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Around Town

SEPTEMBER 7

ZONING MEETING
Zoning Board of Adjustment meets at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 3519 Liberty Drive. Meetings are open to the public.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
Tom Reid Library, 3522 Liberty Drive, holds preschool story time at 10:30 a.m. in the library meeting room. Library programs are free. Call 281-652-1677 or email pearland@bcls.lib.tx.us for information.

LIVESTOCK SHOW
Pearland ISD Livestock Show and Career Expo opens at 6 p.m. at the Richard L. Wagoner Agricultural Facility, 4715 Bailey Road featuring the goat, lamb and culinary shows. More information is available at pearlandisd.org/Page/579.

SEPTEMBER 8

SENIOR FIELD TRIP
Melvin Knapp Center, 2424 South Park Ave., hosts a field trip for seniors to Miller Outdoor Theater. Registration is required and can be made by calling 281-652-1890. Membership at the Knapp Center is \$25 per year for Pearland residents and \$50 for non-residents. For information, call 281-652-1890.

PEARL PRODUCTION
The Pearl Theater, 14803 Park Alameda, opens the play, "The Revolutionists" by Lauren Gunderson at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased an hour before show time. Call 832-459-4674 for more information. Show runs through Sept. 24.

SEPTEMBER 9

FUN RUN
Chance for Hope going Gold Fun Run is 7 to 11 a.m. at Pearland Town Center, 11200 Broadway St. Event includes kid's zone, 5K and 10K timed runs. Registration is \$35 and can be completed at runsignup.com/Race/TX/Pearland/Chanceforhope

BOOK SALE
Friends of the Library Book Sale is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the West Pearland Library, 11801 Shadow Creek Parkway. For more information, call 713-436-0995 or visit mybcls.org.

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AISS FOUNDATION GALA
Alvin ISD Education Foundation Gala is 7 p.m. at South Shore Harbor Resort in League City. Proceeds benefit student and teacher scholarships, grants and other projects. For information, call 281-245-2586.

SEPTEMBER 11

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
City Council meets at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 3519 Liberty Drive. A period for public comment is provided and agendas are available 72 hours before each meeting at pearlandtx.gov.

BOOK CLUB
Bookworms Book Club will discuss "The Fire-keeper's Daughter" from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the meeting room of the Tom Reid Library, 3522 Liberty Drive. Call 281-652-1677 or email pearland@bcls.lib.tx.us for information.

SEPTEMBER 12

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
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 brazoria-countytx.gov.

BCDD4 MEETING
Brazoria County Drainage District No. 4 meets at 9 a.m. at the District No. 4 offices, 4813 West Broadway. For information and agendas, visit bdd4.org, email info@bdd4.org or call 281-485-1434.

PISD BOARD MEETING
Pearland ISD Board of Trustees meets beginning at 5 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Virgil Gant Education Support Center, 1928 N. Main St. Agendas and public comment forms are available at pearlandisd.org.

AISS BOARD WORKSHOP
Alvin ISD holds a school board workshop at 5 p.m. and the regular meeting at 7 p.m. at the Tommy King Administration Building, 301 E. House St., Alvin. Visit www.alvinisd.net for agendas and more information.

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DEFENSIVE BANDIT - Pearland senior defensive back Jaiden Brown (23) returns an interception 55 yards for a touchdown vs Memorial. Brown would add three more tackles on the day as the Oilers took the game 55-21 to improve to 2-0 on the 2023 football season. The Oilers will host the C.E. King Panthers (2-0) on Friday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Pearland ISD Stadium. (Photo by Lloyd Hendricks)

Public hearing on tax increase set Monday

By N. Bradford

A public hearing and first reading of the City of Pearland's budget is set for Monday, Sept. 11, at City Hall, 3519 Liberty Drive.

A second reading and public hearing on the city tax rate is set for Sept. 25. Both meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

Proposed is a maximum total tax rate of 65.54 cents per \$100 of property value, about 10 cents above the no-new-revenue rate.

The prior year's tax rate -- which city leaders have emphasized was artificially low due to a budgeting error -- was 62 cents.

The City of Pearland found itself in the news last year when a valuation error created a \$10 million budget shortfall.

"Imagine getting hit in the gut and what that does to you," Mayor Kevin Cole said during an Aug. 23 ques-

tion-and-answer forum. "We were able to withstand that. Could we do it again this year? Probably not -- it would be tough."

Through a series of budget amendments to help shore up the differences that include dipping into reserves, reallocating federal funds and deferred payments into its vehicle fund.

The motor pool fund, as it is known, is maintained to replace and repair the large fleet of city vehicles. The city makes regular payments into that fund during the year, which allows it to pay cash for vehicles rather than borrowing or leasing.

"Probably the biggest single line item (deferred) was the motor pool fund," Cole said. "There was a lot of little things we did - we were so far moving forward with capital improvement projects that if we delayed something it didn't have an impact on this budget."

Level 2 drought plan: Watering limited, splash pads close

By N. Bradford

Increased demand on the city's water system prompted Pearland to enter Stage 2 of its drought contingency, implementing mandatory watering schedules.

Under stage 2, residents are restricted to watering lawns on the days they have trash service scheduled.

"You can still water your grass but we're asking you to limit it to two days a week," Mayor Kevin Cole said in the Aug. 30 announcement. "Do it on the days you have garbage collection; it's easy to remember that way."

In addition, the following are prohibited under

stage 2:

- Watering lawns between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- Operating pond fountains or interactive water features.

- Draining and refilling of swimming pools.

Violations of restrictions can result in a fine of up to \$2,000. The city's Centennial and Southdown Park splash pads are closed until further notice.

"We have to have the supply to provide central services such as fighting a fire or making sure you have enough drinking water," Cole said.

For more information or to read the full drought plan, visit Pearlandtx.gov/drought.

McDonald accepts new position



Community Development Director John McDonald

By N. Bradford

After six years with the City of Pearland, Community Development Director John McDonald is leaving to take the role of city administrator in the City of Spring Valley Village.

McDonald came to Pearland in 2017 from the City of Bellaire, where he was community development director.

McDonald was appointed city administrator in Spring Valley on Aug. 10 and assumes the new role this week. As City Administrator, McDonald serves as the chief administrative officer and provides oversight and direction for city departments.

Talk of the Town:

'Who paid for those pears?' Forums answer FAQs

By N. Bradford

City leaders tackled questions ranging from who paid giant pear sculptures to the city's homestead exemptions during a town hall style discussion Aug. 23.

Held each quarter on a different topic, Talk of the Town allows residents to ask questions and engage in dialogue with city officials.

"We try to find something relevant to what's going on in our city during that particular quarter," Mayor Kevin Cole said.

The next Talk of the Town is planned for November with details to be announced.

288 Beautification

A frequent question he is asked, Cole said, is how beautification along the Highway 288 corridor -- which include the city's highly visible pear sculptures -- is funded.

"The funding sources is actually the Pearland Economic Development Corp.; they have a half-cent sales tax that goes to economic development and other improvements in the community that benefit economic development," City Manager Trent Epperson said. "You know when you've arrived in Pearland. We fund the construction through the EDC; that's not part of

your property taxes."

Maintained by a management district, the beautification corridor is designed to help attract business investments.

"It is an attraction tool. Companies are going to invest \$20 (million) or \$100 million in your community, it's just like when you buy a home," Mayor Cole said. "You're going to look the neighborhood up."

Property tax relief

The forum included a discussion on the city's budget for the upcoming tax year that begins in October. In November, Texas voters will decide on a significant increase on school district taxes, which likely will be reflected in residents' tax bills. The missing revenue will come from the state, Cole pointed out.

"(Cities) don't have that option; the state doesn't fund us like they do schools," he said. "If we do something with the homestead tax exemption, it's going to have an impact somewhere."

A discussion on how increasing the city's current 2.5 percent homestead exemption will likely happen in October, Cole said.

"We need to have an honest discussion about where does that money come from," he said.

"We'd like to attract more companies and want to make sure they're welcome in our community as well."

Bond project updates

Introduced at the forum was city's new engineering and public works director, Lorenzo Wingate, a Beaumont native who joined the Pearland staff from La Porte.

Wingate provided an update on the city's 2019 bond referendum projects. The largest of these yet to begin construction is Bailey Road improvements. Those will begin this fall and are expected to be completed in 2025.

A 2023 bond election was driven largely by drainage projects that drew the most voter support, Mayor Cole said. All four propositions passed.

"We are moving one of those projects from debt service on your property tax to the Economic Development Corporation," Cole said. "They're going to pick up the Hickory Slough Sports complex after the detention is done and take on roughly a \$17 million project through their resources that won't come to your property tax. We want to make sure we're listening to that 48 percent that voted no."

PEARLAND POLICE REPORT

Wednesday, Aug. 30

An arrest for terroristic threat of household was made at 3:17 a.m., 2555 Cullen Parkway

An arrest for disorderly conduct was made at 7:40 a.m., 2400 block of Main St.

