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TARGET OPENS AT TEXAS HERITAGE MARKETPLACE



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City of Katy Mayor Dusty Thiele (second from left) becomes the first customer of the new Target at 29355 Katy Freeway in Katy, in the Texas Heritage Marketplace during the retail giant's grand opening on October 6. Thiele is joined by city council members (left to right) Paula Taylor, Ward A; Johnson Dietz, Ward A; and Paul Follis, At Large. Taylor was the store's second customer.

Race Rock™ breaks ground for $100M Brookshire expansion

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Race Rock, a leading nationwide manufacturer and distributor of steel infrastructure products for the utility, highway, and energy markets, held a groundbreaking ceremony on October 13 to begin its $100 million expansion in the area. The new manufacturing facility will build transmission and substation structures essential to the country's infrastructure needs. The ceremony, which took place across Wilson Road from Race Rock at 34253 Wilson in Brookshire, included elected officials, company representatives and community members.

The new facility will be constructed adjacent to Race Rock's existing manufacturing operations in Brookshire,

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RENDERING COURTESY OF RACE ROCK

Race Rock, a Leading nationwide manufacturer and distributor of steel infrastructure products, has broken ground for a $100 million expansion at its Brookshire facility at 34253 Wilson Road. When complete, the new facility – combined with the current facility – will occupy approximately 100 acres, including over 750,000 square feet under roof, and will provide jobs for more than 500 employees.

CenterPoint presents underground planning project to city council

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

CenterPoint will soon kick off strategic "undergrounding" work in Katy, a company official told the City of Katy's city council on October 12.

"As part of our Greater Houston Resiliency Initiative, we are planning to underground nearly four miles of power lines to improve resiliency and reliability for the Katy community," said Aaron Coronis, service delivery manager at CenterPoint. The work will significantly improve resiliency by preventing higher-risk vegetation from contacting power lines, leading to an anticipated reduction of 50 percent in the length of outages during major storms. The project will also reduce customer outage minutes by 25 percent and will improve overall day-to-day reliability for about 5,600 customers in Katy, he said. The work area will be near Katy Elementary School, according to the map shown during the presentation.

Customers who will potentially be impacted by the project will be contacted by letters and emails and by posts on NextDoor. Road closures will be limited to one section at a time and CenterPoint's own police force will be onsite to direct traffic and to provide emergency access, Coronis said. Construction hours will be limited to Monday-Saturday from 8 a.m. to 7

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PHOTO BY SUSAN ROVEGNO

Former Mayor Pro Tem Chris Harris joins representatives of HerWell as they accept a proclamation from City of Katy Mayor Dusty Thiele (fourth from left) declaring October 2026 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and October 15 as "Purple Thursday." HerWell Operational Director Christina Cabrera (third from right) displays the formal proclamation. HerWell assists victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence.

Katy Rice Harvest Festival breaks records for attendance and scholarship funds raised, mayor says

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

"It was an incredible weekend for Katy," said City of Katy Mayor Dusty Thiele at the October 12 meeting of city council at City Hall, 901 Avenue C in Katy. "We wrapped up our most successful Katy Rice Harvest Festival on record."

Thiele reported that the festival had experienced two consecutive record-breaking years, giving the city much to be proud of and reflecting the generosity of its residents.

The event, held in partnership with the Rotary Club of Katy and sponsored by the University of Houston Sugar Land Campus and Katy Campus, along with

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New sidewalks coming to Morton Ranch Road between Katy Hockley Cutoff and Grand Parkway



PHOTO BY SUSAN ROVEGNO

Harris County Precinct 4 is installing four miles of new sidewalks on the south side of Morton Ranch Road, from Katy Hockley Cutoff to the Grand Parkway. The addition of the sidewalks, along with traffic signal adjustments and other improvements, will make it easier for pedestrians to walk from the county-operated Katy Park to nearby stores and restaurants.

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

Walkability in the greater Katy area continues to improve, with another sidewalk project underway near Katy Park at Morton Ranch Road and Katy Hockley Cutoff.

"Sidewalks 4 Precinct 4," a project of Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner Lesley Briones, is adding another four miles of sidewalks – this time on the south side of Morton Ranch Road, from Katy Hockley Cutoff east to the Grand Parkway (SH 99). These sidewalks were started in October and are expected to be completed in February 2027, officials said. The cost of the project was not disclosed.

The new walkways are on the north end of the county-operated Katy Park, which experiences more than 600,000 visits per year according to officials of Read King, the developer of the nearby Green at Katy Park, a new "restaurant village" commercial center now under construction on the northwest corner of the intersection. The sidewalks will help facilitate foot traffic from the county park to the Park at Katy Green's restaurants and to businesses in the adjacent HEB shopping center.

"Under Commissioner Briones' leadership, we take proactive safety measures," said a spokesperson for

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City of Katy and Katy Mills Mall conduct full-scale simulated active threat training

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The City of Katy and Katy Mills conducted a full-scale simulated active threat training on October 18 at Katy Mills Mall, 5000 Katy Mills Cir., Katy.

The exercise began at 6 p.m. and lasted until approximately 10 p.m. The public is advised that this was only a training exercise, not a real emergency. The drill was scheduled in advance and is not in response to any current threat.

The exercise tested emergency response plans and coordination among Katy Public Safety departments, mall personnel, and law enforcement partners. The scenario included volunteer role players and emergency vehicles on site to help simulate realistic conditions. To ensure safety and limit disruptions, the public was asked to avoid the training area during the exercise. Visitors to the mall area may have seen an increased presence of police, fire, and EMS units in the vicinity during the event.

Katy Mills conducts annual safety exercises and training as part of its ongoing commitment to public safety, a spokesperson for the City of Katy said. The mall's security program is Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Safety Act Certified, recognizing its efforts to enhance preparedness and safeguard the public.



Katy Police Department, Katy Fire Department and Katy Mills Mall conducted an "active shooter" drill at the mall on October 18. It is an annual exercise testing emergency response planning and coordination among departments.

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A free Halloween-themed event — including a pumpkin patch — will be offered in the Grange community on October 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. It all takes place at Henley Park, 401 Prairie Heights Drive, Katy.

Halloween fun to take over Grange community Oct. 30

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Warm cider, costumes and Halloween fun are set to take over Grange with a traditional pumpkin patch and a dash of small-town charm, 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30.

The Grange Pumpkin Patch will sprout at Henley Park, 401 Prairie Heights Drive, featuring complimentary treats and apple cider. Ghosts, witches, superheroes and other costumed guests are invited to participate in the costume parade. Additional activities will include pumpkin decorating, comic strip creation, fall lawn games and more.

To learn more and RSVP, visit https://www.liveingrange.com/community-events/the-grange-pumpkin-patch-detail-s-24-1793336.

Grange is located near Interstate 10 and the Grand Parkway in Katy.

Sugar Land Arts & Music Fest moves to Sugar Land Town Square, drops admission fee for 2026

Free general admission and new venue mark largest changes in festival's five-year history

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Sugar Land Cultural Arts Foundation (SLCAF) announced September 30 that the Sugar Land Arts & Music Fest, now in its fifth year, will move to Sugar Land Town Square and offer free general admission for the first time. The festival runs November 6 through 8, 2026.

The move relocates the event from its previous home at Smart Financial Center to Town Square's walkable, open-air district, which includes on-site dining, parking, and a main stage in the center of the square. One of the venue's original architects, who serves on the SLCAF board, helped guide the transition.

"Celebrating art and music is a wonderful way to unite our diverse community through shared creative experiences. We, SLCAF, hope everyone will come and enjoy this festival with us," said Bridget Yeung, Co-Chair, Sugar Land Arts & Music Fest.

Admission to the festival's three days of programming, which include 109 juried fine artists, live music across multiple stages, and food and wine from Town Square restaurants, will not require a ticket purchase. The foundation is shifting its funding model to rely on corporate sponsorships and artist booth fees, allowing general admission to remain free going forward. A VIP Opening Night option remains available on Friday, November 6, for attendees who want an elevated experience, with pricing to be announced.

