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WALLER COUNTY

Commissioners discuss county mobility study, reduce list of projects

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
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In an August 9th workshop session, members of the Waller County commissioners court continued discussion of the county's mobility needs and a potential mobility bond.

Following concerns raised at prior workshops, a representative of Half Associates returned to the commissioners with a revised list of projects and a revised total budget. The revisions were made to accommodate commissioners' previous concerns on allocation for city partnership projects, for contingency fees and for adequate funding for design and management fees.

The presentation by Half at the July 19th meeting of the commissioners court contained 37 projects for a total of \$258 million; the new project list is now 25 projects at an approximate total of \$278 million.

The projects eliminated from the previous list included two safety projects in Precinct 1 (adding shoulders along Buller Road and on Laneview) and one capacity project in Precinct 2 (along Macedonia Road). The other projects which were dropped were not listed at this meeting.

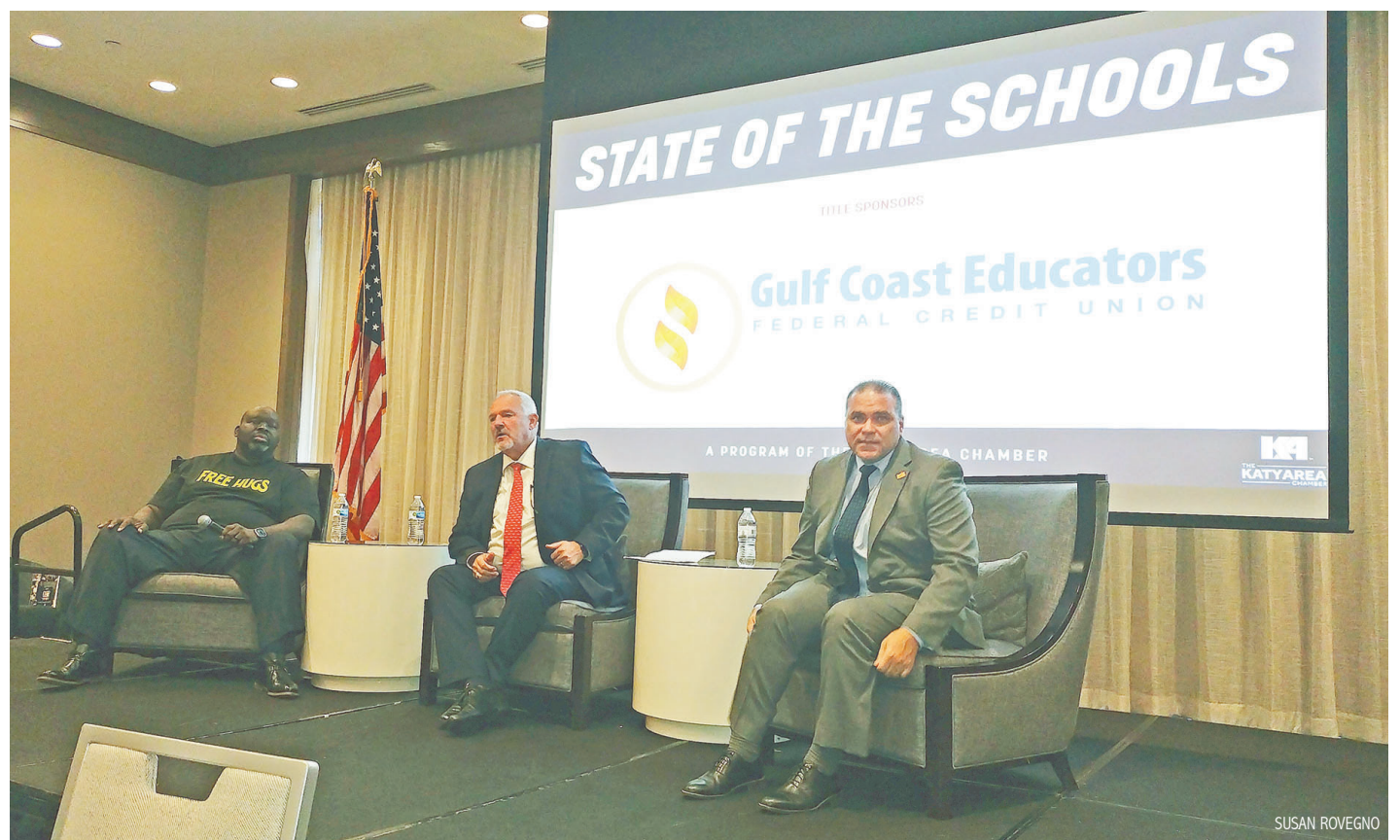
Walter Smith, Commissioner for Precinct 2, spoke on the necessity of the changes in order to have as much accuracy as possible in the projected costs of the mobility projects. "My concern is to bring something to the citizens to vote on, with a high level of confidence."

Discussion continued on the merits of a single project manager versus individual project managers for each of the county's four precincts. "There needs to be some management for an overall county-wide perspective," said County Judge Trey Duhon.

The impact of the proposed bond package on individual taxpayers was also discussed. Duhon again stressed that all of the proposed bonds would not be issued in a single year, and that bonds would be issued carefully in order not to increase the tax rate. "It will be our approach to keep the burden off the individual taxpayer," said Duhon.

Smith further explained the process. "While this is an authorization to enter into that much debt, we will analyze on

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State of the Schools

Area superintendents discuss progress and challenges

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
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Superintendents of the three school districts serving the Katy area - Katy ISD, Royal ISD and Lamar Consolidated ISD - spoke to a capacity crowd at the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce's annual "State of the Schools" luncheon on Thursday, August 10th. The event was held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton West Houston at 16435 Katy Freeway.

Moderated by Robert Long III, Ed.D., division director of Board Development Services for the Texas Association of School Boards, the program began with each superintendent describing their top priorities in "Seven Things in Seven Minutes."

Ken Gregorski, KISD superintendent, predicted that the district - the largest of the three - would soon exceed 96,000 students. He stated that the district would strive to continue to provide a world class education, "despite state legislative inaction to adequately fund public schools." Gregorski highlighted literacy programs as a top priority. "We need to focus on our

earliest learners," he said. Gregorski said that teacher and staff retention was a top concern and also addressed staffing shortages by describing the Alternative Certification Program, through which the district could "grow its own" teachers. He said that the district had submitted their ACP plan to the Texas Education Agency last fall but was still awaiting an answer. Gregorski also spoke about completion of the 2021 bond projects and about the forthcoming bond election. The 2023 bond would provide four new schools, renovations to existing schools, safety and security upgrades and technology improvements. Finishing out the district's two-year strategic plan and planning to move the district forward were other topics Gregorski covered.

Royal Superintendent Rick Kershner noted that he was celebrating his fourth anniversary with the district that day. His objective for RISD is for it to be a destination district. The district enrollment grew more than 5% in the past year and now stands at 2712 students. Royal ISD also

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FORT BEND COUNTY

KP George emphasizes progress, vision in annual State of the County address

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Fort Bend County Judge KP George delivered his highly anticipated annual State of the County address on August 8th at the Houston Marriott Sugar Land. The event was hosted by the Central Fort Bend Chamber and the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce and was attended by a diverse audience of community leaders, business representatives, and residents. The theme of the address, "Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Present, and Advancing into the Future," encapsulated Judge George's comprehensive vision for the county.

In his address, Judge George showcased the county's commitment to progress across various

sectors. Key highlights of his speech included an emphasis on infrastructure development through collaborations with both public and private partners.

These collaborations aim to enhance existing infrastructure and drive forward future projects, focusing on crucial areas such as drainage, mobility, and overall quality of life improvements for Fort Bend County residents.

Infrastructure initiatives that Judge George emphasized include:

- Working with the Texas General Land Office (GLO) on a significant investment of over

\$57 million for drainage improvements.

- A groundbreaking \$712 million 2023 Mobility bond.
- \$153 million for a 2023 Parks and Recreations bond.

- A dedicated effort to ensure broadband access for every resident within the county in the near future.

One of the standout initiatives is the creation of the "Fort Bend County Texas Public Facility Corporation," designed to provide workforce housing solutions for middle and low-income families. Additionally, Judge George announced the establishment of an "Industrial Development Oppor-

tunity Committee" with the intent of attracting increased industrial investments to the county.