An arrest for assault of a family member causing injury was made at 10 a.m., 3300 block of East Walnut.

A 40-year-old Houston woman was arrested at 12001 Shadow Creek Parkway and charged with exploitation of child/elderly/disabled and credit card abuse.

An arrest for assault of a family member causing injury was made at 3 p.m., 2200 block of Westminster Road.

Thursday, Aug. 31

Arrest for public intoxication at 2:32 a.m., 5900 Bailey Road.

Arrest for resisting search or transport at 3:11 a.m., 3121 Cullen Parkway.

Arrest for resisting search or transport at 7:42 a.m., 3200 Dixie Farm Road.

CPS referrals were made Thursday morning in the 1000 block of N. Sunset and 2900 block of Avanti drives.

An arrest for unauthorized use of vehicle was made at 1:20 p.m., 14000 South Freeway N.

A stolen vehicle was recovered in the 1500 block of Red Bud Court.

Friday, Sept. 1

DWI arrest was made at 3:38 a.m., 1253 Old Alvin Road.

An arrest for felony drug possession was made at 10 a.m., 2314 Old Alvin Road.

An arrest for felony drug possession and possession of drug paraphernalia was made about 1 p.m. at 2800 Yost Blvd.

A Katy man, 25, was arrested just before 2 p.m. for disorderly conduct, 1722 Main St.

An arrest for failure to identify was made at 5 p.m., 1919 Main St.

Saturday, Sept. 2

A Pearland man, 26, was arrested at 3:39 a.m. for continuous violence against the family, 5800 block of Little Grove Drive.

An arrest for felony drug possession was made at 5:15 a.m., 2500 block of Business Center Drive.

Two people were arrested for theft at about 4:30 p.m. at 1919 Main St.

A Houston teenager was arrested just before 7 p.m. at 11200 Broadway St. and charged with robbery and resisting arrest, search or transport.

An arrest for disorderly conduct was made at 9:43 p.m., 6500 block of Broadway St.

Arrest for disorderly conduct at 11 p.m., 2900 block of Piper St.

Sunday, Sept. 3

A Pearland woman, 42, was arrested for DWI, third or more, just after midnight

Sunday at 1200 Main St.

DWI arrest made 2:41 a.m., 1900 Old Alvin Road.

A Pearland man, 46, was arrested for DWI, third or more, at 3:11 a.m., 2406 Main St.

A 32-year-old Richmond woman was arrested at 8:28 a.m. for DWI, second, at 11100 Shadow Creek Parkway.

Two people were arrested for shoplifting at 5:30 p.m., 1919 Main St.

A 20-year-old San Antonio resident was arrested at 8 p.m. for DWI-minor, 16600 Berry Road.

An Alvin 17-year-old and a Pearland 20-year-old were arrested for racing on the highway just after 10 p.m., 4500 Dixie Farm Road.

An arrest for family violence assault was made at 11:24 p.m., 2800 Tranquility Trail.

Monday, Sept. 4

An arrest for public intoxication was made at 1 a.m., 3900 E. Orange St.

Driving with license invalid and failure to maintain financial responsibility arrest was made at 2:34 a.m., 2200 Dixie Farm Road.

An arrest for DWI with blood alcohol level over .15 was made at 3:24 A.M., 7500 Broadway St.

An arrest for assault on a household member impeding breathing or circulation was made at 6:23 p.m., 2300 block of Anthony Drive.

An arrest for theft was made at 9 p.m., 13000 Mykawa Road.

UHCL autism research, resources reach national audience in Nigeria

University of Houston-Clear Lake's Telehealth ABA World Project has been empowering parents and professionals who work with children with autism around the world by connecting them with therapists who can provide interactive video services on the internet. The Project's reach has extended to Nigeria, where the expertise of the Project's Program Manager Loukia Tsami was shared on national television earlier this month.

"We have been offering resources and support to parents of children with autism in Nigeria for a long time," Tsami said. "I was doing a virtual presentation in Liberia and I was seen by a Nigerian speech pathologist named Maryam Ibrahim, who works with autistic children there. She said I should do this presentation in Nigeria as well."

Tsami said that with the collaboration of Ibrahim and another colleague in the Oputu Learning Center and other community professionals, they were able to organize an event that brought in over 150 attendees.

Tsami said that her presentation, which discussed the inclusion of people with disabilities in healthcare, was shown on a nationally-televised news program—an indication of positive change for people with developmental disabilities in Nigeria.

"The name of the event was called, 'Acceptance and Inclusion of Special Needs Children in Healthcare, the Classroom and Society,'" she said. "The television media presence at the event was one of the first times this topic was ever discussed in a public forum. The event was shown on both national Nigerian television in English, and in Kaduna, which is the capital of Kaduna State in northwest Nigeria, in the local language."

She said that the main challenge in improving the lives of people with disabilities in Nigeria was simply education.

"There is a strong stigma attached to people with disabilities, but the community seems to be changing," she said. "I was talking about the power of including people with disabilities into the healthcare environment, and the fact that this topic was shown on national television to millions of viewers is very important. This way, our message had another level of reach and potential impact in a place where this information is still new."

In her presentation, she spoke about the research being conducted at UH-Clear Lake, how it can be applied in different environments, and how it can be modified to apply in different cultures.

"Some are becoming more open to the idea of inclusion in schools and healthcare, but others are still puzzled by this," she said. "We are sharing our knowledge and research with the world, particularly in places in which these messages are rarely if ever heard. The national TV coverage is important, but the fact that it happened in Nigeria is exceptional. Nigeria leads the continent of Africa; their impact is greater."

Since 2015, the Telehealth ABA World Project has been passionate about bringing critical services via telehealth and resources to families and professionals who work with children with autism in over 34 countries, including in Mexico, Costa Rica, Greece, Cameroon, and Nigeria. The Project finds creative ways to offer services in locations that otherwise go without access.

For more information, visit www.uhcl.edu/autism-center/telehealth

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FAITH MATTERS

By Rev. Dr. Brian Gige

"ON DISCIPLES AND APOSTLES"

About the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught. 15 The Jews marveled at it, saying, "How is it that this man has learning, [c] when he has never studied?" 16 So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me; 17 if any man's will is to do his will, he shall know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority. -John 7:14-17

And...

"Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the

gospel of God— 2 the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures 3 regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, 4 and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord." -Romans 1:1-4

According to most anthropologists... humans have been on the move from as far back as when they could walk! Individuals and tribes of people moving out of the African continent into Europe and Asia... and then people coming to both shores of the North America and to the south from both directions east and west... and it hasn't stopped. Either we're a curious bunch or perhaps we're never content with where we live and thus go looking for a better 40 acres to claim as our own.

The Bible certainly affirms that story... as Abraham went down from the Ur of the Chaldees and his family even being accused of being related to a 'wandering Aramean...' and Moses along with the Hebrew nation plodded through the desert for a long, long time before settling in what God had set aside as a 'promised land.' Even Jesus... came down... according to the scriptures. His task included teaching and sending.

So... that brings me to a good question... "What's the difference between a 'disciple' and an 'apostle'?" Wasn't Peter a disciple? And Andrew? Yes. And weren't they both apostles? Like the other ten disciples of Jesus? Yes? And didn't Paul refer to himself as an apostle following his encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus? Of course. So, what's the difference? Well... a disciple is one who is taught... provided some 'discipline'... some structure... a path to follow along the way in order to know stuff... stuff that makes and keeps life good. An apostle is one who is 'sent'... as the root word of apostle being the four letters... 'post'... as when we post something it is a message sent... whether it be tacked to a church door or placed in snail mail or e-mail... and the simple difference is one should be a disciple before they can be an apostle... as in one must have something to share... something of value learned... before going out in the public with... as Christians would tout... 'good news to share!'

The world should always be full of disciples and apostles... as none of us lives to him or herself and all of us are involved in a rhythm of coming and going all our lives. Disciples and apostles we are!

Am I asking everyone to be a disciple and an apostle like Peter or St. Paul? Yes and no. You may not sense being a disciple like Peter... who Jesus invited into a deep spiritual journey, or you may not have had the experience Paul had by literally bumping into Jesus on your way from one place to the next. But I do know some who have...