Event Details

- Dates: November 6-8, 2026
- Location: Sugar Land Town Square, 2711 Town Center Blvd N, Sugar Land
- Hours: Friday, 5 -9 p.m. (VIP Opening Night); Saturday, 12-8 p.m.; Sunday, 12-5 p.m.
- Admission: Free for all three days

About the Sugar Land Cultural Arts Foundation

The Sugar Land Cultural Arts Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that has championed the arts in Fort Bend County since 2000. The foundation produces the Sugar Land Arts & Music Fest, and proceeds from sponsorships and donations fund arts and music scholarships for underserved youth in Fort Bend County.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

'Trunk or Treat' set for Oct. 22 at Rapid Care ER of Katy

RapidCare ER Katy is throwing a Trunk or Treat and the whole neighborhood is invited. Games, prizes, candy, and a parking lot full of decorated trunks the kids will be talking about all week. Come to 1510 S. Mason Road in Katy on October 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. and be sure to wear your costume. Free to attend.

'Home for the Holidays' returns to Rosenberg on Oct 23-25

Home for the Holidays Gift Market of Rosenberg comes back to the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds at 4310 Hwy. 36S in Rosenberg on October 23 through October 25, offering the best in hand-crafted items for your holiday gift list. Shop over 130 local vendors and crafters featuring handmade gifts, boutique clothing, cozy fall décor, home accents, specialty foods, and unique one-of-a-kind finds all in one place. It's the perfect opportunity to kick off the season, discover something special, and get a head start on fall gatherings and upcoming holiday shopping. For hours and ticket information, go to https://homefortheholidaysgiftmarket.com/rosenberg-hfth-1.

It's Howl-O-Ween with a costume contest at Mary Jo Peckham Park on Oct. 24

Start your Saturday morning by dressing up with your furry friend for a tail-waggin' good time at the costume contest at Mary Jo Peckham Park, 5597 Gardenia in Katy. The fun starts at 11 a.m. on October 24. Free to attend.

It's the Scarecrow Festival in Fulshear Oct. 24

Get ready for one of Fulshear's most exciting fall traditions! The Fulshear Regional Chamber for Commerce invites families, friends, and neighbors to the 2026 Fulshear Scarecrow Festival on October 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fulshear High School, 9302 Charger Way in Fulshear. This fun-filled community celebration will feature a festive Kid Zone provided by Thrive Church, a pumpkin patch sponsored by HEB, a costume contest, and the always-popular scarecrow contest. Whether you're showing off your creativity, enjoying family activities, or simply soaking in the fall atmosphere, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Free to attend.

'Boos and Blooms' plant swap scheduled for Oct. 24 at Wildcatter Saloon

If you're scared by all the plants you've accumulated – worry no more. You'll have the chance to swap them for new specimens at the "Boos and Blooms" plant swap taking place the Wildcatter Saloon on October 24 from 4 to 7 p.m. The event, hosted by Brianna Chan Bravo and Katy Plant Swap, will be held at 26913 Katy Freeway in Katy. Free to attend.

Enjoy YMCAs Fall Festival on Oct. 24

Join the Monty Ballard YMCA for a spook-tacular evening at the Katy YMCAs Fall Festival on October 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. Bring the whole family out for a night of trunk-or-treat fun, games, music, and community spirit at the Monty Ballard YMCA, 22807 Westheimer Parkway in Katy. Stroll through a parking lot full of decorated car trunks, collect loads of candy, and meet local vendors and community partners along the way. Free family fun — costumes encouraged, smiles required!

Go 'batty' during Bat Week at City of Katy's 3B Learning Center, Oct. 24

It's a celebration of "Bat Week" hosted by the City of Katy. This family-friendly event welcomes all ages and will feature guided nature walks, bat scouting at dusk, bat-themed arts and crafts and hands-on activities, games, and more bat-inspired festivities. Discover the incredible role bats play in our ecosystem as pollinators, seed dispersers, and natural insect controllers. Explore the trails at the 3B Learning Center, learn about local bat species, and experience the excitement of watching bats emerge as the sun goes down. It all takes place on October 24 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the 3B Learning Center, 5402 Franz Rd. in Katy.

Have an exceptional time at the Exceptional Abilities Health & Wellness event on Oct. 25

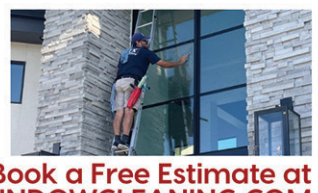
Come to 25110 Pecan Lane in Katy on October 25 from 12 to 3 p.m. for an exceptional time, as Exceptional Abilities hosts a health and wellness event. The festivities will feature free health screenings, wellness resources, and a backpack giveaway for school supplies. There will also be arts and crafts, a bounce house and plenty of food and drink. Special appearance by XO.

Katy Connection networking group to host Halloween mixer on Oct. 27

Katy Connection Networking Group will host an after-hours mixer on October 27 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Big City Wings, 23402 Kingsland Blvd. in Katy, right off Hwy. 99. Food and drink are on your own. Costumes encouraged and there will be door prizes. Children and families welcome!

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founded in 1988 as Orizon Industries and acquired by Race Rock in 2025. When the new facility is completed, the combined campus will span approximately 100 acres, including over 750,000 square feet under roof, and provide jobs for more than 500 highly skilled employees in Waller County. Speaking at the groundbreaking, Donald Young, Chairman and CEO of Race Rock, said, "Our commitment here is more than just the construction of a new manufacturing facility. It's our pledge to our customers and our employees. We have a reputation for providing products with outstanding quality delivered on time. The new facility will enable us to continue that legacy into the future."

Brookshire and Waller County were selected because of the growing construction of residential and multi-family residences, retail operations, medical expansion, and manufacturing, company officials said. Vince Yokom, Executive Director of the Waller County Economic Development Partnership, thanked Race Rock. "I am very honored that Race Rock chose Waller County for the new expansion. The company had other options within and outside of Texas," Yokum said. "I do want to congratulate the entire Race Rock team on their continued investment in Waller County."

"Economic development is not just about industrial expansion," said Waller County Judge Trey Duhon. "It's about bringing good-paying jobs to our community and giving residents the opportunity to build careers and lives here at home, and that's exactly what we're celebrating today. Race Rock is helping to build opportunity for generations to come."

Across its production facilities, Race Rock's experienced teams draw on industry expertise and local knowledge to deliver high-quality products and exceptional support to customers building and maintaining infrastructure.

Brookshire Mayor Robert Richards commented on Race Rock's impact on the Brookshire community. "We value companies like Race Rock that can deliver good-paying, solid jobs," said Richards. "I'm proud of the partnership that we have developed with this company."

In closing, Young said, "Our investments will strengthen our ability to provide the capacity, quality, and reliability our customers expect while supporting their long-term needs. We value hard work, integrity, and community development as the foundation for strong collaboration between communities and industry."

For more information, visit go.racerock.com/groundbreak.

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Harris County Precinct 4. "Significant portions of the land along the proposed sidewalk have a steep grade towards the road. The sidewalks with steep grades will include a pedestrian wall to keep pedestrians safe from the traffic and to deter jaywalking." The pedestrian signals will be updated to ensure safety when crossing at the various intersections, officials said.

"As a mother of three children, Commissioner Briones' top priority is public safety," the spokesperson said. "All children should have a safe path to get to school, families should have a safe route to their neighborhood parks and shopping centers."



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p.m. in order to minimize impact, especially on area schools, and restoration will be coordinated with the City of Katy. Crews will be carrying ID badges, Coronis said.

A potential future project will benefit Memorial Hermann Katy, Coronis said.

In other action:

• Considered an ordinance amending the process for preliminary and final plat approvals by the city. After some discussion, the item was tagged by Ward B Councilmember Michael Meihls, a move which moves the matter to a later meeting.

During the meeting Mayor Thiele issued the following proclamations:

• Recognizing October 2026 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and October 15 as "Purple Thursday" (read by Mayor Dusty Thiele)

• Recognizing October 2026 as Community Planning Month (read by Mayor Pro Tem Gina Hicks)

• Designating October 23-31 as "Red Ribbon Week," promoting acceptance of a drug-free lifestyle (read by Ward A Councilmember Paula Taylor)

• Designating October 24 as "Relay for Life" Day (read by Ward A Councilmember Johnston Dietz)

The next meeting of the City of Katy's city council will be on October 26 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 901 Avenue C in Katy.