Judge George underscored his commitment to bolstering the county's economic landscape by attracting businesses to the region, thereby reducing the need for residents to commute to Houston for employment.

He spoke about the imperative need for shovel-ready industrial sites with essential infrastructure to foster economic growth and attract new businesses. The plan involves investing in critical aspects, such as roads, water, drainage, power, broadband, and rail spurs, to provide businesses with the necessary tools to oper-

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Fort Bend County Judge

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Katy Triathlon prepares for 30th year, with new date, venue

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

The Rotary Club of Katy Triathlon will be held October 29th at Cane Island, 2100 Cane Island Parkway, Katy.

Traditionally held in early September, the event is moving to a larger venue in order to accommodate its growth in popularity, according to event organizers. The triathlon starts at 7 a.m. and includes the following events: Triathlon, Two Person Relay, Three Person Relay, Athena, Clydesdale, Duathlon, Aquabike and Military/First Responders, among others. The entry fee is \$85.00 plus a \$6.10 sign up fee; the price increases to \$95.00 after August 30th. The race is limited to 800 participants including relays. If the field is full, unclaimed packets will be sold beginning at 6:00 pm on Saturday, October 28th. Proceeds from The Katy Triathlon benefit the Rotary Club of Katy's scholarship fund, which provides grants to graduation seniors of the Katy Independent School District and other valuable community projects.

"The Rotary Club of Katy takes no monies from the event, either administrative or management related," according to the Rotary club website. "We pay all third-party bills and the net proceeds benefit need based and character scholarships for graduating KISD seniors. We have funded in excess of \$606,000 in scholarships, as well as \$175,000 to fund an endowment with KISD that is being used with the Dual Credit Program. Our goal is to put on a quality family event that will benefit our students in need."

This is the 30th year for the Triathlon and sponsorships are still available.

For more information, go to the event website at <https://www.trisignup.com/Race/TX/Katy/KatyTriathlon>.



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Shop and Celebrate Back-To-School Season at Katy Mills

Families and educators are invited to celebrate the Back-to-School season at Katy Mills Mall. Katy Mills is partnering with PUMA to provide one lucky shopper with a \$500 back-to-school shopping spree. Enter for a chance to win or visit with a PUMA sales team member for more details. The winner will be selected September 1st.

On Thursday, August 24th beginning at 5 PM, Katy Mills will host its Back-To-School Bash at Rainforest Café. Bring the family to meet Cha! Cha, participate in games and giveaways, and enjoy a special retail discount and kid's buffet for \$15.99 each.

What better way to adjust to back to school than to adopt a new furry friend? Katy Mills is proud to host its Back-To-School Animal Adoption Day to help local shelter animals find their forever home. In collaboration with Katy Animal Control, Katy Mills invites shoppers to come select a new pet on Saturday, August 19 at Entrance 4. The first 50 people to adopt will receive a \$20 Katy Mills retailers gift card.

Christian Business Fellowship Association to meet August 17th

The Christian Business Fellowship Association will hold its monthly meeting at Ray's Mexican Restaurant, 870 S. Mason, on Thursday, August 17th at 11:30 a.m. Come join the group for lunch, networking, fellowship, and a special focus of the month message. No cost to attend, cost of lunch is the responsibility of the attendee.

Country music legend Bill Nash to address Katy Christian Chamber of Commerce on August 18th

Award-winning country singer/songwriter Bill Nash will address the monthly breakfast meeting of the Christian Chamber of Commerce on Friday, August 18th, at 7 a.m. at the Church on the Rock, 433 S. Barker Cypress Road, Houston. Hear Nash's story -- from being hit by one heart-break after another, and then finding faith, hope, and love all over again, Bill Nash's journey has been one unexpected turn after another. To register, go to <https://business.katychristianchamber.com/events>.



Bill Nash

Dave's Local Collab to hold concert at LaCenterra's Central Green Park on August 18th

Dave's Local Collab, which plays Texas-style music, will be in concert at Central Green Park on August 18th from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. The concert venue is located at 23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd., Katy. Free admission.

Katy Market Day returns on August 19th

Come to historic downtown Katy on Saturday, August 19th from 9-3pm for Katy Market Day, featuring over 100 vendors, food trucks and inflatables for the kids. All local antiques and boutique shops will be open. Located in Downtown Katy at 5717 Second Street. For more information, please call (281) 391-1993.

Wildcatter Saloon pays tribute to Jane's Addiction, Stone Temple Pilots in August 25th concert

The Wildcatter Saloon will feature music by Alyson Chayns with PIGS IN ZEN - a Jane's Addiction Tribute and SOME TEMPLE PILOTS - A Stone Temple Pilots Tribute on August 25th. ***THIS IS A 21 and UP EVENT***

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. General admission tickets are \$10 pre-sale or \$15 at the door. A \$30 reserved table seats up to four people closest to the stage and a \$25 reserved picnic table seats up to six in the back area. Wildcatter Saloon is located at 26913 Katy Freeway, Katy. For more information or tickets, go to <https://www.facebook.com/thewildcattersaloon/events/?id=100064336406440&sk=events>.

Pattison fire department hosts annual dinner on September 9th

The Pattison Area Volunteer Fire

Department will hold its annual dinner on September 9th at 2950 FM 359 in Pattison, beginning at 5 p.m. The event will feature live and silent auctions and activities for kids. Meals -- featuring a choice of chicken-fried steak or grilled chicken -- are \$15.00 per plate with dessert and drink, and kids under age five eat free. "To go" orders may be picked up starting at 4:30 p.m.

Raise funds for first responders on 9/11 at GOT-UR-6IX's second annual golf tournament

Swing into action and support a meaningful cause at GOT-UR-6IX Culture's 2nd Annual 9/11 Golf Scramble. The event honors the bravery and sacrifice of heroes while raising funds for The Project Zero, a local nonprofit that will receive 100% of the proceeds. Project Zero's vital initiatives in helping the nation's first responders and veterans obtain mental health counseling. The tournament takes place on September 11th at Willow Fork Country Club, 21055 Westheimer Parkway, Katy, with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. Enjoy fun-filled golf challenges for players of all levels as well as food and refreshments. A silent auction will feature unique items and experiences. To register, go to https://app.eventcaddy.com/events/second-annual-9-11-golf-scramble/register?fbclid=IwAR2sILS-G7Mjcl7N0TQevZGG1_oxN58q1GQ-9NQgN0Tk4FaNI25U3rl6GE7-k

Joe Joe Bear Foundation to hold annual "Birdies and Bears" golf tournament on September 18th

Local nonprofit Joe Joe Bear Foundation, a Texas-based children's non-profit organization focused on delivering around the clock comfort for children facing life threatening illness by providing them with new teddy bears, will host its annual golf tournament on September 18th at the Willow Fork Country Club, 21055 Westheimer Parkway, Katy. Registration begins at 10 a.m. and the tournament starts at 12 p.m. Lunch and dinner are included. A live and silent auction will also take place. To register, or for more information, go to <https://www.joejoebear.org/events/2023-joe-joe-bear-golf-tournament/>

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- Everything included
- "Antman" actor Rudd
- Italian city
- Nowhere to be found
- Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
- Turkish officer
- Perform on stage
- Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- Canadian coastal provinces
- Furnishes anew
- Edible mollusk
- No seats available
- Garden figurine
- Two-legged support
- Rest here please (abbr.)
- In a silly way
- One from the Golden State
- Photographers
- Native religion in parts of China
- Dickens character
- Broadway actress Daisy
- Ancient Greek sophist
- Undivided
- Daniel __, French composer
- Nocturnal S. American rodent
- Rusty

CLUES DOWN

- Defunct US energy company
- Fellow
- It's issued from volcanoes
- Type of acid
- Winged nut
- Arouses
- Things are served on it
- San Diego ballplayer
- Currency and a Chinese dynasty
- __ mater, one's school
- Exclamation that denotes disgust
- Hairstyle
- Supreme ancient Egyptian god
- They __
- Connecting line on a map
- Mock
- One point north of due east
- Chinese philosophical principle
- Type of tree
- Persuade to do something
- A place for travelers to rest
- National Gallery of Art designer

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.



SUSAN ROVEGNO

Buffalo Bayou, shown near S. Mason Road, starts just west of Katy and winds its way through Katy and west Houston towards downtown Houston. A Texas Riparian and Stream Ecosystem Education Program event on Sept. 6 in Katy will focus on stream and watershed management for Buffalo Bayou.