Yet... we are all taught many things. We watch others and emulate our lives via their words and deeds. And every day we are sent... because we all go into the world...from our homes... to work or to school... into our neighborhoods and groups and whatever... and back and what goes with us in our being sent is the stuff we are taught... for the good of others or to the detriment of community... and hats off to the young boys from Needville... sent to the Little League World Series... they taught us much! Faith matters.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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11. Nobelist Hammarskjöld
14. Cut short
15. Cornell's home
16. Mozart's 'L' del Cairo"
17. Added to the collection
19. Functioned as
20. Extend, in a way
21. Dirty
22. Barber's motion
23. Crusoe's companion
25. Object of many prayers
27. Pursuit of profit
32. U.N. aerospace agency
33. Donnybrook
34. BBs, e.g.
38. Knights' "suit"
41. Cole ___
42. Pub order
44. Discharged a debt
46. Generated by Earth's rotation
51. Coffee break snack
52. Arranged in layers
55. "Say ___"
57. Blanched
60. Clear, as a disk
61. "___ Town Too" (1981 hit)
62. Disbelievers in disarmament
64. "... ___ he drove out of sight"
65. Sloth, e.g.
66. Hunt for
67. Toni Morrison's "___ Baby"
68. Carmaker's woe

Down

1. Winter warmer
2. Gastric woe
3. Meal in a basket, maybe
4. Big name in bathing suits
5. Alliance that includes Ukr.
6. "Miss ___ Regrets"
7. "Beat it!"
8. Crackpot
9. Little eyes: Zool.
10. Blue
11. Skier's direction
12. Berry in diet pills

13. Have a sudden inspiration?
18. Master
22. Corporate department
24. Pool site, maybe
26. Break out
28. Ring bearer, maybe
29. Easy wins
30. Caribbean, e.g.
31. Copy cats?
34. Parenthesis, essentially
35. ___ juice (milk)
36. Whodunit revelation
37. Part of "the works"
39. Big galoot
40. Donnybrook
43. Family head

45. Comparatively arid
47. Like a wolf
48. Emphatic, in a way
49. Red shade
50. Desk item
53. Banana oil, e.g.
54. Office stations
55. Putter an edge on
56. Biker in the "Iliad"
58. Andes capital
59. And others, for short
62. Fold, spindle or mutilate
63. "Is that ___?"

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SPORTS



FORMER PEARLAND QB - Former Pearland Oiler quarterback Jake Sock shows off the Houston Oilers inspired uniforms the University of Houston Cougars donned for the season opener vs UTSA. Sock was a redshirt freshman last season and is working hard to make his way up the depth chart this year. The Cougars got a hard fought win 17-14 over UTSA to start the season 1-0. (Photo by Lloyd Hendricks)

Pearland crushes Memorial 55-21 to remain unbeaten

By Dr. David Davis

Establishing control of the game against Spring Branch Memorial at the very beginning was important for the Oilers.

Pearland and Memorial have been long-time opponents with Pearland owning the rivalry with a 14-3 edge.

The Oilers got the opening kickoff and came out with a 12-play, 68-yard scoring drive that took have of the first quarter.

Junior running back LaDamion McDowell was the workhorse of the drive carrying the ball for seven of the 12 plays capped off with a 4-yard scoring run with 6:15 left in the first quarter. Jackson Stagg tacked on the extra point for a 7-0 lead.

On Memorial's first drive from the Pearland 42 to the 4, the Mustangs opted to kick a 21-yard field goal but the kick missed the mark leaving the Oilers with a 7-0 lead.

Pearland took over on their own 20 and QB Cole Morkovsky promptly hit Jordan "The Jet" Hernandez on a pass down the left sideline for an 80-yard touchdown and the rout was on. Stagg hit the PAT and Pearland was ahead 14-0 with 1:06 remaining in the opening quarter.

After the Pearland defense forced Memorial to punt, the Oilers began their third drive of the game from their own 43.

A pass to WR Patrick Bridges and a 22-yard run by McDowell placed the ball at the Memorial 25.

Morkovsky called The Jet's number again on an end sweep and Hernandez burned the Mustangs on a 25-yard dash around left end. Stagg once again hit the PAT for a 21-0 lead with 11:16 left in the second quarter.

Memorial finally got Pearland to turn the ball over with a fumble on the Oiler 17. The Mustangs scored on a five-play, 17-yard drive with a 7-yard scoring toss to make the score 21-7 with 5:51 left before halftime.

The Oilers would score two more times on a McDowell



CATCH ME IF YOU CAN - Pearland junior RB LaDamion McDowell (4) breaks free on a 42-yard touchdown sprint vs Memorial. McDowell would finish the day with 16 carries for 107 yards and three touchdowns. The Oilers took the game 55-21 and will face a big challenge in C.E. King on Friday September 8, 7:00 p.m. at The Rig. (Photo by Lloyd Hendricks)

42-yard scoring run and a 58-yard interception return for a score by Jaiden Brown for a 35-7 lead at intermission.

The Oilers continued to dominate the second half as they scored 20 more points on a 21-scoring pass from Morkovsky to Patrick Bridges and a 2-yard run by McDowell.

Stagg, who was kept busy kicking all night, added field goals of 22-yards and 39-yards for a total of 13 points.

Memorial managed to score a couple of touchdowns in the second half to make the final score 55-21.

The Oilers have scored 100 points in their first two games this season as the offense is coming together.

Pearland will host the C.E. King Panthers on Friday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. at The Rig.

Sr. Players of the Week

Dawson vs Klein Collins

Offense **Defense**

Sr. QB Gage Greene

Greene was 17-for-34 passing for 277 yards and two TDs against Klein Collins. "Greene has shown toughness and leadership so far this season," said coach Allison. "He has continued to grow in his first season as the starting QB, and we look forward to seeing what he does next."

Sr. Hudson Windsor

Windsor had five tackles, one TFL, one sack, and two pass break ups. "Windsor played with great effort and emotion," said coach Allison. "He continues to work hard to improve himself and the defense each week."

Players of the Week

Pearland vs SB Memorial

Offense **Defense**

Sr. WR Patrick Bridges

Bridges had multiple catches and a 21-yard TD against Memorial. "We knew coming into the season Pat was going to be a big part of our offense, but what has really elevated his game is what he has done off the ball," coach Gotte said. "His ability to set impactful blocks on the perimeter combined with his versatility to play in different packages has made him a very important part of our team."

Sr. LB Chase Montoya

"We are excited about Chase's growth at inside linebacker, being this is his first season at the position," coach Gotte said. "He was a dynamic player this week who was able to make plays in space and in the backfield."

Sr. Players of the Week

Shadow Creek vs Clear Springs

Offense **Defense**

RG AJ McDaniel

McDaniel anchored the offensive line to help lead the Sharks to a 20-7 win over

CB Cobey Sellers

Sellers highlighted a strong performance by the defensive secondary in the 20-7 win over

Players of the Week

Friendswood vs Willowridge

Offense **Defense**

RB Walker Winters

Winters had 25 carries for 173 yards and 2TDs against Willowridge. "Walker did a great job carrying the ball and in pass protection," said coach Johnson. As the game went on, Winters continued to carry the ball strong and did a great job after contact."

LB Marcos Quintero

Quintero had six tackles, three TFL, and one sack in the 49-6 Friendswood win over Willowridge. "Quintero was disruptive and applied pressure throughout the night," coach Johnson said. "Marcos played with a high motor and impacted the game in various ways from his linebacker position."



TOUCHDOWN - Walker Winters went backwards to score a touchdown for Friendswood. Winters had 25 carries for 173 yards and two TDs against Willowridge in the 49-6 win. (Photo by Lloyd Hendricks)

Mustangs present Johnson with first win in dominating fashion

By Dr. David Davis

Former Friendswood alum Jordan Johnson returned home to take over the football fortunes of the Mustangs and his team presented him with his first victory as the new head coach. The ‘Stangs beat the Willowridge Eagles 49-6 in a dominating performance by the offense and defense.

While Johnson anticipates many more wins in the future -- the first one will go in the memory bank as one to always remember.

“We’ve come a long way in terms of preparation, in terms of playing for each other,” Johnson said after his first win as head coach of the Mustangs (1-1). “Expectations were a big thing we talked about during the week. Having high expectations for ourselves, having high standards that we try to meet every single day. It all came to fruition in this game.”

Both teams were slow to get started as the Mustangs quickly went three and out on their first possession.

Willowridge took their time with more than five minutes and 15 plays, to the Friendswood 1-yard line. A fumble by senior quarterback Kendron Penson Jr. was recovered by Friendswood senior linebacker Kolton Postma.

It would be the first of missed scoring opportunities for the Eagles.

The Mustangs went on 14-play drive capped off by a 3-yard run by senior quarterback Brock Foster for a 7-0 lead at the end of the opening period.

Foster also threw a pair of scoring passes to junior wide receiver Garrett Muecke in the second quarter. The first scoring pass covered 32-yards and the second strike covered 23 yards to give the Mustangs a 21-0 lead.

“(Foster) has done such a good job. I love his demeanor; he’s locked in and he knows what his reads are,” Johnson said. “He knows what he’s doing when (the center) snaps the ball and he catches it and knows exactly where to go with it.”

Following the game, Foster acknowledged how much the team likes the fast offense, calling it a 180-degree difference from his first three seasons as a Mustang.

“We’re really big on speed, getting the ball down and snapping the play and getting the next play across,” Foster said. “We did that really well, and it showed when we put up 49 points.”

Junior running back Walker Winters ran for nearly 150 yards before the end of the first half which included two touchdowns. Winters finished with 173 yards on 25 carries and two scores on 3 and 23 yards.

Sophomore running back Ty Diesel Rudolph took over in the second half and scored on a 7-yard run which pushed the Mustangs ahead 49-0. Rudolph had 12 carries for 63 yards.

