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Around Town

OCTOBER 4

CROCHET & KNIT TOGETHER
Wednesdays from 4:30pm to 5:30pm. Bring your own project to the Friendswood Library (e.g. knitting, needle point, sewing, embroidery, cross stitch). Or a few simple crochet patterns, yarn, and hooks will be available. Crochet beginners are welcome. For adults and young adults.

OCTOBER 5

HERITAGE GARDENERS
Harris County Master Gardener Michelle Getz will present Beating the Heat and Other Garden Strategies at the Heritage Gardener meeting October 5, 2023 at 112 W. Spreading Oaks in Friendswood. Anyone interested in gardening is invited to attend. 9:30 am with speaker beginning at 10 am.

MOVIE NIGHT

Showing this week at the Friendswood Library: The Truman Show (1998) starring Jim Carrey, Laura Linney, Ed Harris, Natasha McElhone, and Noah Emmerich. Free and open to the public. Feel free to bring comfortable seating, bean bags, etc. Refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library. The show starts at 6:30pm.

HOMECOMING PARADE

FM 518 will be closed in both directions from FM 2351 to Clearview Ave. on Thursday, October 5, beginning at 6:20 PM, for the Friendswood High School Homecoming Parade. The parade is expected to last approximately 30 min.

OCTOBER 6

FISD MUSEUM
The Friendswood Schools Museum is open the first Saturday each month from 10 am to 2 pm. During the FHS Homecoming week the Friendswood Schools Museum will be open Friday Oct. 6 and Saturday Oct. 7, from 10 am to 2 pm. Admission is free, and school-related donations are welcome!

ADULT ESL CLASS

Practice your English conversation skills with Vineet on Fridays from 3:30pm to 5:00pm in the library. This is an in-person program. No registration needed.

MUSTANGS FOOTBALL

The Friendswood Mustangs face off against the Fulshear Chargers in Henry Winston Stadium. The Homecoming game will kick off at 7pm. Tickets can be pre-purchased at friendswoodfootball.org.

OCTOBER 7

FARMERS MARKET
The Friendswood Farmers Market returns on Saturday from 9am to 1pm at Stevenson Park. Come out and shop for delicious foods and handmade goods from dozens of vendors.

FRIENDSWOOD POETS

Meets the first Saturday of the month in person at the Friendswood Library and online. You are welcome to come listen or share one or two of your own poems after the featured reader. Starts at 11am and ends at 12:30pm.

FRIENDSWOOD ACOUSTIC PICKERS

Bring your acoustic guitar, mandolin, banjo, ukulele, or other acoustic string instrument. Meet at the Friendswood Library and hang out with other musicians in your community. Impromptu jam sessions and lessons. A rip-roaring good time it'll be. Group meets from 2pm to 3:30pm.

OCTOBER 9

CHESS NIGHT
Come enjoy a friendly game of chess at the Friendswood Library on Monday nights from 6:30 to 8:30. The library provides some chess sets, and patrons are welcome to bring their own. This event is for all ages. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. No fees and no registration required.

OCTOBER 10

CLINE DEDICATION
FISD will be opening the new C.W. Cline Elementary School to the public on Tuesday, October 10th. The dedication ceremony will begin at 6pm.

FISD COLLEGE FAIR

Pearland and Friendswood ISDs host a joint college fair event at Dawson High School, 2050 Cullen Blvd. from 6 to 8 p.m. Register at tinyurl.com/DawsonCollegeFair

OCTOBER 11

AISD COLLEGE FAIR
Alvin ISD College Fair for all junior high and high school students is 6 to 8 p.m. JB Hensler College and Career Academy, 7380 Lewis Lane in Manvel. Representatives from four-year and community colleges will be on hand and food trucks will be available along with information on financial aid and military.



From left to right: City Manager Morad Kabiri, Laura Kabiri, Emily Brown, and Derrick Brown

Gala brings library to life

By Jim Foreman

When one thinks of a library, it's often of hushed whispers, rows of books, and quiet corners. However, on September 30th, the Friendswood Public Library transformed into the fantastical world of Lewis Carroll, whisking attendees away to a realm where expectations were overturned and imagination reigned.

The fundraising gala, aptly themed "Through the Looking Glass," turned the library into Alice's Wonderland. Guests were greeted by the White Rabbit and a towering Alice as they went down the rabbit hole.

The event's décor stayed faithful to Carroll's dreamlike vision. Oversized mushrooms sprouted from corners, roses painted red were arranged among hedgerows, and neon tapestries teased guests to take a second, or perhaps third, look. Every corner of the library whispered of mystery and magic, evoking a blend of nostalgia and wonder for attendees.

The highlight of the evening, however, were the performers. The Mad Hatter hosted an eccentric tea party, serving a blend of laughter and boba tea that left guests bemused. The enigmatic Cheshire Cat slinked around, grinning ear to ear, her presence fleeting, leaving guests grinning. The imperious Queen of Hearts ruled with a blend of charm and cheek reminding everyone of the whimsical nature of Wonderland.

"It's like stepping into a dream," said one enchanted attendee. "I've read the book and watched the movies, but this... this is like being inside the story."

The evening wasn't just about entertainment. The gala aimed to raise funds to support the library's new makerspace which will be equipped with 3D printers and tools to aid hobbyists and curious students. The event was a testament to the library's vital role as not just a place for



Friendswood's First Lady Lorrie Foreman poses on the Queen's throne

books, but as a community hub and a space for creativity and imagination.

Friendswood Public Library has always been a beacon of learning and community in the area, and the gala's success underscores the community's commitment to keeping its doors open, its shelves stocked, and a variety of programs for all ages.

Car crash claims FHS grad

By Jim Foreman

The Friendswood community is grappling with heartbreak after the tragic passing of a recent Friendswood High School graduate, Raine Balshaw, last week. The incident occurred on Spreading Oaks Dr. on Tuesday, September 26th.

A cherished member of the Friendswood High School community, Balshaw had left an indelible mark on many lives. He was not only a passionate member of the FHS choir but also showcased his athleticism and dedication as he competed in track & field events.



As word of the accident spread, an outpouring of grief and shock reverberated throughout Friendswood. A touching makeshift memorial has since appeared at the crash site, adorned with flowers, messages, and mementos from grieving family, friends, and well-wishers, testifying to the immense impact Raine had on the lives of those around him.