Buffalo Bayou watershed workshop set for Sept. 6

Event focuses on stream and watershed management

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Texas Water Resources Institute, TWRI, will host a free Texas Riparian and Stream Ecosystem Education Program from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. September 6 in Katy for area residents interested in land and water stewardship in the Buffalo Bayou watershed.

The workshop is co-hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Texas Riparian Association, TWRI and the Houston Community College.

The morning session will be at the Houston Community College, 22910 Colonial Parkway, Katy. The afternoon session will include a walk and presentations along a nearby creek.

All attendees must register by Aug. 28 at tx.ag/Riparian-Sept6 or by email to Alexander.Neal@ag.tamu.edu.

The program includes a lunchtime presentation. A catered lunch is offered for \$15, or attendees may bring a lunch.

"Riparian education workshops motivate informed landowners and local residents to adopt and support practices to better manage riparian and stream ecosystems," said Alexander Neal, TWRI program specialist, Bryan-College Station. "Not only are water quality and quantity directly benefitted by the proper management, protection and restoration of these critical areas, but also enhanced are the soundness of stream

banks, fish communities and aquatic habitats, just to name a few."

Neal said they can offer the workshop without cost thanks to program funding provided through a Clean Water Act nonpoint source grant from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Workshop details

The Buffalo Bayou Watershed is the focus of water quality improvement efforts by stakeholders.

"Stakeholders recognize successful water quality improvement requires implementing a variety of management strategies," said Shannon Sullivan, AgriLife Extension assistant agriculture and natural resources agent in Harris County. "The riparian and stream workshop is an educational event supporting this effort."

Neal said the workshop will focus on the nature and function of stream and riparian zones as well as the benefits and economic impacts from properly functioning riparian systems.

"Riparian areas — the green vegetated land areas adjacent to the bank of a stream, creek, bayou, river or lake — are unique and important ecosystems that provide many benefits including habitat and forage," Neal said. "The goal of the workshop is for participants to better understand riparian and watershed processes, the benefits of healthy riparian areas and what resources are available to prevent degradation while improving water quality."

Workshop presentations will be given by representatives of the Coastal Prairie Conservancy, TWRI, U.S. Department of Agriculture's

Natural Resources Conservation Service, AgriLife Extension, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas A&M Forest Service and the Texas Riparian Association.

Jeff McFall, staff forester for the Texas A&M Forest Service, said participants will receive a certificate of completion and appropriate continuing education unit certificates at the conclusion of the training.

Continuing education units available

The workshop offers many types of continuing education units, including three units — two general and one integrated pest management — for Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide applicator license holders. Foresters and professional loggers can receive six hours from the Texas Forestry Association, six and a half hours from the Society of American Foresters, and eight hours from the International Society of Arboriculture.

The program offers seven credits from Texas Floodplain Management Association, seven hours for certified crop advisers, and six hours for Texas nutrient management planning specialists. The program may also be used for continuing education units for professional engineers and architects.

The riparian education program is managed by TWRI, which is part of Texas A&M AgriLife Research, AgriLife Extension and the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

For more information, contact Neal or visit <http://texasriparian.org> or go to Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TexasRiparianAssociation>.

SCHOOLS

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has a bond package on the ballot, with propositions designed to provide safe and secure schools, to respond to the exploding growth in the area and to preserve the district's legacy. He announced that the district had signed a contract for a new elementary school to be built in the Sunterra subdivision on the west side; Katy ISD will also be building an elementary school in Sunterra on the east side.

Roosevelt Nivens, who serves as superintendent for LCISD, focused on the mental health needs of teachers, staff and students in the district. Wearing a T-shirt emblazoned with a "FREE HUGS" message, Nivens described his district's "Believe in the Best" philosophy designed to bolster the self-esteem of employees and to encourage self-care. "We know everyone is not okay," Nivens said. "We want students and staff to have a sense of belonging."

Following the individual presentations, the program moved to a panel discussion with questions posed by Long, whose first question focused on a hypothetical: "if Governor Greg Abbott were to call a special session of the legislature in October, what would be your message to him?" Gregorski said, "Show me the money," noting that there was an excess of money in the state's rainy day fund but stating that

there was no help for public school funding. "The basic allotment has remained unchanged," Gregorski said, noting that costs had increased due to inflation and other factors. Gregorski said that this year, KISD had to adopt a deficit budget and had to do so in order to take care of the district's employees.

Kershner agreed, noting that the per student allotment from the state is about \$6100.00 — in contrast to the proposed school vouchers, which are \$7500.00 per student. He noted that \$7500.00 would not cover the cost of a private school in his community. Kershner also wanted to send a message to the governor about safety; he said that when the tragedy happened in Uvalde, that "they promised us that they would chip in for safety and security."

Accountability systems were also discussed, along with the issues of parental rights and school choice. Each superintendent listed the options available for school choice through their districts, including CTE classes, early childhood education, STEM academies and dual credit programs. Gregorski also described KISD's Commercial Drivers License program, which he said is only one of three such programs at the high school level in the country.



In their August 9th workshop, Waller County Commissioners continued discussion of proposed mobility projects. Left to right: Kendrick Jones, commissioner for Precinct 3; Justin Beckendorff, commissioner for Precinct 4; County Judge Trey Duhon; Walter Smith, commissioner for Precinct 2; and John Amsler, commissioner for Precinct 1.

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MOBILITY

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a year-to-year basis if we can actually issue these bonds. On a year-to-year basis based on projections we will take into account which we can afford to do in a particular year."

"We will engage in more in-depth studies on potential growth and so on," said Smith.

Before adjourning the meeting, Duhon

noted that this is the first mobility bond project for Waller County.

The call for the mobility bond, in the amount of \$278,798,560.00 was placed on the agenda for the commissioners court's regular meeting on August 16th and commissioners voted at that time. That meeting took place after press time for this story in the Katy Times.

COUNTY

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ate efficiently.

Furthermore, Judge George is actively addressing homelessness in Fort Bend County. He highlighted an initiative, that passed through the Commissioner's Court, that allocated \$4.5 million, obtained through federal COVID-19 assistance, to establish a transition or temporary housing center in Rosenberg. This center aims to assist individuals experiencing homeless-

ness and is a testament to the county's commitment to its vulnerable residents.

While discussing this initiative, Judge George engaged in a dynamic Q&A session with Attack Poverty Chief Executive Officer Brandon Baca. The event also featured various county department heads, including Fort Bend County District Attorney Brian Middleton, Fort Bend County Economic Development

Director Carlos Guzman, Fort Bend County County Engineer J. Stacy Slawinski, P.E., and others, who provided future forecast reports and insights.

Judge George's annual State of the County address not only celebrated the county's achievements but also demonstrated its unwavering dedication to building a prosperous and inclusive future for all residents.

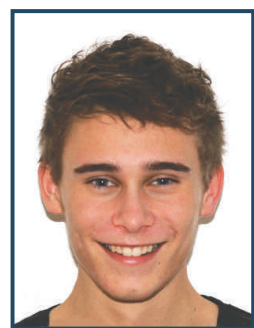
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FORT BEND COUNTY

Sheriff's Office recruiting for Citizens Police Academy

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office is now accepting applications for the Citizens Police Academy scheduled to begin in the fall of 2023. Online registration began August 7 and ends on August 25, 2023. The program will accept 35 qualified participants. The 11-week program is free of charge and will be held at the Gus George Law Enforcement Academy, located at 1521 Eugene

Heimann Circle, Richmond, directly across the street from the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Detention Center. The program consists of two-hour sessions held on consecutive Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The first session will begin on August 31st and the course concludes on November 9th. The Citizens Police Academy is designed for members of the community seeking to learn about law enforcement as well as individuals who are considering a career in

the field. The focus of the program is to provide an overview of the criminal justice system and various functions of the Sheriff's Office through classroom presentations and practical hands-on experience. Participants will have an opportunity to tour the Sheriff's Office, as well as learn about the inner workings of each division, including Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Detention, 9-1-1 Emergency Communica-

tions Center, Law Enforcement Training, and Narcotics. Qualified applicants must be 18 years of age and must not have a criminal arrest record. Persons interested in enrolling in the Citizens Police Academy may register online using the following link. Email socp@fortbendcountytexas.gov for additional information or contact the FBC-SO Crime Prevention deputies at 281-238-1536.