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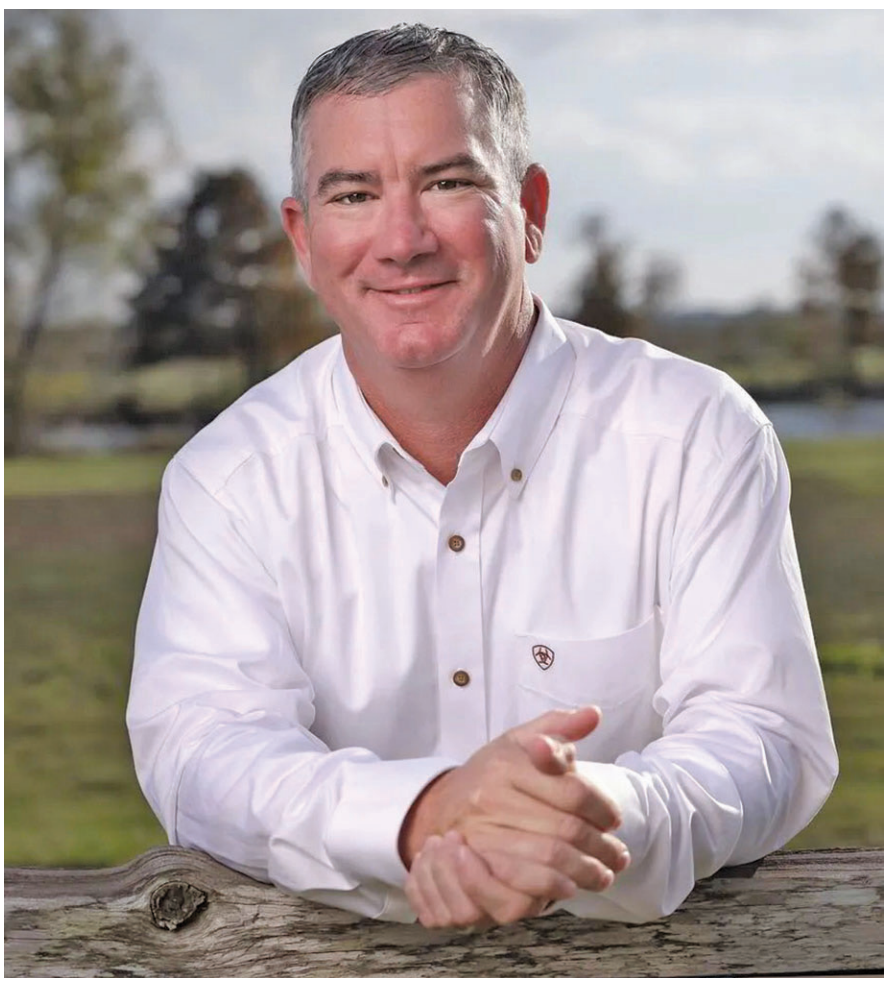
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60 other sponsors, raised over $160,000 for scholarships, Thiele said. The scholarship program, administered by the Rotary Club, benefits students of Katy ISD. More than 130 vendors participated in the event, along with 350 volunteers. Combined gate and carnival revenue increased by over $30,000 and beverage revenue increased by over $10,000, Thiele said.

Both Saturday, October 10, and Sunday, October 11, saw record crowds, Thiele said, with final attendance figures expected later in the week.

"Final financial totals are still being reconciled but we already know that this has been a record-breaking year," Thiele said. "Behind those numbers are students whose dreams we can support through scholarships and organizations we can strengthen through community grants. At its heart, the Katy Rice Harvest Festival is about community."

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4. Muslim woman's cover
5. Relating to apnea
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7. Ed.'s request
8. Laughing predator
9. *Record holder for most career hits
10. Give a boot
11. Modeling material
12. Piano's E or G, e.g.
15. Small chicken variety
20. Organ swelling
22. Rub the wrong way
24. Arranged in rows and columns
25. *Record holder for most career home runs
26. Farewell, in France
27. Edible cactus
29. *One of five first Hall of Fame inductees
31. Blood vessel network
32. Repent
33. Short-trunked ungulate
34. Exclude or omit
36. Rave's partner
38. Purse on red carpet
42. Swamp plant
45. Equestrian's seat
49. Born, in bio
51. Begrudged
54. Derive
56. Tubular pasta
57. *Third base ____
58. Kitchen appliance
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Abnormal mammogram? Houston Methodist West experts share what happens next

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Receiving an abnormal mammogram result can be a shock for many women and their families. Breast care experts from Houston Methodist West Hospital share their guidance on additional testing, benign causes and resources for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients.

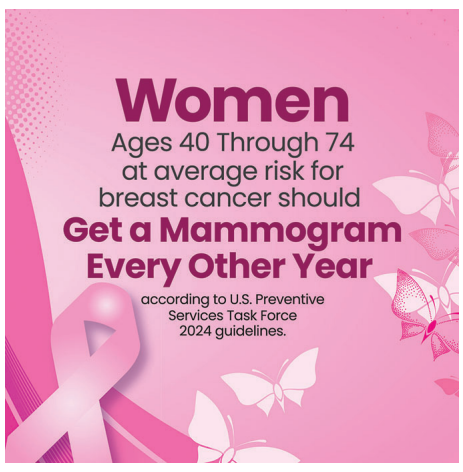
"Being called back after a mammogram can feel overwhelming, but it's important to remember that an abnormal result does not automatically mean cancer," said Dr. Candy Arentz, breast surgeon at Houston Methodist West Hospital. "The best next step is to complete any recommended follow-up testing so we can better understand the findings and determine if additional care is needed."

After an abnormal screening result, patients typically undergo a diagnostic mammogram to examine a specific area of concern. Depending on the findings, patients also may undergo a breast ultrasound, particularly if they have dense breast tissue.

Unlike a routine screening mammogram, the radiologist reviews diagnostic images in real time and discusses the results directly with the patient before they leave. If they identify an area of concern, they may recommend additional imaging or a biopsy to determine if the finding is benign or cancerous.

"Many women are surprised to learn that abnormal mammogram results are often linked to noncancerous conditions," Arentz said. "Dense breast tissue, cysts and other benign changes can sometimes prompt additional imaging, which is why follow-up testing is so important."

For patients who receive a breast cancer diagnosis, support begins immediately through the Houston Methodist multidisciplinary breast care program.



"If you're due for a mammogram, don't put it off. And if you're called back for additional testing, remember that you're not facing the process alone," Arentz said.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, breast cancer is the second most common cancer among women in the United States. Women at average risk for breast cancer should receive a mammogram every year starting at age 40 as recommended by the American Cancer Society. Women with a family history of breast cancer, a BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutation, or other risk factors may need to begin screenings earlier.

Houston Methodist West Hospital is located at 18500 Katy Freeway in Houston; for more information, go to https://www.houstonmethodist.org/locations/katy-west/.

Fort Bend County Libraries collaborates with Earl Carl Institute and FBC departments to offer free Record Clearing Clinic Oct. 26

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Community members who want to learn whether their criminal records, or those of someone they know, are eligible for expunction or nondisclosure are encouraged to register for the Record Clearing Clinic on Oct. 26 from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Missouri City Branch Library.

Registration by Oct. 22 is encouraged, but walk-ins will be accepted until 7:50 p.m. on the day of the clinic. The Pointe, the third-floor meeting room, will serve as the clinic's location.

This expunction and non-disclosure record-clearing program is brought to the community through a partnership between Fort Bend County Libraries and the Earl Carl Institute, Inc. at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, and with the participation of representatives from the Fort Bend County Offices of the District Attorney, County Clerk, District Clerk, and the Willie Melton Law Library.

Earl Carl Institute, Inc. is a legal services provider, and a research, writing, and advocacy think tank at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, located on the campus of Texas Southern University. The institute's mission is to empower underserved and disenfranchised communities by addressing systemic social issues through legal representation, research, education, and advocacy.

After check-in, applicants will go through a screening process and, depending on the outcome, will go to ECI intake, receive pro se documents, or receive an explanation for ineligibility.

The clinic will provide eligibility screenings and information about the expunction and nondisclosure processes only; no drafting or filing will be done onsite.

To register, visit fortbendlibraries.gov/event/record-clearing-clinic-expunction-and-non-disclosure-information-session-147063.

The Missouri City Branch Library is located at 1530 Texas Pkwy. in Missouri City.

Katy ISD 'National Prescription Drug Take Back Day' set for Oct. 26

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Clean out those medicine cabinets and take all those unused and expired prescription drugs to Katy ISD's Police Department on October 24 – National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

The event is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Katy ISD Law Enforcement Center at 20370 Franz Road in Katy. Disposal is free and anonymous.