Friendswood led 28-0 at halftime and 49-0 after three quarters before Willowridge got on the scoreboard to post the 49-6 final score.

Foster was 8-of-18 passing for 90 yards and two TDs while Butler was 6-of-6 for 51 yards and one score.

The Mustangs evened their season record to 1-1 while Willowridge is also 1-1.

Friendswood begins district action on Friday, September 8 when they host FB Kempner at 7:00 p.m. at Henry Winston Stadium.

Kempner is 0-2 in 2023 with losses to Santa Fe (50-20) and Pasadena Memorial (71-6).

The Mustangs are heavy favorites to pick up their second win of the season.

Shadow Creek shuts down Clear Springs 20-7

By Dr. David Davis

In a battle of two teams who both advanced to the Class 6A Div I area rounds last season -- it was no surprise that this game would be close.

Last year, the Sharks had to hold on for a 37-26 win as the Chargers made a fourth quarter rally but came up short.

In this year’s contest, Shadow Creek used a controlled offense to keep the Clear Springs’ offense off the field.

Shadow Creek had the ball for more than 27 minutes, with almost 15 minutes of possession time coming in the second half, al-

lowing the Sharks to stretch a 10-0 halftime lead into the final 20-7 margin.

After a scoreless opening quarter for both teams, the Sharks scored a touchdown and a field goal in the second period for the 10-0 advantage.

Shadow Creek signal-caller Jacorey Watson connected with Ashton Jones on a 12-yard scoring strike with 8:44 remaining in the second quarter and then as time expired Aiden Bui booted a 33-yard field goal to give the Sharks a 10-0 lead at the break.

Watson did a lot of damage in the first half, throwing for 84 yards on a perfect 14-for-14 passing. He also rushed for 18 yards.

Watson finished the game going 25-for-29 passing for 216 yards and two TDs while rushing for 56 yards on 14 totes.

The Sharks added 10 more points in the second half, all in the third quarter, when Bui booted a 33-yard field goal to increase the lead to 13-0 and then Chris Stewart electrified the crowd with a 70-yard scoring jaunt for a 20-0 advantage.

Down 20-0, Clear Springs did make things interesting in the third quarter, when the Chargers put together a 10-play, 80-yard drive that culminated with a 1-yard blast by Xai’Shaun Edwards to cut the lead to 20-7. Edwards had a solid game, racking up 120

yards rushing on 10 touches.

Tylik Burton led the Sharks ground attack with 14 carries for 69 yards while also catching five passes for 39 yards.

Chris Stewart had four catches for 110 yards and one score while Ashton Jones had seven grabs for 46 yards and one TD.

But no one could find paydirt in the final quarter as the Sharks held on for the 20-7 non-district win to improve to 2-0 on the young season. Clear Springs fell to 0-2.

Shadow Creek will host the Bridgeland Bears on Friday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Freedom Field.



LEADING RECEIVER - Shadow Creek sophomore WR Chris Stewart led the Sharks receivers with 110 yards including this 70-yard TD catch. The Sharks beat Clear Springs 20-7 to improve to 2-0 on the season. Shadow Creek will host the Bridgeland Bears on Friday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Freedom Field. (Photo by Michael McManus)

Dawson falls short to No. 4 Klein Collins 30-17

By Dr. David Davis

It took only 15 seconds for No. 4 area-ranked Klein Collins to take the lead in this non-district game with Dawson as James Smith caught the opening kickoff for the Tigers at his own three-yard line and returned it 97-yards for a game-opening touchdown and a 6-0 lead with 11:45 left in the first quarter. The Tigers missed the PAT.

Dawson was first to punt the ball on their first possession and Klein Collins responded with another score as QB Tucker Parks scored on a 2-yard keeper. The PAT was good and the Tigers had a 13-0 advantage in the first period.

Despite the early deficit, the Eagles responded with a score of their own when QB Gage Greene hits WR Rodney Bonham on a 48-yard scoring pass. Ayden Treadaway hit the PAT making the score 13-7 in the opening quarter.

The Eagles would hold the Tigers and take possession of the next drive where they would get to the Klein Collins 19 before having to settle for a field goal.

Aaron Jensen stepped up to calmly boot a 29-yard field goal to close the gap to 13-10 at the end of the first frame.

Both teams would score 10 points in the second quarter as Klein Collins scored on 45-yard touchdown for a 20-10 lead in the second quarter.

The Eagles would answer as Greene hit Rhodes on a 58-yard scoring strike. Treadaway added the PAT to close the gap to 20-17.

The Tigers would score before halftime on a 37-yard field goal to make the score 23-17 at intermission.

The second half became a defensive battle as Klein Collins scored on a 2-yard run in the third quarter. The extra point hit the mark for a 30-17 lead which turned out to be

the final score as Dawson was not able to add another score.

Greene was 17-of-34 passing for 277 yards and two TDs while he also suffered two interceptions.

The ground attack didn't go so well as the Klein Collins

defense held the Eagles to only one yard rushing.

Dawson is now 0-2 on the season and will host the Tom-ball Cougars on Saturday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. at Pearland ISD Stadium.

Alvin ISD high schools participate in Challenge Day



A group of Alvin HS students participated in Challenge Day.

For millions of young people, teasing, violence, and alienation are a part of a typical school day. Many students are afraid to walk down the halls for fear of being teased or humiliated. Others feel so alone and frightened that they cannot even pay attention in their classes.

That is why students and staff from Shadow Creek HS, Iowa Colony HS, Alvin HS, and Manvel HS participated in Challenge Day, a program meant to bring together students from different backgrounds to build empathy and compassion for their peers.

Challenge Day is an organization that helps young people learn to connect through powerful, life-changing programs in their schools and communities. The day-long, interactive Challenge Day program provides teens and adults with tools to tear down the walls of separation, and inspires participants to live, study, and work in an encouraging environment of acceptance, love, and respect.

The program began with opening exercises and they served to do just that-- open everyone up, through hugs, fist

bumps, and other means of affection and acknowledgement. From there, large and small groups shared intimate and private conversations about things they were going through, developing a mutual understanding and cultivating empathy and a strong sense of community.

"Our kids came into the event wondering exactly what they'd gotten themselves into," said Iowa Colony Principal Ashley Marquez, who also took part in the event. "Within the first 2 hours, they built bridges with others through games and competition before building deeper connections as they allowed themselves to be vulnerable in real, honest conversations within their small group families. Every participant left with the understanding that all of us have obstacles and hardships in our lives, and all of our kids expressed a desire for their world to offer more kindness. Our challenge is to make sure we are building that world for them."

Students and adults left Challenge Day inspired and empowered to become leaders in their schools and communities and to Be the Change they wish to see in the world.

Master Gardeners host free workshops, plant sales

Galveston County Master Gardeners will host two September programs free to the public about gardening topics as well as two plant sales.

On Saturday, September 16, Wild About Wildflowers will be held from 9 to 11 am at the Galveston County AgriLife Extension Office located inside Carbide Park at 4102 B Main Street (FM 519) in LaMarque. Horticulture Agent Stephen Brueggerhoff and explore the beauty of Texas native plants and wildflowers. Prime time to prep and sow wildflower seeds for Spring's bounty, Brueggerhoff will give tips to successful wildflower cultivation. Pre - register for this free seminar and learn more: <https://galveston.agrilife.org/horticulture> or call 281-309-5065.

T-Bud Grafting will be offered Saturday, September 30 from 9 to 11:30 am. GCMG Hazel Lampton will present a hands-on workshop for T-bud grafting. She will explore methods used on peach, plum, pear, apple and other fruit trees. This workshop is limited to 20 participants and those wanting to attend must preregister to participate. Visit online <https://galveston.agrilife.org/horticulture> or call 281-309-5065.

Two plant sales are also planned by the Master Gardeners. Summer Sundown Online Plant Sale runs September 8 at noon to noon on September 9. The sale will offer fruit and citrus trees, tomatoes, tropical hibiscus, and perennials available for purchase. Shoppers can browse the items offered before the online sale begins. Visit the Galveston County Master Gardeners' online store for more details - <https://store.galvestonmg.org> or call 281-786-6834.

In October, the group will host the 2nd Annual Fall Festi-



val and Plant Sale in the Discovery Garden in Carbide Park (4102 Main St. in LaMarque) on Saturday, October 21 from 9 am to 1 pm.

GCMGs offer fun, food and discovery featuring garden tours and seminars. Booths include MG grown plants, fall vegetables, herbs, bulbs, and more. There will be an Ask a Master Gardener table for the public to get gardening questions answered, Galveston County AgriLife Extension program booths, and vendors. To get more information on the event, visit <https://txmg.org/galveston> or call 281-534-3413.

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CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 2023-17 UTILITY COST OF SERVICE & RATE STUDY

Request for Proposals (RFPs) shall be submitted via one (1) paper copy, along with one (1) electronic copy in PDF format on a flash drive. Each flash drive must contain only one (1) file in PDF format and must match written response identically. Submittal shall be signed by a person having authority to bind the qualified professional in a contract. All submitted materials must be clearly marked with **RFP NO. 2023-17, UTILITY COST OF SERVICE AND RATE STUDY 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., SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**.