Fort Bend County Commissioner's Court approves outdoor burn ban

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Fort Bend County Commissioner's Court approved an outdoor burn ban for unincorporated areas of the county during a regular scheduled court session on Tuesday, August 8th. As the extreme heat continues and drought conditions progress, the risk for fire dangers increase. The Fort Bend County Fire Marshal's Office has been monitoring the Keetch-Bryam Drought Index used to determine forest fire potential. The drought index is based on a daily water balance, where a drought factor is balanced with precipitation and soil moisture. The drought index ranges from 0 to 800, where a drought index of 0 represents no moisture depletion, and an index of 800 represents absolutely dry conditions. As of today, August 8, 2023, Fort Bend County's index was 651.

After the presentation of index values and the continued forecast of extreme heat with no rain, Commissioner's Court came to a consensus that circumstances present in the county can potentially create a public safety hazard. The Declaration and Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning in Fort Bend County states that no person burn or order another to burn any material outside of an enclosure designed to contain and capable of containing all flames, sparks, embers, cinders and ash produced by burning. Therefore, limits the use of open flames which includes burning trash, campfires, using burn barrels and any other open flame devices.

County Judge KP George is authorized to sign an order rescinding this Declaration and Order if he determines, upon consultation with the County Fire Marshal, that drought conditions or hazardous circumstances no longer exist.

According to data gathered by local personal injury attorney Shane McClelland, the crossroad of I-10 and FM 1463 is the most dangerous intersection in the greater Katy area.



A look at Katy's most dangerous intersections

BY SHANE MCCLELLAND
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

In the last ten years, the number of auto collisions in Katy resulting in fatalities has remained steady, but the total number of crashes has nearly doubled increasing from 400 in 2012 to 787 in 2022. Just last month, five children and six adults were involved in a three-car wreck at the intersection of Fry Road and Morton. As Katy continues to experience exponential growth every year, it is likely that the number of car wrecks will also continue to increase.

These numbers are staggering. And as students and teachers return to schools this fall, roadway traffic will increase - and with that, the potential for more wrecks. One of the most common places for collisions to occur in Katy is at an intersection.

A "dangerous intersection" is one where fatalities, serious injuries, and/or a high volume of accidents occur. According to data from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Crash Records Information Sys-

tem (CRIS), the following intersections experienced the highest volume and most severe traffic crashes between January 1, 2023 and July 24, 2023.

1. Intersection of 1463 and Hwy 90. 50% of crashes resulted in injuries. TxDOT reported 14 crashes at this intersection resulted in seven injuries including one fatality. This intersection is an area with ongoing construction, high school traffic, and the need to make frequent lane changes.
2. Intersection of I-10 and Hwy 90. 15% of crashes resulted in injuries. TxDOT reported 19 crashes at this intersection resulted in three injuries including one fatality. This intersection is in an area with cars going at a high rate of speed coming off of the freeway and the need to make lane changes.
3. Intersection of 1463 and I-10. 10% of crashes resulted in injuries. TxDOT reported 40 crashes at this intersection resulted in four injuries. The volume of accidents makes this intersection dangerous along with the fact that many wrecks here involve a high number of stopped cars being

rear ended.

4. Intersection of Katy Fort Bend and I-10. 50% of crashes resulted in injuries. TxDOT reported four crashes at this intersection resulted in two injuries. This intersection is in an area with a high volume of retail traffic.
5. Intersection of Katy Hockley and Morton. 40% of crashes resulted in injuries. TxDOT reported five crashes resulted in two injuries. This intersection is in an area with practice fields and retail traffic.

Always avoid driving distracted or tired and stay alert as you approach an intersection, are travelling at a high rate of speed or are on a roadway where you, and others, must change lanes frequently. Use your signals, the proper turn lanes and make sure intersections are clear before crossing. Stay safe and be sure to repeatedly practice intersection crossing with any new drivers in your home.

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approved ceremonial fires; non-commercial cooking such as backyard cookouts and barbecues are allowed; and welding and other "hot work" performed in accordance with county fire code requirements. Violation of the ban is a Class "C" misdemeanor, punishable by up to a \$500 fine. In addition, any person who starts a fire that causes damage to property without the owner's consent may be charged with Reckless Damage or Destruction, a Class C misdemeanor, or arson, a felony. For questions, please email: fmosupport@hctx.net To submit any fire and life safety complaint or concern, go to: <https://www.hcfmo.net/report-hazard>

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Katy grad serves with Navy Logistics Support Squadron

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KANEHOE BAY, Hawaii - Petty Officer 3rd Class Alyssa Sanchez, a native of Houston, Texas, serves with Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VR) 51, stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

Sanchez, a 2020 graduate of Katy High School, joined the Navy three years ago. "I joined the Navy for new opportunities and to travel," said Sanchez.

Today, Sanchez relies upon skills and values similar to those found in Houston to succeed in the military. "Growing up I learned adaptability and community from my hometown," said Sanchez.

These lessons have helped Sanchez while serving in the Navy.

VR-51, nicknamed "Windjammers," is



ALYSSA SANCHEZ

responsible for maintaining and operating C-40A Clipper aircraft and moving and supplying maritime combat forces worldwide. VR-51 personnel also deploy to three overseas duty stations on rotational schedules throughout the year.

C-40A Clipper aircraft is a military version of the Boeing 737-700C airline transport and operates at speeds in excess of 500 mph and altitudes up to 41,000 feet and is capable of carrying seven crewmembers, 121 passengers, 30,000 pounds of cargo or various combined passenger/cargo loads. It provides critical logistics support to the United States Navy.

This year commemorates 50 years of women flying in the U.S. Navy. In 1973, the

first eight women began flight school in Pensacola; one year later six of them, known as "The First Six," earned their "Wings of Gold." Over the past 50 years, the Navy has expanded its roles for women and today our women aviators project power from the sea in every type of Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard aircraft.

With 90 percent 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 trained sailors and a strong Navy.

Serving in the Navy means Sanchez is part of a team that is taking on new importance in America's focus on strengthening alliances, modernizing capabilities, increasing capacities and maintaining military readiness in support of the National Defense Strategy.

"The Navy is important to national defense

because we have power projection, are able to quickly deploy and are operational in various parts of the world," said Sanchez. Sanchez and the sailors they serve with have many opportunities to achieve accomplishments during their military service.

"My proudest accomplishment in the Navy is how it has helped me to grow as an individual and how it has helped build my professional knowledge," said Sanchez.

As Sanchez and other sailors continue to train and perform missions, they take pride in serving their country in the United States Navy. "Serving in the Navy means stability and security and it helps some people get on the right path," said Sanchez.

Sanchez is grateful to others for helping make a Navy career possible. "I would like to thank my husband for holding me accountable and making me a better individual, personally and professionally," said Sanchez.

MEET & GREET



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Left: Jeff Hajjar (left), owner of Fuzzy's Pizza, supervises Congressman Troy Nehls as Nehls makes his signature pepperoni and Italian sausage pizza for constituents attending an August 8th meet-and-greet at the restaurant. Fuzzy's Pizza is located at 613 S. Mason Road in Katy. Above: Troy Nehls (left), who represents Texas's 22nd congressional district, in the U.S. House of Representatives, meets with constituents during a community event at Fuzzy's Pizza on August 8th.

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GLENN HAGAR

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Power, mobility and drainage will be among the topics discussed at the Fort Bend County Chamber of Commerce's upcoming infrastructure conference on September 28th at Safari Ranch. The event will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 at the venue at 11627 FM 1464 in Richmond and will feature Texas Comptroller Glenn Hagar as the keynote speaker.

The conference begins at 8 a.m. with a presentation from Daryl Miller, general manager of WA Parish, who will speak on "Powering Fort Bend," taking a look inside generation in Texas and what's new at NRG's WA Parish plant. Fort Bend County Judge KP George will then deliver a welcome and opening remarks. A panel consisting of Commissioner Vincent Morales, Commissioner for

Precinct 1; Grady Prestage, Commissioner for Precinct 2; and Stacy Slawinski, P.E., Fort Bend County engineer, will discuss the Fort Bend County mobility bond. "Rising Water" will be the topic of the 10:30 panel discussion, with Mark Vogler, Fort Bend County Drainage District and Justin Bower, Houston-Galveston Area Council. Andy Meyers, Commissioner for

Precinct 3 and Dexter McCoy, Commissioner for Precinct 4, will speak on "Private and Public Partnerships" at 11:30 a.m. Hagar will take the stage at noon for his keynote address on "Fiber Optics/Broadband Connectivity." To register, or for more information, please contact Paige Hitchcock at paige@fortbendcc.org or by calling 281-566-2152.

