ISD's JB Hensler College and Career Academy's Collision Repair program has 10 new vehicles to test out their skills on and they prepare for their futures in the automotive industry.

The JB Hensler Collision Repair program received 10 donated Audi and Volkswagen vehicles thanks to the Collision Repair Education Foundation (CREF), Audi of America, and Volkswagen of America. The 10 are part of just 78 vehicles that were donated to programs nationwide. JB Hensler was the only school in Texas to receive these vehicles.

These vehicles were donated to collision repair programs throughout the United States to enhance the education of thousands of collision repair students and support the next generation of auto workers. In a rapidly changing industry, it is critical students have access to the latest vehicles and technology.

"It is important to always be ahead and prepared for what is coming in the industry as our graduates are employed by companies throughout Texas and the nation," said Brandy Johanson, Director of CTE for Alvin ISD. "This partnership and donation helps further the mission of Alvin ISD to continually look for ways to bring in equipment and funding to help train our



students as they learn at our campus to become great employees."

The donated vehicles were damaged during shipping to the point they could no longer be sold to customers. Upon evaluation, a group of Audi and Volkswagen employees knew this wasn't the end for these vehicles since they were still functioning and intact. The CREF team got to work with Audi and Volkswagen on how these vehicles could serve a new purpose. Months of planning, coordinating, and reviews among this dedicated group of Audi and Volkswagen employees, CREF, and schools resulted in the donation of these vehicles.

The donated vehicles range from large SUVs, like the Audi Q7, to comparatively smaller cars,

like the Audi A3. There is also a mix of both ICE vehicles and electric vehicles (EVs), including the Volkswagen ID.4 and Audi e-tron.

"The donations will have a major impact on providing engaging, hands-on instruction for our students," shared Scott Pollard, JB Hensler Collision Repair teacher. "The donated vehicles that are assembled and equipped with the newest technology provide our students with the opportunity to train on the cutting-edge of the industry. Moreover, the EVs will put our students well ahead of the curve when it comes to the latest industry trends. This is one of the largest donations we have ever received and will be a foundation for our students moving forward."

## Pearland ISD free, reduced-price meal applications

Pearland Independent School District is accepting applications for free and reduced-price meals for the 2023-24 school year.

Meals are served under the National School Lunch Program and Breakfast Program.

Online applications may be accessed now at [www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com).

Paper applications are available at the Food Service Office (1928 N. Main). To have a paper application mailed, call 281-412-1244.

Anyone interested in reviewing Pearland ISD's free and reduced-price meal policy may visit the Food Service Office.

### Criteria for Free and Reduced-Price Meal Benefits

The following criteria will be used to determine a child's eligibility for free or reduced-price meal benefits:

- Income: Household income that is at or below the income eligibility levels
- Categorical or Automatic Eligibility: Household receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
- Program Participant: Child's status as a foster child, homeless, runaway, migrant or displaced by a declared disaster or child's enrollment in Head Start or Even Start

**Income Eligibility**  
For those households that qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on income, an adult in the household must fill out a free and reduced-price meal application online or submit a paper application to the Food Service Office (1928 N. Main) or to their child's campus.

Those individuals filling out the application must provide the following information:

- Names of all household members
- Amount, frequency and

source of current income for each household member

• Last four digits of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application (if the adult does not have a Social Security number, check the box for "NO SSN")

• Signature of an adult household member attesting that the information provided is correct.

### Categorical or Program Eligibility

Pearland ISD works with local agencies to identify all children who are categorically and program eligible.

The Food Service Department will notify the households of these children that they do not need to complete an application.

Any household that wishes to decline benefits should contact the Food Service Office at 281-412-1244.

Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for determining eligibility. Applications may also be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

### Determining Eligibility

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, a food service clerk will review applications and determine eligibility.

Households or guardians dissatisfied with the reviewing official's eligibility determination may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis.

Households wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Mr. David Moody, Deputy Superintendent, at 281-485-3203 or at 1928 N. Main.

### Unexpected Circumstances

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the Food Service Office. Such

changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the current income eligibility guidelines.

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## Fall art show opens to entries

By N. BRADFORD  
Reporter News Staff

Entries close Aug. 11 for the annual Pearland Art on the Pavilion, scheduled for Oct. 14 and 15 at the Pearland Town Center events pavilion.

The event is entering its ninth year, and some of the returning artists have been in the show since its inception, says Pearland Convention and Visitors Bureau director Tracy Rohrbacher, who said she's also fielded inquiries from new artists.

The event takes place each year as the Texas summer heat subsides and is free to the public. In addition to a juried art show, Art on the Pavilion includes live music from Houston area acts, food trucks and one-of-a-kind gifts and decor on sale.

