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## Brookshire teen slain at apartment complex

FROM STAFF REPORTS

On August 30 at 7:03 p.m. the Brookshire Police Department responded to a report of shots fired at the Willow Springs Apartments in the 4400 block of Fifth Street in Brookshire. Police arrived at 7:08 p.m. and found a deceased male in the parking lot. The victim has been identified as 18-year-old Juan Carlos Rodriguez, Jr.

"At this time, this appears to be an isolated incident and an investigation is ongoing," said a statement from the department posted on its Facebook page. Brookshire Police Chief James Hines said, "Our sympathies go out to all impacted in this senseless act of violence. We

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## KISD seeks public input with survey, 'listening circle tour'

FROM STAFF REPORTS

In an August 19 email to Katy ISD parents/guardians, students and the community, the school district announced that it would be seeking feedback to help shape future policies, both through an electronic survey and through a "listening circle tour" conducted by the board of trustees.

"As the state legislature prepares to meet this school year, Texas parents, community mem-

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Houston Methodist will break ground on a new comprehensive care center next to its current emergency care facility at 26000 FM 1093 in Richmond. The new 65,000 square-foot three-story building will house primary care physicians and a same-day clinic as well as imaging, lab services, and physical therapy, and specialized care.

## Houston Methodist West Hospital announces \$247 Million expansion



RENDERING COURTESY OF HOUSTON METHODIST WEST HOSPITAL

Houston Methodist West, 18500 Katy Freeway in Houston, has embarked on the next phase of its expansion, which will be completed in 2027. The project will add over 129,000 square feet to the campus.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Houston Methodist West Hospital announced August 27 that the health care company is beginning a \$247 million expansion project at their Katy campus located at 18500 Katy Freeway in Houston, scheduled to begin this fall with anticipated completion by 2027.

This project, one of the largest expansion projects in Houston Methodist West Hospital's 14-year history, includes \$185 million for hospital expansion and \$62 million for community expansion in the Fulshear area, emphasizing Houston Methodist's commitment to meeting the growing health care needs of West Houston, particularly in Katy and its surrounding areas.

"We are embarking on this expansion journey with great enthusiasm, reaffirming our dedication to serving the evolving needs

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## Hwy 36A coalition hears updates on Port of Freeport and TEX-21

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO  
PUBLISHER

The Hwy 36A coalition, a transportation advocacy group dedicated to development of a regional transportation infrastructure from the Brazosport area to Hempstead and beyond, met for its August luncheon on Tuesday, August 20 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Houston Energy Corridor at 11730 Katy Freeway in Houston.

Phyllis Saathoff, CEO of Port Freeport, gave an overview of projects and improvements in progress at the port. One of the largest petrochemical ports in the country, Port Freeport is the shortest deep-water port on the Texas coast, she said. The port affects over 266,000 jobs nationwide with a total economic impact of \$157.3 billion and is a leading vehicle import/export facility for auto manufacturers such



PHYLLIS  
SAATHOFF

as Volkswagen, as well as housing the largest on-dock rice processing facility. Set to celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2025, the port is undergoing the Freeport Harbor Channel Improvement Project which will not only deepen and widen the channel but will ease the "bends" in the course of the channel, improving maneuverability for vessels. The port is also investing over \$35 million in rail improvements, Saathoff said. The port is also working with Del Monte, whose first vessel arrived in June 2024.

Saathoff said that new infrastructure projects planned in conjunction with TxDOT for 2024-2025 include investment of \$22.6 million in the following:

- A \$6.2 million project improving access to the Velasco Terminal
- A Seaport Connectivity Program, providing \$3.8 million for a reconstruction

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GRAPHIC COURTESY OF THE CITY OF KATY

## City of Katy to hold Sept. 10 open house on trails system

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Via a Facebook post on August 23, the City of Katy invited residents to an Open House on the city's proposed Trail System. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the Katy Civic Center (910 Avenue C in Katy). Attendees will be able to see the detailed plans and ask questions.

City Engineers and Staff will be there to present detailed renderings of the trail system and to gather input.

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# Fulshear Branch Library to present MS PowerPoint classes

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Fort Bend County Libraries' Fulshear Branch Library will present a series of classes in September on using Microsoft PowerPoint 2021. The classes are free, and participants may attend individual sessions or the whole series.

The first class, "MS PowerPoint 2021: Basics," took place on Wednesday, September 4, covering the basics of this slide-presentation software program. The next class, "MS PowerPoint 2021: Intermediate," will take place on Wednesday, September 11, beginning at 11 a.m., in the Computer

Lab. Understand this slide-presentation program even better by learning more advanced functions and tools. The final class, "MS PowerPoint 2021: Advanced," will take place on Wednesday, September 18, beginning at 11 a.m., in the Computer Lab. This class is for experienced

PowerPoint users who would like to learn how to enhance documents with new, more advanced skills. The classes are free and open to the public. Seating is limited, however, and reservations are required. Registration will open two weeks before each class. To register online at the library's website (fortbend.lib.tx.us), click on "Classes & Events," select "Fulshear Branch," and find the program. Participants may also register by calling the library (346-481-6800), or by visiting the library. The Fulshear Branch Library is located at 6350 GM Library Road, off Texas Heritage Parkway, north of FM 1093.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### AARP to hold monthly meeting on September 10

The Katy chapter of AARP will gather Tuesday, September 10th at Midway BBQ, 6191 Highway Blvd in Katy, starting at 6:30 p.m. with a short meeting and announcements. Afterwards, entertainment will be provided by The Horizon Band which consists of six members including a lead singer, rhythm section, and horn section. Horizon has been playing music in the Katy/Richmond area for over the last 10 years and performs music from the 40's to the 80's with styles such as rock, swing, ballads, Latin/Cha-Cha, jazz, and line dance songs. Visitors are welcome. Allow time to purchase any food before the meeting starts.

### Fulshear Chamber to honor veterans at September 11 meeting, with SEAL/author Will Chesney

September 11 will be commemorated by the Fulshear Regional Chamber for Commerce at its monthly breakfast meeting on that date at the Parkway Fellowship, 27043 FM 1093 in Richmond. The speaker panel - titled "What A Heroes" will feature:

- Author Will Chesney, who wrote "No Ordinary Dog: My Partner from the SEAL Teams to the Bin Laden Raid"
- Mike Martin, U. S. Navy Supply Corps Officer (Ret) who spent one year in country in Vietnam
- Captain Mike McCoy, captain in the Fulshear Police Department who has spent



over 42 years in law enforcement

- Chief Her Meier, who has 50 years with the Fulshear/Simonton Fire Department
- Michael Hack, mental health commander to the NYPD

Networking and breakfast- with food provided by Whataburger and coffee courtesy of Humble Grounds - will start at 7:30 a.m. and the meeting will start at 8 a.m. No charge and guests are welcome.

### American Legion Post 164 hosts grand re-opening of renovated post building on September 14

Following a lengthy reconstruction of their post facility, the American Legion Post 164 will hold an open house and grand re-opening ceremony on September 14 from noon to 5 p.m. The Opening ceremony will take place at 3 p.m. The post is located at 22125 Kingsland in Katy. For more information, please call 832-549-9501.

### Rotary Club of Katy's Wild West Brewfest offers 'Flights & Bites' craft beer tasting on September 14

Wild West Brewfest, one of the Rotary Club of Katy's premier fundraising events, will host a craft beer tasting at Federal American Grill at 727 W. Grand Parkway South in Katy at 6 p.m. on September 14. Tickets to the event are \$175.00 each - and only 150 tickets are available - so secure your spot at tickets.wildwestbrewfest.com/event/wild-west-brew-fest-flights-and-bites-09-14-2024/tickets/seg?e=175. Delight in a 5-course gourmet meal including a chicken-fried cauliflower starter, a whipped burrata appetizer, main courses of jerk chicken street tacos and pork belly BLTs - followed by Ghirardelli white chocolate

bread pudding. Enjoy perfectly matched beverages from top brewers including Vallenson's Brewing Company, Voodoo Brewing Co. and True Anomaly Brewing Company. All proceeds from the event will be donated to local charities.

### Get ready for the 'Country Splash' music festival at Typhoon Texas on September 15

The ultimate "Sunday Funday" experience is coming to Typhoon Texas at 555 Katy Fort Bend Road on September 15 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. when 16 bands take to two stages at the local water park. Immerse yourself in the heart of Texas Country, Red Dirt Country, and Outlaw Country music nonstop all day long. Performers include Paul Cauthen, Brent Cobb, Them Dirty Roses and others. Beat the Texas heat with the park's exhilarating water slides and a relaxing lazy river. Dive into fun and cool off while enjoying your favorite country hits. The event is for attendees 18 years and older. \*\*Tickets must be purchased from Moon Tower Tickets ONLY - all other tickets and/or third party tickets will not be valid.\*\* Purchase tickets at moontowertickets.com/showpage/345.

### KCM to hold annual gala September 19

The twentieth annual "Transforming Lives" gala benefiting Katy Christian Ministries will be held on September 19 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Safari Texas Ranch, 11615 FM 1464 in Richmond. The theme is "Wranglers and Rhinestones" and the event will feature dinner, music by the Earl Sanders Jr. band, dancing, a silent auction, and a live auction. Tickets, which are \$175.00 each or a "date night" pair for \$300.00, may be purchased at

ktdm.org/gala. The nonprofit has supported many charitable endeavors in its 40-year history and currently runs a crisis center, a food pantry and two resale stores, among other services. For more information, go to ktdm.org.

### Mark your calendars for fun, food and bingo at No Label on September 25, benefiting Her Well

Bingo people, come out for fun and a great cause during Bingo Night at No Label Brewery, 5351 First Street in Katy on September 25 from 6 to 9 p.m. Win prizes while you play, in addition to enjoying food and great beer. A portion of the beer proceeds will benefit Her Well, a Brookshire-based nonprofit which focuses on the mental, physical, and spiritual healing of women who have encountered unhealthy sexual relationships.

### Pregnancy Help Center hosts September 26 gala in celebration of 35th anniversary

"Portraits of Life" - a benefit celebrating the 35th anniversary of the Pregnancy Help Center in Katy - will be held on September 26 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Briscoe Manor, 5801 FM 723 in Richmond. The keynote speaker will be author and media personality David Bereit, former CEO of 40 Days for Life, a movement that has closed 96 abortion centers in the U.S. Tickets are \$50.00 each and cocktail attire is recommended. For more information, go to phckatypartners.org.