Raine had furthered his academic journey at the University of Houston, carrying with him the love and pride of his hometown. His tragic passing is felt deeply by his peers at UH and serves as a stark reminder of the fragility of life.

C.W. Cline Elementary School Dedication Ceremony

By Friendswood ISD Communication Department

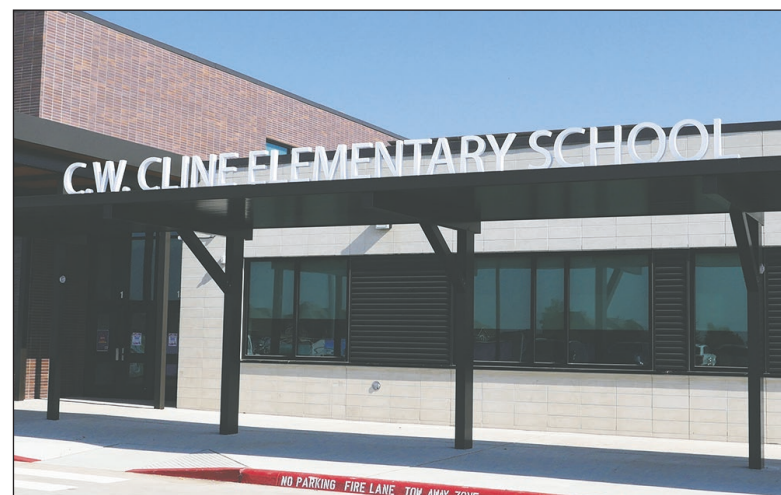
Friendswood ISD is delighted to extend an invitation to the Friendswood community to join in the official dedication ceremony of the newly constructed C.W. Cline Elementary School on Oct. 10 at 6pm located at 1550 West Boulevard, Friendswood, TX 77546.

This dedicated ceremony promises to be an evening filled with excitement and significance as we celebrate the addition of this state-of-the-art educational facility to our community.

The event will commence with a heartfelt dedication ceremony held in front of the magnificent C.W. Cline Elementary School building. It is an occasion not just to com-

memorate the physical structure but also to celebrate the limitless possibilities it holds for FISD students and the entire Friendswood community.

Following the dedication ceremony, attendees will have the opportunity to explore the interior of C.W. Cline Elementary School. Guests will be provided with a discovery map that will guide them to various key areas within the



school, including the state-of-the-art learning commons, classrooms and collaboration spaces.

C.W. Cline Elementary School is a source of immense pride for Friendswood ISD, representing a beacon of inspiration and education for future generations. The presence of the community at this dedication ceremony underscores the vital role of community support in bringing this project to fruition.

Friendswood ISD cordially invites all members of the Friendswood community to attend this significant event and be a part of this exciting moment in FISD's educational history to celebrate the spirit of unity and achievement that has made C.W. Cline Elementary School a reality.

FRIENDSWOOD POLICE REPORT
SEPTEMBER 25 thru OCTOBER 2

Burglary

Sept. 26 (3:16 p.m.) A vehicle burglary was reported at Cline Elementary School, 1550 West Blvd. The staff member arrived for work at 5:57 a.m. When she was leaving at 2:27 p.m., her driver's side window was down, the center console and glove box were open and damaged, and the interior portion of the driver's side panel was damaged.

Sept. 27 (10:40 a.m.) A vehicle burglary was reported at Stevenson Park. The victim parked her vehicle at 9:06 a.m., walked her dog, and left the park at 9:41 a.m. When she got home, she realized that her wallet was stolen.

Sept. 30 (4:26 p.m.) A burglary of an unlocked vehicle was reported in the 16200 block of Bougainvillea Lane. A purse was stolen sometime between 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.

Theft

Sept. 25 (3:33 p.m.) A terminated employee of Ultra Sabers, 308 W. Edgewood, is accused of stealing a credit card and using the card to make personal purchases. The suspect is also a family member and was using the victim's vehicle, equipped with a tracking device. According to the victim, unauthorized transactions made with the stolen credit card matched locations of the vehicle tracking device.

Sept. 28 (8:24 a.m.) A resident in the 2800 block of Creek Bend Drive had contractors working in her home for the past month. She discovered several items of jewelry and important documents missing.

Sept. 28 (10:23 a.m.) A non-profit organization placed a large order for signs with Copy Doctor. The suspect did not want to pay with a credit card, instead presented a check. Soon thereafter, the suspect put a stop payment on the check. When called, the suspect said to charge the card on file and hung up the phone. The same suspect was involved in a fraud case involving Friendswood High School in 2011 where he wrote hot checks to several vendors at a basketball tournament. At that time, the suspect was associated with Xtreme Sports, now the suspect is associating himself with the Bay Area Cardinals.

Fraud

Sept. 25 (8:20 a.m.) A Friend-

swood woman's personal identifying information was used to open a Frost Bank account.

Sept. 26 (2:36 p.m.) A Friendswood man was working on his computer when it crashed. He received a pop-up stating that he needed to contact Microsoft Support. He called the phone number and spoke to a representative who told him that he needed to remotely access his computer. The victim granted access to the representative. Now, the victim's bank accounts are compromised with transfers to Bitcoin and transfers to China.

Sept. 26 (7:04 p.m.) A Friendswood woman reported two fraudulent transactions on her PayPal account. Both charges were for purchases on eBay.

Sept. 27 (9:39 p.m.) A Friendswood woman was attempting to set up multiple accounts on Zelle. She googled the phone number for Zelle, called it, and was connected with a person who she believed to be a representative of Zelle. As it turns out, it was not a Zelle representative but a scammer. He convinced the victim to download AnyDesk (an application that allows someone to remotely access your device) and Cash App under the ruse that Cash App and Zelle had merged and the Zelle app was currently down. Then, he had the victim connect her bank account and wire some money for a "test". Then, the victim was talked into purchasing Bitcoin through Cash App.

Sept. 27 (12:09 p.m.) A Richmond woman's vehicle was burglarized in Houston on September 12th. Then, on September 18th between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., a suspect used the victim's driver's license to withdraw money from her bank account at PNC Bank, 113 N. Friendswood Drive. The suspect not only had the victim's driver's license, but they also had her stolen credit card and used it as a second form of ID to make the withdrawal.

Sept. 29 (2:12 p.m.) A Friendswood woman's Facebook account was hacked and used to advertise an estate sale at the victim's home and was taking Zelle payments for high end items being sold. The woman has been unable to gain control of her Facebook account and is having problems contacting Facebook administrators.