The City of Friendswood (the "City") reserves the right to reject any or all submittals and waive any informality in submittals received. Any contract resulting from this RFP 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 listed below:

Evaluation Criteria	
25%	Experience and qualifications
35%	Cost
20%	Project team, methodology, and timeline
20%	References

Specifications and related information may be downloaded from the City of Friendswood's website at <https://www.ci.friendswood.tx.us/Bids.aspx> if any, 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 Jeff Spears, Purchasing via email at jspears@friendswood.com

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

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Published September 6

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-21

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, REPEALING CHAPTER 54 "OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS," ARTICLE II "CURFEW FOR MINORS" OF THE FRIENDSWOOD CITY CODE, IN ITS ENTIRETY, TO COMPLY WITH H.B. 1819, WHICH REPEALED THE AUTHORITY OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO ADOPT OR ENFORCE JUVENILE CURFEWS; 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 OF HEARING

This serves as formal notice of hearings held to address in an open court the code violations located at 1615 Sleepy Hollow Drive, Pearland, Brazoria County, Texas 77581, Brazoria CAD Property ID 205218, formally recognized as Dixie Hollow (Pearland) Block 5, Lot 8, Pearland, Brazoria County, Texas. The court heard evidence in this matter on August 29, 2023, at the Pearland Municipal Court.

The scheduled court date above was for a public hearing to show evidence, based on which the Court could determine the actions that must be taken by the property owner and/or the City regarding the vacation, securing, repair, removal, or demolition of substandard buildings located on the property listed above. The Court authorized the City to secure the buildings on the property by boarding and scheduled the next hearing in this case on November 28, 2023. A complete copy of the Order issued by the Court can be obtained from the City Secretary's office.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The City of Pearland is updating its Hazard Mitigation Plan, as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM). The City staff will host two meetings with the public on September 13, 2023, to discuss the draft, the planning process, the hazards addressed, and the mitigation actions. The first meeting will be held at the Melvin Knapp Activity Center (2424 South Park Avenue) at 3:00 pm. The second meeting will be held at Pearland City Hall (3519 Liberty Drive) at 6:00 pm. The public is encouraged to come to either meeting.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS 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, **October 2, 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, October 23, 2023**, at 6:30 p.m., at City Hall, 3519 Liberty Dr., Pearland, Texas 77581

- Updates and Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan:** A request by the City of Pearland, applicant, for approval of proposed updates and amendments to the 2015 Comprehensive Plan with Comprehensive Plan Pearland2040.

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 on 281-652-1740.

Florence Buaku, AICP
Senior Planner

Area Briefs

Gas station permit granted, with conditions

Pearland City Council on Aug. 28 supported 5-1 a conditional use permit that would have allowed a gas station to open at 4109 Manvel Road, so long as the plan was screened and re-oriented to place gas pumps farther from residences.

Petrichor Technical Group LLC wants to build the station on the site of a previous gas station that was demolished.

Two residents with young children spoke in opposition to the permit, citing the presence of dangerous fuel vapors in residential areas. In addition, they said, gas stations and convenience stores are much larger than they were years ago.

"It's time to set a new precedent and not allow gas stations to share property lines with residential properties," neighbor Diane Friday said.

Sabine Pass presentation set Thursday

Brazoria County Historical Museum this Thursday will host a 6 p.m. presentation by Shannon Smith, site director at Varner Hogg Plantation, Levi Jordan Plantation and Sabine Pass Battleground State Historic Site.

Smith will discuss the history of Sabine Pass and the battle that is still taught in military colleges today. In September of 1863, Confederate Lt. Richard "Dick" W. Dowling and 46 men known as the Davis Guards successfully defended the channel of Sabine Pass from Union advance-

ment. The Davis Guards fired their cannon 107 times in 35 minutes of action, beating the odds all while taking 300 Union soldiers prisoner and sinking two of the four gunboats. What is unique about this battle, Smith says, are tactics that were used, the use of the area's geographic features and the patience of Dowling's men.

This museum is located at 100 East Cedar in Angleton. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, call 979-864-1208.

Caution urged as hunting season opens

Texas Parks and Wildlife is cautioning outdoor enthusiasts to take wildfire precautions as cooler weather approaches and hunting season opens in September.

Any activities that create heat or sparks can ignite dry vegetation, according to Wes Moorehead, Texas A&M Forest Service Fire Chief.

"Since mid-June, Texas has been marked by devastating wildfires that have burned more than 75,000 acres," said Moorehead said in a release.

Tips include avoiding driving over or parking on dry grass, adhering to burning restrictions and keeping tools such as a shovel and water handy to extinguish a fire should one start. Those with trailers are asked to ensure tires are properly inflated and chains or loose metal do not make contact with the roadway and cause sparks.

More information is available at tfsweb.tamu.edu/HuntingFireSafety/

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The BRAZORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 40 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2023 on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 11:30 a.m., at the offices of Allen Boon 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: Alicia Skinner, Charles M. Eastland, David Kubala
AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: Brandon Guillory, Alice Collins

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)	\$1.46000 /\$100 Adopted	\$1.40000 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-\$0.06000 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		-4.11%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$490,698.00	\$575,586.00
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$30,142.00	\$43,755.00
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$460,556.00	\$531,831.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$6,724.12	\$7,445.63
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$721.52 10.73%

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 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 is levying the total tax rate in order to provide tax revenue to pay for bond debt service and to create adequate balances in the District's general fund.

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.

The Property Tax Assistance Division at the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts provides property tax information and resources for taxpayers, local taxing entities, appraisal districts and appraisal review boards.

For more information, visit our website: comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The BRAZORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 69 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2023 on Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. at 1925 Pearland Parkway, Suite 150, Pearland, Texas, 77581. 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: Philip Lami, David Miller, Kelvin James, George Fishman
AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: Steve Ryan

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	\$0.00
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	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$0.00 0.00%

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 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.

There were no residential homesteads on either January 1, 2022 or January 1, 2023, therefore the tax that would have been imposed on a residential homestead is \$0.00. Due to this the tax election rate is not applicable for 2023 tax year.

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Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The BRAZORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 19 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2023 on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., at the offices 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: Troy Nixon, Keith Blecher, Tina Kelsey, Michael Brittain, Michelle Southerland
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)	\$0.27000 /\$100 Adopted	\$0.22000 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-\$0.05000 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		-18.52%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$324,287.00	\$381,096.00
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$20,158.00	\$44,610.00
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$304,129.00	\$336,486.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$821.15	\$740.27
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		-\$80.88 -9.85%

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.

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Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The BRAZORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 39 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2023 on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices 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: Ahmad Alaswad, Donna Davis, Herman Edwards
AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: Floyd Hodges, Terry Reeves

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)	\$1.40000 /\$100 Adopted	\$1.33000 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-\$0.07000 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		-5.00%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$483,966.00	\$561,055.00
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$36,880.00	\$55,265.00
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$447,086.00	\$505,790.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$6,259.20	\$6,727.01
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$467.80 7.47%

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 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 voter-approval tax rate is \$1.33651 and therefore, notwithstanding the above, no election is required.

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 OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND
INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT RENEWAL**

PERMIT NO. WQ0010134010

APPLICATION. City of Pearland, 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas 77581, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010134010 (EPA I.D. No. TX0032743) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed an annual average flow of 2,500,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located at 2727 Dixie Farm Road, Pearland, in Brazoria and Harris County, Texas 77581. The discharge route is from the plant site directly to Clear Creek Above Tidal. TCEQ received this application on May 30, 2023. The permit application will be available for viewing and copying at Pearland City Hall, 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, in Brazoria County, Texas and at Parker Williams Public Library, 10851 Scarsdale Boulevard, Houston, in Harris County, Texas prior to the date this notice is published in the newspaper. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-95.216388,29.556944&level=18>

ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE NOTICE. Alternative language notice in Spanish is available at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/plain-language-summaries-and-public-notice>. El aviso de idioma alternativo en español está disponible en <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/plain-language-summaries-and-public-notice>. Thông báo ngôn ngữ thay thế bằng tiếng Việt có sẵn tại <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/plain-language-summaries-and-public-notice>.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

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

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

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at <https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/>, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address, and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. Further information may also be obtained from City of Pearland at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Laurie Rodriguez at 281-652-1813.

Issuance Date: August 8, 2023

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The PEARLAND MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO.2 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2023 on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the West Pearland Library, 11801 Shadow Creek Parkway, Pearland, Texas 77584. 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 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: JoBeth Prochaska, Matt Peno, Manny Patel, Tom Tribble, Cindy McGill
AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: Teir Allender, Steve Chandler

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)	\$0.07516 /\$100 Adopted		\$0.07072 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-\$0.00444 /\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		-5.91%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$241,130.00		\$242,190.00
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$89,152.00		\$75,014.00
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$151,978.00		\$167,176.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$114.23		\$118.23
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$4.00 3.50%	

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 voted in 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.