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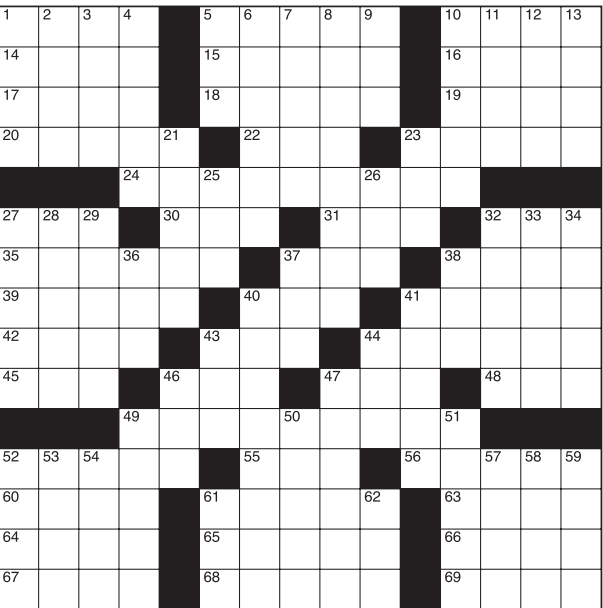
CLUES ACROSS

1. Fashion accessory
5. Subatomic particle
10. Ethnic group of the Philippines
14. Popular cookie
15. Fabric
16. Alcoholic liquor
17. Peter \_\_, Dutch portrait painter
18. Longtime Chicago mayor
19. A famous "Lady"
20. Islamic calendar month
22. Rocky peak
23. Polio vaccine developer
24. Songs sung in open air
27. Military movements
30. Male parent
31. Beloved hot beverage
32. Female sibling
35. Tackled the QB
37. Set a dog on someone
38. Long live! (Spanish)
39. Porticos
40. Pouch
41. Smooth fabric
42. Enough (archaic)
43. Institute legal proceedings against
44. Scarred
45. Draw from
46. Brother or sister
47. Body part
48. Commercials
49. London soccer team
52. Satisfied
55. Surgical technique (abbr.)
56. Fencing sword

60. French industrial city
61. Intellectual property organization (abbr.)
63. Helps to carry food
64. "Rule, Britannia" composer
65. One-time Empress of the Roman Empire
66. Intestinal pouches
67. None better
68. "WandaVision" actress
69. Comedic actress Kathryn

CLUES DOWN

1. Fifth notes of major scales
2. Region
3. Your consciousness of your own identity
4. Georgetown athletes
5. They follow A
6. Spoke
7. Hairdressers' domain
8. Extravagantly theatric
9. End-blown flute
10. Heroic tales
11. Member of a Semitic people
12. Members of a priestly caste
13. Southern Ghana people
21. Counsels
23. Body of water
25. Awesome!
26. Calendar month
27. Native of region in Caucasus
28. Indian city
29. Exclusive
32. Alaskan town
33. Covered with ivy
34. Loose granular substances



36. Native American tribe
37. Written American English
38. Holiday (informal)
40. Add up
41. Small brown and gray rails
43. Get off your feet
44. Express disgust
46. Surface of the ground
47. Put into a silo
49. Belief

50. British noblemen
51. Tennis game
52. Dry, protective crust
53. Swiss river
54. Large integers
57. La \_\_ Tar Pits, Hollywood
58. Every one of two or more
59. "Deadpool" actor Reynolds
61. Earlier
62. Peter's last name

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

## SUDOKU

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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.



**"During this difficult time, we encourage everyone to come together and support one another. We understand that this news may be upsetting, and we want to remind you that counseling services are available for anyone who needs support. Our counselors are here to offer guidance during this challenging time. ... If you notice someone who may be struggling, please encourage them to seek support or inform a trusted member of our staff. "**

## –STATEMENT FROM ROYAL ISD

## TEEN

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encourage anyone who may have information to contact the Brookshire Police Department (281-375-5000) or Waller County Crimestoppers (979-826-8266.”

Royal ISD also issued a statement on the incident on its website. "Falcon Community, it is with deep sadness that we inform you of the passing of one of our former students, Juan Rodriguez. His loss is felt deeply by all of us. During this difficult time, we encourage everyone to come together and support one another. We understand that this news may be upsetting, and we want to remind you that counseling services are available for anyone who needs support. Our counselors are here to offer guidance during this challenging time. If you or your student would like to speak with a counselor, please do not hesitate to reach out to Royal High School at 281-934-2215. In addition to our counseling services, we encourage you to look out for one another."

If you notice someone who may be struggling, please encourage them to seek support or inform a trusted member of our staff. We are here for you, and we are stronger together."

## UPDATES

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tion project along East 5th Street and a \$1.0 million Gate 4 access road widening project

- A Maritime Infrastructure Program, using \$11.6 million for Velasco Terminal Storage Area 5

Carroll G. Robinson, an Associate Professor of Public Administration and Political Science at Texas Southern University's Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs, spoke on TEX-21, a 20-year-old collective, grassroots effort to improve the transportation infrastructure in the States of Texas and



PHOTO BY SUSAN ROVEGNO

Carroll G. Robinson

Oklahoma. He described the project as “expansion of the Third Coast.” According to its website, TEX-21 “aims to increase economic development throughout the state via the expansion of our Texas Gulf seaports, along with the supporting railroads, docks, cranes, and

roads necessary to handle the additional movement of freight. This is in response to the expansion of the Panama Canal in 2016, which allows the giant post-Panamax ships to traverse the Canal. Unfortunately, Texas currently spends little money on its ports, preferring to leave it for the local government entities to pay for with local taxes. As a result, these large Post-Panamax Ships cannot land in Texas."

In addition to pushing for increased efficiency in moving goods from the Port of Freeport north as far as the Dallas area, the Hwy 36A Coalition believes that the expansion of the Highway 36A corridor will provide for improved hurricane evacuation, more efficient mobility and greater economic development for the region and the state, according to its website.

The organization's board includes Brazoria, Fort Bend and Waller Counties, in addition to the City of Katy, City of Pattison, and City of Weston Lakes, among others. Among the group's officers are past chair Fort Bend County Commissioner Andy Meyers and at-large members Waller County Commissioner Kendric Jones and Dwayne Grigar, Director of Planning and Infrastructure for Fort Bend County Commissioner Vincent Morales.

For more information, go to [36acoalition.org](http://36acoalition.org).



PHOTO BY SUSAN ROVEGNO

Construction is already underway at Houston Methodist West Hospital's Katy campus and is expected to be completed in 2027.

## HOSPITAL

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of our community," said Wayne M. Voss, CEO of Houston Methodist West Hospital. "This project will significantly elevate our capacity to deliver exceptional care, close to home."

## Hospital Expansion

The expansion encompasses over 129,000 square feet of new and renovated service areas. Key enhancements include:

- **Clinical Areas:** A 36-bed observation unit, increasing the hospital's total bed count to 307. Four state-of-the-art operating rooms (ORs), 16 additional emergency department (ED) rooms, five new neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) beds, and a new endoscopy suite. This expansion will also include an infusion center with six additional suites, which have been redesigned with a "spa-like feel," said Kyle Stanzel, Vice President & Chief Operating Officer said at the August 27 kick-off luncheon. Advanced imaging equipment featuring one MRI, two CT scanners, and ultrasound (US) will also be installed. Stanzel said the hospital is focused on reducing wait times to "near zero" while making patients feel as comfortable as possible.

- **Patient and Visitor Services:** Enhancements feature a new 24/7 gift shop with grab and go options, and an Einstein's Bagels location opening on the second floor, replacing the current coffee shop, which will move to the first floor with expanded services and significant upgrades.

**KISD**

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bers, and educators will have a crucial opportunity to shape policies that affect Katy ISD students, schools, and classrooms," the email said. "Starting this week, the district will begin distributing an electronic 'Parent & Community Education Priorities Survey' to collect your insights on education laws impacting the quality of education in Katy ISD. Your feedback will guide the Board of Trustees in setting legislative priorities for the upcoming 89th Texas Legislative Session."

In September, according to the email, the KISD Board of Trustees' Legislative Committee will also kick off a "Listening Circle" tour to collaborate with parents and community members in identifying state-level legislative priorities that could benefit Katy ISD students. "These discussions will supplement data collected from the Priorities Survey," the district email said.

Four "Listening Circles" have been scheduled on the following dates: Sept 11, 18, 25 and Oct 2. Each session will run from 6 to 8:00


p.m. at different locations throughout the district, with a light dinner provided. Specific locations have not yet been disclosed. Interested parties may register to

attend a Circle via the Parent & Community Education Priorities Survey.

All individuals who have an email address on file with the school district will

receive the survey.

"We look forward to our parents and community's valuable input and active participation," said a district spokesperson.




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# Girl Scout troop members achieve bronze award

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girl Scout Troop 127018, comprised of dedicated Juniors ages nine to 12 years old, has achieved the prestigious Girl Scout Bronze Award by creating and distributing "care Kits for kids," said the troop's Bronze Award sponsor, Anshwa Lewis, in an August 18 email to the Katy Times. "These are the first Bronze Awardees of our multi-level troop."

"These thoughtful care packages are designed to brighten the days of children undergoing inpatient stays at hospitals," said Lewis. The troop's first delivery took place at Texas Children's Hospital's West Campus, located in Katy at 18200 Katy Freeway, on August 13. The kits include coloring books, sensory toys, and other engaging activities to keep young patients entertained during their hospital stays.

"Our troop's goal is to put smiles on the faces of these brave kids and provide them with a sense of comfort," said Lewis.

Local sponsors who generously donated to the first round of Care Kits included Chick-fil-A Katy North (Morton Ranch and Elyson locations), Katy Park H-E-B at Katy Park at 24924 Morton Road in Katy and Target Katy Elyson at 22165 FM 529.

In a collaborative effort, Troop 127018 partnered with Reed Deed Run, an initiative at Katy ISD's King Elementary School, located at 1901 Charlton House Lane in Katy, to ensure the sustainability of the program beyond their initial delivery. By working together, they aim to create a lasting impact on the lives of hospitalized children, Lewis said.

In addition to Lewis, the effort was led by troop leader LaQuanna Grant. Troop members and bronze awardees from the 25-member multi-level troop (comprised of

Brownies through Cadettes) are:

- Micaiah Spencer
- Tycen Cobb
- Klaire Grant
- Kennedy Aikin
- Makaela Pickens
- Gabrielle Hampton

Troop members, from all over the Katy and Cinco Ranch area, meet twice a month (on Mondays this fall) at the Elyson Community Center. .



## About the Girl Scout Bronze Award

The Girl Scout Bronze Award is the highest honor a Girl Scout Junior can achieve. It empowers girls to take action, build confidence, and make a lasting difference in their communities. Troop 127018 exemplifies this spirit through their thoughtful service project.

# Roosevelt Weeks appointed Fort Bend County libraries director

## CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Fort Bend County Commissioners Court announced the appointment of Roosevelt Weeks as Library Director of the Fort Bend County library system on Tuesday, August 27. He will assume the role on October 7, 2024.

Weeks brings more than two decades of distinguished experience in library leadership, most recently as Library Director at the Austin Public Library system, where he has worked for the past seven years. Prior to that, he served as Deputy Director/Chief of Staff at the Houston Public Library (HPL) system for 11 years. He also served as Chief Technology Officer at HPL.

**"I am honored to join Fort Bend County Libraries and eager to work alongside the talented team here."**



ROOSEVELT WEEKS

Weeks is passionate about improving technology, literacy, and education in the communities he serves. His goal is to empower individuals with the tools they need to ensure a future workforce capable of the complex critical-thinking skills necessary to succeed in an ever-changing competitive environment.

Weeks is a highly respected figure in the library community. He has been recognized for his strategic vision, exceptional leadership, and dedication to advancing library programs and services. His contributions to the profession have been acknowledged through numerous awards, including being named Texas Librarian of the Year by the Texas Library Association in 2023, receiving the University of North Texas Outstanding Alumni Award in 2023, and earning the prestigious "I Love My Librarian" national award from the American Library Association in 2016.

In addition to his extensive professional experience, Weeks is an active member of several library organizations, including the Texas Library Association, where he served on the executive board, the American Library Association, the Public Library Association, and the Urban Library Council, where he holds the position of Past Board Chair. His involvement in these organizations underscores his commitment to the library profession and his role as a thought leader in the field.

"I am honored to join Fort Bend County Libraries and eager to work alongside the talented team here," said Weeks.

Weeks attended Texas Southern University, where he received an undergraduate degree in Computer Science. He was awarded his master's degree in library science from the University of North Texas.