Sept. 30 (1:55 p.m.) A Friendswood man received a notification from his credit card company regarding a charge at the Northside Lexus dealership. He contacted the dealership and sent them his driver's license to verify his identity. He was told that an unknown person presented a driver's license with the victim's information but a different picture. The suspect was allowed to fraudulently purchase a new Lexus. The Lexus has been reported stolen to the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office.

Criminal Mischief

Sept. 27 (6:40 p.m.) A vehicle was vandalized while parked at Friendswood Junior High School, 1000 Manison Parkway. The rear window was broken but was still in place being held together with the window tint.

Sept. 30 (9:42 a.m.) A vehicle was vandalized at the Baymeadow apartments in the 17000 block of Blackhawk Blvd. The damage consisted of both rear taillights being broken, and the front end of the truck being pushed in resulting in minor damage to the front license plate, the front grille, the right front fender, the right front fender eyebrow, and the front fascia/hood gap.

Assault

Sept. 25 (7:32 a.m.) Officers responded to an assault at a home in the 5100 block of Bentwood Lane. The victim presented himself with injuries to his face and advised that his deceased wife's son was the suspect. The suspect left the scene prior to the officer's arrival.

Sept. 30 (1:58 p.m.) An on-court assault during a basketball tournament at Friendswood Junior High led to a citation for assault for a 16-year-old Houston teen and a citation for possession of drug paraphernalia for a 21-year-old family member.

Disorderly Conduct

Sept. 29 (3:00 p.m.) A 17-year-old Friendswood teen was issued a citation for Disorderly Conduct after spinning his tires, driving recklessly, using profane language, and using rude gestures in the parking lot of the Bridgestone Apartments located at 4949 FM 2351. A nearby business confirmed the apartment complex's complaint, both had video proof of the disorderly conduct and provided the license plate of the Tahoe driven by the suspect. The officer was able to track down the teen to an address in the 16600 block of Forest Bend Avenue where he found the teen's parents who were not surprised by the reported conduct and called their son to come home and meet with the officer. The teen was also issued a criminal trespass warning prohibiting him from returning to the apartment complex in the future.

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Water District

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The HARRIS-BRAZORIA COUNTIES MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 509 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2023 on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., at the office of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, Texas 77027. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

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: Ricardo Rodriguez, Gregory Wamhoff, Hector Handal, Luis Miguel Avila
AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: Louis Brown

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.

Table with 3 columns: Description, Last Year, This Year. Rows include Total tax rate, Difference in rates per \$100, Average appraised residence homestead value, etc.

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 has issued bonds and is required to levy a debt service tax rate to support the payment on such bonds.

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

PEARLAND POLICE REPORT

Tuesday, Sept. 26

Stolen property was recovered at 8:42 a.m., 8300 block of McHard Road.

Arrest for possession or delivery of drug paraphernalia made at 9:39 a.m., 3200 block of Bailey Road.

Arrest for assault by physical contact at 10:15 a.m., 11300 block of Gladewater Drive.

Fraudulent use of identifying information arrest at 11:25 a.m., 3100 block of Stratford St.

Hospice death reported at 1:50 p.m., 2100 block of Scarsdale Blvd.

Assault reported at 3 p.m., 3100 block of Dixie Farm Road.

Report of theft by fraud, 5300 block of Leggett Lane.

Theft of service arrest made at 9:00 block of Broadway St.

Family violence assault arrest made at 5 p.m., 3100 block of Dixie Farm Road.

An arrest for assault causing bodily injury was made at 6:33 p.m., 11200 Broadway St.

An arrest for assault causing bodily injury was made at 7:25 p.m., 11900 Shadow Creek Parkway.

Handicap parking violation reported at 5:37 a.m., 3200 block of Broadway.

Fraudulent use of identifying information reported at 7:36 a.m., 2800 block of Tran-

quility Lakes Blvd.

Criminal mischief reported at 11300 block of Misty Morning St. at 10:20 a.m.

Credi card abuse reported at noon, 2000 block of Creek Run Drive.

Assault causing bodily injury, arrest made at 1:10 p.m., 2400 block of Anthony Drive.

Arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia at 3:44 p.m., 10700 Broadway St.

A Houston woman, 22, was arrested for shoplifting and also charged with resisting arrest around 5:30 p.m., 1919 Main St.

A Houston man, 25, was arrested for shoplifting and also charged with evading arrest just before 6 p.m., 1919 Main St.

Car burglaries and criminal mischief were reported at 10 p.m., 2500 block of Pearland Parkway.

A Houston man, 55, was arrested for felony DWI, third or more, at 11 p.m., 7392 Bailey Road.

Thursday, Sept. 28

Death investigation began after midnight in the 16100 block of South Freeway.

Criminal mischief reported at 10 a.m., 11200 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

Car break-ins reported at 10:30 a.m., 1300 block of Main St.

Disorderly conduct reported at 11:25 a.m., 3600 block of

Business Center Drive.

An arrest for driving with an invalid license made at 11:47 a.m., 3100 block of Business Center Drive.

Arrest for theft at 3 p.m., 1919 Main St.

Car burglaries reported at 4 p.m., 4400 block of Halik Road.

Criminal mischief reported at 4:30 p.m., 3500 block of Red Acorn Trail.

Arrest for assault causing bodily injury at 5:43 p.m., 1500 Main St.

Disorderly conduct arrest at 8 p.m., 3621 Business Center Drive.

Two people were arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia at 9 p.m., 1700 Main St.

Friday, Sept. 29

A report of possession or promotion of child pornography was logged at 6 a.m., 12600 block of Rio Brazos St.

Early morning crashes reported at 3200 block of Dixie Farm Road, 14000 block of South Freeway, 4600 block of Magnolia Parkway and 3000 block of Wagon Trail Road.

Stolen vehicle recovery at 9:46 a.m., 1900 block of Kingsley Drive.

Shoplifting arrest at 10:41 a.m., 1919 Main St.

Shoplifting arrest at 10:53 a.m., 2541 Main St.

Stolen vehicle recovery logged at 1:11 p.m., 12200 block of Broadway St.

A Pearland teenager was arrested at 2:45 p.m. at the Pace Center for felony drug possession in a drug-free-zone.

A Pasadena woman, 60, was arrested around 4 p.m. for operating a vehicle with the wrong license plate, 3500 block of Jasperstone Lane.