- Accepted items:
- Pills and capsules in original prescription containers
- Liquid medications in original prescription containers



- Not accepted:
- Needles, syringes, or other sharps
- Loose liquids or unsealed containers

Tip: Bring medications in their original containers and avoid bringing sharps or unsealed liquids to ensure safe handling.

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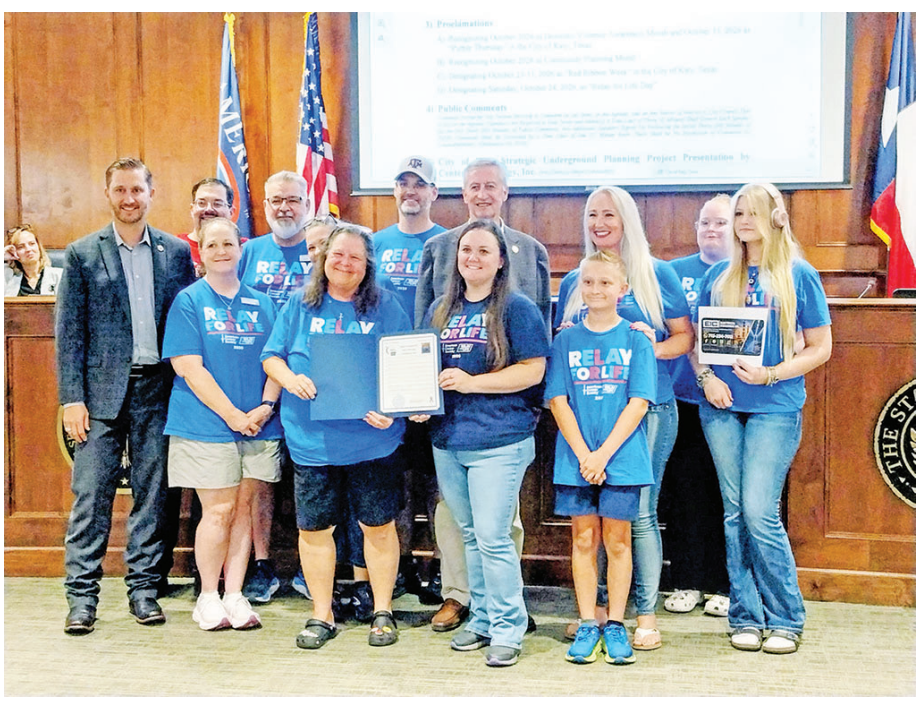


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Relay for Life of Katy, recognized at the October 12 meeting of the City of Katy's city council, will take place from 4 to 9 p.m. on October 24 at VFW Park, 6202 George Bush Drive in Katy. The event, which is free and open to the public, raises funds for the American Cancer Society. Don't miss the luminaria ceremony or the survivors' and caregivers' laps.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Miller Career Center presents 'Monster Mash' on Oct. 28

It's the spooky season and monsters will be out and about on October 28 as the Miller Career Center hosts "Monster Mash" from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at 1734 Katyland Drive in Katy. Free admission. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Enter through the side doors at Rhodes Stadium; free parking is available at Rhodes Stadium.

City of Katy's 'Coffee with the Mayors' set for Oct. 29

Join officials from the City of Katy for "Coffee with the Mayors" on Thursday, October 29 at 7:30 a.m., at the Johnny Nelson Katy Heritage Museum, 6002 George Bush Drive, Katy. Meet Mayor Dusty Thiele and many of the city's former mayors for coffee and conversation and hear from leaders of other community organizations. Free to attend.

Go Goth at Glazier's Gothic Halloween Banquet at Glazier SEC on Oct. 29

Step into the shadows for Harris County Precinct 4's Gothic-themed Halloween Potluck from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on October 29 at the Glazier Senior Education Center, where eerie elegance meets creative cuisine. Guests are encouraged to bring uniquely themed dishes inspired by all things dark and mysterious. Dress in your best gothic attire for a chance to win the costume contest, and enjoy an afternoon of hauntingly good food, imagination, and festive community fun with Glazier staff. Glazer SEC is located at 16600 Pine Forest Lane in Houston, near Clay Road at Hwy. 6.

Royal ISD to host 'Trunk or Treat' Oct. 29

All Royal ISD families are invited to participate in the upcoming Trunk or Treat event on Thursday, October 29 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Royal Elementary School, 2222 Durkin Road in Brookshire. The district is looking for businesses, organizations, and community partners to help make this a fun and memorable evening for students and families by hosting a decorated trunk, offering treats, or providing fun activities. For more information, please contact Norma Martinez at nmartinez@royal-isd.net.

Celebrate 'America Recycles' with KKB on Nov. 7 by recycling electronics, metal, paper and more

Is your home full of scary old electronics, scrap metal and old papers? Vanquish those demons by bringing them to Keep Katy Beautiful's free community recycling event on November 7. From 9 a.m. until 12 p.m., bring them to the parking lot of First Baptist Church Katy, 600 Pin Oak in Katy. Electronics accepted for recycling include computers and accessories, hard drives, circuit boards, routers, televisions, monitors, photocopiers, PDAs and other handheld devices, cell phones and chargers, toner cartridges and ink, CDs, DVDs and batteries. All paper products accepted. Metal scraps, refrigerators, dishwashers, stoves, irons and ironing boards, fans, scooters, extension cords, BBQ pits, light fixtures, and sinks, pipes and faucets are accepted. Cardboard, paint, tires, waste and any biohazards will not be accepted. KKB is also collecting coats for local nonprofit Clothed by Faith and eyeglasses (including sunglasses) for the Katy Lions Club.

New DPS drivers license office under construction in Katy

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A new Texas Department of Public Safety Driver License Office is finally coming to Katy.

Construction on the 22,960-square-foot facility at 23626 Kingsland Boulevard in Katy began on September 1 and is underway, with the office scheduled to open in spring 2027. The site includes a dedicated vehicle testing area and it will offer standard driver license and ID services, plus commercial driver license (CDL) skills testing. The new facility will feature 270 parking spaces.

DPS will release the final list of services, hours, and appointment details closer to opening.

Currently, many renewals, replacements, and address changes can be done online at dps.texas.gov, with no trip required.

Katy Responds launches 'Age in Grace' program to promote safe aging in place

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Local nonprofit Katy Responds, which organizes and leads home restoration projects for local families in need, has launched a new initiative – "Age in Grace." The program – detailed in the organization's September newsletter '' is designed to ensure safe and secure aging in place for older adults.

"As we grow older, the desire to remain in the comfort of our own homes becomes increasingly important," the newsletter said. "The 'Age in Place' initiative aims to make this possible for seniors, offering both for-profit and nonprofit age-in-place adjustments to ensure safety, accessibility and comfort in their own homes."

The program makes home modifications for those who have mobility challenges, allowing seniors to live safely and with grace in their own homes. Some of the services included are bathroom adjustments such as grab bars, comfort-height toilets, curbless showers and handheld shower heads. Other house-wide repairs include door and facucet handles and threshold removal and entry/exit modifications such as ramps, video doorbell or a remote intercom.

Applicants must be listed as the homeowner and must not own multiple homes. Applicant must be current on their property tax or have a written plan in place with the county. Eligibility is not age-related and is determined by individual need. Household income must be at or below 80 percent AMI per HUD guidelines.

For more information or to apply for assistance, call 281-305-8545 or email info@katyresponds.org.



TRIBUTE

William Priester Cardiff, Jr., 80, of Bellville, peacefully went to be with our Lord on October 3, 2026.

Born in Houston, Texas, on December 6, 1945, William was the son of William Priester Cardiff, Sr. and Fay Jeanette Engel Cardiff. He graduated from Katy High School in 1964, where he was a member of "The Roaring Band from Tiger Land," before serving in the U.S. Air Force. During the Vietnam War, he was deployed to Thailand. While serving, he met Elizabeth "Betty" Frances Herk, whom he lovingly called the "most beautiful woman in the world." They married on September 16, 1967, at Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Nebraska.

After his military service, William and Betty returned to Katy, where they raised four daughters: Michelle, Shannon, Kristen and Kelly. William earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business and Economics from the University of Houston while supporting his family and working with his father, uncles and cousins on the family rice farm. He also helped his family build the J. V. Cardiff & Sons rice dryer in Katy, the tallest rice dryer in the United States.

