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Above: Seven Lakes state championship team poses for a photo during Thursday's ceremony. Top right: Hunter Merritt shows off Seven Lakes state championship trophy and ring. Bottom right: Seven Lakes' state championship ring.

# State Champion Spartans soccer team honored at Seven Lakes football game

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Seven Lakes' state champion soccer team had a big week.

The team was honored on Thursday during the Seven Lakes home football game against Tompkins, as members of the soccer team were brought out at halftime, with the crowd and Katy ISD celebrating their accomplishment at Legacy Stadium.

It was a celebration for the team. The Spartans had a banquet before the game where players and coaches received their state championship rings. For a group that had been waiting for over five months for this moment, it was a special thing. It

was also a callback to maybe the defining moment of Seven Lakes season, when the Spartans trailed Cinco Ranch in the third round of the playoffs by two goals to zero with under 90 seconds left in the match before tying the game with two late goals and winning it in penalties.

The Spartans won the state championship by beating Dripping Springs 2-1 after beating Sachse 3-1 in the state semifinals. Seven Lakes ended the year with a record of 28-1-1 and a district record of 15-0-1, going on a 29-game unbeaten streak during their run to a state championship and ending the year as the No. 1 ranked high school team in the nation while also having a +93 goal differential on the year.



Above: Seven Lakes principal Kerri Finnesand and members of the 2023 state championship Seven Lakes soccer team wait to take the field for a halftime ceremony at Legacy Stadium on Thursday. Right: Hunter Merritt carries the 2023 state championship trophy during Thursday's halftime ceremony at Legacy Stadium.



## Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 538 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2023 on Monday, October 23, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. at the offices of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson, 3200 Southwest Freeway, STE 2600, Houston, TX 77027. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

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

**FOR** the proposal: William Jordan, Michael Autenreith Sr., Alex Branca, Katherine Carmichael

**AGAINST** the proposal: None

**PRESENT** and not voting: None

**ABSENT:** Andrew Clark

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)	\$1.37500 /\$100 Adopted	\$1.33000 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$-0.04500 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-3.27%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$371,760.00	\$414,173.00
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	\$371,760.00	\$414,173.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$5,111.70	\$5,508.50
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$396.80 7.76%

### NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

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

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

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

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