He and his wife, Valecia, are members of the Holman Street Baptist Church in Houston, where he serves as a deacon.

Fort Bend County Libraries is a public library system consisting of a main library -- George Memorial Library in Richmond -- and 10 branch libraries located throughout Fort Bend County, as well as management of the Fort Bend County Willie Melton Law Library.

For more information, see the Fort Bend County Libraries website ([www.fortbend.lib.tx.us](http://www.fortbend.lib.tx.us))



RENDERING COURTESY OF FOGO DE CHÃO

Acclaimed Brazilian steakhouse Fogo de Chão will open in the space formerly occupied by Harris County Smokehouse at 222 West Grand Parkway South in Katy. No opening date has been announced.

# Fogo de Chao set to open in Katy

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

Fogo de Chão, the internationally renowned restaurant from Brazil, announced August 8 the signing of two new lease agreements in Katy and Cypress. These new leases expand Fogo's presence in the greater Houston metropolitan area and continued consumer demand in Texas, with 11 locations across the Lone Star state.

The new Katy restaurant, covering 7,456 square feet, is scheduled to open in 2024 at 222 West Grand Parkway South in the site formerly occupied by Harris County Smokehouse, near the thriving Lakes at Grand Harbor and Milestone neighborhoods.

The new Cypress restaurant

spans 7,345 square feet and is set to open in 2024 at 19820 Northwest Freeway, located in the Crossroads neighborhood, home to premier residences, shops, offices and dining options.

These new restaurants will showcase Fogo's recent brand transformation featuring enhanced design elements like elevated bar and dining room spaces, menu optionality, and innovation platforms like dry-aged meat lockers.

Founded in Southern Brazil in 1979, Fogo elevates the centuries-old cooking technique of churrasco -- the art of roasting high-quality cuts of meat over an open flame -- into a cultural dining experience of discovery. In addition to its Market Table

and Feijoada Bar -- which includes seasonal salads and soup, fresh vegetables, imported charcuterie and more -- guests are served simply seasoned meats that are butchered, fire-roasted and carved tableside by gaucho chefs. Guests can also indulge in dry-aged or premium Wagyu cuts, seafood a la carte, Bar Fogo Features including signature cocktails, and an award-winning South American wine list, as well as smaller, sharable plates in Bar Fogo. Fogo offers differentiated menus for all dayparts including lunch, dinner, weekend brunch and group dining, plus full-service catering and delivery options.

For locations and more information about Fogo de Chão, visit [fogodechao.com](http://fogodechao.com).

# PowerHouse Church and Christ Clinic launch free health clinic in North Katy

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

PowerHouse Church has partnered with Christ Clinic to launch a free health clinic, called 2535, to provide essential medical services to the North Katy community. The clinic will be open every second and fourth Saturday of the month, starting on September 14th, 2024.

Led by Senior Pastor Robert Burdett and Executive Pastor Anthony Stewart, the clinic is a part of the 2535 church-clinic initiative under the care of Christ Clinic.

The first clinic will be held on Saturday, September 14th, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The clinic will continue every second and fourth Saturday of each month at the church at 1818 Katyland

Dr., Katy.

The 2535 PowerHouse Clinic aims to provide medical assistance to community members in need, regardless of age, income, or insurance status. This initiative seeks to eliminate barriers

to healthcare and offer a range of services, including sick visits, screenings, preventative care, and chronic disease management.

Beginning in 2000 as an outreach ministry of the Memorial Lutheran Church

in Katy, Christ Clinic offers high quality healthcare and healthcare related services to those who are uninsured and underinsured. The clinic receives no state or federal funding. To learn more, go to [christclinic Katy.org](http://christclinic Katy.org).




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# Mayde Creek grad serves aboard Navy warship in Pacific NW

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SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

SEATTLE - Petty Officer 3rd Class John James II, a native of Katy, serves aboard USS Barry, a U.S. Navy warship homeported at Naval Station Everett, Washington. The ship is currently in a Seattle shipyard undergoing routine maintenance.

James graduated from Mayde Creek High School in 2018 and earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Houston in 2021.

The skills and values needed to succeed in the Navy are similar to those found in Katy.

"Growing up, I lived right near the city of Houston, which offered me the unique opportunity to meet people from all over

the world," said James. "I've assigned a lot of value to diversity. It's the same thing in the Navy because we serve with people from all over the place and from a million different backgrounds and you have to appreciate the differences. The most fascinating aspect of being in the Navy so far has been meeting all the people. That's why I like traveling so much. I get to see different cultures and different ways of living."

James joined the Navy two years ago, and now serves as a fire controlman (AEGIS).

"I've had several family members and friends join the military," said James. "I wanted to do my part, for them and the nation. I also wanted to travel and see the world."

A Navy destroyer is a multi-mission ship that can operate independently or as part of a larger group of ships at sea. The ship is

equipped with tomahawk missiles, torpedoes, guns and a phalanx close-in weapons system.

More than 300 sailors serve aboard Barry. Their jobs are highly specialized, requiring both dedication and skill. The jobs range from maintaining engines to handling weaponry along with a multitude of other assignments that keep the ship mission-ready at all times, according to Navy officials.

With 90% of global commerce traveling by sea and access to the internet relying on the security of undersea fiber optic cables, Navy officials continue to emphasize that the prosperity of the United States is directly linked to recruiting and retaining talented people from across the rich fabric of America.

"We will earn and reinforce the trust and confidence of the American people every day," said Adm. Lisa Franchetti, chief of

naval operations. "Together we will deliver the Navy the nation needs."

James has many opportunities to achieve accomplishments during military service.

"I am proud of excelling during 'A' School training and receiving an academic award for my hard work," said James. "That recognition confirmed that I was working hard."

James serves a Navy that operates far forward, around the world and around the clock, promoting the nation's prosperity and security.

"Serving in the Navy allows me to make a direct and meaningful impact toward the betterment of the nation," said James.

James is grateful to others for helping make a Navy career possible.

"I want to thank my mother and siblings for their continuous support and enthusiasm for my service," he said.

## Herbert joins Memorial Hermann's Mischer Neuroscience Associates Katy Neurosurgery



JOSEPH  
HERBERT

### CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Neurosurgeon Joseph Herbert, MD, has joined Memorial Hermann's Mischer Neuroscience Associates Katy Neurosurgery, the hospital announced on August 26.

Dr. Herbert's primary clinical interests are complex and minimally invasive spine surgery, neuro-trauma and neu-

ro-oncology. Dr. Herbert treats patients ages 16 and older. His extensive training ranges from ultra-minimally invasive endoscopic spine surgery to the most complex open spine surgery. He also has extensive training in all aspects of spine and brain trauma, as well as management of spine and brain tumors.

A Houston native, Dr. Herbert earned undergraduate degrees in cellular and

molecular biology and Spanish at Texas Tech University in Lubbock and his medical degree at McGovern Medical School at UTHealth Houston. He completed his residency in neurosurgery at the University of Missouri and a fellowship in spine neurosurgery at the University of Washington in Seattle.

He is a member of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons and American

Association of Neurological Surgeons and was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society and Phi Beta Kappa.

Memorial Hermann's Mischer Neuroscience Associates Katy Neurosurgery is located on the campus of Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital at 23960 Katy Fwy., Suite 380, Katy, TX 77494. To make an appointment with Dr. Herbert, call 281.500.6366.

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# Alexander Elementary student lands the lead role in ‘Matilda’

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO  
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Nine-year-old Olivia MacGregor’s dreams are already coming true.

The fifth grader, who attends Roosevelt Alexander Elementary School in Katy ISD, has landed the role of a lifetime – the lead role in “Matilda,” staged by Moore Vision Entertainment/Broadway Bound Youth Musical Theatre. The show – scheduled for six performances – was held August 30 and 31 and September 1 at the MATCH Theatre, 3400 Main Street in Houston.

“Matilda is a very complex musical and an intense role for a child due to the amount of content, songs, and blocking,” said Olivia’s mother, Noelle MacGregor, in an email to the Katy Times. “She loves every minute of it despite the extensive memorization and long rehearsals.” Over 100 hopefuls auditioned for the show, Noelle MacGregor said.

The play is based on the 1988 novel “Matilda” by Roald Dahl and tells the story of Matilda Wormwood, a young girl who is extraordinarily brilliant – able to solve complex math problems in her head and to read books meant for adults. Unfortunately, though, Matilda has grown up with parents who do not give her the attention and love she deserves.

Olivia received her script in late April and had to memorize all the songs and lines (“be off-book”) before the “boot camp” in late June. “They have been rehearsing since early July,” said Noelle MacGregor. “Olivia was called for most days for rehearsal since she is in nearly every scene. The week before opening day [was] intense with rehearsals at the theatre in midtown from 6 to 10 p.m. most nights.”

Before Matilda, Olivia also portrayed Vercia Salt in “Willy Wonka” and has had a couple of other smaller roles in the Katy children’s theatre arena. She got her start in acting through Destination Imagination, a program offered at Katy ISD which encourages teams of learners to have fun, take risks, focus and frame challenges while incorporating STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), the arts and service learning, according



Olivia MacGregor, a fifth grader at Roosevelt Alexander Elementary School, will play the lead role in “Matilda”.

to the district’s website.

“Her team has been together since first grade,” said mom Noelle. “They moved into the competition level in third grade and made it to state and this last year placed second at state and advanced to globals.”

Olivia has always enjoyed singing and dancing, said her mom. “Every holiday Olivia and her older brothers would create show tickets and put on a show for family,” she said. “Two years ago, her brother came up with the idea of giving her voice lessons for her birthday. A friend recommended a wonderful voice lesson teacher (Jana Ellsworth) who always shares opportunities with us that she thinks would be good for Olivia. Once

she did one show, she was hooked! She has been doing shows for two years now here and there and has taken on bigger roles each time.”

Olivia’s advice for others interested in a performing arts career? “Give it a try,” Olivia said via email. “Join DI or audition for a musical. And don’t give up. I didn’t get a role the first time I auditioned for Matilda a year ago, but I kept trying.”

Her mother also has words of wisdom for parents. “I recommend finding low-commitment opportunities for them to try out different areas of performing arts to see where their love is,” she said. “Camps and short-term classes are great for this. Start small. There are quite a few options for musical theatre in Katy that are very different styles. Network and talk to other parents who have participated to find out which one will be the right fit for your child’s personality and skill level. And keep it fun! If your child is stressed or isn’t having fun anymore, it might be time to take a break or try something different.”

Noelle said that the experience and life skills that her daughter will gain through this experience are worth it. “Being in theatre, Olivia has learned to work with a lot of different types of personalities. She has also learned a lot about teamwork,” she said. “Everyone on the cast and crew are depending on her. As one of the youngest children in the production, she has learned to self-advocate. If she needs something or has a question, she has to be the one to speak up since we aren’t involved and do not attend rehearsals. She has also had to really learn to budget her time, especially during these first few weeks of school.”

“She loves everything creative, is in a few sports, and loves clubs where she can help others and give back to the community,” Noelle MacGregor said. “She’s a great student and loves school. Olivia is very responsible and takes care of any studying or homework she has as soon as she gets home from school. Honestly, I never have to even ask her if she’s taken care of her schoolwork. She’s highly motivated on her own, thank goodness.”

“It’s a lot of work, but it’s worth it,” Olivia said.

## Two Disaster Recovery Centers open in Harris County

FROM STAFF REPORTS

AUSTIN — FEMA opened two Disaster Recovery Centers in Harris County on Friday, August 30 to provide one-on-one help to Texans affected by Hurricane Beryl.