William worked for the City of Katy for many years,



WILLIAM PRIESTER CARDIFF, JR.
1945 - 2026

served as a city council member and volunteered as an EMT with the Katy Fire Department. In later years, he enjoyed working in the oil and gas industry alongside his daughters.

William found great joy in farming, hunting, fishing and, above all, flying. Aviation was his favorite pastime, and he traveled to fly-ins throughout the United States. He especially treasured flying his airplane to Matagorda, landing on the beach and spending the day fishing, crabbing and telling stories with friends. His love of aviation also inspired his business, Turbines to Tailfeathers, where he helped keep older airplanes and crop dusters flying. He was also a member of the International Cessna 120-140 Association.

William loved cooking and listening to the "Big Band" music he inherited a love for from his father. He often cooked enough food to feed an army and enjoyed singing along to Louis Prima, Louis Armstrong and Asleep at the Wheel. His favorite song was "Pennies from Heaven."

He later moved to Hallettsville, Texas, which he called his second home. There he made many friends, played dominos and enjoyed the small Czech community. His friend and brother-in-Christ, Mike Thompson, helped reintroduce the Lord into William's life. William once told Mike, "I want what you have." Together, they attended an ACTS Retreat, where William renewed his faith in Jesus Christ. The experience deeply shaped his love for the Lord.

William cherished his four daughters, affectionately calling them No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4 — "Shelly Pooh," "Shan Shan," "Pooh Girl" and "Korky." He also grew to love many of their friends as his own, including Terri Harless Marsh, Lynn Bindeman Brent, Gina West Christensen, Paige Marini Ildebrando ("Fall Crop"), Bonnie Watson, Samantha Cassens, T. J. Horn, Lillian England Shultz, Tracy England Shores, Sammi Silgero and Mischelle Sharp McCarthy. Some of their fondest memories were made at the farm, swimming in rice wells, cutting rice during harvest and flying in William's Cessna, as well as summers at Lake Buchanan, where he taught them to water ski and fish.

He had an especially deep love for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who lovingly called him "Pa." He treasured attending their special moments and events and always greeted them with hugs and love.

In the months before being called home, William experienced several heavenly visitations from family waiting for him. They brought a smile to his face and peace to those who witnessed them. In his final days, Big Band music filled his room, and although he could no longer respond with words, he tapped his toes to every beat.

Special thanks to Sharon, Stevie and the staff at Acara Hospice, along with the staff at Magnolia Home in Bellville, for their loving care during his final two months. We are comforted knowing William is with our Lord and Savior, smiling, laughing, hugging family and probably puffing on a cigar while driving his favorite old truck with bumper stickers reading, "Eat Rice and Gravy" and "Don't Cuss a Farmer with Your Mouth Full."

William was preceded in death by his parents, William and Fay Cardiff; his "beautiful" Elizabeth "Betty" Cardiff; his sister, Victoria "Vicky" Cardiff; and best friends Fred England, Ben England, Frank Fishbeck, Johnny Nelson and Bob Glover.

He is survived by his daughters, Michelle Feild (Ricky), Shannon Walla (Rusty), Kristen Daves (Royce) and Kelly Franco (Steve); grandchildren Connor (Gabi), Morgan (Jakob), Ross (Alyssa), Justin (Katie), Jace, Taylor, Nathan, Matthew (Analise), Reagan (Elizabeth), Austin (Lori), Shelby, Maisy (Ian), Lily, Preston, Kolby, Cory, Isabelle, Julia, Zelda and Nick; and great-grandchildren Michael, Bryson, Noah, Saint, Autumn, Grant, Rylan, Saylor, Cohen, Ryver, Wells, Colson, Dove, Bodie, Weston, Will and Ryan Mae.

He is also survived by his sister, Fayne Cardiff Lawrence; niece Haley Naegle; nephew Rodney Lawrence; dear friends Mike Thompson, Linda Hibbs, Jane Franz, Paulette Nelson, Cheryl Nelson, Kathy Kettler Cardiff, Kay England and Barbara Moyer Sturm; the Bennett and Cottrell families; his many cousins; and his beloved dachshunds, Sugarfoot and Snickers.

William has traded his pilot wings for angel wings. He is cleared for his final flight — no more turbulence, just clear skies ahead. He has a new, imperishable residence, one that does not decay and was built by Jesus himself. Jesus said, "My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." John 14:2-3

A Celebration of Life will be held at "The Farm," now Houston Executive Airport, where family and friends will gather to celebrate William's wonderful life — and, of course, enjoy good food.

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Katy ISD Provides Evaluations for Students with Suspected Disabilities

The Katy Independent School District Department of Special Education provides evaluations for students with suspected disabilities to identify every student with a disability living within the district's boundaries. These evaluations are designed to help identify children who may qualify for the district's special education or Section 504 program.

Students with all categories of disabilities between the ages of 3 and 21 can be provided with services to ensure their success in school. These services and supports may be provided through Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Special Education services are also available to children who are visually and/or auditory impaired starting at birth.

If you are aware of a child who may be challenged with a disability, please contact the Katy ISD Department of Special Education at 281-396-2066. The Department of Special Education will coordinate efforts to evaluate the student and, if eligible, ensure that the student is provided with supports and services needed to obtain academic and non-academic benefit. Please do not hesitate to call should you have any questions.

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INVITATION TO BIDDERS

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 10 a.m. Local Time, **October 29th, 2026,** and then publicly opened and read at SWA Group Landscape Architects, 712 Main St., 6th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 for Elyson Basin K Expansion 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/98823358160.

Scope of Work of the Contract Documents includes the following: concrete trail, site furnishings, sprinkler 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 **October 23rd, 2026, at 10 a.m.** Local Time, via ZOOM. Join the meeting from your computer at Invite Link https://swagroup.zoom.us/j/94120476948. 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.

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 two percent (2%) 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: search PGWT501. 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. 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.

By submitting a Bid, bidder acknowledges and agrees that the Contract Documents may be accepted, executed, or agreed to using an Electronic Signature, as defined by and in accordance with Owner's Electronic Signature Rules for Construction Contracts.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive all defects and irregularities in bidding or bidding process except the time for submitting a Bid. The successful bidder, if any, will be the responsible bidder, which in the Board's judgment will be most advantageous to the District and result in the best and most economical completion of the Project.

The requirements of Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Government Code, may apply to this Bid and the bidder agrees that the Contract Documents can be terminated if the bidder knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.

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Skyway Towers, LLC proposes to build a 199-foot self-support communications tower at the approx. vicinity of 10822 2/3 Sheldon Road, Houston, Harris County, TX 77044. Lat: [29-52-23.37] Long: [-95-7-23.6]. In accordance with the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the FCC regulations implementing Section 106 review, public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted to: Trileaf Corp, Alec Nimkoff, a.nimkoff@trileaf.com, 66 South Logan Street, Denver, CO 80209. 203.856.1011.

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INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Electronic Bids addressed to Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 465, Attention Cynthia Hill, President, Board of Directors, will be electronically received until 10:00 a.m. Local Time on October 29, 2026, and then publicly opened and read via teleconference for **"Construction of Sanitary Lift Station & Force Main in Winward Falls** for Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 465, Harris County, Texas." To join via Microsoft Teams, call (469) 965-2602 and enter Phone Conference ID: 733 640 709#. Scope of Work of the Contract Documents includes the following: Sanitary Lift Station & Force Main Facilities. Bids received after closing time will be returned unopened. A **NON-MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held remotely on October 22, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Local Time, via teleconference. To join via Microsoft Teams, call (469) 965-2602 and enter Phone Conference ID: 128 512 572#. 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 two percent (2%) 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: search **"Winward Falls Sanitary LS & Force Main."** 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. 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. By submitting a Bid, bidder acknowledges and agrees that the Contract Documents may be accepted, executed, or agreed to using an Electronic Signature, as defined by and in accordance with Owner's Electronic Signature Rules for Construction Contracts. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive all defects and irregularities in bidding or bidding process except the time for submitting a Bid. The successful bidder, if any, will be the responsible bidder, which in the Board's judgment will be most advantageous to the District and result in the best and most economical completion of the Project. **The requirements of Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Government Code, may apply to this Bid and the bidder agrees that the Contract Documents can be terminated if the bidder knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with the requirement of that subchapter.**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION
(AVISO DE ELECCIÓN DE SÍNDICOS)