A Magnolia woman, 49, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia just after 4 p.m., 3500 block of Jasperstone Lane.

A Houston man, 38, was arrested for DWI with a child under 15 around 6 p.m., 5000 block of McHard Road.

DWI arrest made at 7:49 p.m., 1521 Broadway St.

Public intoxication arrest at 9 p.m., 5096 Broadway St.

A Houston man, 23, was arrested for felony drug possession and failure to identify at 11:42 p.m., 3100 Yost Blvd.

Saturday, Sept. 30

A Pearland woman, 37, was arrested at 4:15 a.m. for family violence assault, 13600 block of Orchard Wind Lane.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE The Original Mobile Game

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes clues like '1. Angry', '6. "Oh, ___!"', '10. City on the Yamuna River', etc.

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SPORTS

Pearland thrashes Alief Elsik 65-12 for Homecoming win

By Dr. David Davis

As each week has progressed this season, the Pearland Oilers have gotten better and better in all phases of the game.

The Oilers flexed their muscles against the Alief Elsik Rams (3-2, 1-1) in one of the most convincing wins under head coach B.J. Gotte.

Pearland dominated in all three phases of the game on offense, defense, and special teams.

The Oilers scored early and often for the 65-12 Homecoming victory to the delight of the Pearland fans.

"I was pleased with how our kids came out focused on the game, as well as minimizing the distractions that come along with Homecoming," Pearland head coach B.J. Gotte said. "As a coach, after a big win you worry about a letdown the next week, but our players did a good job staying focused on the task at hand and it showed from the kickoff."

Pearland returned the opening kickoff to their own 30 and marched 70-yards in 11-plays to score on a 15-yard scoring pass from QB Cole Morkovsky to WR Patrick Bridges to take a 6-0 lead after the missed PAT with 6:22 left in the first quarter.

On Elsik's second play of the game, Pearland's Ethan Gracia intercepted a pass at the Rams 27.

Two plays later, RB LaDamion McDowell scored on a 5-yard run that was set up by a 22-yard pass from Morkovsky to Juan Marines. Jackson Staff hit the PAT and the Oilers quickly had a 13-0 lead with 4:43 still left in the opening period.

Once again, the Pearland defense came up with another big play when DB Jayden Lacoste picked off the Elsik quarterback for a 19-yard pick-6 and a 20-0 Pearland lead with 3:24 left in the first quarter.

The Oilers defense force a quick three-and-out and it took only four plays for Pearland to score again as McDowell found the pay station on a 1-yard plunge with 11:45 left in the second quarter to make the score 27-0.

The lead increased to 34-0 when the defense scored again when Amari Wilks snatched a fumble out of midair by Elsik and returned it 19-yards for another defensive score to make it 34-0 with 3:17 left in the first half.

On Elsik's next possession, the Rams fumbled again which was recovered by Jaden Wincher at the Rams 20.

On the first play, Jordan "The Jet" Hernandez carried the ball to the Rams seven-yard line.

Morkovsky called Bridges number on a perfectly thrown pass in the corner for another Oiler TD to increase the lead to 41-0 following the PAT by Stagg.

The Oilers got one last possession with less than a minute to go in the first half. With the ball at the 50 -- Morkovsky dropped back and heaved the ball to a steaking Bridges down the right sideline. The sure-handed receiver caught the ball without breaking stride for a last-play touchdown with no time on the clock. Stagg hit the PAT and the Oilers went into the dressing room with a commanding 48-0 advantage.

Pearland scored two more touchdowns in the second half when Morkovsky hooked up with Bridges for his fourth score on an 8-yard scoring toss with 6:03 left in the third to



TOUCHDOWN!!! - Pearland WR Patrick Bridges crosses the pay station against Alief Elsik on the last play of the first half to give the Oilers a 48-0 lead. Bridges caught eight passes for 132 yards and four touchdowns. Pearland went on to crush the Rams 65-12 to improve to 4-1 on the season and 2-0 in district. The Oilers travel to face the Alvin Yellowjackets on Friday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. at Alvin Memorial Stadium. (Photo by Lloyd Hendricks)

make the score 55-0 and Tate Chisolm scored on a 2-yard run.

Stagg booted a 27-yard field goal that was sandwiched between the two touchdowns making the score 65-12.

Gotte cleared the bench as Elsik scored two times while missing the PAT and a 2-point conversion attempt.

Morkovsky had a banner night passing the ball as he was 16-of-18 for 257 yards and four TDs.

McDowell had 18 carries for 74 yards and two TDs while Chisolm had nine totes for 48 yards and one score.

Bridges led all receivers with eight grabs for 132 yards

and four TDs. Hernandez had three grabs for 42 yards and Marines had three catches for 42 yards.

Pearland finished with 451 total yards.

"We still have things that need to be improved on if we want to win the district championship, so it is imperative we continue to prepare with the same intent we started the season with," Gotte said.

The Oilers (4-1, 2-0) will travel to Alvin Memorial Stadium on Friday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. to face the Alvin Yellowjackets (2-3, 0-2).

Sr. Players of the Week

<p>Dawson vs Alief Taylor</p> <p>Offense</p>	<p>Defense</p>
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Sr. Players of the Week

<p>Pearland vs Alief Elsik</p> <p>Offense</p>	<p>Defense</p>
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Sr. OL Reese Lehmann

Lehmann had one catch for 20 yards and graded at 94 percent on his blocking assignments. "Lehmann was a huge part of the 171 yards we had rushing for the game," head coach Mike Allison said. "Reese is always unselfish in taking care of his assignments and was able to step up with a big reception and run when we needed it most."

Sr. LB Jordan Harrison

Harrison had nine tackles and one tackle for loss against Alief Taylor. "Jordan did a great job of taking care of his responsibilities against Taylor," coach Allison said. "He was able to fit on the run and was in position to discourage passes in his area."

Sr. WR Patrick Bridges

Bridges scored four TD's while catching eight passes for 132 yards in helping the Oilers to a 65-12 district win over Alief Elsik. "Patrick has been key to our offensive production all year, and this week was no different, head coach B.J. Gotte said. "He is an explosive athlete with exceptional body control and ball skills."

Sr. DL Jaden Wincher

Wincher had five tackles and one fumble recovery in another outstanding performance. "Jaden continues to be an anchor in our front seven," Gotte said. "His leadership and play have been key to our defensive improvement."