City of Katy offers tips for water conservation, dealing with extreme heat

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The City of Katy Public Works Department is asking residents and businesses to continue practicing water conservation techniques to help reduce water usage, according to the city's official Facebook page.

"Water conservation is important to us all because fresh clean water is a limited resource and conserving this natural resource is critical for the environment," according to the post. "Using water efficiently to reduce unnecessary water usage is imperative."

Here are a few helpful tips that can assist with water conservation:

- Monitor water usage on your monthly bill. It can be a good indicator of possible water leaks.
- Using a dishwasher is more efficient than hand washing but remember to only run full loads.
- Installing a low-flow shower head can save up to 15 gallons of water during a 10-minute shower.
- Turn water off while brushing teeth or shaving. Every little bit of conservation helps!
- Watering your lawn in the early morning or late evening is not only good for conservation but the water isn't evaporated by the hot sun.
- Equipping hoses with shut-off nozzles can prevent leaking.

Other weekly tips on how to conserve water can be found at www.cityofkaty.com/pw-tip-of-the-week.

The city's Facebook page also includes tips for dealing with the impact of high heat and humidity on the human body. With temperatures rising, it's important to pay attention to how the heat affects the body. "In extreme heat — which is a prolonged period of high heat and humidity — your body works extra hard to maintain a normal temperature," according to the post.

When the humidity is high, sweat won't evaporate as quickly. This keeps the body from releasing heat as fast as it may need to. To mitigate the effects of extreme heat, use these tips to keep cool in hot weather.

- Drink plenty of water, even when you're not thirsty. It helps to keep you hydrated.
- Take cool showers, it will cool the body down.
- Wear lightweight and breathable clothing.
- Stay in an air-conditioned indoor area as much as you can.
- Limit outdoor activity, especially mid-day when the sun is hottest.

For any other questions or concerns, please contact Public Works at 281-391-4820 or PublicWorksInfo@CityofKaty.com.

Commissioner Lesley Briones establishes Precinct4Forward

New nonprofit will accelerate progress in Precinct 4

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

In a unanimous vote Tuesday, August 8th, Harris County Commissioners approved the creation of Precinct4Forward, a nonprofit organization that will bring community partners together to improve the quality of life of Harris County Precinct 4's 1.2 million residents.

Precinct4Forward will be a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that will supplement the governmental work of Precinct 4. It will be an open, nimble way for community members to support Commissioner Briones's vision of advancing opportunity and justice in the region. Precinct4Forward will help enhance parks, develop resilient infrastructure, improve public safety, increase access to education and health care, and expand economic opportunity. It will also give help to augment disaster relief support.

"I am energized by the outreach from community members who want to support the mission of Precinct 4. Precinct4Forward will be a vehicle for us to further engage community members and leverage public-private partnerships to



LESLEY BRIONES

accelerate progress for the residents of Harris County," Commissioner Briones said. "We will have additional resources to invest in our parks, community centers, and beyond to make a tangible difference in the lives of Precinct 4 families. We will also cultivate new partners who are inspired by our work, welcoming their ideas and energy as we create lasting change. Together, Precinct4Forward will make our County a safer, more inclusive place to live and work."

Kara Cook-Schultz has been named Director of Innovation to support Precinct4Forward. In this role, Cook-Schultz will

facilitate collaboration, create new outreach projects, and raise and deploy funds to better serve the public.

"Harris County communities face unique challenges — dangerous shade deserts, workforce skill gaps, increasing demands on public safety partners, and more," Cook-Schultz said. "Precinct4Forward will tackle those challenges with holistic, innovative solutions that prioritize transparency, efficiency, and community engagement."

Former Precinct 4 Commissioner Jack Cagle will be graciously contributing \$10,000 as a donation from his previous nonprofit All4Fun to the new Precinct4Forward. "I am grateful to Commissioner Cagle for his partnership and continued commitment to the people of Precinct 4," stated Commissioner Briones.

Precinct 4 is one of four precincts located in Harris County, Texas and boasts a population of more than 1.2 million people. Precinct 4 maintains 1,423 miles of roads and nearly 4 miles of bridges, eight community centers with more than 700,000 visitors annually, and 54 parks, with 13,455 acres of greenspace.

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 35 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2023 on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at Schwartz, Page & Harding LLP, 1300 Post Oak Boulevard, Ste. 2500, Houston, TX 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.

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

FOR the proposal:	P. Battistini, S. Handal, T. Feng, S. Haleem & T. Eynon
AGAINST the proposal:	(none)
PRESENT and not voting:	(none)
ABSENT :	(none)

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Tax rate (per \$100 of value)	<u>\$0.380</u> /\$100 Adopted	<u>\$0.355</u> /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		<u>-\$0.025</u> /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		<u>-6.5789%</u>
Average appraised residence homestead value	<u>\$446,327</u>	<u>\$492,412</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>\$446,327</u>	<u>\$492,412</u>
Tax on average residence homestead	<u>\$ 1,696.04</u>	<u>\$ 1,748.06</u>
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		<u>\$52.02</u> <u>3.0671%</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.

The voter-approval tax rate is \$0.389326 and therefore, notwithstanding the above, no election is required.

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

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



Signs along Avenue D alerted City of Katy residents to the new Stage 3 drought restrictions announced on Monday. SUSAN ROVEGNO

City of Katy moves to Stage 3 drought, announces more water restrictions

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The City of Katy announced additional mandatory water restrictions in an August 14 press release, effective immediately.

The City of Katy has reached an unprecedented level of water demand to such a degree that the City of Katy is now at Stage 3 Severe Drought Conditions and mandatory restrictions for water usage are effective immediately based on the City's Drought Contingency Plan. In addition to preserving the integrity of the City's wells which have been running continually over the last several months battling the extreme heat and lack of rain. The decision to enter Stage 3 will help to preserve and protect wells and give them a much-needed opportunity to recover. The City Engineer has advised the City that a trigger in the City's Drought Contingency Plan to move to Stage 3 has been met: Total daily water demand equals or exceeds 85% of total well pumpage for three (3) consecutive days. Stage 3 is mandatory, and violations may result in enforcement action which may include a written warning, a citation, and/or disconnection of water service- subject to appeal.

In addition to Stage 1 and Stage 2 guidelines the following restrictions are in effect: Mandatory Restrictions for Residents/ Businesses:

- Limit landscape watering to the "Twice Per Week Water Schedule" (See Table Below)
- Exception: Foundations and new plantings (first-year trees and shrubs) may be watered for up to two hours on any day by a hand-held hose or a soaker hose without restrictions
- Prohibit hosing of paved areas, buildings, windows, and any hard-surfaced areas
- Prohibit operation of ornamental fountains
- Prohibit washing or rinsing of vehicles by hose
- Prohibit using water in such a manner as to allow runoff or other waste
- Prohibit no new establishment of landscaping
- Prohibit draining and filling of existing pools and filling of new pools

To report violations of this mandatory restriction, visit www.cityofkaty.com/waterviolation to submit a Watering Violation Report or contact Public Works via email droughtviolations@cityofkaty.com or by phone at 281-391-4820. The City asks that citizens, businesses, and HOAs to continue to use their best efforts to reduce water usage and follow the Stage 3 restrictions/guidelines. Stage 3 mandatory restrictions shall remain in place until rescinded. Notification will be provided when Stage 3 restrictions have been rescinded.

Updates will be posted on the City's website and social media streams.

TABLE 13.10B	
TWO DAYS PER WEEK WATERING SCHEDULE (12am TO 8am and 8pm TO 11:59pm)	
Last Digit of Address	Allowed Landscape Watering Days
Even Number (0,2,4,6,8)	Sunday and Thursday
Odd Number (1,3,5,7,9)	Saturday and Wednesday
Commercial, HOA, Greenspace, Right-of-Way	Tuesday and Friday
Monday- No Watering (Storage Recovery Days)	

ROYAL CONVOCATION



Royal ISD welcomed teachers and staff back to school on Friday, August 11th at the district's annual convocation. District employees gathered in the cafeteria at Royal High School for breakfast and were able to meet with vendors who donated door prizes and giveaways. Music was provided by the Royal High School Band. Teachers – many in costume – paraded their way to the main assembly where they were addressed by Superintendent Rick Kershner.