The new center location closest to the Katy area is at George H.W. Bush Community Center, 6827 Cypresswood Drive, Spring. The other location is at the Milton Lusk Activity Center, 1022 Mercury Drive in Houston.

Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) operate from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and are closed on Sunday. Any DRC can help with both Hurricane Beryl and the April 26 - June 5 storms and flooding. To find a center location near you, go to [fema.gov/drc](https://fema.gov/drc).

All centers are accessible to people with disabilities or access and functional needs and are equipped with assistive technology.

Residents in Austin, Bowie, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, Walker, Waller and Wharton counties can visit any open center to meet with representatives of FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration. No appointment is needed.

To shorten wait times at the DRC, Texans are encouraged to apply to FEMA online, by phone or using the FEMA App before going to a center for follow-up help. To apply, homeowners and renters can:

- Go online to [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov).
- Download the FEMA App for mobile devices at [fema.gov/about/news-multimedia/mobile-products](https://fema.gov/about/news-multimedia/mobile-products).
- Call the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362 between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. Help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service.
- Visit any Disaster Recovery Center.

To view an accessible video about how to apply watch “Three Ways to Register for FEMA Disaster Assistance” on YouTube at [youtube.com/watch?v=LU7wzRjByhI](https://youtube.com/watch?v=LU7wzRjByhI).

For more information about Texas disaster recovery, visit: [fema.gov/disaster/4798](https://fema.gov/disaster/4798).

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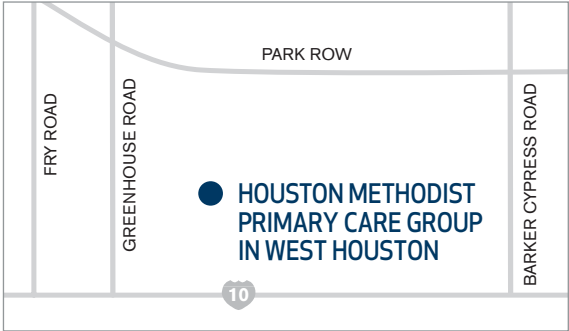
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# Taylor High's therapy dog program enters second year

Continued ‘paws-itive’ impact expected from Mustang Charlie’s presence on campus

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO  
PUBLISHER

Taylor High School has gone to the dogs. Well, one dog, anyway. Mustang Charlie, a hypoallergenic Miniature Labradoodle, will be joining his handler and THS counselor, Angie Sticker, on campus at 20700 Kingsland in Katy this fall, in the second year of the Therapy Dog Pilot Program.

Although Charlie is still in training, he is expected to achieve full certification this school year. He will interact with students as needed and in accordance with his training program.

“This initiative provides a valuable opportunity for our students to benefit from therapeutic interactions with our therapy dog, Mustang Charlie,” said the school newsletter, The Stampede Scoop, in its August 24 edition. “We look forward to Mustang Charlie building on the positive impact he’s had on both our students and staff this year.”

In the first year, Charlie was at school twice a week and on extra days when needed, Sticker said. He spends most of his workday in the counseling office, where he offers comfort to students who are feeling stressed, sad, overwhelmed or are dealing with a personal crisis. Charlie also interacts with students through quick pets in the hallway on their way to class, occasional visits to classrooms, and even joining pep rallies. This year, he comes to school two to three days a week. “Since he’s still a young pup, he needs his off days to stay at his best,” said Sticker.

“It’s amazing to see how students light up when they see Charlie on campus,” she said. “On tough days, just seeing him can turn their whole day around. Some students even keep track of his schedule and stop by on days they know he will be here. He’s loved by staff too, who visit him regularly and spoil him with treats and attention. My office is always busy with visitors on Charlie days!”

There were lessons learned in the first year of the program. “We’ve learned that Charlie’s impact is even greater than we expected,” said Sticker. “He’s become an additional resource to students and staff. Whether helping a student de-escalate or



PHOTO COURTESY OF ANGELA STICKER, TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL

Mustang Charlie, a therapy dog for students and staff in a pilot program at Taylor High School, 20700 Kingsland, Katy, participates in school activities such as pep rallies.

providing comfort on a tough day, Charlie is ready and willing to meet students where they are at.”

Sticker said that there are many success stories from year one of the program. “Since I am a counselor, confidentiality is an important part of my relationship with students. That said, I can tell you that Charlie has really made a difference. His presence helps students feel more at ease and encourages them to open up and ask for the help they need. And if students are asking for help, that’s a big win for us.”

Parents may opt their child out of interacting with Mustang Charlie by logging in to MyKaty and selecting the KISD Option Portal icon. The opt-out deadline is September 25, 2024.

“So far, no one has opted out of the program,” said Sticker. “That’s a great sign that our community really sees the value in the pilot program and its benefits to our kiddos.”

“The response from parents and families has been very positive,” Sticker added. “I’ve received a lot of emails from parents excited about the program and asking how their kids can spend more time with Charlie.” He recently greeted parents at THS Open House.

Right now, the pilot program is only at THS. “If everything goes well, the hope is that it will expand to other schools,” said Sticker. “There’s a lot involved in training both the dog and the handler, so it has to be the right fit for each school.”

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS About Therapy Dog Benefits in High School Setting

- 1. What is a therapy dog?**  
A therapy dog is a trained and well-behaved canine that provides emotional support and comfort to individuals in various settings, including schools, hospitals and rehabilitation centers.
- 2. How can therapy dogs benefit high school students?**  
Therapy dogs can provide numerous benefits to high school students, including stress reduction, improved mood, increased social interaction, and enhanced overall well-being.
- 3. How do therapy dogs reduce stress?**  
Interacting with therapy dogs has been shown to reduce the levels of stress hormones like cortisol and increase the release of oxytocin, a hormone associated with bonding and relaxation. Petting, playing or simply being in the presence of a therapy dog can help students feel calmer and more at ease.
- 4. How do therapy dogs promote a positive school environment?**  
Therapy dogs can contribute to a more positive and inclusive school atmosphere by fostering a sense of community. They often serve as conversation starters. Encouraging students to interact with one another and with staff members.

- 5. Are therapy dogs only for students with diagnosed mental health issues?**  
No, therapy dogs can benefit all students, regardless of whether they have diagnosed mental healthy issues. The presence of therapy dogs can enhance the overall emotional well-being of the entire student body.
- 6. How are therapy dogs integrated into the school day?**  
Therapy dogs are usually brought to the school by trained handlers and are often stationed in designated areas, such as the school library, counseling office, or common spaces. Students have the opportunity to interact with the therapy dog in this designated area needed.

- At THS, Charlie will be staying with his handler in the school counseling office, working closely with school counselors to provide targeted support. Howe’s how therapy dogs are used in collaboration with school counselors:
- a. Individual counseling sessions:** During one-on-one counseling sessions, therapy dogs can be present to create a calming and non-judgmental atmosphere. The presence of the dog often helps students feel more at ease and open to discussing their concerns.
  - b. Group counseling:** In group counseling sessions, therapy dogs can help break the ice and promote a sense of unity among participants. The dogs’ presence can foster a supportive and comfortable environment for students to share and connect with their peers.
  - c. Stress reduction:** When students are experiencing stress, anxiety, or emotional distress, the counselor can introduce therapy dogs as a coping tool.

- Spending time with the dog can help students manage their emotions and regain a sense of balance.
- d. Behavioral support:** For students with behavioral challenges, interacting with therapy dogs can serve as a positive reinforcement. The opportunity to spend time with the dogs can motivate students to exhibit desired behaviors.
  - e. Emotional regulation:** The calming presence of therapy dogs can help students regulate their emotions. School counselors can teach students strategies for self-regulation and provide opportunities to practice these strategies with the dogs.
  - f. Anxiety management:** Students dealing with test anxiety or social anxiety can benefit from spending time with therapy dogs before or after challenging situations. This can help reduce anxiety levels and boost confidence.
  - g. Goal setting:** In collaboration with the school counselor, students can set goals related to their well-being and personal growth. Therapy dogs can serve as motivators and rewards for achieving these goals.
  - h. Confidentiality and trust:** Interacting with therapy dogs can foster trust and build rapport between the student and the counselor, making the counseling experience more comfortable and effective.

- 7. Do therapy dogs receive special training?**  
Yes, therapy dogs undergo specialized training to ensure they are well-behaved, gentle and comfortable in various environments. Their training includes exposure to different people, noises, and situations they might encounter in a school setting.

- 8. Are there any potential allergies or concerns related to therapy dogs?**  
Some students and staff members may have allergies or fears related to dogs. It’s important for the school to communicate the presence of a therapy dog so that students and parents can communicate any allergies they have and opt-out of interacting with the dog.

- 9. Are there any studies supporting the effectiveness of therapy dogs in schools?**  
Yes, there is a growing body of research indicating the positive effects of therapy dogs in educational settings. These studies highlight the improvements in students’ mood, stress levels, and overall emotional well-being.  
*Source: Taylor High School Stampede Scoop newsletter*



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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.425000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Katy.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.425000 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.420787 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.440253 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2024 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Katy from the same properties in both the 2023 tax year and the 2024 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that City of Katy may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that City of Katy is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2024 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 23, 2024 AT 6:30 pm AT Katy City Hall.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, City of Katy is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the City Council of City of Katy at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

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

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

**FOR** the proposal:

Chris Harris, Mayor Pro Tem/Councilmember At-Large  
Janet Corte, Councilmember Ward A  
Dan Smith, Councilmember Ward A  
Gina Hicks, Councilmember Ward B  
Rory Robertson, Councilmember Ward B

**AGAINST** the proposal:

None

**PRESENT** and not voting:

William H. “Dusty” Thiele, Mayor

**ABSENT:**

None

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

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

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Katy last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Katy this year.

	2023	2024	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.430000	\$0.425000	decrease of -0.005000 per \$100, or -1.16%
Average homestead taxable value	\$326,766	\$359,844	increase of 10.12%
Tax on average homestead	\$1,405.09	\$1,529.34	increase of 124.25, or 8.84%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$23,765,326	\$24,230,853	increase of 465,527, or 1.96%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for City of Katy at 281-341-3710 or [FBCTaxInfo@fortbendcountytexas.gov](mailto:FBCTaxInfo@fortbendcountytexas.gov), or visit [www.fbc.tx.gov](http://www.fbc.tx.gov) for more information.

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# HCC’s Online College 1-N.O.W. program leading the way in educational accessibility

Program includes new five-week course option for busy students

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

With its robust array of programs designed to meet the diverse needs of today’s learners, Houston Community College’s (HCC) Online College is at the forefront of education, the college announced in an August 27 press release.

Now, with the launch of the

1-N.O.W. Program, the convenience of completing courses toward a degree is getting even better. The program debuted this fall semester featuring three popular Associate of Arts programs: business, multi-disciplinary studies-general and teaching.

The program allows students to take one class at a time, 100% online, every five weeks. Classes also provide supplemental instructor support, tutoring and library services support—all leading to a two-year associate degree.

“The 1-N.O.W. Program is designed specifically for the part-time student,” said Jerome Drain, HCC Online College

interim president. “By offering one class at a time, fully online on a convenient five-week schedule, the program is easily accessible for today’s busy student who is likely balancing work, family life or other commitments.”

Students can complete courses leading to degrees in business, multi-disciplinary studies and teaching. Each class has a curriculum that is covered at an accelerated pace, allowing learners to balance their educational pursuits with other commitments.

For HCC online student Lorrin Gorman, HCC proved to be a logical choice as she began furthering her career in the dental sector, with

the hope of moving from a dental assistant’s role to that of a dental hygienist.