Saturday's music lineup so far includes local singer and songwriter Joe Calderon at 10:30 a.m. and League City native and country western singer Tucker Hart at 3 p.m. Sunday's music schedule includes Houston guitarist Anthony Puskas at 10:30 a.m., rock and country duo Patty O'Beers at 12:45 p.m. and Houston singer-songwriter Wendy Elizabeth Jones at 3 p.m.

Hours for the event are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. More information and artists applications can be found at [visitpearland.com/artshow/](http://visitpearland.com/artshow/)

The festival takes place in the central outdoor area at the town center, 11200 Broadway St.

For information, call 281-997-5970.

## State law cracks down on vaping students

By N. Bradford  
Reporter News Staff

A new state law taking effect this school year means bad news for students caught with vapes, and the consequences are out of local school districts' control.

House Bill 114, recently signed into law, mandates that public schools send students caught with electronic cigarettes or their components be sent to a DAEP, or Discipline Alternative Education Placement -- and local school administrators will not be allowed to assign a lesser punishment.

"Students, please do not bring vapes to school," Pearland ISD Superintendent Larry Berger pleaded in the district's summer newsletter making note of the new law.

Being placed in DAEP is a higher consequence, Berger stated, and may result in students being removed from UIL and extra-curricular activities.

Students who disregard the warning and bring vapes to Pearland ISD campuses are more likely to get caught this school year. Concerned about an increase in students vaping on campus, the Pearland ISD Board of Trustees this summer approved installation of vape detectors in junior high and high school restrooms.

"We are working on a campaign to make sure we inform people, 'hey, don't do this,'" Berger said.

Initially created to help cigarette smokers kick the habit, e-cigarettes, vape pens and similar devices with enticing flavors such as mango and "tutti fruiti" have eclipsed cigarettes in popularity among youth, and contain nicotine or cannabis.

"Every generation had something that the administration was trying to help people recognize was not healthy for them," PISD Trustee Crystal Carbone said during a board discussion on vapes.

# FRIENDSWOOD POLICE REPORT

JULY 25 thru JULY 31

## Theft

July 24 (12:56 p.m.) A stolen vehicle was reported by Enterprise Car Rental, 607 S. Friendswood Drive. They rented a blue 2020 Chevrolet Equinox with Florida LP 0791AZ to a 66-year-old Houston man. The vehicle was supposed to be returned on June 26th. Several attempts to pick up the vehicle from the Houston man's address were unsuccessful. The same man's phone number was used to rent another vehicle from Enterprise in the Galleria area. That vehicle has also been reported stolen after it was not returned. A warrant is pending.

July 29 (6:08 a.m.) A white 1999 Ford truck was stolen from the Bridgestone Apartments located at 4949 FM 2351. The stolen truck is an extended cab with a camper shell on the back. The license plate number is TX 93DV994. The theft occurred sometime overnight.

July 29 (8:13 a.m.) There was an attempt to steal a Ford F150 from the parking lot of the Salem Square Apartments located at 107 Clearview Avenue. The vehicle was left unlocked. The vehicle sustained damage to the ignition.

July 29 (11:08 a.m.) A Friendswood man reported the theft and forgery of two business checks. He received a notification of a password change on his bank account. He went to his bank and found that the two checks were forged.

July 31 (10:30 a.m.) A burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 400 block of Bellmar Lane. The victim reported that on July 26th, she was leaving for work and noticed the glove box inside her vehicle was open and the contents were removed. Contents inside the center console were also removed. A suspect has been named.

## Fraud

July 24 (10:30 a.m.) A Friendswood woman reported her identity stolen and used to open a Bank of America business account. Fortunately, the woman had a personal account. When the contact information did not match, the bank flagged the application as fraudulent.

July 24 (2:39 p.m.) A series of attempted fraudulent deposits were reportedly occurred at Texas First Bank, 111 W. Parkwood Avenue, on July 14th. Several accounts were opened, deposits of fraudulent checks were made, and attempts to make cash advances for the uncleared checks.

July 26 (8:57 a.m.) A Friendswood woman was scammed out of \$1000 when she purchased gift cards at Walgreens. The woman believed that she was paying fines for citations resulting from her not appearing in a Manvel court. The scammer posed as a police officer, threatened arrest, and tried to extort additional money from the victim. This is a common scam that has been highlighted through local media, please remember, if you receive this type of call, hang up, find the number for the agency the caller is representing, and call the agency's main number to verify the information.

July 26 (12:33 p.m.) A Friendswood woman's identity was stolen. She received an email from a collections company regarding a rental property. Neither the victim, nor her husband, gave anyone permission to use their personal information to rent an apartment.