PHOTOS BY DEBBIE PREJEAN



PHOTO BY SUSAN ROVEGNO

ORIGINAL SCHOOL BELL RETURNS



The original school bell from the 1909 building was returned to Katy Elementary on Tuesday, August 8th, after being temporarily removed for recent renovations. "Thanks, KISD, for keeping the tradition alive," Mayor Pro Tem Chris Harris said on his Facebook page. In that post Harris noted that Katy Elementary was a wooden schoolhouse in 1898 and became a brick building in 1909. It was renovated in 1965, 1988 and 2023. In 2017 Katy Elementary received a County Historical Marker for "Site of First Schoolhouse in Katy" in 1898. Pictured left to right are Katy Mayor Dusty Thiele, Council Member Gina Hicks, former school board member David Frishman, City Administrator Byron Hebert and Mayor Pro Tem Chris Harris.



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KATY ISD GOES BACK TO SCHOOL



PHOTOS COURTESY OF KATY ISD

On August 5th Superintendent Ken Gregorski welcomed over 11,000 staff back for the new school year through his annual "Welcome Back Message." discussed the 88th Legislative Session, school safety and security, and enrollment growth and bonds, among other topics, according to the district Facebook page. The event was held at the Merrell Center.

Katy ISD receives "Safe and Secure Schools" award

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Katy ISD Police Department recently received a recognition on behalf of the district from the Harris County Department of Education Center for Safe and Secure Schools, according to the district's Facebook page. The district received the award for being an

active member of the Center for Safe and Secure Schools, participating in the Center's Emergency Operations Board and for advancing safe and secure learning environments through partnership. "The safety of our students, staff and community is our top priority in Katy ISD," said the district in the post.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

A tax rate of \$0.10 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2**.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.100000 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.086201 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.089808 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.091751 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2023 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2** from the same properties in both the 2022 tax year and the 2023 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2** may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2** exceeds the voter-approval rate for **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2**.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2**, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2**.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2** is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2023 tax year.

The proposed tax rate is also greater than the voter-approval tax rate and the de minimis rate. If **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2** adopts the proposed tax rate, **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2** is required to hold an election so that the voters may accept or reject the proposed rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2** will be the voter-approval rate of the **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2**.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 25, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., at 26950 Cinco Ranch Blvd., Katy, Texas 77494.

Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2 may take action on the proposed tax rate on August 25, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., following the hearing to be held.

The election will be on November 7, 2023. You may contact the Fort Bend County Clerk's Office – Election Department for information about voting locations. The hours of voting on election day are 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR:	Robert Miller, Daryl Brister, Wes Noonan and Steven Fein
AGAINST:	Corey Zollinger
PRESENT AND NOT VOTING:	None
ABSENT:	None

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

The 86th 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 **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2** last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2** this year.

	2022	2023	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.094515	\$0.100000	Increase of \$0.005485, or 5.80%
Average homestead taxable value	\$343,413	\$379,183	Increase of \$35,770, or 10.42%
Tax on average homestead	\$324.58	\$379.18	Increase of \$54.60, or 16.82%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$8,551,991	\$9,884,492	Increase of \$1,332,501, or 15.58%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the District Counsel for **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2** at (713) 984-8222 or pierce@coveler.com or visit www.willowforkfire.com for more information.



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Aristoi Classical Academy hires new headmaster

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Aristoi Classical Academies, a network of K-12 public charter schools based in Katy, announces the appointment of John Creech as the new founding headmaster for the upcoming Houston-area expansion campus. With three campuses in the Katy and Cypress areas, Aristoi is expanding its charter school network, with an anticipated new school opening in August 2024-2025. Aristoi's goal is to make Classical Liberal Arts education available to families throughout the Greater Houston area.

A trained lawyer, Creech was Headmaster in another classical charter network, an Assistant Head of School at The Atonement Academy in San Antonio, a founding faculty member at Western Academy in Houston, and a founding editor of The Imaginative Conservative,



JOHN CREECH

an online periodical published by The Center for the American Idea. Creech received a BA in Philosophy with minor concentrations in English and Classics from the University of St. Thomas, completed doctoral coursework in Philosophy at Rice University, and earned his Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Houston Law Center.

"We are thrilled to continue to provide the Houston area with a deep, rich, quality, classical education that forms the whole child," says Matthew D. Watson, Aristoi's Superintendent. "Mr. Creech is a thoughtful educator with a long history in liberal arts education

who exemplifies a passion for truth, goodness, and beauty, which is vital to Aristoi's mission."

"To provide a free, superior education and make it available to every single student willing to take on this endeavor is a top priority. Aristoi's mission, vision, and philosophy align with my own values. I am honored to be a part of this mission and look forward to opening Aristoi's doors for the community and families," said Creech.

The additional Houston-area campus supports Aristoi's mission to provide an academically challenging Classical Liberal Arts education that encourages students to develop a passion for learning. The new location will be named this fall.

Aristoi Classical Academy is a tuition-free public charter school, offering classical education to students in grades K-12. Aristoi currently has two campuses in



SUSAN ROVEGNO

Aristoi Katy Logic & Rhetoric Schools (grades 5-12) is located at 5610-A Morton Road in Katy.

historic Katy and one in Cypress with a total enrollment of more than 1,500 students. Aristoi's mission is to provide students with an academically challenging Classical Liberal Arts education that encour-

ages them to develop a passion for learning and that gives them the means to become responsible citizens of virtuous character. To learn more, visit www.aristoi.classical.org or call 281-391-5003.



Seven Lakes High School Symphony Orchestra

Katy ISD ensembles shine at TMEA Finals

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Katy ISD once again garnered multiple honors during the Texas Music Educators Association Honor Ensemble Competitions. After rounds of competitive listening, the Seven Lakes High School (SLHS) Symphony Orchestra ranked first runner-up in the Honor Full Orchestra category. This ensemble is conducted by Desiree Overree, John Mays and Sean Carlton. Other Katy ISD campuses and directors who also represented the district well included the Seven Lakes Junior High Honor Orchestra, led by Directors Jennifer Gingell and Bethany Hagin, which earned sixth place in the TMEA Honor JH String Orchestra Competition, and the Adams Junior High Honor Band, directed by Darlene Blose and Randallyn Holdford, which placed ninth in the state in the 3C Honor Band Competition.



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Additionally, every year various ensembles receive honorary invitations to participate in the annual TMEA Convention. This year, Invited Honor Ensembles include the Holland Elementary Choir, directed by Melissa Talton, and the Beckendorff Junior High Non-Varsity Tenor/Bass Choir, directed by Bonnie Hulse and Julie Rodriguez. Both groups will perform at the TMEA convention in San Antonio in February 2024.

Finally, SLHS Director of Orchestras Desiree Overree was acknowledged as a 2023 Honored Artist from the American Prize in Music, an exclusive national recognition for individuals or organizations who have demonstrated sustained excellence in their chosen area of artistic endeavor.

"I am beyond humbled and touched by this award and am taken completely by surprise! Truly, this means so much to me," said Desiree Overree. "I honestly, don't have the words to describe what a tremendous honor it is to be acknowledged by an organization of this stature. My students continue to inspire me to create great art through music. I am beyond blessed," added Overree.

Katy Area Retired Educators play hooky, will host next meeting September 13th

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The KARE (Katy Area Retired Educators) have been hard at work planning for Hooky Day and the first meeting of the year which will take place on Wednesday, September 13, 2023. Hooky Day was held on the first day of school, August 16.

All retired teachers, paraprofessionals, principals, staff security or anyone who has worked in education are invited to attend the meetings.

KARE is a vibrant organization that boasts nearly 400 members. The organization serves the community by providing books to those in need, through the Book Project and by getting involved in state legislation concerning educational issues. KARE members are active volunteers in the community in varying capacities. KARE also provides scholarships to local high school graduates who plan to major in education.

The Katy Area Retired Educators



KARE

meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the Katy ISD Educational Complex. A catered

lunch is served at a cost of \$13. To RSVP for a KARE meeting or for more information, call 832-816-6980.