“I chose HCC because of the flexible scheduling,” she said. “HCC has one of the more flexible online programs available. Having to tune in at a specific time for an online class wasn’t going to work for me with my work schedule, but HCC’s online, anytime option did. The convenience of it ... that’s what really sold me.”

The Online College has a special place in the heart of HCC Chancellor Margaret Ford Fisher, Ed.D. During her tenure as founding president, HCC Online College’s reputation grew as a leader in accessibility

and affordability in higher education. Newsweek has named it one of the nation’s top online colleges for two consecutive years.

“The impact of the college is felt across the entire HCC service area,” she said. “It offers our students the flexibility and convenience to study entirely online or to augment their course work in various programs across our system.”

In all, the online college now offers more than 60 online degree and certificate programs spanning more than 80 academic and workforce subjects.

For more information about HCC Online College visit [hccs.edu/1-now](https://hccs.edu/1-now).

# Briones invites students to join revamped Harris County Safe School Commission

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Harris County, TX (August 27, 2024) — In a unanimous vote on August 27, Harris County Commissioners Court approved a plan by Precinct 4 Commissioner Lesley Briones to strengthen and expand the Harris County Safe School Commission (SSC).

The Court unanimously created the SSC at the recommendation of Precinct 3 Commissioner Tom Ramsey in June 2022, in the wake of the Uvalde school shooting that tragically took the lives of 19 students and 2 teachers.

The SSC was tasked with generating recommendations on how Harris County could support improved safety Harris County’s 25 Independent School Districts and private schools during the 2022-2023 school year.

Commissioner Briones reconvened the Safe School Commission earlier this year so that action could be taken to implement these strategies and other national best practices, as well as enhance collaboration, training, and communication between the over 75 law enforcement agencies and 25 Independent School Districts in Harris County,

a statement from her office said.

“As a mother of three daughters and as a former teacher, nothing is more important to me than ensuring the safety of our children and our educators,” Briones said. “The start of this new school year is the perfect time to strengthen the Safe Schools Commission and take action on the recommendations -- reaffirming our commitment to a community where everyone can thrive at school without fear of violence. This is what all our children deserve.”

Under changes recommended by Commissioner Briones, the Safe Schools Commission, which began as an ad hoc committee, will now become a standing body - meeting on a regular basis - and will operate under newly approved bylaws. The SSC will also add two at-large, voting positions designated for high school students. Harris County Fire Marshal Laurie Christensen, who previously served as an advisor to the Commission, will hold a non-voting, ex officio position, along with representatives from the Harris County Department of Education’s Center for Safe and Secure Schools and the Region 4 Education Service Center. These changes will

ensure permanence, consistency, and more inclusive representation on the board so that the SSC can more effectively be a change-agent in the County, Briones’ office said.

The current SSC members are Saami Baig, former co-executive director, March For Our Lives Houston and recent high school graduate; Holly Maria Flynn Vilaseca, former teacher and past HISD trustee; Traci Latson, HISD teacher; Jenny McGown, Klein ISD superintendent, and Calandrian Simpson-Kemp, gun violence prevention advocate.

During its July 30 meeting, the SSC set key priorities including:

- Emergency responder radio access
- Emergency responder access to key/lock boxes
- Harris County Fire Marshal’s Office annual lock inspections

“The establishment of the Harris County School Safe Commission has been a critical step in ensuring the safety and well-being of our students and educators,” said Harris County Fire Marshal Laurie Christensen. “This Commission has successfully brought together key stakeholders, fostered a broad and inclusive discussion on school safety,

and taken tangible steps toward achieving our goals. By formalizing these efforts through our bylaws, we are putting a definitive stamp on our collective progress, ensuring that the strides we’ve made will continue to protect and enhance the safety of our schools. This is more than a procedural milestone; it reflects our unwavering dedication to making Harris County a national leader in school safety,”

The Commission will focus on evidence-based best practices and provide recommendations to the Court on initiatives that will help families, communities, and schools build capacity and establish and expand successful school safety strategies.

Members of the SSC are appointed by Commissioners Court. To apply, please visit the Harris County Office of County Administration’s Boards and Commissions website at [oca.harriscountytexas.gov/Boards-And-Commissions/Boards-and-Commissions](https://oca.harriscountytexas.gov/Boards-And-Commissions/Boards-and-Commissions). Commissioner Briones encourages high school students to apply, her office said.

Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis.

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Charlie Adamoli makes a pass during Saturday's game between Cinco Ranch and The Woodlands at Rhodes Stadium.

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# Adamoli returns to the field for Cinco Ranch in season opening loss to The Woodlands

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a long road back for Charlie Adamoli to get back on the football field.

The senior quarterback suffered a broken leg in the second game of last year's season and went through a big process on his way back to regaining the starting spot for Cinco Ranch with his work over the summer and fall.

Adamoli didn't miss a beat in his first game action back on Saturday in Cinco Ranch's season opener, throwing for 199 yards and accounting for two touchdowns, and while the game ended in a 49-22 loss to the Woodlands, there was still some bright spots to take for the senior who worked so hard just to be in this situation.

"It just feels great to be back with my boys," Adamoli said. "I know we didn't get the win tonight, but all of us are locked in. There's a great chemistry this year and if we just fix a few things we can be a great team. It was awesome to be back out there and now it's about getting better so we don't make the same mistakes."

Cinco came out with a hot start to the game. After a three and out by The Woodlands to start the game, Cinco took the ball down the field and cashed in when Adamoli took a quarterback keeper seven yards for the games opening touchdown. The Woodlands came back with a touchdown to tie things, but the Cougars

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Above: Marcus Gadlin tries to run past a defender during Saturday's game between Cinco Ranch and The Woodlands at Rhodes Stadium. Left: Brayden Hopkins and Jeremiah Adams make a tackle during Saturday's game between Cinco Ranch and The Woodlands at Rhodes Stadium.

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# Paetow falls in season opener

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Friday's season opener didn't go the way that Paetow hoped.

The Panthers had very bright moments in their first game of the season against Langham Creek. They forced turnovers, got the Lobos into third and longs, moved the football, but Paetow ultimately was unable to put a complete game together, losing 24-16 in a game where they fought, but weren't able to make key plays when they needed them.

"The good thing is it's non-district," we can learn and we can grow from this," said junior cornerback Jaeden Spelmon. "We rallied to the ball and everyone played hard. We had some mistakes on defense and a few on offense but it's

nothing we can't work through. We don't expect to be a perfect team yet, but now it's about how we bounce back and use this next week."

Langham Creek was the team that started hot and the Lobos' offense moved the ball extremely well early. Langham drove the ball down the field on a lone drive in the first quarter before scoring to take the lead and Paetow's offense couldn't find its rhythm, not finding points even after a Spelmon interception midway through the second quarter set them up inside Langham Creek territory.

The Lobos made it 14-0 with six minutes left in the second quarter after another long drive where they controlled the clock, but Paetow found an answer late in the half. Langham looked to be

driving again but Spelmon came away with his second interception of the day and this time took it 48 yards for a touchdown for Paetow with just under two minutes left in the half. After forcing Langham Creek to punt on its next drive, Isaiah Bogan blocked and recovered a punt, running it in from five yards out for another touchdown, tying the game at 14 going into halftime.

"Bogan did such a great job on that, and then he went and got another block later in the game — the dude just goes all out all the time," Spelmon said. "It's not just me or any one player — this is about the team and that takes everyone from top to bottom. Bogan epitomizes that. "When you have guys like that, who

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# Jordan dominates in win over Cy-Creek

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

There's some change at Jordan this year. There are new faces in the quarterback room, players stepping up at different positions and a team full of people ready to prove themselves.

But one thing hasn't changed at Jordan, and that is that to be successful, you want to get Andrew Marsh the football.

That's what the Warriors did on Thursday in their season opener. The senior Michigan commit had four catches and he made them count, catching four passes for 169 yards and two touchdowns, while also returning a kickoff for a touchdown as Jordan opened the season with a 66-20 win over Cy-Creek.

"It was a great win, and we came out and did exactly what we planned to do to start the season," Marsh said. "We just need to build on it. We can't get too high after something like this, this is what we have to expect from ourselves. Now we have to take it and continue to build towards the rest for the season."

It took Jordan no time to make a statement in the game — the defense forced a turnover deep in Cy-Creek territory on the opening possession of the game and Jordan's offense needed just two plays to cash in, as Beau Bryant kept a read option and took it 14-yards for the opening score of the game.

The Warriors kept going. Bryant added a passing touchdown later in the first quarter to Marsh and Dominic Cangolosi got in on the action in the second quarter, rushing in a 4-yard score before throwing an 82-yard touchdown pass to Marsh, with Tanner West adding an 8-yard touchdown run and Marsh returning a kickoff for a touchdown before the end of the half to bring Jordan's lead to 45-7 heading into the locker room.

The Warriors have had a quarterback battle through the spring and summer and took a unique approach to the game substituting their two quarterbacks, Cangolosi and Bryant, every play during the game. Both quarterbacks did well with the substituting. Cangolosi completed nine of 12 passes for 243 yards and a touchdown while adding 15 rushing yards and a touchdown and Bryant completed three of six passes for 56 yards and a touchdown while rushing for 47 yards

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WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6

SCORES & SCHEDULES

FOOTBALL

Scores

- Jordan 66, Cy-Creek 20
- Katy 41, Dickinson 37
- Seven Lakes 10, Memorial 7
- Tompkins 21, Cy-Ranch 20
- Mayde Creek 18, Travis 14
- Langham Creek 26, Paetow 14
- Aldine Nimitz 35, Morton Ranch 14
- Cy Woods 37, Taylor 10
- The Woodlands 49, Cinco Ranch 22

Thursday

- Paetow at Spring Dekaney, 7 p.m. at Planet Ford Stadium
- Seven Lakes at Foster, 7 p.m. at Traylor Stadium

Friday

- Katy vs. Atascocita, 7 p.m. at Legacy Stadium
- Taylor at Fort Bend Bush, 7 p.m. at Mercer Stadium
- Jordan at Fort Bend Travis, 7 p.m. at Hall Stadium
- Cinco Ranch at Tomball, 7 p.m. at Tomball ISD Stadium
- Tompkins vs. Bridgeland, 7:30 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium

Saturday

- Morton Ranch vs. Magnolia West, 7 p.m. at Legacy Stadium
- Mayde Creek vs. Fort Bend Austin, 7:30 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium

VOLLEYBALL

Friday

- Cinco Ranch vs. Taylor, 5:30 p.m.
- Morton Ranch vs. Jordan, 5:30 p.m.
- Seven Lakes vs. Katy, 5:30 p.m.
- Mayde Creek vs. Paetow, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday

- Jordan vs. Cinco Ranch, 5:30 p.m.
- Tompkins vs. Mayde Creek, 5:30 p.m.
- Paetow vs. Morton Ranch, 5:30 p.m.
- Taylor vs. Seven Lakes, 5:30 p.m.