July 31 (8:47 a.m.) A customer at a business in the 4500 block of FM 2351 believes two of her credit cards were compromised after making payments for services. The victim made an initial payment for services on July

26th. The card was immediately compromised after the transaction. Someone used the credit card information to make a purchase from Sephora. When she returned to the business the next day, she used a different credit card. Again, the credit card was immediately compromised, and the credit card information was used to make a purchase at TST Kings BBQ, American Eagle Outfitters and ChickFilA.

## Harassment

July 24 (10:11 a.m.) A Friendswood resident made an online report of harassment. The victim shared nude photos of himself with an unknown female on Instagram. After the nude photos were shared, the female threatened to expose the photos on social media if he did not pay her \$1500.

## Traffic

July 26 (2:09 p.m.) A hit and run accident was reported in the 1400 block of Buttonwood Drive. When the officer arrived, he observed a vehicle with its rear bumper pulled off, along with white paint transfer and scratches along the rear passenger quarter panel. The incident occurred between 11:09 a.m. and 11:11 a.m. when a Costco delivery driver arrived at the home.

## Arrests

A man, 43, of Friendswood, was charged with Public Intoxication.

A man, 23, of Houston, was charged with Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon.

A woman, 34, of Friendswood, was charged with Assault.

A woman, 34, of Houston, was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1.

A woman, 36, of Friendswood, was charged with Driving While Intoxicated. A 56-year-old male, of Friendswood, was charged with Driving While Intoxicated.

A 28-year-old male, of Pearland, was charged with Display Expired Registration, Driving While License Invalid, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and No Insurance.

A 39-year-old male, of Friendswood, was charged with Assault.

A 23-year-old male, of Webster, was charged with Driving While License Invalid.

# Touch of Sold Boutique Ribbon Cutting



The Friendswood Chamber of Commerce welcomes Princess Willams, owner of Touch of Sold Boutique. They are located at 402 E. Edgewood, Suite A, Friendswood, Texas 77546. Give her a call at 832.641.4816. Everyone enjoyed learning about her journey in business and checking out the beautiful gift baskets, other items for gift giving, wonderful food and beverages.

Enjoying this special day with Princess are her supportive family members along with Membership Coordinator Joanne Edge, Vice-President Diane Hass and President/CEO Carol Marcantel-Friendswood Chamber of Commerce, Ambassador Team Member Rosly Cooper-Transformational Development by How 2 Lady and Chairman of the Board of Directors and Ambassador Team Member Robert Smithart-Minuteman Press.

For more information regarding the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce give us a call at 281.482.3329 or info@friendswoodchamber.com. Check out our website at www.friendswoodchamber.com for

our upcoming events and our online membership application. "Your Business is Our Only Business" The Chamber is located at 1100 South Friendswood Drive, FM 518, Friendswood, Texas 77546.



# Rent in Pearland ranked 2nd highest

| Ranking | City        | 1 Bedroom    |       |        | 2 Bedrooms   |       |        |
|---------|-------------|--------------|-------|--------|--------------|-------|--------|
|         |             | Median Price | Mo M  | Yo Y   | Median Price | Mo M  | Yo Y   |
| 1       | Sugar Land  | 1,460        | -2.0% | 0.7%   | 1,870        | -5.1% | 3.3%   |
| 2       | Pearland    | 1,320        | -2.2% | 0.8%   | 1,710        | -1.7% | 1.8%   |
| 3       | Houston     | 1,290        | 3.2%  | -0.8%  | 1,540        | 0.0%  | -3.1%  |
| 4       | League City | 1,240        | 0.0%  | 6.9%   | 1,430        | 1.4%  | -2.1%  |
| 4       | Spring      | 1,240        | 6.0%  | -4.6%  | 1,570        | 6.1%  | -4.3%  |
| 6       | Conroe      | 1,210        | 1.7%  | 2.5%   | 1,470        | 0.7%  | -0.7%  |
| 7       | Galveston   | 1,110        | 1.8%  | 14.4%  | 1,400        | -2.1% | -6.7%  |
| 8       | La Porte    | 1,040        | 6.1%  | 4.0%   | 1,340        | -6.3% | -12.4% |
| 9       | Pasadena    | 860          | 0.0%  | 2.4%   | 1,090        | -0.9% | -0.9%  |
| 10      | Baytown     | 800          | -4.8% | -29.2% | 1,030        | 1.0%  | -13.4% |
| 11      | Huntsville  | 780          | 4.0%  | 21.9%  | 1,020        | -2.9% | 10.9%  |

According to the latest monthly Metro Report for Houston, published by Zumper, Pearland ranks the second highest in rent cost. The report, which analyzed active listings last month, gives insights into the most and least expensive cities, as well as the cities with the fastest-growing rents. Let's dive into the specific insights gleaned from the report and how these impact the city of Pearland.

Houston occupied the third spot, with a median rent of \$1,290.