Katy resident to earn UT Tyler graduate degree, pursue doctorate at Rice

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

TYLER, Texas – Stephan Joseph of Katy, a biology graduate student at The University of Texas at Tyler, will begin doctoral studies at Rice University this fall. There, he will begin studies in the virology, bacterial toxicology and bioelectronics research labs.

Joseph will graduate with a UT Tyler Master of Science in biology later this month. He said UT Tyler prepared him for career success and the next phase of his educational journey, noting that the research opportunities and caring and committed faculty made an impact. "UT Tyler equipped me with the experience that will be essential in pursuing a PhD degree," said Joseph. "My presentation skills were greatly improved during my time at UT Tyler, and I also obtained a much deeper understanding of my field and an ability to process research papers, thanks to great professors."

He holds a bachelor's degree in biology with a specialization in biotechnology from the University of Florida. After obtaining his doctorate, he plans to work as an industry researcher in the biological sciences.



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Brady Benson wraps a Katy player's knee during a practice. Right: Sophia Haagenson and Brady Benson push a wagon with a water cooler during a practice.
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SIDELINE HEROES

Athletic Trainers/Student Athletic Trainers key to program's, athletes' success



BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

There is an unsung hero of two-a-day practices every year. It's an exciting time, where football teams get back out on the field while parents and fans ponder what the season has in store. But none of it could happen without the athletic trainers at every high school throughout the state who keep athletes and coaches healthy, hydrated and going all year long.

It's a big job that is key to every program throughout Katy ISD and the job isn't taken lightly. The Athletic Trainers throughout the school district pride themselves in their sports medicine programs, teaching student athletic trainers and doing everything they can for student athletes. But the biggest piece of the puzzle for the Athletic Trainers are the students that come through the program and

See **TRAINERS**, page B3

WEEK OF AUGUST 10

SCORES & SCHEDULES

FOOTBALL

*All Scrimmages

Thursday

- Tompkins vs. Cy-Woods, 5 p.m. at the Berry Center
- Taylor vs. Ridge Point, 6 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium
- Mayde Creek vs. Clear Falls, 6 p.m. at Mayde Creek
- Katy at Klein Collins, 6:30 p.m.
- Seven Lakes vs. Dickinson, 7 p.m. at Legacy Stadium
- Jordan at Fort Bend Travis, 7 p.m.

Friday

- Cinco Ranch vs. George Ranch, 6 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium
- Morton Ranch vs. Alief Taylor, 7 p.m. at Legacy Stadium
- Paetow vs. Bridgeland, 7 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Thursday

- Morton Ranch vs. Alvin, 9 a.m.
- Seven Lakes vs. College Park, 2 p.m.
- Seven Lakes vs. Cy-Ranch, 3:30 p.m.
- Taylor vs. Northbrook, 7 p.m.

Friday

- Seven Lakes vs. Bridgeland, 5:30 p.m.
- Taylor vs. Cy-Creek, 5:30 p.m.
- Cinco Ranch vs. Memorial, 5:30 p.m.
- Tompkins vs. Clear Falls, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday

- Tompkins vs. Bridgeland, 10 a.m.
- Seven Lakes vs. Kingwood, 10:30 a.m.
- Seven Lakes vs. Cy-Fair, noon
- Tompkins vs. Fulshear, 2 p.m.

Tuesday

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



Cinco Ranch players chase after a Cy-Ranch player during Cinco Ranch's scrimmage against Cy-Ranch at Legacy Stadium.
PHOTOS BY TYLER TYRE

Cinco Ranch continuing to develop with scrimmage against Cy-Ranch

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

The best way to learn where you are at is to test yourself against strong competition.

That was the message across the Cinco Ranch locker room after the team's first scrimmage Friday, as the Cougars were tested by a very talented Cy-Ranch team.

The performance was up and down from Cinco, but that was to be expected for a squad full of players stepping into new roles, and the experience will help the team moving forward with two weeks to go until the season begins.

"This is exactly what we needed

See **CINCO**, page B8



Connor Brock throws a pass during Cinco Ranch's scrimmage against Cy-Ranch at Legacy Stadium.

Katy squad ready for new season

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy players were excited on Monday.

Players were flying around, whistles were blowing, coaches were instructing and it was a reminder of just how close the season is.

The Tigers took the field for their first day of practice and flew around Monday, going from drill to drill and working to get better every step of the way.

The captains set the tone, coming out and showing everyone the level they needed to be at and the rest responded with a strong day of practice.

"We know how important it is for us to come out here and lead by example," said senior tight end Luke Carter. "When the guys come out and see our mentality and know they have to bring that mentality and mindset that we have to come into the season with. This is where everything starts — you can't come out slow and sluggish, so we made sure to come out, set the tempo and start getting ready for this season."

The intensity has been building inside the Tigers' locker room since last December. Katy wants to come out and prove itself this year and make a statement, and that's what everyone has been working towards since the offseason hit.

"How last year ended really just fueled us," said senior safety Jed

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Houston Cougars running back Ta'Zawn Henry (4) carries the ball during an NCAA football game between Houston and SMU on October 30, 2021 in Houston, Texas.

Houston football ready for challenge of Big 12

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

The University of Houston is buzzing. Weeks out from their first football game as an official member of the Big 12, the Cougars are hard at work, making sure they are ready for the season and ready to compete at the highest level. The Cougars may be excited to be here, but they want to make sure and make a statement in their first season as part of the conference.

"What a time to be a Cougar," said Houston head football coach Dana Holgorsen. "I was talking to the players and the main thing we told the is that we have to have a sense of urgency. This thing is going to fly by and we have to be ready. There's a lot of positive stuff going on, we're excited to be here and be in the Big 12. Our team is practicing great and happy to be here. This is a fun conference and there's so many good things going on right now."

There's been big news in the conference, with the announcement that Arizona, Arizona State, Utah and Colorado will all join the Big 12 in 2024. It will be an adjustment for a Houston team that is already adjusting to the conference itself, but it's something the Cougars look forward to.

"It's great to be a part of a conference that is stable and brings in talented programs is great," Holgorsen said. "Whether you like conference realignment or not, it's happening and you have to be able to deal with it. I think it's good for us. It's more stability and like I said they're really good schools that are joining."

That all has made the Houston players work even harder. Holgorsen has liked what he's seen out of a number of groups across the field, but up front on defense he has been very impressed.

"Rushing the passer we've been great, but really everyone looks good right now and it's really been impressive," Holgorsen said. "They're competing hard, there's depth and just about every position and that's what we need. The receiving room has looked really good, we have potential at running back and



Houston Cougars head coach Dana Holgorsen during an NCAA football game between Houston and SMU on October 30, 2021 in Houston, Texas.

"We have guys looking ahead and working on it, but I'm focusing on the team, the practices and preparation because we have to practice the right way to play the right way."

—DANA HOLGORSEN,
Houston Cougars head coach

our offensive line group ahs really started to come together. That's what we needed, every position group has really benefited from the competition."

Holgorsen is focused on the day to day of the program and making sure players continue to get better. While it's tempting for him to look ahead at future matchups, he knows that you have to stay in the here and



Houston Cougars tight end Christian Trahan (85) steps over SMU Mustangs safety Chace Cromartie (18) on a carry during an NCAA football game between Houston and SMU on October 30, 2021 in Houston, Texas.

now as a program.

"I can only focus on what's going on right now, so I'm focused on us getting better and then about two weeks out from the first game I'll start focusing on how we need to look when we play UTSA. Then after that

I move on to Rice and the guys will have a report on my desk from the staff. We have guys looking ahead and working on it, but I'm focusing on the team, the practices and preparation because we have to practice the right way to play the right way."



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TRAINERS

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spend their days helping hydrate and keep athletes healthy, and without them none of the sports medicine programs in Katy ISD could do what they currently are able to do.

"The kids are the lifeblood of our program — without them, we could not operate efficiently and do the things we do," said Katy High School Head Athletic Trainer Eddie Smith. "They get here at 5:45 in the morning, they're getting ice in the buffaloes (water tanks attached to a wagon), they're getting water out on the field and they have things ready to go even before practice starts. They allow us to focus on the more advanced stuff because they take care of so many other things. They're really the lifeblood of what we do and the most amazing thing is that they do it voluntarily."