The Property Tax Assistance Division at the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts provides property tax information and resources for taxpayers, local taxing entities, appraisal districts and appraisal review boards.

For more information, visit our website: comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax

**AVISO DE RECIBO DE LA SOLICITUD Y
EL INTENTO DE OBTENER PERMISO PARA LA CALIDAD DEL AGUA
RENOVACION**

PERMISO NO. WQ0010134010

SOLICITUD. La ciudad de Pearland, 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas 77581, ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental del Estado de Texas (TCEQ) para renovar el Permiso No. WQ0010134010 (EPA I.D. No. TX0032743) del Sistema de Eliminación de Descargas de Contaminantes de Texas (TPDES) para autorizar la descarga de aguas residuales tratadas en un volumen que no sobrepasa un flujo promedio anual de 2,500,000 galones por día. La planta está ubicada en 2727 Dixie Farm Road, Pearland, en los Condados de Brazoria y Harris, Texas 77581. La ruta de descarga es del sitio de la planta directamente a Clear Creek por encima de la marea. La TCEQ recibió esta solicitud el 30 de mayo de 2023. La solicitud para el permiso estará disponible para leerla y copiarla en el Ayuntamiento de Pearland, 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, en el condado de Brazoria, Texas y en la Biblioteca Pública Parker Williams, 10851 Scarsdale Boulevard, Houston, en el condado de Harris, Texas antes de la fecha de publicación de este aviso en el periódico. Este enlace a un mapa electrónico de la ubicación general del sitio o de la instalación es proporcionado como una cortesía y no es parte de la solicitud o del aviso. Para la ubicación exacta, consulte la solicitud. <https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-95.2164,29.5569&level=18>

AVISO ADICIONAL. El Director Ejecutivo de la TCEQ ha determinado que la solicitud es administrativamente completa y conducirá una revisión técnica de la solicitud. Después de completar la revisión técnica, el Director Ejecutivo puede preparar un borrador del permiso y emitirá una Decisión Preliminar sobre la solicitud. El aviso de la solicitud y la decisión preliminar serán publicados y enviado a los que están en la lista de correo de las personas a lo largo del condado que desean recibir los avisos y los que están en la lista de correo que desean recibir avisos de esta solicitud. El aviso dará la fecha límite para someter comentarios públicos.

COMENTARIO PUBLICO / REUNION PUBLICA. Usted puede presentar comentarios públicos o pedir una reunión pública sobre esta solicitud. El propósito de una reunión pública es dar la oportunidad de presentar comentarios o hacer preguntas acerca de la solicitud. La TCEQ realiza una reunión pública si el Director Ejecutivo determina que hay un grado de interés público suficiente en la solicitud o si un legislador local lo pide. Una reunión pública no es una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso.

OPORTUNIDAD DE UNA AUDIENCIA ADMINISTRATIVA DE LO CONTENCIOSO. Después del plazo para presentar comentarios públicos, el Director Ejecutivo considerará todos los comentarios apropiados y preparará una respuesta a todo los comentarios públicos esenciales, pertinentes, o significativos. A menos que la solicitud haya sido referida directamente a una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso, la respuesta a los comentarios y la decisión del Director Ejecutivo sobre la solicitud serán enviados por correo a todos los que presentaron un comentario público y a las personas que están en la lista para recibir avisos sobre esta solicitud. Si se reciben comentarios, el aviso también proveerá instrucciones para pedir una reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo y para pedir una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso. Una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso es un procedimiento legal similar a un procedimiento legal civil en un tribunal de distrito del estado.

PARA SOLICITAR UNA AUDIENCIA DE CASO IMPUGNADO, USTED DEBE INCLUIR EN SU SOLICITUD LOS SIGUIENTES DATOS: su nombre, dirección, y número de teléfono; el nombre del solicitante y número del permiso; la ubicación y distancia de su propiedad/actividad con respecto a la instalación; una descripción específica de la forma cómo usted sería afectado adversamente por el sitio de una manera no común al público en general; una lista de todas las cuestiones de hecho en disputa que usted presente durante el período de comentarios; y la declaración "[Yo/nosotros] solicitamos/solicitamos una audiencia de caso impugnado". Si presenta la petición para una audiencia de caso impugnado de parte de un grupo o asociación, debe identificar una persona que representa al grupo para recibir correspondencia en el futuro; identificar el nombre y la dirección de un miembro del grupo que sería afectado adversamente por la planta o la actividad propuesta; proveer la información indicada anteriormente con respecto a la ubicación del miembro afectado y su distancia de la planta o actividad propuesta; explicar cómo y porqué el miembro sería afectado; y explicar cómo los intereses que el grupo desea proteger son pertinentes al propósito del grupo.

Después del cierre de todos los períodos de comentarios y de petición que aplican, el Director Ejecutivo enviará la solicitud y cualquier petición para reconsideración o para una audiencia de caso impugnado a los Comisionados de la TCEQ para su consideración durante una reunión programada de la Comisión. La Comisión sólo puede conceder una solicitud de una audiencia de caso impugnado sobre los temas que el solicitante haya presentado en sus comentarios oportunos que no fueron retirados posteriormente. Si se concede una audiencia, el tema de la audiencia estará limitado a cuestiones de hecho en disputa o cuestiones mixtas de hecho y de derecho relacionadas a intereses pertinentes y materiales de calidad del agua que se hayan presentado durante el período de comentarios. Si ciertos criterios se cumplen, la TCEQ puede actuar sobre una solicitud para renovar un permiso sin proveer una oportunidad de una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso.

LISTA DE CORREO. Si somete comentarios públicos, un pedido para una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso o una reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo, la Oficina del Secretario Principal enviará por correo los avisos públicos en relación con la solicitud. Además, puede pedir que la TCEQ ponga su nombre en una o más de las listas correos siguientes (1) la lista de correo permanente para recibir los avisos de el solicitante indicado por nombre y número del permiso específico y/o (2) la lista de correo de todas las solicitudes en un condado específico. Si desea que se agregue su nombre en una de las listas designe cual lista(s) y envía por correo su pedido a la Oficina del Secretario Principal de la TCEQ.

CONTACTOS E INFORMACIÓN A LA AGENCIA. Todos los comentarios públicos y solicitudes deben ser presentadas electrónicamente vía <http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/> o por escrito dirigidos a la Comisión de Texas de Calidad Ambiental, Oficial de la Secretaría (Office of Chief Clerk), MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Tenga en cuenta que cualquier información personal que usted proporcione, incluyendo su nombre, número de teléfono, dirección de correo electrónico y dirección física pasarán a formar parte del registro público de la Agencia. Para obtener más información acerca de esta solicitud de permiso o el proceso de permisos, llame al programa de educación pública de la TCEQ, gratis, al 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

También se puede obtener información adicional de la ciudad de Pearland a la dirección indicada arriba o llamando a la Sra. Laurie Rodriguez al 281-652-2191.

Fecha de emision: 8 de agosto de 2023

THÔNG BÁO NHẬN ĐƠN VÀ MONG MUỐN NHẬN ĐƯỢC GIA HẠN GIẤY PHÉP CHẤT LƯỢNG NƯỚC

GIẤY PHÉP SỐ WQ0010134010

ĐƠN XIN GIẤY PHÉP. City of Pearland, 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas 77581, đã nộp đơn lên Ủy ban chất lượng môi trường Texas (TCEQ) để gia hạn Giấy phép Hệ thống loại bỏ chất ô nhiễm Texas (TPDES) Số WQ0010134010 (EPA I.D. Số TX0032743) cho phép xả nước thải đã xử lý với khối lượng không vượt quá lưu lượng trung bình hàng năm là 2.500.000 gallon mỗi ngày. Cơ sở xử lý nước thải sinh hoạt nằm tại 2727 Dixie Farm Road, Pearland, tại Quận Brazoria và Harris, Texas 77581. Đường xả thải là từ khu vực nhà máy trực đến Clear Creek Above Tidal. TCEQ đã nhận được đơn này vào ngày 30 tháng 5 năm 2023. Đơn xin giấy phép có sẵn để xem và sao chép tại Tòa thị chính Pearland, 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, tại Quận Brazoria, Texas và tại Thư viện cộng đồng Parker Williams, 10851 Scarsdale Boulevard, Houston, tại Quận Harris, Texas trước ngày thông báo này được đăng tải trên báo chí. Liên kết này đến bản đồ điện tử của địa điểm hoặc vị trí tổng thể của cơ sở được cung cấp như một đề xuất và không phải là một phần của đơn xin phép hoặc thông báo. Để biết vị trí chính xác, hãy tham khảo đơn xin phép <https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-95.2164,29.5569&level=18>

THÔNG BÁO BỔ SUNG. Giám đốc điều hành của TCEQ đã xác định đơn xin giấy phép đã hoàn tất về mặt hành chính và sẽ tiến hành đánh giá kỹ thuật đối với đơn xin giấy phép. Sau khi việc xem xét kỹ thuật đơn xin giấy phép hoàn tất, Giám đốc điều hành có thể chuẩn bị dự thảo giấy phép và sẽ đưa ra quyết định sơ bộ về đơn xin giấy phép. Thông báo về Đơn xin giấy phép và Quyết định sơ bộ sẽ được công bố và gửi đến những người đã gửi ý kiến công khai và những người có tên trong địa chỉ danh sách của đơn xin giấy phép này. Nếu nhận được ý kiến, thư trả lời cũng sẽ cung cấp hướng dẫn yêu cầu xem xét lại quyết định của Giám đốc điều hành và yêu cầu điều trần vụ việc gây tranh cãi. Phiên điều trần vụ việc gây tranh cãi là một thủ tục pháp lý tương tự như phiên tòa dân sự tại tòa án quận của tiểu bang.