On the flip side, the report identified Huntsville as the most affordable city, with a median one-bedroom rent at \$780. Baytown and Pasadena followed, with rent prices at \$800 and \$860 respectively.

## Changes in Rent Price

In addition to examining the static prices, the Zumper report also tracked the dynamic changes in rent prices. Huntsville experienced the fastest growing rent on a year-over-year basis, witnessing a steep increase of 21.9% since last year. In second place, Galveston saw rent climb by 14.4%, and League City was third with a rent increase of 6.9%.

## The Most and Least Expensive Cities for Rent

According to the report, Sugar Land emerged as the most expensive city, with a median rent price for one-bedroom apartments standing at \$1,460. Close behind Sugar Land, Pearland ranked as the second priciest city with a median rent at \$1,320.

From a monthly perspective, La Porte experienced the most significant growth rate in rent prices, with a jump of 6.1%. Spring was hot on its heels with rent climbing by 6%, and Huntsville ranked third, showcasing a rent growth of 4%.

## Pearland in Context

Amidst these fluctuations, Pearland's rent prices remain relatively high, being the second most expensive city for renters in the Houston Metro area. The Texas one-bedroom median rent, as noted by the report, was \$1,139 last month, which is lower than Pearland's median rent of \$1,320. This underlines the fact that Pearland is indeed a pricey city for renters.

The Zumper report is instrumental in guiding prospective renters and real estate investors alike, offering them a clear perspective on rent trends and changes. However, it's important to remember that these figures are median asking rents, and actual rents can vary based on specific factors such as the property's location, size, and amenities.

Pearland stands out as one of the more expensive cities in the Houston metro area, with rent prices surpassing the Texas one-bedroom median rent. Its relatively high rent prices are important for renters and investors to consider. However, one should bear in mind that fluctuating market trends and specific property attributes can significantly affect rent prices. As such, whether you are a prospective tenant or a real estate investor, comprehensive research and a keen understanding of the local rental market are key to making informed decisions.



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# SPORTS

## Positive start with non-district schedule important for Eagles



**TOP BANDIT - Gabriel McFarland led the Dawson defense with three interceptions last year while also getting 28 tackles, 13 assisted stops, two tackles for loss, one sack, and four pass breakups in 2022. McFarland is looking to improve on those numbers in 2023. (Photo by Lloyd Hendricks)**

By Dr. David Davis

The old saying is, "It's not how you begin -- but how you finish that counts."

While that is true -- how you begin can set the tone for how you finish.

In 2022 -- the Dawson Eagles began the season 0-3 as they fell to Fort Bend Hightower, Klein Collins, and Tomball.

Despite the winless start, Dawson head coach Mike Allison didn't lose faith in the Eagles as they rallied to win the next 6-of-8 games and made the post-season. Dawson finished second in the District 23-6A standings and lost to league champion Shadow Creek 16-10 while having a chance to pull out a victory in the final quarter.

Allison is confident that his team will be stronger this season and that their non-district schedule will have a different outcome against the same teams.

"Offensively, we have some dynamic athletes in the skill positions," Allison said. "They have the ability to line up in different positions and do some different things to help the team."

"We have some experience coming back on the O-Line, and have a few of the underclassmen stepping up and competing for the open spots."

And the real strength of the team at the beginning of the season will be the Eagle defense.

The defensive foundation will begin with the two book-end defensive ends in Charles Anderson (6-7, 245) who had 45 stops, seven TFL, and two sacks and Edward Smith (6-6, 240) who had 24 tackles, eight TFL, and two sacks. Both have committed to Texas Tech.

"I expect the Dawson Eagles to be successful," Allison said. "Everyone wants to win district, make a long run in the playoffs, and win a state title."

### Dawson Eagles vs Fort Bend Hightower Hurricanes Saturday, August 26 Hall Stadium at 6:00 p.m.

Dawson led Hightower 17-16 at halftime last season but they weren't able to protect the lead as the Hurricanes scored 13 unanswered points in the second half to pull out the 29-17 non-district win in the season opener for both teams.

Hightower returns five offensive starters and eight defensive starters and 28 lettermen from a 10-3 team that advanced to the 6A Div. II regional semifinals.

QB Joseph Stewart (5-10, 165, 4.5) will return to lead the offensive assault after he threw for 2,833 yards and 26 TDs while rushing for 378 yards and two scores last year.

He will have strong help with TCU commit RB Jeremy Payne (5-11, 180, 4.5) in the backfield. Payne rushed for 1,002 yards and 13 TDs while catching 17 passes for 320 yards and three scores.

Other weapons include WR Zion Kearney (6-2, 170, 4.5) who caught 39 passes for 765 yards and eight TDs. RB Austin Bowen (5-8, 165, 4.5) added 560 yards and eight scores to the attack.