TO THE RESIDENT, QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE ROYAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT: (A LOS ELECTORES RESIDENTES Y CUALIFICADOS DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE ROYAL:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on November 3, 2026 for voting in a general election to elect trustees in the Royal Independent School District. *(Por la presente se da aviso de que los lugares de votación a continuación estarán abiertos de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. el 3 de noviembre de 2026 para votar en una elección general para elegir síndicos en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Royal.)*

Trustee Election *(Elección de Síndicos):*
One trustee each for positions designated as Position 1, Position 2, Position 3, and Position 4, elected at large, for full four-year terms on the Royal Independent School District Board of Trustees. *(Un síndico para cada uno de los puestos designados como Puesto 1, Puesto 2, Puesto 3 y Puesto 4, elegidos por el distrito en general, por términos completos de cuatro años, en la Junta de Síndicos del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Royal.)*

Website *(sitio web)*: https://www.royal-isd.net/

ELECTION DAY PRECINCT AND POLLING INFORMATION *(INFORMACIÓN DE PRECINTOS Y LUGARES DE VOTACIÓN DEL DÍA DE LA ELECCIÓN)*

Election Day: Tuesday, November 3, 2026; Election Day Polling Locations open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. *(Día de la Elección: martes, 3 de noviembre de 2026; Lugares de Votación del Día de la Elección abiertos de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.)*

Waller County *(Condado de Waller)*
All information is subject to change. Confirm locations before voting at https://www.co.waller.tx.us/page/elections.current. *(Toda la información está sujeta a cambios. Confirme las ubicaciones antes de votar en https://www.co.waller.tx.us/page/elections.current.)*

Election Day Locations – Voters must vote in their assigned voting precinct *(Ubicaciones del Día de la Elección – Los votantes deben votar en su precinto de votación asignado):*
Precinct 103 *(Precinto 103)* – Waller County Fairgrounds, 21988 FM 359, Hempstead, TX 77445
Precinct 313 *(Precinto 313)* – Monaville Fire Department, 13631 Cochran Rd., Waller, TX 77484
Precincts 314 and 315 *(Precintos 314 y 315)* – Waller-Harris ESD Building, 5411 FM 2855, Brookshire, TX 77423
Precinct 416 *(Precinto 416)* – Pattison Volunteer Fire Department, 2950 FM 359 N, Pattison, TX 77466
Precinct 418 *(Precinto 418)* – Justice of the Peace Precinct 4 Office, 32225 US Highway 90 Bus., Brookshire, TX 77423
Precinct 419 *(Precinto 419)* – Brookshire Convention Center, 4027 5th St., Brookshire, TX 77423

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS, DATES AND HOURS *(LUGARES, FECHA Y HORARIOS DE VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA)*

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Dates and Hours *(Fechas y Horarios):*
Monday, October 19, 2026 through Friday, October 23, 2026: 8:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday, October 24, 2026: 7:00am – 7:00pm
Sunday, October 25, 2026: 10:00am – 4:00pm
Monday, October 26, 2026 through Friday, October 30, 2026: 7:00am – 7:00pm

lunes, 19 de octubre de 2026 al viernes, 23 de octubre de 2026: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
sábado, 24 de octubre de 2026: 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
domingo, 25 de octubre de 2026: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
lunes, 26 de octubre de 2026 al viernes, 30 de octubre de 2026: 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Early Voting Locations – Voters may vote at any of the locations listed below *(Ubicaciones de Votación Anticipada – Los votantes pueden votar en cualquiera de las ubicaciones que se enumeran a continuación):*
Joe Kuciemba Annex, 425 FM 1488, Hempstead, TX 77445 (Main Early Voting Location) *(Lugar Principal de Votación Anticipada)*
Waller County Community Center, 21274 FM 1098, Prairie View, TX 77446
Waller Civic Center, 3007 Waller St., Waller, TX 77484
Brookshire Convention Center, 4027 5th St., Brookshire, TX 77423

Applications for voting by mail should be received no later than the close of business on October 23, 2026. *(Las solicitudes para votar por correo deberán recibirse antes del cierre de actividades del 23 de octubre de 2026.)*

The Elections Administrator's contact information/delivery address for applications for ballots to be voted by mail and other matters related to the election is as follows: *(La información de contacto o dirección de entrega de la Administradora de Elecciones para las solicitudes de boletas para votar por correo postal y otros asuntos relacionados con la elección es la siguiente:)*

Waller County *(Condado de Waller)*
Name *(Nombre)*: Christy A. Eason, Elections Administrator
Official Mailing Address *(Dirección Postal Oficial)*: 425 FM 1488, Suite 112, Hempstead, TX 77445
Physical Address *(Dirección Física)*: 425 FM 1488, Suite 112, Hempstead, TX 77445
E-mail Address *(Dirección de Correo Electrónico)*: vote@wallercounty.us
Phone Number *(Número de Teléfono)*: (979) 826-7643
Fax Number *(Número de Fax)*: (979) 826-7645
Website Address *(Dirección del Sitio Web)*: https://www.co.waller.tx.us/page/elections.current

McGrew nominated for Texas Municipal Clerk of the Year



BECKY MCGREW

FROM STAFF REPORTS

City of Katy City Secretary Becky McGrew has been nominated for 2026 Texas Municipal Clerk of the Year, according to an October 12 Facebook post. McGrew is one of two nominees for the award, which will be announced at the TMCA awards banquet in The Woodlands on October 22.

McGrew has served on the Salt Grass Chapter Board for four years and contributed to numerous state and local initiatives, including the election ad hoc, audit, policy and procedures manual review, scholarship, Public Information Act Seminar, and banquet committees.

"I am truly honored and humbled to be nominated for the 2026 Texas Municipal Clerk of the Year Award," McGrew said in her October 12 Facebook post. "There are so many incredible clerks across our state who are far more deserving than I could ever claim to be, and simply to be counted among them is a privilege I don't take lightly."

The Texas Municipal Clerk of the Year honor, awarded annually since 1963, recognizes a municipal clerk who exemplifies outstanding service to their community and to fellow clerks statewide. Nominees must be active TMCA members, hold a municipal clerk position, be Texas Registered Municipal Clerks, and meet service and leadership criteria.

CLEAN-UP EFFORT REMOVES MORE THAN 400 ILLEGALLY DUMPED TIRES FROM ADDICKS RESERVOIR



PHOTO COURTESY OF HARRIS COUNTY PRECINCT 4

Daniel Rodriguez, Chief Operations Officer, Harris County Precinct 4, speaks at an October 17 press conference at Bear Creek Pioneer Park. Harris County Precinct 4, in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Keep Houston Beautiful, and the Energy Corridor District, removed more than 400 illegally dumped tires from the Addicks Reservoir near the park that morning. The cleanup helps protect public health and removes illegally dumped waste from an important flood-control area, precinct officials said. Illegally dumped debris can interfere with drainage and removing the tires reduces the potential for them to contribute to blockage during heavy rain. Additionally, tires are a major breeding site for disease-carrying mosquitoes.

Harbor Health brings care, coverage together in Katy with acquisition of Village Medical Clinics

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Harbor Health, a Texas-based primary and specialty care clinic group and health insurance company, announced on October 6 that it has signed an agreement to acquire 27 Village Medical clinics in Greater Houston, a well-established network with deep roots throughout the community.

One of the locations is at Mason Creek 21820 Katy Freeway, Katy.

Houston will become the fifth Texas market where Harbor both delivers care and provides coverage, joining Austin, Dallas, San Antonio and El Paso. When the transaction closes, expected at the end of the year, Harbor will operate nearly 70 clinics and more than double its number of physicians and advanced practice providers across the state. Financial terms were not disclosed.

"We started Harbor because we believe people deserve a better health care system and at the center of that is a company that is accountable for keeping you healthy," said Tony Miller, Harbor Health Co-Founder and CEO. "Village Medical Houston's clinicians have spent years changing how care is practiced. When we set out to build the best payvider in Texas, Houston was always central to it. Together, Houstonians have a new company that delivers their care, pays for it, and answers for both."

Members who choose a Harbor plan in Houston will have Village Medical Houston as their primary care home, with clinics serving Harris, Montgomery, Fort Bend and Brazoria counties. That is where a guided health journey begins. Harbor plans have no deductible, and when members start with a Harbor clinician and that clinician refers them to a specialist, the referred care is covered at $0. Because care and coverage are designed together, members are not left to sort out what is covered or where to go next.