Williams elevated to UH assistant baseball coach

STAFF REPORT

Cougar Baseball legend Woody Williams has been promoted to Assistant Coach, Houston head coach Todd Whitting announced on Friday. The 15-year Major League Baseball veteran spent the 2024 season as the Director of Pitching Strategy and Development. Three Cougar pitchers were drafted in the 2024 MLB Draft, the most pitchers taken in one draft since 2022 when three pitchers were also taken. "It's an honor to be back at the University of Houston with an opportunity to mentor these young men on and off the field," Williams said. "Our staff and players are ready to work, and I am looking forward to an outstanding season." Serving as the Texas Longhorns



Woody Williams will join the University of Houston coaching staff as an assistant coach.

pitching coach in 2023, Williams helped the Longhorns win a share of the 2023 Big 12 Regular Season Title. On Forty Acres, Williams led Texas to the 10th lowest ERA in the nation at 4.18 highlighted by allowing just nine runs in

their sweep of the Coral Gables Regional. "The addition of Coach Williams is a huge boost for the development of our pitching staff," Whitting said. "His success as a former player at UH, 15 year MLB career and as a very successful pitching coach on the collegiate level is very exciting for UH Baseball. Woody has always had great passion for UH and I could not be more excited to have him on our staff." The Longhorns matched Oklahoma State with a Big 12 Conference-best four pitchers selected in the 2023 MLB Draft including D1Baseball First-Team All-American Lucas Gordon who was selected in the sixth round by the Chicago White Sox. Under Williams' guidance, Gordon became the eighth Texas

student-athlete to be named Big 12 Conference Pitcher of the Year. The Longhorns led the league with two First-Team All-Conference starting pitchers as Gordon was joined by Lebarron Johnson Jr. Prior to his time at Texas, Williams spent seven seasons as an assistant coach at San Jacinto College, helping lead the Gators to the Junior College World Series five times. Prior to joining San Jac, Williams coached three years at Fort Bend Christian Academy and spent two seasons with the Houston Heat. Prior to his 20-year professional baseball career, he was a two-way standout for the Cougars (1987-88). In 1987, Williams served as the starting shortstop before leading the 1988 team in ERA (3.32), wins (9), innings (100.1) as both a short-stop and starting pitcher.

The 15-year Major League Baseball veteran pitched for four different teams from 1993 to 2007. In 2003 as a member of the St. Louis Cardinals, Williams became the fourth Cougar to be named an MLB All-Star going 18-9 with a 3.87 ERA and 153 strikeouts in 220.2 innings. While Williams was on staff at San Jacinto College the Gators sent numerous players onto Division I baseball as well as to the Major League Baseball draft, highlighted by 2019 first round pick RHP Jackson Rutledge. Williams had an accomplished MLB career, pitching for 15 seasons with the Toronto Blue Jays, San Diego Padres, St. Louis Cardinals and Houston Astros. He logged more than 2,000 innings pitched and won 132 games with a 4.19 career ERA.

Water District
Notice of Public Hearing
on Tax Rate

The FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 25 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2024 on Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Administration Building, located at 10347 Clodine Road, Richmond, Texas, 77407. 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.

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NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

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

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

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

Water District
Notice of Public Hearing
on Tax Rate

The HARRIS-WALLER COUNTIES MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 3 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2024 on Monday, September 16, 2024, at 1:30 P.M. at the offices of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, TX 77027. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

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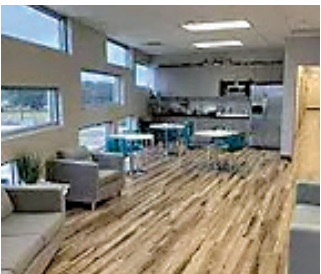
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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: WEEK 2

Katy ISD Previews: Final non-district test for teams

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

*\*All games non-district*

THURSDAY

Paetow (0-1) vs. Spring Dekaney (0-1),  
7 p.m. at Planet Ford Stadium

Last year: Did not play

- Paetow and Dekaney both come into week two off of a season opening loss and both will be looking to bounce back in the second week of the season in an early season matchup.

Paetow had some encouraging signs against Langham Creek to open the season, but also had some areas they knew they will need to improve in. The Panthers' defense had two takeaways, including a interception returned for a touchdown, but the Panthers struggled to get off the field on third downs, forcing the Lobos into plenty of bad situations but not being able to stop drives once Langham Creek was in third and long. The Paetow special teams did well, blocking two punts, but the offense struggled, not scoring accounting for a single point in the 26-14 loss, but moving the ball well in the second half of the game.

Dekaney's offense struggled in the team's first game as well, the Wildcats lost to Port Arthur Memorial 30-17, only scoring seven points in the first half of the game, while the team's defense gave up 24 points in the first half of the loss. Dekaney will be led by Tanook Hines, while Jamal Frilot and David Edmerson might both get time at quarterback.

For Paetow, the most important thing is to clean things up in the redzone offensively and not allow big plays on third down in what will be the Panthers' last warmup before district play begins.

Seven Lakes (1-0) vs. Foster (0-1), 7  
p.m. at Traylor Stadium

Last year: Did not play

- Seven Lakes won its second straight season opener against Memorial last week in a thriller, winning 10-7 in the seventh straight season opening matchup between the teams.

The Spartans' offense struggled in the game, but came up points when the team needed it most, driving down the field and scoring the game winning touchdown in the fourth quarter to win it. While the Spartans' defense was tremendous in the game, holding Memorial to just a single field goal.

Foster meanwhile comes off a 35-14 loss to Randle to open its season, where the Foster defense didn't have an answer or the Randle offense. Foster struggled against the pass, allowing 214 yards through the air, while they did slightly better against the run, allowing 135 yards.

Seven Lakes will have an opportunity for the offense to have a better performance than it did against Memorial and it might need it. The biggest things to look for in week two are how the Spartans move the ball through the air and if the defense can keep its performance up in back to back weeks before heading into district.

FRIDAY

Katy (1-0) vs. Atascocita (1-0),  
7 p.m. at Legacy Stadium

Last year: Atascocita 42, Katy 34

- Katy faces off against its second straight state ranked team to start the season and this one will be an even harder task than the last with a matchup against No. 9 ranked team in the state Atascocita.

Katy comes off a last minute 41-17



CHARLIE ADAMOLI | SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

Charlie Adamoli makes a throw during Saturday's game between Cinco Ranch and The Woodlands at Rhodes Stadium.

win over Dickinson in week one. The Tigers came from eight points down in the matchup and took the lead with under two minutes left in the game before hanging on to win with a goal line stand that forced a turnover on downs in the final seconds. Tremayne Hill led the way with 123 yards on the ground and four touchdowns on 29 carries, while Gunner Nelson threw for 189 yards and two touchdowns in the game and Israel Olotu-Judah led the way catching the ball with five catches for 111 yards and a touchdown.

Atascocita comes off a 35-7 win over Lamar in its season opener where the Eagles were dominant offensively and defensively. On defense, the team only gave up 43 yards through the air and 113 yards on the ground, while a trio of Tory Blaylock, Cardae Mack and Isaiah Rasheed did damage in the back-field in what has an impossible to stop run game from the Eagles.

It will be strength vs. strength in the game. Both teams pride themselves on running the ball and their ability to stop the run, and it will be a great final non-district game to see how both teams are shaping up early in the year.

Taylor (0-1) vs. Fort Bend Bush (0-1),  
7 p.m. at Mercer Stadium

Last year: Did not play

- Taylor will face off against Bush this week after both teams suffered a loss to open the year.

The Mustangs weren't able to find enough offense in their loss to Cy-Woods in the first game of the year, falling 37-10, with the Mustangs' only touchdown coming in the final quarter of the game. Cy-Woods was able to move the ball through the air, completing nine of 11 passes for 194 yards and two touchdowns, while Taylor did better defending against the run, allowing 116 total yards and not allowing a player to go over 41 yards on their own, but the Mustangs' offense struggled and had two turnovers in the game.

Bush lost 49-7 in its season opener and couldn't keep up with Cy-Springs. Cy-Springs had 209 yards through the air and 189 yards on the ground in the game, while Bush was sacked six times in the game.

Taylor will hope that an extra week of preparation will help clean up some of their offensive woes. They have a run game they

can build off of with Josh Jacobson, Javion Garrett and Connor Chupna and will try to build off of that against a defense that can be susceptible to the run.

Jordan (1-0) vs. Fort Bend Travis (0-1),  
7 p.m. at Hall Stadium

Last year: Did not play

- Jordan came out on fire to start the season and will go up against a Travis team that struggled in week one, losing to Mayde Creek.

The Warriors couldn't have asked for a better start to the season and will try to keep building off of that. Both quarterbacks in the team's rotation, Domenic Cangolosi and Beau Bryant, played well in the team's game against Cy-Creek, while Andrew Marsh and Tanner West continued to show why they are two of the top playmakers in the area.

The Jordan defense was also huge in the game, allowing just 28 yards on the ground and just over 150 yards passing, with much of that coming with backups in the game.

Travis found success defensively but lost to Mayde Creek. The Rams had 107 yards through the air and 117 on the ground, but made offensive mistakes that cost the team in the loss.

Jordan will look to put together another strong performance and gain more experience for the team's backups in the game while cleaning up some of the penalties they dealt with in game one of the season.

Cinco Ranch (0-1) vs. Tomball (1-0),  
7 p.m. at Tomball ISD Stadium

Last year: Did not play

- Cinco Ranch dropped their first game of the season and now goes up against a Tomball team that has been a strong program and playoff contender over the past few years.

The Cougars come off a loss to the Woodlands, where they fought the whole way through, but weren't able to hang with the Highlanders for four quarters. There were good days on the offensive end from the team, Tessiah Young went over 100 yards rushing, Charlie Adamoli nearly threw for 200 yards in his first game back from a broken leg and Scott Eckel had over 100 yards receiving, but the team's defense was not able to keep at The Woodlands at bay, allowing nearly 250 yards on the ground in the game.

Tomball's offense was on fire in its game against Stratford, but they like Cinco had some defensive questions. The Cougars threw for 177 yards and ran for 315, but allowed Stratford to run for 266 yards and throw for 190.

It will be a game where Cinco will try to fix some things defensively and build on what the offense did well last week. The Cougars will have to stop the run better to be successful and will try to be balanced offensively and keep Tomball's defense guessing.

Tompkins (1-0) vs. Bridgeland (1-0),  
7:30 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium

Last year: Bridgeland 41, Tompkins 35

- Tompkins and Bridgeland meet again in non-district play as both come off season opening wins, with Tompkins winning in a thriller and Bridgeland dominating in week one.

The Falcons erased a 20-0 deficit in their week one matchup with Cy-Ranch and scored the final 21 points in the contest in the second half, winning 21-20 to move to 1-0 on the season. The offense came alive for Tompkins in the second half. Justin Thierheimer had 250 yards through the air, with Bisi

Bello having a huge day, catching 10 passes for 211 yards and two touchdowns. Ethan Meadows had a breakout performance as well, as the sophomore ra for 94 yards and a touchdown on 21 carries. Kendree Madriz was huge on the defensive end, stopping two drives in the fourth quarter with interceptions to help get the win.

Bridgeland dominated its matchup, allowing just 11 yards on the ground and 169 through the air defensively and double digit points in three of the four quarters, never allowing their opponent in the game.

It will be a big test for Tompkins before the state of district. The Falcons will try to clean up the things that made them go scoreless in the first half of their game against Cy-Ranch and will have to be great defensively to earn a win over a very strong Bridgeland team.

SATURDAY

Morton Ranch (0-1) vs. Magnolia West  
(0-1), 7 p.m. at Legacy Stadium

Last year: Did not play

- Morton Ranch will play Magnolia West after coming off a loss in the team's season opener, while Nimitz comes into the game in the same situation after losing its first game of the season.

The Mavericks come off a 34-14 loss to Nimitz, where they weren't able to get going offensively and couldn't shut down the Nimitz offense. One bright spot for the team was Tyler Gilmore, who had 79 yards and a touchdown on the ground on 17 rushes, while Jay'ceon Jenkins-Hamilton had some bright moments at quarterback as well.

Defensively, both Jerome Ryans and Carlos Suarez made an impact on the defensive end.