Players of the Week

<p>Shadow Creek vs Alief Hastings</p> <p>Offense</p>	<p>Defense</p>
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Players of the Week

<p>Friendswood vs Magnolia</p> <p>Offense</p>	<p>Defense</p>
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QB Cobey Sellers

Sellers stepped in at QB and completed 7-of-9 passing for 220 yards and four TDs to lead the Sharks over the Alief Hastings Bears 63-0.

DB Caleb Harrison

Harrison had five tackles, one tackle for loss and returned an interception for a TD to help pace the Sharks defense.

QB Brock Foster

Foster displayed grit and competitiveness as he competed for four quarters. "He was effective with his legs and thru the air as he accounted for two rushing touchdowns and one passing touchdown and made several accurate throws in tight windows," Friendswood head coach Jordan Johnson said.

LB Caleb Allen

Allen was a catalyst on defense throughout the game and set the tone early as he recorded 11 tackles, two for loss, and a sack. "Caleb was consistent at his linebacker position and helped to slow down Magnolia's run game," Johnson said.

Dawson edgdes Taylor 28-24



She was a devoted wife and mother who loved her family dearly. She cherished her grandchildren and loved spoiling them. Hannelore was a very compassionate person and extremely meticulous and orderly in everything she did. She was an avid Astros fan and loved cheering her team on. She also loved playing board games and card games. Hannelore had a green thumb and enjoyed gardening and raising house plants. She loved yellow roses. She was a wonderful cook and especially enjoyed trying new recipes. In her spare time, she enjoyed reading, loved listening to music, and she liked to dance. She loved listening to Elvis as well as classical music, and she also liked going to watch movies at the theater. Hannelore will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. Services for Hannelore will be held on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at St. Helen's Catholic Church, in Pearland, Texas. The visitation is scheduled from 9:00 – 10:00 am. The funeral mass will be held at 10:00 am, with Father Jim Courville will be officiating. Interment will follow at the Houston National Cemetery in Houston, Texas, at 12:30 pm. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.claytonfuneralhomes.com

BOHLMANN

Hannelore Weiz Bohlmann, 91, passed away Tuesday, September 26, 2023. She is preceded in death by her parents Walter and Klara Weiz. Left to cherish her memory are her loving husband, David Bohlmann Sr; son David Bohlmann Jr. and wife, Melinda; daughters Eileen Bohlmann, Melody Bohlmann, Nadine Proffitt and husband, Robert; brothers Eugene Weiz, Harry Weiz; sister Inga Weiz; grandchildren Garrett, Tiffany, and a host of many other family and friends. Hannelore was born on December 4, 1931, in Leipzig Germany. She lived through World War II and escaped from East Germany as a refugee to Berlin. She met the love of her life, David Bohlmann, in Manheim. They spent 66 wonderful years together. Hannelore was proud to be a military wife and a transplanted Texan.



Dawson WR Noah Rhodes catches a short screen pass against the Alief Taylor Lions. The Eagles edged Taylor 28-24 to remain undefeated in district action with a 2-0 mark. Dawson will host the Strake Jesuit Crusaders on Friday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. at Pearland ISD Stadium. (Photo by Nathan Jones)

Magnolia escapes with a 33-22 win over Friendswood

By Dr. David Davis

Magnolia is one of the top 10 teams in Houston in Class 5A but the Friendswood Mustangs made them squeak out a hard-fought 33-22 district win.

The Bulldogs improve to 4-2 overall and 3-1 in district while the Mustangs drop to 3-3 overall and 2-2 in league action.

Magnolia jumped out to a 16-0 lead in the first quarter and the game looked like it was going to be a rout, but the never-say-die Mustangs were just a little slow in getting untracked

against a tenacious Bulldog defense.

With a minute to go in the opening period, Friendswood finally hit a big play as QB Brock Foster found WR Adam Buffington on a 50-yard scoring bomb. The PAT was good and the Mustangs trimmed the lead to 16-7.

The two teams continued to battle until the second period was almost over and Magnolia hit a 37-yard field goal to make the score 19-7 at intermission.

Friendswood took the second half kickoff to the Magnolia end zone where Foster scored on a 1-yard keeper to close the gap to 19-14 with 9:07 left in the third period.

The Mustangs finally used a late drive in the third quarter to score early in the final frame as Foster caught loose on a 76-yard cross country scoring jaunt to give the 'Stangs their first lead of the game. A pass from Foster to Garrett Muecke for the 2-point conversion made the score 22-19 with 10:53 remaining in the game.

But Magnolia responded with a scoring drive to go back ahead 26-22 on a 3-yard scoring run with 5:41 left in the game.

With less than three minutes left in the game, the Bulldogs added another score on a 23-yard touchdown to post the 33-22 final score.

Foster was 10-of-24 passing for 118 yards and one score while rushing for 75 yards on 14 carries and a TD.

Buffington had six catches for 96 yards and a score.

Friendswood will face powerhouse Fulshear on Friday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. at Henry Winston Stadium.

AREA BRIEFS

Entries open for holiday parade

The 41st annual Hometown Christmas Parade is being planned for 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2.

Dozens of floats, walking groups, classic cars, drill teams and more will light the evening event.

Free and open to the public, the parade takes place along FM 518 from Old Alvin Road to Pearland Parkway.

Applications for parade entries opened in August and will continue until spots are full on a first come, first-served basis. Entry is \$25 per float or group.

For more information, call 281-412-8900.

College fair planned Oct. 11

Alvin ISD will hold a College Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 11 for junior high and high school students and their families.

The event is 6 to 8 p.m. JB Hensler College and Career Academy, 7380 Lewis Lane in Manvel. Representatives from four-year and community colleges will be on hand and food trucks will be available along with information about financial aid and military options.

Nonprofit hosting car raffle

Communities in Schools of Southeast Harris and Brazoria County will hold a benefit raffle on Dec. 12 for a 2024 Toyota Corolla LE.

The "All in for Kids" Car Raffle offers chances for \$100 and 10 chances for \$25.

A combination of two nonprofits, Communities in Schools provides students with resources and skills to benefit them beyond the classroom, identifying and assisting students in need in 15 school districts including Alvin, Friendswood and Pearland ISDs.

For more information on the fundraiser, visit cistxjv.org or call 713-591-3005.

Pearl Theatre holds auditions

The Pearland Theater Guild's Pearl Theatre is holding auditions for two upcoming shows.