ĐỀ YÊU CẦU MỘT PHIÊN ĐIỀU TRẦN VỤ VIỆC G Y TRANH CẢI, QUÝ VỊ PHẢI CUNG CẤP CÁC THÔNG TIN SAU ĐÂY TRONG YÊU CẦU CỦA MINH: tên, địa chỉ, số điện thoại của quý vị; tên của người nộp đơn và số giấy phép đề xuất; vị trí và khoảng cách của tài sản/hoạt động của quý vị so với cơ sở đề xuất; mô tả cụ thể về việc quý vị sẽ bị ảnh hưởng bất lợi như thế nào bởi cơ sở theo cách không bình thường với công chúng; danh sách tất cả các vấn đề thực tế gây tranh cãi mà quý vị gửi trong thời gian đưa ra nhận xét và tuyên bố "[Tôi/chúng tôi] yêu cầu một phiên điều trần vụ việc gây tranh cãi." Nếu yêu cầu điều trần vụ việc gây tranh cãi được đệ trình thay mặt cho một nhóm hoặc hiệp hội, thì yêu cầu đó phải chỉ định người đại diện của nhóm để sau này nhận thư phản hồi; nhận dạng theo tên và địa chỉ thực tế của từng thành viên trong nhóm sẽ bị ảnh hưởng xấu bởi cơ sở hoặc hoạt động đề xuất; cung cấp thông tin đã thảo luận ở trên về vị trí và khoảng cách của thành viên bị ảnh hưởng bởi cơ sở hoặc hoạt động; giải thích cách thực và lý do thành viên sẽ bị ảnh hưởng; và giải thích các lợi ích mà nhóm tìm cách bảo vệ liên quan như thế nào đến mục đích của nhóm.

Sau khi kết thúc tất cả các giai đoạn lấy ý kiến và yêu cầu phù hợp, Giám đốc điều hành sẽ chuyển đơn xin giấy phép và mọi yêu cầu xem xét lại hoặc điều trần vụ việc gây tranh cãi tới các Ủy viên hội đồng TCEQ để họ xem xét tại cuộc họp Ủy ban đã lên lịch.

Ủy ban chỉ có thể chấp nhận yêu cầu điều trần vụ việc gây tranh cãi về các vấn đề mà người yêu cầu đã gửi trong các ý kiến kịp thời của họ mà sau đó không được rút lại. Nếu một phiên điều trần được chấp thuận, thì chủ đề của phiên điều trần sẽ được giới hạn trong các vấn đề gây tranh cãi thực tế hoặc các câu hỏi chung về thực tế và luật liên quan đến các mối quan ngại về chất lượng nước và có liên quan được gửi trong giai đoạn lấy ý kiến. TCEQ có thể xem xét đơn xin gia hạn giấy phép xả nước thải mà không tổ chức một phiên điều trần vụ việc gây tranh cãi nếu đáp ứng một số tiêu chí nhất định.

DANH SÁCH ĐỊA CHỈ. Nếu quý vị gửi ý kiến công khai, yêu cầu điều trần vụ việc gây tranh cãi hoặc xem xét lại quyết định của Giám đốc điều hành, thì quý vị sẽ được thêm vào danh sách địa chỉ của đơn xin giấy phép có thể này để nhận được các thông báo công khai trong tương lai do Văn phòng Chánh văn phòng gửi qua đường bưu điện. Ngoài ra, quý vị có thể yêu cầu được thêm vào: (1) địa chỉ danh sách thường trực đối với tên người nộp đơn sơ bộ và số giấy phép; và/hoặc (2) danh sách địa chỉ của một quận cụ thể. Nếu quý vị muốn được thêm vào danh sách địa chỉ thường trực và/hoặc của quận, hãy nêu rõ (những) danh sách nào và gửi yêu cầu của quý vị đến Văn phòng Chánh văn phòng TCEQ theo địa chỉ bên dưới.

THÔNG TIN TRỰC TUYẾN SẴN CÓ. Để biết chi tiết về tình trạng của đơn xin giấy phép, hãy truy cập Cơ sở dữ liệu tích hợp của Ủy viên hội đồng tại www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Tìm kiếm cơ sở dữ liệu bằng cách sử dụng số giấy phép của đơn xin giấy phép, được cung cấp ở đầu thông báo này.

THÔNG TIN VÀ LIÊN LẠC CỦA CƠ QUAN QUẢN LÝ. Phải gửi ý kiến và yêu cầu công khai bằng hình thức điện tử tại <https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/>, hoặc bằng văn bản cho Ủy ban chất lượng môi trường Texas, Văn phòng Chánh văn phòng, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Xin lưu ý rằng bất kỳ thông tin liên hệ nào mà quý vị cung cấp, bao gồm tên, số điện thoại, địa chỉ email và địa chỉ thực tế sẽ trở thành một phần trong hồ sơ công khai của cơ quan quản lý. Để biết thêm thông tin về đơn xin giấy phép này hoặc quy trình cấp phép, vui lòng gọi cho Chương trình Giáo dục công TCEQ. Số điện thoại miễn phí 1-800-687-4040 hoặc truy cập trang web chương trình tại www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Quý vị cũng có thể lấy thêm thông tin từ City of Pearland theo địa chỉ đã nêu ở trên hoặc gọi cho bà Laurie Rodriguez theo số máy 281-652-1813.

Ngày phát hành: 8 tháng tám 2023

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0012295001

APPLICATION. City of Pearland, 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas 77581, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0012295001 (EPA I.D. No. TX0085383) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 950,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located at 3711 Soho Drive, Pearland, in Brazoria County, Texas 77584. The discharge route is from the plant site to Brazoria County Drainage District No. 4 Ditch; thence to Clear Creek Above Tidal. TCEQ received this application on June 27, 2023. The permit application will be available for viewing and copying at Pearland City Hall, 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, in Brazoria County, Texas prior to the date this notice is published in the newspaper. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-95.3625,29.579166&level=18>

ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE NOTICE. Alternative language notice in Spanish is available at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/plain-language-summaries-and-public-notice>. El aviso de idioma alternativo en español está disponible en <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/plain-language-summaries-and-public-notice>.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

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

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

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at <https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/>, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address, and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Pearland at the address stated above or by calling Mrs. Laurie Rodriguez at 281-652-1813.

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AVISO DE RECIBO DE LA SOLICITUD Y EL INTENTO DE OBTENER PERMISO PARA LA CALIDAD DEL AGUA RENOVACION

PERMISO NO. WQ0012295001

SOLICITUD. Ciudad de Pearland, 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas 77581, ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental del Estado de Texas (TCEQ) para renovar el Permiso No. WQ0012295001 (EPA I.D. No. TX 0085383) del Sistema de Eliminación de Descargas de Contaminantes de Texas (TPDES) para autorizar la descarga de aguas residuales tratadas en un volumen que no sobrepasa un flujo promedio diario de 0.95 millón galones por día (MGD). La planta está ubicada 3711 Soho Drive en el Condado de Brazoria, Texas. La ruta de descarga es del sitio de la planta ha especificado en el archivo adjunto 3. La TCEQ recibió esta solicitud el junio 27 de 2023. La solicitud para el permiso estará disponible para leerla y copiarla en Pearland city hall office, 3519 Liberty Drive Pearland, Texas, 77581 antes de la fecha de publicación de este aviso en el periódico. Este enlace a un mapa electrónico de la ubicación general del sitio o de la instalación es proporcionado como una cortesía y no es parte de la solicitud o del aviso. Para la ubicación exacta, consulte la solicitud. <https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-95.3625,29.579166&level=18>

AVISO ADICIONAL. El Director Ejecutivo de la TCEQ ha determinado que la solicitud es administrativamente completa y conducirá una revisión técnica de la solicitud. Después de completar la revisión técnica, el Director Ejecutivo puede preparar un borrador del permiso y emitirá una Decisión Preliminar sobre la solicitud. El aviso de la solicitud y la decisión preliminar serán publicados y enviado a los que están en la lista de correo de las personas a lo largo del condado que desean recibir los avisos y los que están en la lista de correo que desean recibir avisos de esta solicitud. El aviso dará la fecha límite para someter comentarios públicos.