Magnolia West didn't struggle offensively in its loss, throwing for 167 yards and rushing for 221, but weren't able to stop Bryan defensively.

It will be a chance for Morton Ranch to continue to grow offensively and try to improve on some bright moments in their first game, and it will be a chance for the Morton Ranch defense to test themselves against a strong run game before heading into district play.

Mayde Creek (1-0) vs. Fort Bend Austin  
(1-0), 7:30 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium

Last year: Did not play

- Mayde Creek will take on Fort Bend Austin this week in a battle between two teams that both won their season opener and a battle against what was Mayde Creek head coach Mike Arogbonlo's former team before heading to Duncanville last season and then back to Katy to take over the Rams program.

Mayde Creek struggled to put the ball in the endzone in its first game despite moving it well, but special teams and defense were huge in the win, accounting for all 18 of the Rams points. Sophomore Chad Nelson returned a kick 89 yards for a touchdown and added six catches for 50 yards. Damarre Duncan, returned an interception for another score, while the defense also got a safety, while Tobi Haastrup had four sacks in the game and Kosi Okpala had two more.

Austin's defense was strong in its win as well, limiting Livingston to 96 yards through the air and 125 on the ground and the offense generated 24 points in the win.

With a week under their belt Mayde Creek will try to improve on some of the offensive miscues from week one and turn those long drives they had into points. It will be a strong final test for the Rams before district play begins.

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Scope of Work of the Contract Documents includes the following: concrete trail, irrigation, grading, grassing, planting, and landscape maintenance.

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Sealed **Electronic** Bids addressed to Board of Directors, Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 171, Attention Duane Heckmann, President, Board of Directors, will be **electronically** received, until **2 p.m. Local Time, September 26, 2024**, and then publicly opened and read at SWA Group Landscape Architects, 712 Main St., 6th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 for “**Elyson Basin F Trail Landscape**” Harris County, Texas” In addition to the opening of sealed Bids at the address above, you may view the public opening of sealed Bids via Zoom. Join the meeting from your computer at <https://swagroup.zoom.us/j/8408644870?omn=92316886421>.

Scope of Work of the Contract Documents includes the following: concrete trail, irrigation, grading, grassing, planting, and landscape maintenance.

Bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened. A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held **remotely** on **September 12, 2024, at 2 p.m. Local Time**, via ZOOM. Join the meeting from your computer at <https://swagroup.zoom.us/j/8408644870?omn=93851830041>. Attendance by each prospective bidder or its representative at the pre-bid conference is **MANDATORY**, and no Bid will be opened unless the bidder or representative was present at the pre-bid conference.

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Copies of the bidding documents may be reviewed and obtained from [www.CivcastUSA.com](http://www.CivcastUSA.com): search **NWCt208**. Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download specifications, plans, soils report, and environmental reports for this Project. There is **NO** charge to view or download documents.

Bidder must submit its Bid and Bid Securities in compliance with Owner's Order Adopting Section 49.2731 Electronic Bidding Rules and all Bids and Bid Securities must be submitted through [www.CivcastUSA.com](http://www.CivcastUSA.com). Bidder must register on this website to submit a Bid and Bid Security and there is no charge to submit Bids and Bid Securities on this website.

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Zachary Taylor poses for a photo after Jordan's win over Cy-Creek at Pridgeon Stadium.



Andrew Marsh poses for a photo after Jordan's win over Cy-Creek at Pridgeon Stadium.

## JORDAN

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and a touchdown.

“They both are my guys, man, and I love the way they compete,” Marsh said. “They both put so much work in this offseason and summer and no matter who’s out there it just feels normal. It almost felt like practice out there, honestly. I’m excited to see them both keep going — I know they’ll both be a big part of this season.”

Jordan added three more touchdowns in the second half, two from Zion Jones, who scored on a run and a kick return, and another when Zachary Taylor intercepted a pass and returned it 45 yards for a touchdown.

While the offense had a strong day, it was the defense that was the story and continues to show how special it can be this year. The Warriors only allowed 153 yards in total and much of that was with second stringers in during the second half. They also forced three turnovers and made plays all over the field in the win.

“It’s a lot of the same starters from last year on defense and I think that’s really helped us because we all know each other, we all communicate and we all know our jobs,” Taylor said. “We work well together and got really close over the summer and going through all of that already just helps us a lot, I think.

“We’re going to enjoy this one and remind our guys how important it is to start the season off right and then we’ll get back to work tomorrow. They’ve had that focus since the start of the season and I don’t expect it to change. As long as we do that the skies the limit.”

—MIKE RABE, Jordan head coach

We can be a really special group this year.”

Jordan will try to carry this momentum into their next matchup against Fort Bend Travis. That will be the Warriors' final tune up before district and they know how important it is to keep things going in the right direction.

“We’re going to enjoy this one and remind our guys how important it is to start the season off right and then we’ll get back to work tomorrow,” said Jordan head coach Mike Rabe. “They’ve had that focus since the start of the season and I don’t expect it to change. As long as we do that, the skies the limit.”

### JORDAN 66, CY-CREEK 20

Jordan	17	21	21	0	--	66
Cy-Creek	0	7	0	13	--	20

#### First quarter

J: Beau Bryant 14 run (Sebastian Baptista kick) 10:56  
J: Baptista 25 field goal, 7:57  
J: Bryant 24 pass to Andrew Marsh (Baptista kick) 1:06

#### Second quarter

J: Dominic Cangolosi 4 run (Baptista kick) 5:48  
J: Tanner West 8 run (Baptista kick) 3:36  
J: Cangolosi 82 pass to Andrew Marsh (Baptista kick) 2:19  
CC: Stephen Caney 29 pass to Jayphon Duncan (Christian Gomez kick) 1:17  
J: Marsh 79 kick return (Baptista kick) 1:03

#### Third quarter

J: Zion Jones 83 kick return (Baptista kick) 11:42  
J: Zachary Taylor 45 interception return (Baptista kick) 10:05  
J: Zion Jones 13 run (Baptista kick) 4:17

#### Fourth quarter

CC: Tre'Mayne Cartwright 27 pass to Duncan, 11:09  
CC: Cartwright 3 pass to Ethan Wright (Gomez kick) 1:00

#### Team stats

	JORDAN	CY-CREEK
First downs	18	7
Yards rushing	28-145	25-28
Yards passing	299	156
Passes	12-18-2-0	8-17-3-2
Punts	0-0	6-32.66
Fumbles-lost	2-2	2-2
Penalty-yards	6-50	6-65

#### Individual Statistics

Rushing – Jordan: Beau Bryant 6-47-1; Tanner West, 5-37-1; Zion Jones, 8-31-1; Dominic Cangolosi 3-15-1; Kaelen Vilarson, 5-14; Patrick Spann 1-1; Cy-Creek: Garland Wilburn 14-26; Tre'Mayne Cartwright 2-8, Jordan Peete 6-6; Samuel Casas 1-2; Stephen Caney 2-(-14)  
Passing – Jordan: Domenic Cangolosi, 9-12-243-1-0; Beau Bryant, 3-6-56-1-0; Cy-Creek: Tre'Mayne Cartwright, 3-4-88-2-0; Stephen Caney, 5-13-66-1-0;  
Receiving – Jordan: Andrew Marsh, 4-169-2; Tanner West, 2-82; Landon Williams, 1-31; Taylor Battaglia, 1-8; Alex Ayala, 1-5; Patrick Spann, 1-4; Benny Okwura, 1-1; Kaelen Vilarson, 1-(-1); Cy-Creek: Jayphon Duncan, 4-111-2; Jalen Thomas, 2-42; Ethan Wright, 1-3;

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### INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids addressed to Katy Development Authority, Attention Mr. Jonas W. Conner, President, Board of Directors, will be received at City of Katy City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas 77493, until **3:00 p.m. local time, Thursday, September 19, 2024**, and then publicly opened and read for **“Pederson Road Reconstruction Project”** for Katy Development Authority, of Harris County, Texas.

Scope of Work of the Contract includes the reconstruction and widening of Pederson Road from I-10 Frontage Road to Highway 90. The distance of the street reconnections is approximately 2,500 linear feet. The roadway reconstruction involves improvements to widen the existing two-lane asphalt roadway to an extra wide three lane reinforced concrete roadway. Drainage improvements include re-shaping and re-grading existing roadside ditches, and the installation of underground storm sewers.

Bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened. A **NON-MANDATORY VIRTUAL** pre-bid conference will be held on **Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. local time via Zoom.us**. Attendance by each prospective bidder or its representative at the pre-bid conference is **NOT MANDATORY**.

**Information for joining the virtual meeting is given below:**

**Join Zoom Meeting:**  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86392162936>  
**Meeting ID:** 863 9216 2936  
**Dial In:** +13462487799,,86392162936# US (Houston)

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Copies of the bidding documents may be reviewed and obtained from [www.CivcastUSA.com](http://www.CivcastUSA.com). Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download specifications, plans, soils report, and environmental reports for this Project. There is NO charge to view or download documents.

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### INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed **Electronic** Bids addressed to Friendswood Development Company o.b.o. Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 465, Attention Cynthia Hill, President, Board of Directors, will be **electronically** received, until 11:00 a.m. Local Time, Thursday, September 19, 2024, and then publicly opened and read via Teleconference meeting for “Construction of Storm Lift Station for Winward Cove for Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 465, Harris County, Texas.”

Call-In Information: Phone Number: (469) 965-2602, Phone Conference ID: 784 265 103#

Scope of Work of the Contract Documents includes the following: **Sanitary pump station to include concrete wet well, 2-10hp submersible pumps, natural gas generator, control panels, electrical system, and concrete driveway.**

Bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened. A **NON-MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held **remotely** on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. Local Time, via teleconference. The conference call number is (469) 965-2602. The access code is 409 799 132#

Each Bid must be accompanied by a Bid bond or a certified or cashier's check, acceptable to the Owner, in an amount not less than Five percent (5%) of the total amount Bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into the Contract Documents and execute the Bonds on the forms provided and provide the required insurance certificates and Bonds within seven (7) days after the date Contract Documents are received by the successful bidder. If a certified or cashier's check is provided, the successful bidder shall deliver, at the bid opening address, the *original* certified or cashier's check within one (1) business day of receipt of the bid opening.

Copies of the bidding documents may be reviewed and obtained from [www.CivcastUSA.com](http://www.CivcastUSA.com): search “Winward Cove Sanitary Lift Station”. Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download specifications, plans, soils report, and environmental reports for this Project. There is NO charge to view or download documents.

Bidder must submit its Bid and Bid Securities in compliance with Owner's Order Adopting Section 49.2731 Electronic Bidding Rules and all Bids and Bid Securities must be submitted through [www.CivcastUSA.com](http://www.CivcastUSA.com). Bidder must register on this website to submit a Bid and Bid Security and there is no charge to submit Bids and Bid Securities on this website.

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### INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Bids for **Scotts Bend – Sec. 3 Landscape Improvements** will be received digitally through CivCast until 2:00 p.m. Thursday, September 26, 2024, at which time unofficial results will be posted to CivCast for the furnishing of material, equipment, labor and supervision necessary or incidental to the Construction of Scotts Bend – Sec. 3 Landscape Improvements. Proposals tendered after closing will not be opened. Scope of Project: 1. Concrete Flatwork, 2. Landscaping, 3. Irrigation, 4. Minor Site Grading and Preparation, 5. SWPPP coordination & removal. Bid documents in digital format will be available through CivCast. A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held on at the offices of Halff (14800 St Marys Ln #160, Houston, TX 77079) on Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Questions submitted within 72 hours of bid opening may not be addressed. The successful bidder may be required to provide a performance bond, payment bond, and a maintenance bond as provided for in the bid documents, for the full amount of the contract. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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Jabari Bush tries to get around Zechariah Sample during a game between Jordan and Paetow at Legacy Stadium last year.