Large employer plans are available now across 29 Texas counties, including Harris, Montgomery, Fort Bend and Brazoria in Greater Houston. Together, the 29 counties are home to more than 22 million Texans. Individual and family plans will be available on HealthCare.gov for 2027, with enrollment opening Nov. 1 in 13 of the 29 counties and coverage effective Jan. 1. Texas families and employers can learn more about Harbor plans at harborhealth.com.

"Making health care affordable is essential and that means having coverage that enables people to invest in health," said Dr. Clay Johnston, Harbor Health Co-Founder and Chief Innovation Officer. "When the people responsible for a person's health also help shape what their coverage pays for and when, it becomes easier for people to get the care we know works and to avoid waste."

The Village Medical Houston clinics Harbor is acquiring will join the Harbor Health Insurance Company provider network and will continue to operate under the Village Medical name. Consumers who receive care at these clinics do not need to take any action, and the clinics will continue to accept the insurance plans they accept today.

Large employer plans are available now to Houston-area employers, and individual and family enrollment opens Nov. 1. Brokers who want to sell Harbor plans in Houston should get appointed with Harbor before Nov. 1. Visit https://harborhealth.com/partner/broker or contact the broker relations team at brokers@harborhealth.com or 844-504-1100 to learn more.

About Harbor Health

Harbor Health is a Texas-based health care company that puts care at the core. Harbor runs its own primary and specialty care clinics across Texas and builds health insurance around care designed by its clinicians, so care and coverage work as one. For more information, visit harborhealth.com.





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Officials from Academy Sports + Outdoors – with special guest Sheryl Swoopes of the Houston Comets (second from right) – present a check for $30,000 to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Houston on October 17 during the H-Town Classic 3-on-3 Youth Basketball Tournament at the Academy location at 23155 Katy Fwy. in Katy.

Academy Sports + Outdoors hosts H-Town Classic 3-on-3 Youth Basketball Tournament

Retail giant donates $30,000 to Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Houston

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER



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The parking lot at Academy Sports + Outdoors' location at 23155 Katy Fwy. in Katy became a multi-court basketball arena as the company hosted the H-Town Classic 3-on-3 Youth Basketball Tournament on Oct. 17-18. The free tournament drew as many as 400 participants, a company spokesperson said.

The parking lot at Academy Sports + Outdoors' location at 23155 Katy Fwy. in Katy was transformed into an outdoor multi-court basketball complex, as the retail chain hosted the two-day Academy Sports + Outdoors H-Town Classic 3-on-3 Youth Basketball Tournament, powered by Nike and Jordan Brand, on October 17-18.

The event, which was free open to boys and girls, grades 6 through 12, drew more than 100 teams and between 300 and 400 participants from across the greater Houston area including nearby Brookshire, an Academy spokesperson said. Teams competed in four divisions: middle school girls, middle school boys, high school girls and high school boys.

All proceeds from the H-Town Classic benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Houston, supporting youth programs and community development in the Houston area. On the first day of the tournament, Academy Sports + Outdoors presented a check for $30,000 to the organization.

Special guest Sheryl Swoopes of the Houston Comets was on hand for the check presentation. The Comets are returning to Houston for the 2027 WNBA season, Swoopes said. Cleveland Cavaliers star Ricky Davis was also spotted in the crowd.

The championship presentations took place on October 18, with winners in each division taking home an H-Town Classic Championship belt, in addition to bragging rights. Every player that participated throughout this weekend received a tournament jersey that they got to take home.

About Academy Sports + Outdoors

Academy is a leading full-line sporting goods and outdoor recreation retailer in the United States. Originally founded in 1938 as a family business in Texas, Academy has grown to more than 300 stores across 21 states and counting. Academy's mission is to provide "Fun for All" and Academy fulfills this mission with a localized merchandising strategy and value proposition that strongly connects with a broad range of consumers. Academy's product assortment focuses on key categories of outdoor, apparel, sports & recreation and footwear through both leading national brands and a portfolio of private label brands. For more information, visit www.academy.com.



Pin Oak Charity Horse Show's 'What to Wear at an Equestrian Affair' showcases high fashion, raises funds for Texas Children's Hospital

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER



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Wondering what to wear to the Pin Oak Charity Horse Show when the 81st edition opens next spring in Katy?

Well, wonder no more.

The organization hosted "What to Wear at an Equestrian Affair" on October 15 at the Pavilion at NPO venue at 6000 Westview in Houston, with a parade of ensembles provided by the ETRO boutique in the Galleria area, which specializes in unique looks. Outfits featured fluid silhouettes in a wide variety of styles and fabrics from paisley to bolder patterns, from velvet to jacquard and from soft flowing dresses to structured blazers.

Lynn Walsh, who has served as president of The Pin Oak Charity Horse Show Association for over two decades, leading its mission to raise funds for Texas Children's Hospital and other charitable causes, welcomed guests to the event. "Today is about fun, fashion and making an impact." Attendees could purchase raffle tickets to help raise funds for the charity's mission.

The charity recently donated over $287,000 to Texas Children's Hospital for a breathing lab at the hospital's West Campus; the upcoming year's fundraising will support behavioral health issues, which have become increasingly important since COVID, Walsh said.

For more information on the Pin Oak Charity Horse Show, including the upcoming schedule of events at the Great Southwestern Equestrian Center at 2501 S. Mason in Katy, go to https://www.pinoak.org.

Dunkin'® coming soon to Katy with 'Next Generation' restaurant

CONTRIBUTED REPORT



IMAGE COURTESY OF DUNKIN

Dunkin' has announced plans for a new location at 136 Cane Island Parkway in Katy.

On October 7, Dunkin', formerly known as Dunkin' Donuts, announced plans for a new restaurant to open in Katy this month. Located at 136 Cane Island Parkway in Katy, the new restaurant will feature Dunkin's modern Next Generation design, offering residents and commuters a more convenient way to run on Dunkin' and enjoy their favorite coffee and baked goods. Official opening details will be shared in the coming weeks.

The new 1,850 square-foot restaurant will employ approximately 25 crew members and will be open daily from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Exciting elements of the new Next Generation restaurant experience at the Katy location will include:

• Premium pours: Dunkin's signature cold beverages are poured through an innovative tap system, serving a variety of consistently cold sips, such as iced coffee, iced tea, Cold Brew, and Nitro-Infused Cold Brew (a Next Gen exclusive). Crew members also use top-quality, flavor-maximizing espresso machines to make handcrafted drinks to order.

• Modern design: The openness, colors, and materials used in the design help create an approachable, positive, and energetic environment. Just one example of the eye-catching design elements that guests can expect is a front-facing bakery case for an even closer look at our delicious baked goods.

• Increased energy efficiency: The new Dunkin' is a DD Green Achievement restaurant, which is designed to save 25 percent more energy compared to a standard Dunkin' restaurant.

As the largest coffee and donut brand in the nation with more than 14,200 restaurants, Dunkin' is known for great-tasting beverages and food items. From freshly brewed hot and iced coffee to espresso drinks, donuts, bagels, and sandwiches, Dunkin' continues to expand its presence while staying true to its mission of delivering fast, affordable, and high-quality food and drinks.

Guests can get even more out of their Dunkin' runs by joining Dunkin' Rewards®. Members can earn points toward free food and drinks, enjoy exclusive offers and order ahead in the Dunkin' app. Those who have not joined Dunkin' Rewards yet can create a free account on the Dunkin' app or by visiting dunkinrewards.com.

The story of Dunkin' began in 1948 with a donut and coffee restaurant in Quincy, Massachusetts called "Open Kettle." Founder William Rosenberg served donuts for five cents and cups of coffee for ten cents. After a brainstorming session with his executives, Rosenberg renamed his restaurant "Dunkin' Donuts" in 1950. His goal was to "make and serve the freshest, most delicious coffee and donuts quickly and courteously in modern, well-merchandised stores," a philosophy which still holds true today.



PHOTO COURTESY OF PEGASUS LANDING OF KATY

Residents of Pegasus Landing of Katy, a memory care facility at 1520 Katy Gap Road in Katy, pose with firefighters at the Katy Mills station after delivering goody bags and handwritten notes to the first responders on National Heroes' Day on October 8.