The strength of the defense will be in the secondary with DB Kameron Reddic (5-11, 170, 4.5) who had 67 tackles, 5 TFL, and one INT, CB Ephraim Dotson (5-11, 175, 4.5) who had 49 tackles, five INTs, and DB Kade Phillips (6-3, 190, 4.8) who had 41 tackles.

This game should be a great season-opener for both teams.

### Dawson Eagles vs Klein Collins Tigers Saturday, September 2 Klein Memorial Stadium - 6:00 p.m.

Dawson will face one of the top teams in the Houston area when they take on the Klein Collins Tigers who are a pre-season pick to win the District 15-6A crown.

The Tigers were 10-2 last season while advancing to the 6A Div. I area round. The Tigers lost to state-power Westfield 41-38.

Collins will return seven offensive and seven defensive starters to go with 49 lettermen in their quest to improve on their 2022 season.

Dawson was never in contention in last year's game as the

Tigers dominated from start to finish leading 24-7 at halftime and closing out the game 14-7 in the second half to post the 38-14 final score.

QB Tucker Parks (6-2, 205, 4.6) leads the potent offense after a banner year as a junior. Last season he threw for 2,744 yards and 31 TDs while rushing for 724 yards and 13 scores making him one of the top quarterbacks in the state. He has committed to the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers.

The Tigers have other weapons in RB Michael Wilson (5-11, 175, 4.5) who had 508 yards and 4 TDs as well as WR Donovan Baker (5-11, 170, 4.6) who caught 31 passes for 608 and 5 TDs.

Other offensive players include RB Jarrod Penright (6-0, 180, 4.50) and RB Randall Jackson (6-0, 195, 4.6).

Defensively, the Tigers will be led by DB Chris Gant (5-10, 190, 4.5) who had 90 tackles and three INTs while DL Antoine Milon (6-0, 280, 4.9) had 60 tackles and 10 sacks.

The Eagles will have to bring their A game against the Tigers.

### Dawson Eagles vs Tomball Cougars Saturday, September 9 Pearland ISD Stadium at 6:00 p.m.

While Dawson gave a good effort against Tomball last year, they still came up short 34-21 to begin the season 0-3 for the first time in school history.

Dawson knows the only way to get better is to face strong teams and the Eagles will do that again in 2023.

Tomball is a pre-season pick to finish third in District 15-6A. They have five offensive and nine defensive starters returning with 38 lettermen so they will present a challenge this season.

The defense will be rated as one of the best in the Houston area and they are led by LB Keegan Demmer (6-0, 200, 4.7) who set a school record with 153 tackles, 14 TFL as a junior. He will have plenty of support with DB Matt Gainey (6-2, 180, 4.6) who had 88 tackles, 7 TFL and DE Ramon Pernas (6-2, 225, 4.7) who had 77 tackles, 12 TFL, and three sacks.

Offensively, the Cougars will be led by QB Carter Noyas (6-0, 180, 4.6) who threw for 1,526 yards and nine TDs. He will have help from WR Brooks Junod (6-1, 185, 4.6) who caught 44 passes for 656 yards and five scores. RB Koby Foshier (5-11, 180, 4.7) will lead the ground attack with 667 yards and six TDs.

Others who will make an offensive impact will be Ath Jaxyn Faldyn (5-11, 165, 4.6), TE Aidan Waldron, and OL Brent Perkins.

The non-district contest between Dawson and Tomball will be another strong test for the Eagles before the start of district.



Dawson Head Coach Mike Allison

swood Methodist Church, volunteered as a paramedic with the Friendswood Fire Department and enjoyed piloting airplanes and helicopters. Ginny also enjoyed riding motorcycles, playing tennis and spending time caring for all the horses, dogs, cats and the myriad of other animals she and her family adopted.

Those that knew Ginny understood her commitment and love for a special group of Friendswood ladies who called themselves "The Dirty Dozen". These women were best friends for many decades and supported one another through good times and bad.

Ginny is predeceased by her husband Clinton and her brother Cole Younger Townley Jr. She is survived by her two sons, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. These include her eldest son Clinton R Hackney, III, and his wife Toby (Sawyer) Hackney, their three children Markayla, Taylor, and Isabella, and their two children Brynn and Tenley; and, her youngest son Steven Townley Hackney and his ex-wife Candi (Walker) Hackney, their sons Travis and Bryce, and their children Sebastian, Lyra and Raynar.

In lieu of a service, the family requests donations be made to the Shriners Childrens Hospital, a children's cause she felt very strongly about. Links to this organization are: <https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/en>



### HACKNEY

Genevieve "Ginny" (Townley) Hackney, 90, of Friendswood, Texas, passed away on July 24, 2023, from a stroke.