Directed by Renee van Nifterik, the holiday production of "Christmas Carol: A Ghost Story" is holding auditions on Sunday, Oct. 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. and on Monday, Oct. 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. Eight actors are needed for multiple roles.

Auditions for the show, "Unpacking Mother (Generations Series - Staged Reading)" will be Monday, Oct. 23, from 7 to 9 p.m. The show is being directed by Ain Rashida Sykes and will open Nov. 10 for one weekend only.

The Pearl Theater's 2023-24 season is under way, with "Peter Pan" opening on Oct. 20 at the theater, 14803 Park Alameda.

For information, visit pearl-theater.com or call 832-459-4674.

TPWD: Red tide still detected

A red tide monitoring station in Freeport continues to detect moderate to high concentrations of red tide, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department reports.

Brazos County Parks this month reported respiratory symptoms caused by aerosols, discolored water, and scattered dead fish at Quintana Beach and Follet's Island Beach.

Dead fish and discolored water have been reported within the lower reaches of the Brazos River (Freeport Channel), "Old Brazos" River, and San Bernard River.

The presence of red tide on the upper coast was confirmed on Sunday, Sept. 3, along the upper Texas coast and the Lower Laguna Madre. The microalgae that cause red tide — *Karenia brevis* — is a naturally occurring organism that produces a toxin affecting the central nervous system of fish, causing paralysis and the inability to breathe. The last red tide occurrence in Texas was in 2018 and occurred in the upper and middle coast of Texas. Anyone near the water during red tide may experience irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, as well as coughing, wheezing and shortness of breath.



OPENING KICKOFF - Shadow Creek's Alex Kirkland (4) returned the opening kickoff 94-yards for a Shark TD to begin the game against Alief Hastings. The Sharks went on to crush the Bears 63-0 in a District 23-6A contest. (Photo by Michael McManus)

Shadow Creek crushes Alief Hastings 63-0

By Dr. David Davis

The mark of a good team is seeing how they respond after losing the previous week and Shadow Creek head coach Brad Butler saw his team crush the Alief Hastings Bears 63-0 in response to the 20-13 loss to Pearland.

The Shadow Creek offense steamrolled Hastings with 491 yards (224 passing, 267 rushing) in a balanced attack while the Shark defense allowed the Bears only 87 total yards (19 passing, 68 rushing) in total domination.

The Sharks made a statement on the opening kickoff as Alex Kirkland returned the ball to the end zone on a 94-yard return for the first score of the game to make it 7-0.

Shadow Creek would add three more scored in the first quarter as Joshua Davis scored on a 68-yard run, Chris Stewart gathered in a pass from junior QB Cobey Sellers covering 74-yards, and Christian Seriale scored on a 78-yard bomb from Sellers to make the score 28-0 after the first 12 minutes of the game. Aiden Bui was good on all for extra points.

The scoring barrage continued in the next quarter as Davis found paydirt on a 30-yard run, Seriale scored on a 5-yard toss from Sellers, and Stewart scored his second touchdown on a 29-yard strike from Sellers for a 49-0 lead at intermission.

Once again, Bui was true on the PATs for the first half.

The Sharks made the score 63-0 in the third quarter as Caleb Harrison scored on an interception and Carter Stewart added an 8-yard scoring run to post the 63-0 final score following two more extra points by Bui who had nine total points.

Sellers was 7-of-9 passing for 220 yards and four TDs.

Davis had six carries for 114 yards and two TDs while Stewart had eight totes for 83 yards and a score while also making two catches for 103 yards and two more TDs. Seriale had two grabs for 83 yards and two score.

Shadow Creek is now 4-1 on the season and 1-1 in district. The Sharks will travel to Crump Stadium to face the Alief Elsik Rams on Thursday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m.

For some, tree ordinance equals too much green

By N. Bradford

Pearland's longstanding tree ordinance remains a topic of dialogue among those who appreciate the city's well protected green canopy and those who feel the rules may be too much for business owners to afford.

Established in the 1990s to prevent developers from clearing trees and to protect historic trees, the ordinance was updated in 2003 to make it easier to interpret.

City Councilman Jeffrey Barry opened discussions in August and September regarding the ordinance he said is "prohibitive to some businesses from an expansion standpoint."

His intention, he said, is to amend the ordinance.

The ordinance requires trees over 12 inches in diameter to be replaced with trees from an approved list at a two-to-one rate, or to contribute money into the city's "tree trust."

"It's significant amounts of money," Barry told fellow council members on Sept. 25. "At the end of the day it's egregious. If we're trying to protect the canopy of Pearland, which I agree we need to protect, why don't we change this ordinance to something that's a little bit more reasonable?"

The city currently has about \$1 million in its tree trust fund, City Manager Trent Epperson said during a community discussion Aug. 23.

Barry said he would like to see the ordinance changed to a one-for-one regarding tree removal and cap fines at \$2,500. "I'm not opposed to trees," he said. "I just need to have a conversation with people on this council to say, 'What can we change to make it easier to do business in Pearland?'"

Voter Deadline Looms

October 10th is the deadline to register to vote in November elections. It is also the last day to update name and address information.

Voter registration applications are available at all Galveston County Tax Office locations, online at www.galcotax.com under the Voter Registration Information link or contact the Voter Registration Department toll free at 1-888-976-2280 and request that an application be emailed or mailed to you.

The city is planning an update to its Unified Development Code in the next two years.

"I think it needs more robust discussion -- I'm willing to look at it in the UDC," Councilman Alex Kamkar said. "The idea that we're going to go and change an ordinance that's been in place for 30 years because one person had an issue seems rather unreasonable."

Councilman Tony Carbone supported addressing the tree ordinance before the UDC update.

"There's others out there who have issues -- they're just not developing or they're going somewhere else," Carbone said.

City staff agreed to research what other cities are doing and bring more information to a future council meeting.

"I'm open to the idea (of amending the ordinance)," Councilman Rushi Patel said. "I think there's a happy medium."

Active shooter training program planned

By N. Bradford

The Alvin Police Department will coordinate an active shooter training civilian response program free for the public on Oct. 3 and Oct. 24.

CRASE, or Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events, will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 3, at Manvel High School and from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 24, at Shadow Creek High School.

The course was developed in 2004 to provide civilians with guidance, strategies and proven plans during an active shooter event.