Local memory care community gives back to first responders on National Heroes' Day

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Katy-area firefighters and police officers answer calls for help around the clock. On Oct. 8, residents of Pegasus Landing of Katy answered back with goodie bags and handwritten notes of thanks.

The National Heroes' Day service project put residents of the assisted living and memory care community at 1520 Katy Gap Road in Katy to work assembling appreciation bags and writing each card by hand for local firefighters and police officers.

"Our residents wanted to do something for the people who show up for Katy every day," said Tyrice McLaren, Life Enrichment Director of Pegasus Landing of Katy. "Each card is written by hand, and they are taking their time with every one. Giving back does not stop at a certain age. Our residents are proof of that."

The project is about more than just giving gifts, company officials said. It's about creating meaningful connections, spreading kindness, and reminding the residents that they can continue to make a positive impact on the world around them.

"To our local firefighters and police officers: Thank you for your service, your sacrifices, and your commitment to keeping our community safe — we appreciate you," said a spokesperson for Pegasus Landing of Katy following the event. "At Pegasus Landing of Katy, we're proud to celebrate the spirit of giving and the power of making a difference, one act of kindness at a time."

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Local student Malachi M. Underwood receives national honor

Fulshear High School student recognized for superior academic achievement by National Society of High School Scholars

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) announced on October 2 that student Malachi M. Underwood from Fulshear has been selected to become a member of the esteemed organization. The Society recognizes top scholars who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, scholarship, and community commitment. The announcement was made by NSHSS Co-founder and President James W. Lewis.

"On behalf of NSHSS and our co-founder Claes Nobel, a member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes, I am honored to recognize the hard work, passion, and commitment that Malachi has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence," said Lewis. "Malachi is now a member of a unique community of scholars — a community that represents our very best hope for the future."



MALACHI M. UNDERWOOD

"We are proud to provide lifetime membership to young scholars to support their growth and development," said Lewis. "We help students like Malachi build on their academic success by connecting them with learning experiences and resources to help prepare them for college and meaningful careers."

NSHSS members automatically become lifetime members at the time of their initial membership. Each step along the way — from high school to college to career — NSHSS connects outstanding young scholars with the resources they need to develop their strengths and pursue their passions.

Formed in 2002 by James W Lewis and Claes Nobel, a member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes, the National Society of High School Scholars recognizes academic excellence at the high school level and helps to advance the goals and aspirations of high-achieving students through unique learning experiences, scholarships, internships, international study, and peer networks. Currently there are more than two million members in over 170 countries. For more information about NSHSS, visit www.nshss.org.

VFW scholarship deadline nears

FROM STAFF REPORTS

In early October, VFW Post 9182 of Katy announced its annual Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen competitions.

"This is an incredible opportunity for students to showcase their patriotism, share their voices, and compete for scholarships and cash prizes," the organization said in a Facebook post on October 11.

The two separate competitions are slightly different, with one for middle school students and one for high school students:

• Voice of Democracy – Open to students in grades 9–12 for scholarships to help fund college education; the national prize is $35,000. Students should submit a three- to five-minute audio essay on this year's topic: "What a Veteran Taught Me About America."

• Patriot's Pen – Open to students in grades 6–8 who will be able to share their thoughts on patriotism in order to compete for cash prizes; the national prize is $5,000. Students should submit a 300 to 400-word written essay on this year's topic: "What a Veteran Taught Me About America."

Students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence and intend to become U.S. citizens at the earliest opportunity.

The deadline for both competitions – October 31 – is fast approaching.

Details – as well as registration forms and submission instructions – may be found on the post's Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/vfwpost9182.

RHS's Ruley selected for All-Region Jazz Band for third consecutive year

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Royal High School senior Devin Ruley has been selected to the ATSSB All-Region Jazz Band for the third consecutive year, Royal ISD announced on its Facebook page on October 5.

Ruley has also advanced to the Area Jazz Auditions, where he will compete for the opportunity to earn a spot in the ATSSB All-State Jazz Band. He will perform with the All-Region Jazz Band on January 23, 2027, at The Village School in West Houston.

"Congratulations, Devin," the district said in the post. "We are proud of your dedication, talent, and continued success."

Royal ISD announces Dalton Williams as new police chief

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

At its October meeting, the Royal ISD Board of Trustees unanimously approved the appointment of Dalton Williams as the district's new Chief of Police with a 7–0 vote.

Williams brings nearly a decade of experience in law enforcement and corrections, including more than five years of dedicated service to Royal ISD. Since joining the Royal ISD Police Department in March 2021, Williams has served in several capacities, including police officer, detective, sergeant, and lieutenant. Throughout his tenure, he has demonstrated a strong commitment to student safety, emergency preparedness, and building positive relationships throughout the district, RISD said in its October 15 announcement. Most recently, Williams has served as RISD Acting Chief over the past several months.

"Chief Williams has been a longstanding team member of the Royal ISD family, and we are excited to see him now serving as our permanent Police Chief," Royal ISD Superintendent Dr. Megan C. Pape said. "Over the past several months serving as Acting Chief, he has demonstrated strong leadership and law enforcement expertise. He has been a central part in staffing our police department this school year, and finding exceptional officers to become a part of the RISD family. His experience, knowledge of our district, hard work, integrity, passion for the role, positive attitude, ability to team-build, leadership, and commitment to ensuring a safe campus for all students, staff and families make him the top choice to lead our police department into the future."

In his previous leadership roles, Williams supervised officers and school resource officers, coordinated campus patrols and emergency responses, conducted criminal investigations, and supported the implementation of district safety procedures. He also played an instrumental role in strengthening Royal ISD's emergency preparedness efforts, a district spokesperson said. As project manager for the district's Raptor Alert emergency management system, he has overseen implementation, coordinated staff training, and collaborated with administrators and district personnel to enhance emergency response protocols.

Prior to joining Royal ISD, Williams served with the Waller County Sheriff's Office, where he held the rank of corporal, and with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Williams earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration in 2024 and his master's degree in public administration in 2025 from Columbia Southern University. He is currently pursuing a doctorate in criminal justice leadership. Williams is a licensed Texas peace officer and holds additional certifications in emergency response, CPR, first aid, and other areas of public safety.

As Chief of Police, Williams will oversee the district's police department, working closely with campus administrators, staff, families, and community law enforcement partners to maintain safe and supportive learning environments.



SPORTS

AREA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCORES

SCHOOL	SCORE	SCHOOL	SCORE
Paetow	14	Katy	56
Morton Ranch	19	Taylor	38
Cinco Ranch	12	Tompkins	49
Seven Lakes	16	Mayde Creek	25
Jordan		BYE	
Freeman	0	Friendswood	30
Royal	0	Sealy	42

Source: Dave Campbell's Texas Football



TIGERS MAINTAIN UNBEATEN RECORD WITH 56-14 VICTORY OVER PAETOW



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRIS HARRIS

The Katy Tigers take the field at Legacy Stadium for their October 15 match-up with the Paetow Panthers. Katy is now 8-0 for the season and 6-0 in district play after defeating Paetow 56-14. Next, Tigers will face the Taylor Mustangs on October 30 at Legacy Stadium.

Seven Lakes, Tompkins maintain poll rankings

FROM STAFF REPORTS

In the latest statewide volleyball poll from the Texas Girls Coaches Association (TGCA), released on October 13, Seven Lakes moved up to number 12, previously ranked as number 13 in the prior week's poll. Tompkins High School maintained a spot in the top 25 teams in the state, staying at number 19 for the second consecutive week, after moving up from number 22 the prior week . Here are the complete rankings for TGCA's top 25 teams in Class 6A according to the latest poll:

1. Duncanville 35-4
2. Allen 33-2
3. Houston Memorial 33-3
4. Flower Mound 24-6
5. Hebron 31-7
6. Wylie 31-4
7. Los Fresnos 34-2
8. Austin Westlake 34-8
9. Laredo Alexander 28-5
10. Mansfield 33-5
11. Klein Oak 38-5
12. Katy Seven Lakes 26-10
13. Austin Lake Travis 34-6
14. SA Brennan 32-7
15. Dripping Springs 24-14
16. Cypress Ranch 30-7
17. Round Rock 29-11
18. Waco Midway 28-6
19. Katy Tompkins 26-6
20. McKinney Boyd 26-6
21. Southlake Carroll 18-11
22. Plano East 26-9
23. Plano 29-8
24. Plano West 23-6
25. SA Churchill 31-8