Ginny was born on February 20, 1933 to Cole Younger Townley, Sr., and Verna Watson Townley in Huntsville, Texas. After she graduated from Huntsville High School, she went on to study journalism at Sam Houston State University.

In 1951 Ginny married her high school sweetheart, Clinton R. Hackney, Jr. Ginny and Clinton went on to have two sons, Clinton R. Hackney, III, and Steven Townley Hackney.

Ginny loved her family and her community. Together she and Clinton bought and developed a small ranch in Friendswood, and she supported the development of the family-owned business, H & H Music Co., headquartered in Houston, Texas. Her sons were an integral part of her life and she devoted herself to supporting their passions, especially football and motocross racing. She was active in the Friend-



Nico Partida

## Pearland diamondmen receive All-State honors from Texas Sports Writers

The Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA) announced their 2023 All-State teams and several Pearland players were honored by this prestigious organization. The Oilers captured the 23-6A crown and the 6A Region III title while advancing to the 6A state finals.

Named to the All-State first-team was Pearland pitcher Nico Partida and first baseman Caden Ferraro.

Partida was the Co-Most Valuable Player for District 23-6A while posting a perfect 13-0 pitching record for the Oilers. He had a 1.08 ERA, with 77.1 innings pitched, and 82 strikeouts for the Oilers who had 33-6-1 record. The Arizona State commit was the Houston Chronicle Newcomer of the Year. Partida will be a junior next year for the Oilers.

Ferraro hit .389 (49-126), with 14 doubles, two HRs, 27 RBIs, and 24 runs. He will continue his education and playing career at Texas A&M. He was also a member of the All-Greater Houston team.

Named to the All-State honorable mention team was UH signee shortstop Anthony Avalos and Stephen F. Austin signee outfielder Brett Smajstrla.

Pearland head coach David Rogers was a Coach of the Year finalist.



Caden Ferraro

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### Notice About 2023 Tax Rates Property tax rates in the City of Friendswood

This notice concerns the 2023 property tax rates for City of Friendswood. This notice provides information about two tax rates used in adopting the current tax year's tax rate. The no-new-revenue tax rate would impose the same amount of taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. In most cases, the voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate a taxing unit can adopt without holding an election. In each case, these rates are calculated by dividing the total amount of taxes by the current taxable value with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| <b>This year's no-new-revenue tax rate</b> | \$0.463141/\$100 |
| <b>This year's voter-approval tax rate</b> | \$0.598630/\$100 |

To see the full calculations, please visit [www.galcotax.com](http://www.galcotax.com) for a copy of the Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet.

### Unencumbered Fund Balance

The following estimated balances will be left in the taxing unit's accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by corresponding debt obligation.

|                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| <b>Type of Fund</b> | <b>Balance</b> |
| General Fund        | \$14,552,061   |

### Current Year Debt Service

The following amounts are for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from upcoming property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

| Description of Debt  | Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes | Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes | Other Amounts to be Paid | Total Payment |
|--|--|---|--------------------------|---------------|
| 2014 GO Refund Bonds   | 480,000  | 47,600                                  | 750                      | 528,350       |
| 2015 and 2016 GO Bonds   | 650,000  | 471,956                                 | 1,500                    | 1,123,456     |
| 2017 GO Bonds  | 420,000  | 136,100                                 | 750                      | 556,850       |
| 2020 and 2021 GO Bonds   | 935,000  | 768,550                                 | 1,500                    | 1,705,050     |
| 2023 GO Bonds  | 0  | 1,422,360                               | 750                      | 1,423,110     |
| Capital Equipment Lease  | 692,230  | 61,629                                  | 1,500                    | 755,359       |
| Total required for 2023 debt service,e   |  |   |                          | \$6,092,175   |
| - Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in unencumbered funds                             |  |   |                          | \$0           |
| - Amount (if any) paid from other resources  |  |   |                          | \$0           |
| - Excess collections last year   |  |   |                          | \$62,516      |
| = Total to be paid from taxes in 2023  |  |   |                          | \$6,029,659   |
| + Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 99.30% of its taxes in 2023 |  |   |                          | \$42,505      |
| = Total debt levy  |  |   |                          | \$6,072,164   |

This notice contains a summary of actual no-new-revenue and voter-approval calculations as certified by Cheryl E. Johnson, PCC, CTOP, Galveston County Tax Assessor Collector on 07/26/2023.

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](http://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.