Jaeden Spelmon poses for a photo after Paetow's game against Langham Creek at Legacy Stadium.

## PAETOW

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are truly bought in and doing whatever they can do to make plays, then everything will work itself out in the end.”

Paetow’s offensive struggles continued throughout the game. Langham retook the lead early in the third quarter after a quick drive. Paetow responded with its best drive of the day, going over 60 yards and getting to the redzone, but the Panthers had their field goal blocked and were unable to come away with points. After Bogan’s second blocked punt of the day, Paetow took over inside the Langham Creek 25-yard line, but again the offense stalled and a interception stopped the Panthers from coming away with points.

Langham increased its lead early in the fourth with a touchdown run and Paetow

again attempted to answer back. The Panthers drove all the way down inside the 10-yard line in what would be its final drive of the game, but eventually, a turnover on downs ended the drive before Langham Creek took over and ran the clock out from there.

“Offensively and defensively we did well until we absolutely had to make plays,” said Paetow head coach David Hicks Sr. “Offensively we moved it much better in the second half but we have to clean up things in the redzone and once we get down the field. Defensively we did so much on first and second down, but I think we only had two stops on third down all game. That’s the difference in the game right there. Offensively we had

trouble with third downs as well. You have to win third downs to win games. But I’m proud of the way these guys fought.”

Paetow will travel to Dekaney for its second game of the season next Thursday. The Panthers wanted to make sure they played strong non-district opponents to get ready for the season and the important thing is these are the times you want to take those learning lessons.

“I think both Langham Creek and Dekaney are playoff teams,” Hicks said. “I wanted to have two great teams that would challenge us because you have to have those sorts of things with our district. It’s one of the top districts in the state, so going through adversity now and overcoming it is just going to help us. Now it’s

## Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No 37 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2024 on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM at 1301 Misty Bend, Katy, Texas 77494. 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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<b>FOR</b> the proposal:	Larry W. Davis Kenneth L. Comeaux Gregory Murray	Stephen Berckenhoff Jeff Gilliland
<b>AGAINST</b> the proposal:		
<b>PRESENT</b> and not voting:		
<b>ABSENT:</b>		

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)	\$0.4505 /\$100 Adopted	\$0.445045 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-\$0.0055 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-1.22 %
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$418,217	\$457,242
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$83,643	\$91,448
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$334,573	\$365,794
Tax on average residence homestead	\$1,507.38	\$1,627.95
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$120.57 8.00%

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

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than eight 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.

## Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The BROOKSHIRE - KATY DRAINAGE DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2024 – 2025 on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024 AT 8:30A.M. at 1111 KENNEY STREET, BROOKSHIRE, TEXAS 77423. 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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<b>FOR</b> the proposal:	ARNOLD ENGLAND, DAVID WELCH, BLAKE BECKENDORFF, JOHN CHISUM
<b>AGAINST</b> the proposal:	PAT KEELING
<b>PRESENT</b> and not voting:	NONE
<b>ABSENT:</b>	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)	<u>0.060420</u> /\$100 Adopted	<u>0.057898</u> /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$ <u>- 0.0025</u> /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		<u>-4.17</u> %
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ <u>392,390</u>	\$ <u>442,158</u>
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ <u>392,390</u>	\$ <u>442,158</u>
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ <u>237.08</u>	\$ <u>256.00</u>
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted and percentage of decrease	\$ <u>18.92</u> <u>7.98</u> %	

### 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 eight 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..

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Matthew Courtois makes a catch during Saturday's game between Cinco Ranch and The Woodlands at Rhodes Stadium.

## CINCO

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answered right back again, driving and scoring on a 5-yard pass from Adamoli to Scott Eckel.

The Woodlands though owned the rest of the first half. The Highlanders came back with another scoring drive to tie the game and then took the lead after another touchdown drive midway through the second quarter. Cinco had a turnover on downs and fumble on their next two drives, both deep in The Woodlands territory and the Highlanders got the ball back and scored touchdowns both times, go-

ing into the half with a 35-14 lead.

“We had a lot of chances to stay in the game today, but we just didn’t do enough over four quarters while they did,” said Cinco Ranch head coach Chris Dudley. “We had the lead or were right there for most of the first half and in the second half we did well in parts. But we had opportunities we couldn’t convert. But it’s also a credit to The Woodlands — they’re talented and well coached and that’s exactly why you want to play them in these games.”

Cinco came out strong to start the second half as well and Tessiah Young trimmed the deficit to 13, but two interceptions and some stalled drives kept Cinco from getting back into game down the stretch, as the Highlanders were able to run away with it in the fourth quarter.

“There’s positives to take after this still — win or lose you learn a lot when you play a team like that,” Eckel said. “But we put ourselves in good positions, we just have to clean things up and keep getting

better. We had a couple turnovers and I had a few drops. But that’s ok, we’re going to learn from this, we are going to build off of it and we can be confident because we know we were only a couple plays away from putting up 40 points on a good defense.”

The biggest culprit of the night for the Cougars was the team’s run defense. Cinco allowed 249 yards on the ground and gave up a few big plays in the run game that were back breakers.

That will be a point of focus as

the Cougars continue their season against Tomball next week and look to bounce back.

“We played a really good team,” Dudley said. “Now it’s about fixing the things we know that we need to and being ready for next week because we play another really good team in Tomball. We think we can be really special on the offensive side of the ball this year, but there’s a lot of stuff we can do better on both sides of the ball and that is what the early season is about.”

## Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The WALLER COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2024 on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 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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<b>FOR</b> the proposal:	George G Huntoon III, Lonnie Lee, Neil A Williams, Sara J Burson, E. Kay Shepard	
<b>AGAINST</b> the proposal:	None	
<b>PRESENT</b> and not voting:	None	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	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 \$0.80000 /\$100 Adopted	This Year \$0.80000 /\$100 Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)		
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 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.

\*\*There were no residential homesteads on either January 1, 2023 or January 1, 2024, 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 2024 tax year.

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

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

## WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The FORT BEND COUNTY M.U.D. #34 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2024 on September 24, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. at 1300 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 2500, Houston, Texas 77056. 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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<b>FOR</b> the proposal:	Billy Haehnel, Craig Hajovsky and James Marken	
<b>AGAINST</b> the proposal:	None	
<b>PRESENT</b> and not voting:	None	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Jose Torres and Sean Piper	

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 \$ .56500/\$100 Adopted	This Year \$ .55000/\$100 Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)		
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ .01500/\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	-2.65%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 462,401	\$ 505,517
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 462,401	\$ 505,517
Tax on average residence homestead	\$2,612.56	\$2,780.34
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	\$ 167.78 6.42%	

### 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 eight 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.

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# Texans excited for new season

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

There is an air of excitement around Kirby Drive this year.

The Texans come into this season in a much different place than recent years, after a surprise season last year where the Texans found their quarterback, improved hugely under DeMeco Ryans in his first year as head coach and had a defense that took a big step forward as well.

Now, with new additions and new expectations, the Texans enter the season and expect to contend with the best in the NFL.

“Overall I feel like we have built a really competitive team,” said Texans head coach DeMeco Ryans. “It doesn’t matter until you go out and prove it on Sunday’s, but I like where we are and I like the leadership of our team, the young guys we’ve added and I feel like we have a good team that is ready to compete. Nothing matters though until the ball is kicked off.”

Houston comes into the season with big goals on both sides of the ball and wants to take a step further than they even did last year when they won the AFC South and made the Divisional Round of the playoffs and the Texans have the star power to do it.

CJ Stroud has already impressed in preseason and comes into the season with some huge weapons. At receiver, Stefon Diggs brings a true No. 1 receiver and will be one of the best intermediate route runners and catchers of the ball that Stroud has played with. Nico Collins is a weapon at all three levels. The new offense along with Diggs will open things up dramatically for both Collins and Tank Dell in the pass game, while both Xavier Hutchinson and John Metchie III have been excellent throughout the preseason.

“When you have a group of guys in one room that can all play like we can at wide receiver it raises everyone’s level,” said second year wide receiver Xavier Hutchinson. “Everyone just naturally challenges each other to reach their full capabilities and I’m proud of all these guys.”

The defense has continued to grow as well and are led by Will Anderson Jr. and Derek Stingley Jr. Morton Ranch graduate Danielle Hunter will be a key addition for the team as he comes over from the Minnesota Vikings and has had at least 14.5 sacks each of the past five seasons he has played. Christian Harris will be expected to step up at linebacker and overall the unit should be solid if not improved from last season.

The Texans open the season against the Colts on Sunday and will head back home next week to take on the Bears. It’s an important one for Houston to start, with an AFC South foe coming up right out of the gate.



Above: Texans wide receiver Nico Collins (12) escapes the tackle attempt of Broncos cornerback Pat Surtain II (2) after a catch during an NFL game between the Texans and the Broncos on December 3, 2023 in Houston. The Texans won, 22-17. Below: Texans head coach DeMeco Ryans during an NFL preseason game between the Texans and the Rams on August 24, 2024 in Houston. Left: Texans quarterback C.J. Stroud (7) scrambles and picks up a first down during an NFL game between the Houston Texans and Tennessee Titans on December 31, 2023, in Houston.



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## Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 130 for Defined Area No. 1, will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2024 on Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., at Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2400, Houston, TX 77027. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

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<b>FOR</b> the proposal:	D. Smith, J. Mann, L. Hitchcock, A. Clark & J. Jordan
<b>AGAINST</b> the proposal:	(none)
<b>PRESENT</b> and not voting:	(none)
<b>ABSENT:</b>	(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.

	<b>Last Year</b>	<b>This Year</b>
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	<u>\$ 0.710</u> /\$100	<u>\$ 0.685</u> /\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	<u>-\$0.025</u> /\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	<u>-3.52%</u>	
Average appraised residence homestead value	<u>\$646,012</u>	<u>\$691,380</u>
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	<u>\$646,012</u>	<u>\$691,380</u>
Tax on average residence homestead	<u>\$4,586.69</u>	<u>\$4,735.95</u>
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	<u>\$149.26</u> <u>3.2542%</u>	

### 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.

**Property that is located inside Defined Area No. 1 of Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 130 is also subject to the tax rate levied on all property within the district. A separate Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate is being published for such tax rate in the amount of \$40 per \$100 of taxable value, resulting in a total tax rate of \$1.085 per \$100 of taxable value on property located inside Defined Area No. 1.**

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Questions regarding this notice can be directed to the tax office at (281) 499-1223.

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<b>FOR</b> the proposal:	D. Smith, J. Mann, L. Hitchcock, A. Clark & J. Jordan
<b>AGAINST</b> the proposal:	(none)
<b>PRESENT</b> and not voting:	(none)
<b>ABSENT:</b>	(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.

	<b>Last Year</b>	<b>This Year</b>
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	<u>\$ 0.420</u> /\$100	<u>\$ 0.400</u> /\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	<u>-\$0.020</u> /\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	<u>-4.7619%</u>	
Average appraised residence homestead value	<u>\$548,870</u>	<u>\$595,512</u>
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	<u>\$548,870</u>	<u>\$595,512</u>
Tax on average residence homestead	<u>\$ 2,305.26</u>	<u>\$2,382.05</u>
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	<u>\$76.79</u> <u>3.3311%</u>	

### NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

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