COMENTARIO PUBLICO / REUNION PUBLICA. Usted puede presentar comentarios públicos o pedir una reunión pública sobre esta solicitud. El propósito de una reunión pública es dar la oportunidad de presentar comentarios o hacer preguntas acerca de la solicitud. La TCEQ realiza una reunión pública si el Director Ejecutivo determina que hay un grado de interés público suficiente en la solicitud o si un legislador local lo pide. Una reunión pública no es una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso.

OPORTUNIDAD DE UNA AUDIENCIA ADMINISTRATIVA DE LO CONTENCIOSO. Después del plazo para presentar comentarios públicos, el Director Ejecutivo considerará todos los comentarios apropiados y preparará una respuesta a todo los comentarios públicos esenciales, pertinentes, o significativos. A menos que la solicitud haya sido referida directamente a una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso, la respuesta a los comentarios y la decisión del Director Ejecutivo sobre la solicitud serán enviados por correo a todos los que presentaron un comentario público y a las personas que están en la lista para recibir avisos sobre esta solicitud. Si se reciben comentarios, el aviso también proveerá instrucciones para pedir una reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo y para pedir una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso. Una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso es un procedimiento legal similar a un procedimiento legal civil en un tribunal de distrito del estado.

PARA SOLICITAR UNA AUDIENCIA DE CASO IMPUGNADO, USTED DEBE INCLUIR EN SU SOLICITUD LOS SIGUIENTES DATOS: su nombre, dirección, y número de teléfono; el nombre del solicitante y número del permiso; la ubicación y distancia de su propiedad/actividad con respecto a la instalación; una descripción específica de la forma cómo usted sería afectado adversamente por el sitio de una manera no común al público en general; una lista de todas las cuestiones de hecho en disputa que usted presente durante el período de comentarios; y la declaración "[Yo/nosotros] solicitamos/solicitamos una audiencia de caso impugnado". Si presenta la petición para una audiencia de caso impugnado de parte de un grupo o asociación, debe identificar una persona que representa al grupo para recibir correspondencia en el futuro; identificar el nombre y la dirección de un miembro del grupo que sería afectado adversamente por la planta o la actividad propuesta; proveer la información indicada anteriormente con respecto a la ubicación del miembro afectado y su distancia de la planta o actividad propuesta; explicar cómo y porqué el miembro sería afectado; y explicar cómo los intereses que el grupo desea proteger son pertinentes al propósito del grupo.

Después del cierre de todos los períodos de comentarios y de petición que aplican, el Director Ejecutivo enviará la solicitud y cualquier petición para reconsideración o para una audiencia de caso impugnado a los Comisionados de la TCEQ para su consideración durante una reunión programada de la Comisión. La Comisión sólo puede conceder una solicitud de una audiencia de caso impugnado sobre los temas que el solicitante haya presentado en sus comentarios oportunos que no fueron retirados posteriormente. Si se concede una audiencia, el tema de la audiencia estará limitado a cuestiones de hecho en disputa o cuestiones mixtas de hecho y de derecho relacionadas a intereses pertinentes y materiales de calidad del agua que se hayan presentado durante el período de comentarios. Si ciertos criterios se cumplen, la TCEQ puede actuar sobre una solicitud para renovar un permiso sin proveer una oportunidad de una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso.

LISTA DE CORREO. Si somete comentarios públicos, un pedido para una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso o una reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo, la Oficina del Secretario Principal enviará por correo los avisos públicos en relación con la solicitud. Además, puede pedir que la TCEQ ponga su nombre en una o mas de las listas correos siguientes (1) la lista de correo permanente para recibir los avisos de el solicitante indicado por nombre y número del permiso específico y/o (2) la lista de correo de todas las solicitudes en un condado específico. Si desea que se agregue su nombre en una de las listas designe cual lista(s) y envía por correo su pedido a la Oficina del Secretario Principal de la TCEQ.

CONTACTOS E INFORMACIÓN A LA AGENCIA. Todos los comentarios públicos y solicitudes deben ser presentadas electrónicamente via <http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/o> por escrito dirigidos a la Comisión de Texas de Calidad Ambiental, Oficial de la Secretaría (Office of Chief Clerk), MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Tenga en cuenta que cualquier información personal que usted proporcione, incluyendo su nombre, número de teléfono, dirección de correo electrónico y dirección física pasarán a formar parte del registro público de la Agencia. Para obtener más información acerca de esta solicitud de permiso o el proceso de permisos, llame al programa de educación pública de la TCEQ, gratis, al 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

También se puede obtener información adicional de la ciudad de Pearland a la dirección indicada arriba o llamando a la Sra. Laurie Rodriguez al 281-652-1813.

Fecha de emision: 16 de agosto de 2023

Annual Ice Cream Social draws a crowd

The 8th Annual Ice Cream Social once again brought together local residents for an enjoyable day of free desserts and live music at the Old Perry House in downtown Friendswood. This event is a collaborative effort between the Friendswood Historical Society, the Friends of Downtown Friendswood Association, and Keep Friendswood Beautiful, and it has become a cherished tradition since its inception in 2016. For many, the Ice Cream Social holds a special place in their hearts as it provided much-needed relief after Hurricane Harvey. During the initial years of the event, it acted as a welcome break for volunteers who were tirelessly working to repair homes affected by the hurricane's flooding.

Over time, the Ice Cream Social has grown beyond its humble beginnings into a symbol of

community resilience. It reminds us of the power of unity during challenging times. The event has gradually gained popularity, attracting new participants and creating a shared narrative that reflects the town's history and future.

In today's fast-paced world, the Ice Cream Social encourages us to pause and savor the simple joys of life. It blends delicious treats, live music, and friendly company, emphasizing the importance of traditions that foster a sense of belonging and unity among neighbors.

As each year's event concludes, it leaves behind cherished memories and a reaffirmation of the strong bonds that unite the people of Friendswood. The Ice Cream Social promises more heartwarming celebrations to come, continuing to bring joy and togetherness to the community.



Student volunteers serve up free ice cream at the 8th Annual Ice Cream Social

Future engineers gain hands on experience

With education abroad, college students can experience new places and cultures, all while earning credits toward their degrees'. Students also acquire skills that employers are looking for such as leadership, communication adaptability and teamwork with people from different backgrounds. Four University of Houston Clear Lake College of Science and Engineering students studied abroad in Darmstadt, Germany this past summer to complete the 'German Engineering and Language' program. This six-week program is designed to provide insights into cutting-edge German engineering technology, to improve students' foreign language skills, and to learn more about German culture.

Trey Carsner, Ros'Lynn Charles, Alexej Gobert, and Isaiah Roque, all experienced German culture, while taking German language courses, attending

engineering courses and workshops and cross-cultural competencies training. The program focused on mechanical and electrical engineering.

They completed their German language courses virtually, and then traveled to Darmstadt to complete their in-person courses and trainings. For engineers, Germany is an especially attractive study-abroad destination because it's known as one of the leading engineering and manufacturing countries in the world, and is home to internationally known brands like Audi, BMW, Siemens, Daimler and many more.

Ros'Lynn Charles is a senior pursuing her Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. She aspires to be an automotive mechanical engineer and said the program and classes she attended helped prepare her for her future career.

"You can choose which engineering track you want to follow. I am interested in automotive, and what I learned will help me when I start manufacturing things. Our labs consisted of hands on work with machines, not just learning from a textbook," she said. "They took us to the field, to different companies, and to a track to drive cars."

Charles said that she would recommend study abroad to other engineering students. She said it could remove them from their comfort zones, and also help them find a sense of independence.

"People can be afraid, and that deters them from studying abroad. I did not know the three other guys that went on the trip until we arrived at the airport. Three of us had been out of the country, and one of us hadn't," she explained. "At the beginning of our trip, the one who hadn't been out of the country was the least familiar with traveling

and public transportation. By the end of the trip, he was the one taking all of the trains by himself and able to maneuver without the rest of us."

She added traveling with a "buddy system" in place was beneficial for them when they were feeling homesick, and for safety purposes. She said UHCL's Education Abroad and Scholar Services did a great job lining everything up for them to be comfortable, and offered guidance and support throughout the process.

Global Scholar Adviser II Larisa Landry said Education Abroad and Scholar Services would love to send more engineering students to Germany next summer.

"The program will be available next year, and we will be assisting students. It is important for them to apply as soon as possible, because the program is open to students from all over the world,

and this makes it very competitive," she said. "It is a lengthy process and it takes time, but we provide them with support from the very beginning. We help them communicate with each other and partners in Germany, and provide them with a predeparture orientation."

Landry added that they inform students of any mishaps that could happen, what type of travel insurance they will need, risks and more. The department likes to have students fully prepared before traveling.

"We understand that many of our students have never been abroad," Landry said. "But the benefit of this program, is that our Germany partners provide airport pick-up, 24-hour assistance to the students, and work closely with us to provide safety to students."

Students earn three classroom credits for completing study abroad at UHCL.