Topics covered include statistical data and active shooter profiles, situational awareness, effects of stress on behavior, lessons learned during recent events, crisis management, strategies to keeping loved ones safe during an active shooter event, law enforcement response and a Stop the Bleed program.

Training is free to the public but online registration is requested by visiting <https://bit.ly/crasetraining>

DHS's Ovation Theatre presents 'Big Fish'

Dawson High School's Ovation Theatre presents "Big Fish," a story about Edward Bloom, who tells extraordinary tales about his life. This musical production is filled with



DHS's Ovation Theatre presents "Big Fish" on Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. and 30 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and on the following weekend, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 7 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the DHS auditorium.

songs, dances, and magical creatures that will entertain audiences of all ages.

Ovation Theatre performs this play at the Dawson High School Performing Arts Center (2050 Cullen Blvd.) on Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. and on Oct. 7 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the DHS auditorium.

General admission tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at <https://www.pearlandisd.org/Page/31538>.

Pearland ISD seeking sponsors to spread holiday cheer

The holiday season is a special and exciting time, however, for some families it can be difficult. Now in its eleventh year, Pearland Independent School District's Angel Tree Project is seeking sponsors to match with 750 students in need for the holidays.

Interested sponsors may submit their application online by

October 30 and will be matched in November. After matching, sponsors will shop for their student's gifts and deliver them directly to the campus. With only \$50 you can make a positive impact in a student's life this holiday season. For more info, visit www.pearlandisd.org/angeltree. For questions, contact Aliana Peska at peskaa@pearlandisd.org.

PHS Theatre presents 'Night of the Living Dead'



PHS Theatre presents "Night of the Living Dead" on Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 7 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the PHS auditorium.

Pearland High School Theatre presents "Night of the Living Dead"! A satellite probe sent to Venus brings back a mysterious radiation that transforms the dead into flesh-eating zombies. Seven people trapped in an isolated farmhouse must fight for survival as the zombies close in.

PHS Theatre performs this play at the Pearland Auditorium (3775 South Main) on Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 7 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission and may be purchased at www.pearlandisd.org/Page/31538.

Fall Gardening Is at Its Best

By Karolyn Gephart

October is a great month for gardening. The weather is getting better and better and it allows you to garden comfortably (we have not had that pleasure in several months).

Math in gardening during this time is all about division and addition!

Divide and replant the rest of any spring and summer-blooming perennials including verbena and cannas. Plant and divide Dutch iris, amaryllis, Leucojum and narcissus.

Add and plant cool season annuals such as alyssum, calendula, larkspur, and snapdragons. Wait to plant pansies and violas until November when the weather is cooler.

Fall is a good time for planting most herbs. The exception would be all types of basil which should be planted after the last frost. Divide and replant chives, garlic and multiplying onions. Plant cool weather herbs such as cilantro, dill, parsley, winter savory and fennel. Plant carrots, beets, radishes, mustard, spinach, and turnips. Kale, Chinese cabbage, and Swiss chard may be planted by the end of the month. Lettuce can be planted now.

Stop watering and feeding plumerias. Allow the plants to drop their leaves and go dormant. Store the plumerias in the garage to protect from freezing temperatures until spring.

October through February is the best time to plant trees and shrubs to reduce transplant stress from warm temperatures. Keep in mind a shrub or tree's mature size and shape before planting in the desired location and adjust as needed.

All fertilization of perennials should be completed before the end of the month.

Save the date: October 21, 2023 for the next in person Galveston County Master Gardener Plant Sale as well as the Second Fall Festival. From 9 am to 2 pm the whole family can enjoy gardening presentations, guided garden tours of the Master Gardeners' Discovery Garden, children's activities, crafts, and LOTS of plants for sale.

The plants include herbs, bulbs, Snaptinis, plumeria, and Master Grown Plants. Hundreds of plants of all varieties that have been grown to sell by GCMGs will be offered at incredibly affordable prices!

Early admission is offered to all who want to attend a sale and festival overview. Other seminars include Favorite Fall Vegetables, Hurray for Herbs, Pesticides and Integrated Pest Management, and Plumeria Care.

Lighthouse Charity Team Food Truck will be there for great food choices.

The best news: the Festival and Plant Sale are free to attend. Location is at Carbide Park in LaMarque: 4102-B Main St. (FM 519).

See you there!

Pearland ISD: Q&A sessions continue on VATRE

By N. Bradford

Pearland ISD is continuing to public host question-and-answer sessions led by Superintendent Larry Berger ahead of the November election.

Upcoming Zoom presentations regarding the election are being held from 6 to 7 p.m. Oct. 11, Oct. 23 and on Nov. 6 -- the day before the election.

In-person Q&As with Berger are scheduled for 6 p.m. Oct. 12 at Brookside Potluck Citizens Night, 6243 Brookside Road, 6 p.m. Oct. 19 at the PISD Education Support Center, 7 p.m. on Oct. 19 at the Sunset Cinema in Independence Park, 5:30 p.m. on Halloween night at the city's Trick or Treat Trail, and at 6 p.m. Nov. 1 at the Dis-

trict Support Center.

Early voting begins Oct. 23.

Facing rising costs, a budget deficit and a long list of facility needs, Pearland ISD trustees on Aug. 21 approved a tax rate that generates another \$12 million for the district -- but also triggered a voter approval tax rate election, or VATRE. State law requires school districts get voter approval to raise the maintenance and operations tax rate above a maximum specified amount.

"In the 88th State Legislature, the state compressed the tax rate -- they lowered it," Berger said in a recent presentation. "The tax rate in Pearland ISD last year was \$1.30. The state (for 2023) lowered it to \$1.04. Our school board has approved a tax rate of \$1.13."

Should voters approve the rate passed by trustees, the \$1.13 school tax rate means the owner of a \$240,000 home saves \$547 on his or her school tax bill.

At the \$1.04 tax rate set by the state, the same homeowner saves roughly \$764, but leaves the school district in a bind regarding funding. PISD's general fund budget includes revenues of \$202.3 million and expenditures of \$215.1 million -- leaving a deficit of \$12.7 million.

"The additional \$11 million will allow us to recruit and retain quality staff, it will help us bolster campus security, support student programs and allow our budget to have financial stability."

More information, a tax rate calculator, past presentations and more are available at pearlandisd.org/VATRE.