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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### NOTICE TO BIDDERS CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS

Sealed Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 22nd, 2023, and read aloud into the public record for the following project:

**Dixie Farm Rd at Cowart's Creek Bridge  
Transition Area and Dixie Farm Rd at  
Mary's Creek Bridge Transition Area City of Pearland, Texas  
COP PN: TR2205  
ITB: 0623-16**

The project will consist of the following for Dixie Farm Rd at Cowart Creek Bridge Transition Area and Dixie Farm Rd at Mary's Creek Bridge Transition Area:  
The project will entail the improvements for the bridge transition at Cowart's Creek and Mary's Creek including realigning geometry for a smoother transition. The improvements will include removal of existing roadway elements, widening of concrete pavement, installations of curb, concrete median, islands, pavement markings, and traffic signs.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held in person at the City of Pearland Public Works Rio Grande Conference room at 2016 Old Alvin Rd, Pearland, Texas 77581 at 10:00 a.m. on August 3, 2023.

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

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

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Amtex Plan Room                                     | (713) 956-0100 |
| The Associated General Contractors of America, Inc. | (713) 334-7100 |
| Virtual Builders Exchange                           | (832) 613-0201 |
| McGraw Hill Construction - Dodge Reports            | (800) 393-6343 |

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

Frances Aguilar  
City Secretary, City of Pearland

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### NOTICE TO BIDDERS FRIENDSWOOD I.S.D. RFP #23-010-SUPP

#### SUPPLEMENT to PROMOTIONAL ITEMS & APPAREL (INCLUDING SCREENPRINTING & EMBROIDERY)

The Friendswood Independent School District will be accepting Sealed Proposals (Texas Education Code 44.031) to supplement our existing contract for PROMOTIONAL ITEMS & APPAREL (INCLUDING SCREENPRINTING & EMBROIDERY).

Vendors already approved and renewed under RFP #21-010 do not need to submit. Sealed proposals can be submitted online or to FISD's Administration Building at 302 Laurel Drive, Friendswood, Texas 77546. Proposals must be received on or before 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 30, 2023. Bid packets are available on FISD's website [www.myfisd.com/information-for-vendors](http://www.myfisd.com/information-for-vendors) or through the Public Purchase website [www.publicpurchase.com](http://www.publicpurchase.com). Please contact [cblain@fisdtx12.net](mailto:cblain@fisdtx12.net) with any questions. The Friendswood Independent School District reserves the right to postpone, to accept or to reject any and all proposals as it deems to be in its best interest and to waive formalities and reasonable irregularities.

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### CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID NO. 2023-15 VENDING MACHINE

Sealed Competitive Bids shall be submitted via one (1) electronic copy, 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 **BID NO. 2023-15**, 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 before **2:00P.M., AUGUST 10, 2023**.

The City of Friendswood (the "City") reserves the right to reject any or all bid and to waive any informality in the bids received. The contract, if any, will be awarded to the bidder who provides the goods and/or services at the best value for the City based upon the evaluation factors included in the bid specifications. The City pays for goods and services according to the provisions of Chapter 2251 of the Government Code.

Specifications and related information may be downloaded from the City'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.

A bid guarantee in the form of a bidder's bond, certified check or a cashier's check made out to "City of Friendswood" in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the greatest amount bid must accompany each submission. **BIDS THAT DO NOT HAVE THE ACCOMPANYING BID GUARANTEE WILL BE RETURNED TO THE BIDDER.** The accompanying bid guarantee in excess of \$50,000, payment, performance, and maintenance bonds along with a bid guarantee are required by the City.

A **Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting** is scheduled for **AUGUST 3, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.**, at Friendswood City Hall, 910 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546.

For additional information, please contact Jeff Spears, Purchasing Coordinator at (281) 996-3274 or via email [nbender@friendswood.com](mailto:nbender@friendswood.com)

/s/Leticia Brysch, City Secretary

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

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Pearland, in Brazoria, Harris and Fort Bend Counties, Texas, will hold a public hearing on Monday, **August 21, 2023**, at 6:30 p.m., at City Hall, 3519 Liberty Dr., Pearland, Texas 77581; and that the City Council of the City of Pearland will hold a public hearing and first Ordinance adoption consideration on Monday, **September 11, 2023**, at 6:30 p.m., at City Hall, 3519 Liberty Dr., Pearland, Texas 77581, for the following cases:

**1. Zone Change Application No. ZONE23-11:** A request by Jack A. Duran, LDDBlueLine, applicant, on behalf of Harmony Public Schools, owner, for approval of a zone change for 20.014 acres of land from Single-Family Residential-1 (R-1) District to General Commercial (GC) District, to wit:

**Legal Description:** Being a tract of land containing 20.014 acres, situated in the H.T. & B.R.R. Co. Survey, Section 9, A-234, Brazoria County, Texas, and being a portion of Lots 61 and 62, Section 9 of the Alison Richey Gulf Coast Home Company Part of Suburban Gardens, a subdivision of record in Volume 2, Page 23 in the Plat Records of Brazoria County, Texas, and being all of that certain called 9.990 acres, Lot 61, Section 9 of the Alison Richey Gulf Coast Home Company Part of Suburban Gardens (Tract I) as described in deed to Louis E. Lentz III and Marybeth Porter and the certain called Lot 62 of the Alison Richey Gulf Coast Home Company Part of Suburban Gardens (Tract II) and recorded under County Clerk's File No. 2011015274 in the Official Records of Brazoria County, Texas (O.P.R.B.C.).

**General Location:** 2510 Roy Road, Pearland, Texas.

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

Patrick Bauer  
Planner I

# AREA BRIEFS

### Rodeo Houston announces time changes

Rodeo Houston this week announced season ticket sales and entries into the wine competition begin Aug. 1.

In addition, food and vendor applications for the 2024 event close Aug. 15 and a time change is being made for weekend rodeos in 2024.

The 2024 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is scheduled Feb. 27 through March 17. Season ticket levels begin at \$500.

Entries for the Uncorked! International Wine Competition must be distributed in Texas and available during the rodeo. For information, visit [rodeohouston.com/wine](http://rodeohouston.com/wine).

The rodeo this week also announced that weekend rodeos in 2024 will begin at 2:45 p.m. instead of 3:45 p.m. Gates will open at 2 p.m. and that day's entertainer will take the stage at 5 p.m. The time change was made to allow guests to spend more time on the grounds after the Saturday and Sunday concerts, rodeo officials said.

For updated information, visit [rodeohouston.com](http://rodeohouston.com).

### Tax-free weekend set Aug. 11-13

Back-to-school shopping will be sales tax free the weekend of Aug. 11-13.

In place since 1999, the state's annual sales tax holiday will save shoppers an estimated \$136 million in state and local sales taxes, according to Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar's office.

Families buying school supplies, clothes and other qualifying items save approximately \$8 per \$100 spent. This includes items purchased online, by phone or mail, so long as they are purchased during the exemption period. Tax-free weekend begins the morning of Friday, Aug. 11 and runs until midnight Sunday.

Tax exempt items include shoes, clothes, face masks, backpacks, lunch boxes and most school supplies such as notebooks, chalk, markers, highlighters and paper. To qualify, larger items such as backpacks, shoes or clothing must be priced under \$100 each. Items that do not qualify are jewelry, computers, luggage, umbrellas, wallets or specialty items such as cleats or football pads.

A detailed list of items that can be purchased tax free can be found at [TexasTaxHoliday.org](http://TexasTaxHoliday.org).

### TPWD launches awareness campaign

Texas hunters should note increasing messages about Chronic Wasting Disease as Texas Parks and Wildlife launches a new public awareness campaign.

The highly transmissible, fatal neurological disease affecting white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk and other species is continuing to spread through the native deer population, according to Parks and Wildlife Big Game Program Director Alan Cain, adding that proper carcass disposal and testing for each harvest are the greatest contributions hunters can make.

"CWD isn't a disease where people can afford to stick their heads in the sand," Cain said. "The outreach effort is meant to generate discussion, educate folks about the disease, current CWD regulations and what we can do to manage the disease."

The significance of the disease's impact on Texas deer may not be recognized this hunting season or even the next, he said. For more information, visit [tpwd.texas.gov](http://tpwd.texas.gov).

### Schools offer free/reduced lunch program

Friendswood ISD and Pearland ISD have begun distributing letters to the households of the children in their districts about eligibility benefits and any actions households need to take to apply for these benefits. Applications also are available online at [myfisd.com](http://myfisd.com) for Friendswood and [www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com) for Pearland.

For those households that qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on income, an adult in the household must complete an application for free and reduced-price meals and return it. Eligibility is determined by household size and income.

### New fee for electric vehicles begins September 1

Owners of electric vehicles in Texas will soon pay an additional fee when registering their vehicle. Senate Bill 505, passed by the Texas Legislature during the 88th Regular Session, adds a \$200 annual fee for electric vehicle registration renewals and a \$400 fee at the time of new electric vehicle purchases for the initial two-year registration period.

The new fee will be collected on electric vehicle registrations processed on or after September 1, 2023, in addition to the standard vehicle registration fees and any tax due for the vehicle. Texans may renew their vehicle registration up to 90 days prior to expiration. The fee will not apply to hybrid vehicles.

Revenue collected from the fee will be deposited into the state highway fund to help pay for roadway construction and maintenance projects.

### Mobil Steel earns safety recognition

Mobil Steel International, Inc. earned its fifth consecutive Diamond Level STEP safety recognition, the top-level safety performance within the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC), a national construction industry trade association representing more than 22,000 members. The Houston steel fabricator was recognized during the ABC Greater Houston Chapter membership breakfast hosted by the local chapter's safety committee on July 14.

Mobil Steel employees worked during 2022 without incurring a job-related injury that required medical care or time away from work. STEP members work nearly seven times safer than the construction industry average, according to data compiled by ABC.

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