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Sealed Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, October 12, 2023, and read aloud into the public record at City of Pearland Engineering and Public Works Facility located at 2016 Old Alvin Road, Pearland, Texas 77581 for the following project:

**Cullen Elevated Storage Tank
Southeast (Bailey) Elevated Storage Tank
Magnolia Ground Storage Tank
City of Pearland, Texas
COP PN: WA2209 & WA2302
BID NO.: ITB 0823-05**

The project will entail the rehabilitation and recoating of the two (2); 1,000,000 gallons elevated storage tanks and all above ground piping and equipment at the City of Pearland's Cullen and Southeast Water Plant. Along with the 500,000-gallon ground storage tank the Magnolia Water Plant. The interior and exterior protective coatings will be replaced, and miscellaneous repairs will be made to the tanks.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held in person at the City of Pearland Engineering and Public Works Facility located at 2016 Old Alvin Road, Pearland, Texas 77581 at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 5, 2023.

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

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

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

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**Centennial Park Storage Building Project
City of Pearland, Texas
CSP No.: 0923-12**

The project will consist of the following for Centennial Park Storage Building Project:

The project will entail a new lawn equipment storage building at the City of Pearland Centennial Park.

A Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at the City of Pearland Engineering and Public Works Building at 2016 Old Alvin Rd, Pearland, Texas 77581 at 1:00 p.m. on October 12, 2023.

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**Westminster Water Line Replacement Project
City of Pearland, Texas
Project No.: WA2201
CSP No.: 0923-22**

The project will consist of the following for Westminster Water Line Replacement:

The project will entail the addition of approximately 8,500 linear feet of new 6-inch diameter water line construction, and associated valves, connections, appurtenances, hydrostatic testing, and disinfection. The proposed water lines are to be installed by primarily trenchless construction.

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at the City of Pearland Engineering and Public Works Building, Rio Grande Training Room at 2016 Old Alvin Rd, Pearland, Texas 77581 at 11:00 a.m. on October 12, 2023. See bid solicitation for virtual link option, if preferred.

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Pearland Independent School District will be accepting Request for Proposal for Copiers / Multifunctional Device Fleet Equipment and Services until 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 24, 2023. Proposals will be submitted online in the Pearland ISD eBid System. Vendors may login and view specifications and submit their response at the following link: <https://pearlandisd.ionwave.net>.

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Public Notice: Pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code, Pear Self Storage located at 3512 1/2 Broadway St., Pearland, TX 77581 will hold a public auction to satisfy a landlord's lien. The sale will be held online October 14th, 2023 at 10:00am CST at <http://www.storageauctions.com>. Competitive bids for the unit(s) D28 - Robert Williams - Household items

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The following Ordinance was approved on September 25, 2023:

ORDINANCE NO. 1358-26

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Pearland, Texas, amending non-development usage and service fees; containing a savings clause, a severability clause, a repealer clause, providing for publication and an effective date.

For a full copy of the Ordinance, please contact the Office of the City Secretary at 281.652.1653.

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City of Pearland, Texas

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CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 2023-18 UTILITY COST OF SERVICE & RATE ANALYSIS AND RATE MODELING

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. 2023-18, 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., OCTOBER 19, 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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**Sunrise Lakes Lift Station Rehabilitation
City of Pearland, Texas
Project No.: WW2204
CSP No.: 0923-23**

The project will consist of the following for Sunrise Lakes Lift Station Rehabilitation:

The project area is on the south side of Sundown Drive, just west of Sunny Shores Drive, on a tract adjacent to the Sunrise Lakes HOA park and swimming pool. The project involves the rehabilitation of an existing wastewater lift station, and all labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals required for the project.

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at the City of Pearland Engineering and Public Works Building, Rio Grande Training Room at 2016 Old Alvin Rd, Pearland, Texas 77581 at 10:00 a.m. on October 12, 2023. See bid solicitation for virtual link option, if preferred.

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FAITH MATTERS

By Rev. Dr. Brian Gige

“FALL”

1st in a 3 part series

The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. 22 And the Lord God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat and live forever.” 23 So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. 24 After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side [e] of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.”

- Genesis 3:21-24

I love words. Like this one... F-A-L-L. Fall. It can mean so much... like a season when the leaves change colors and the temperature cools down and we love being outside more than we do when it is 100+ degrees out. Fall can also mean a tumble. People still get confused about it... “did she fall and break her hip?” or “did her hip break causing her to fall?” Hip doctors can usually tell which one. Also... I’ve heard there are people still who fall in love... just as easy as it is to fall in a hole when one is not paying attention.... And FALL pokes at our timing of things as everyone knows it’s just a few weeks away where we “FALL back” to get that one extra hour on that one day...

The Bible speaks of FALL this way... as it seemed everything was good with God and the creation. The man and the woman had a great relationship with God... having everything they needed... including God’s protection and above all else... God’s love... but the man and the woman disobeyed God... tried to blame each other... then blamed a snake for entreating them to be like God! And it happened... as the man and the woman had their falling out with their Creator and were banished from the great garden of Eden where everything was perfect... and I’m pretty sure it must have felt like a water-fall... because the stumble took them to a place from which they could not return. It’s a good story... a faithful one... as it answers the questions every little

child wonders... asking their parents things like... “why does it hurt when I fall off my bike?” and “why does daddy have to go to work?” and why can’t my friend be nice?” FALL goes way back... to the beginning of time and keeps showing up with each generation. Think Hatfields and McCoys... North and South... Donkeys and Elephants... East and West... Sufis and Sunnis... Palestinians and Jews... as we wonder... will this stuff ever stop?

Maybe the answer is just plain NO. Maybe we don’t want it to stop. Someone suggested the trouble with churches these days is that the ‘ecumenical movement of the 60’s and 70’s was so successful that Lutherans and Roman Catholics have stopped fighting each other as have the Methodists and Presbyterians along with the Baptists and the other Baptists... so that churches have taken the fight inside their own walls... causing a rise in non-denominational churches who seem to not want to fight anyone about anything... causing much of the culture to yawn ignoring the goodness churches provide and the great goodness they offer to all who dare believe.

All this said... the FALL is the answer people of faith offer to anyone who questions why things don’t go their way or any good way for that matter... as it’s deeply rooted in our psyche and souls that while we believe in God... that there really is a God... we just don’t trust what God has to offer and we’d rather be God unto ourselves...

But... here’s the good news in all this... and remember it’s never good news until we come to understand there is bad news... the bad news which points us to better news... that even in our disobedience... God still loves us and will never stop! Faith matters... especially to God! (NEXT WEEK - “After the Fall”)

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