The value of the athletic trainers and student athletic trainers is needed and valued year-round, but it's felt more than ever when fall practice starts up for football and everyone is out on the field in the grueling heat of August.

The message is preached from the head athletic trainer to the student athletic trainers and from the Katy ISD Athletics Office. Make sure that everyone stays hydrated and not overheated, and keep giving the athletes water even if they don't seek water out.

"The biggest thing is education," Smith said. "We preach constantly to make sure you are hydrated, to drink water any chance you get and to not overheat out there. And then we make sure to tell our student trainers that we do not care if they are asking for water, you bring it to them and make sure they are getting some. It's better to constantly bombard them than the alternative."

What the athletic trainers do doesn't go unnoticed by the coaches around Katy ISD either. At every high school they appreciate what the professionals and what the student trainers do for the programs.

"They do such a great job," said Tompkins head football coach Todd McVey. "They are out here and they make sure everyone is cared for, they watch out for all the players and we cannot thank them enough, especially for being out here in the Texas heat. We respect them and appreciate them so much."

Katy head football coach Gary Joseph echoed McVey's comments.

"It's what they do for us all year long, it's essential,"

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—EDDIE SMITH, Katy High School head athletic trainer



Caroline Saucier takes a water bottle from a Katy football player during a practice. PHOTOS BY TYLER TYRE

Joseph said. "They're out here before the players are and they leave after the players. It's hot for them too and they do this because they want to. The kids always have a water bottle on hand, they're always helping everyone out and it's so appreciated. We're very lucky here because we have a great training staff and the student trainers are as good as it gets. In some places you only have two people for 300 football players so for us to have what we do is never taken for granted."

So much of what the student trainers do is for others, but they also get taught lessons and gain while in the high school programs. From communication skills to first aid, time management, responsibility and more, the student trainer program helps prepare them for their next steps after high school.

"It helps me back home even," said Katy student athletic trainer Kate DeLaGarza. "When I'm back home and my mom has anything wrong with her or even just needs a massage, I'm able to help with that and I think that's a really cool thing."

The program also offers experiences that not all high schoolers would get a chance to have without it as well.

"It's so unique because as a girl you don't really get a chance to be a part of the football program and get to experience all those places," said Katy junior student athletic trainer Kiley Christenson. "As part of this program I have gotten to go to so many cool stadiums. My freshman year we went to Rice and Baylor, then last year we went to NRG and the Alamodome. Those are things that I got to experience that are so unique and I'm very grateful to be a part of this program."

But the biggest thing that it does for the student athletic trainers give them a community through high school, and that's something that they all will appreciate even after they go to college.

"It's an amazing program," said senior student athletic trainer Logan Correll. "When I was a freshman, I got to spend a year here with my older brother, who was a senior, as part of this program and now that I'm a senior, I get to do the same thing with my younger brother, who's a freshman now. That's really special to me. I just love everyone here. The head athletic trainers have taught us so much and it's amazing. I'm just savoring every moment of my last year here."



From far left: Brady Benson carries water bottles during a practice. Ellie Capiro gives Katy head football coach Gary Joseph a water bottle during a practice. Alexis Aman and Gabby Andrade watch on as players stretch.

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The GRAND LAKES MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2023 on Monday, August 28, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. at Schwartz, Page & Harding, LLP, 2500 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 1400, Houston, TX 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.

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

FOR the proposal:	Anand Maru, William Shutt, Nicole Whitman, Dennis Shumard
AGAINST the proposal:	None
PRESENT and not voting:	None
ABSENT:	Katherine Elofson

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 \$0.51400/\$100 Adopted	This Year \$0.48156/\$100 Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)		
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$-0.03244 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-6.31%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$382,526.00	\$422,588.00
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	\$382,526.00	\$422,588.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$1,966.18	\$2,035.01
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$68.83 3.50%

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 3.5 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23602, Water Code.

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

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

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids, in duplicate will be received by RSG Engineering, 13501 Katy Freeway, Suite 3180, Houston, Texas 77079 until 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 25, 2023. All bids will be publicly opened and read, in person and via Zoom Conference Call, for the construction of the project.

Katy Hockley Business Park Water and Wastewater

Calling information will be provided at www.civcastusa.com.

A non-mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Monday, August 21, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., at the office of the, RSG Engineering, 13501 Katy Freeway, Suite 3180, Houston, Texas 77079. Bids submitted by parties not attending the Pre-Bid Conference will still be accepted.

The above described construction will be performed in accordance with plans and specifications and any addenda thereto which may be issued prior to the opening of bids. Plans, specifications and bid documents may be obtained at the CivCast USA Website (www.civcastusa.com). Documents are also available for review at the office of the Engineer.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a Certified or Cashier's Check, from a responsible bank in the State of Texas, or a Bid Bond, issued by a surety legally authorized to do business in the State of Texas, equal to two percent (2%) of the total bid amount. Make the Cashier's Check, Certified Check or Bid Bond payable to the Owner.

If the Contractor is not one of the three low bidders, he may pick up his Cashier's Check Bid Security the following business day after the bid opening. If the Contractor is the third low bidder, he may exchange his Cashier's Check Bid Security for a two percent (2%) Bid Bond after the seventh (7th) calendar day after the bid opening. If the Contractor is the second low bidder, he may exchange his Cashier's Check Bid Security for a two percent (2%) bid bond after the fourteenth (14th) calendar day after the bid opening. If the Contractor is the low bidder, the Cashier's Check Bid Security will be returned after the Contract Documents are executed by all parties.

The successful bidder must furnish within **seven (7) calendar days from the date the Contractor is notified that the Contract Documents are available for pick up**, a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond on the forms furnished with the Contract Documents, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the total Contract price. The Surety Company must be authorized to do business in Texas, which authorization must be recorded in the files of the State Board of Insurance. The Surety Company must be authorized to issue Payment and Performance Bonds in the amount required for the particular contract, which authorization must be recorded in the files of the State Board of Insurance. The Surety Company must have a rating of at least "A" in the current Best's Key Rating Guide, or if the Surety Company does not have such a rating due to the length of time it has existed, the Surety Company must be eligible to participate in the Surety Bond Guarantee Program of the Small Business Administration and must be an approved surety listed in the current U.S. Department of Treasury Circular 570, and must meet all of the related rules and regulations of the Treasury Department. The person executing the Payment and Performance Bonds must be a licensed Texas local recording agent and such licensing must be recorded in the files of the State Board of Insurance. The person executing the Payment and Performance Bonds must be authorized by the Surety Company to execute Performance and Payment Bonds on behalf of the company in the amount required for the contract and such authorization must be recorded in the files of the State Board of Insurance. The Contract shall not be in effect until such bonds have been provided by the Contractor and accepted by the Owner.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to accept any bid deemed advantageous to it and waive informalities in bidding. All bids received after the above-designated closing time will be returned to the Contractor unopened.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER

NEW

PROPOSED PERMIT NO. WQ0016239001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Enclave Gassner Tract, LLC, 24 Greenway Plaza, Suite 970, Houston, Texas 77046, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for new Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0016239001, to authorize the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 210,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on October 17, 2022.

The facility will be located approximately 0.50 of a mile northeast of the intersection of Sport Flyers Lane and Gassner Lane, in Waller County, Texas 77423. The treated effluent will be discharged to an unnamed ditch, thence to Brookshire Creek; thence to Bessies Creek; thence to the Brazos River Below Navasota River in Segment No. 1202 of the Brazos River Basin. The unclassified receiving water use is minimal aquatic life use for the unnamed ditch. The designated uses for Segment No. 1202 are primary contact recreation, public water supply, and high aquatic life use. In accordance with 30 Texas Administrative Code Section 307.5 and the TCEQ's Procedures to Implement the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards (June 2010), an antidegradation review of the receiving waters was performed. A Tier 1 antidegradation review has preliminarily determined that existing water quality uses will not be impaired by this permit action. Numerical and narrative criteria to protect existing uses will be maintained. This review has preliminarily determined that no water bodies with exceptional, high, or intermediate aquatic life uses are present within the stream reach assessed; therefore, no Tier 2 degradation determination is required. No significant degradation of water quality is expected in water bodies with exceptional, high, or intermediate aquatic life uses downstream, and existing uses will be maintained and protected. The preliminary determination can be reexamined and may be modified if new information is received. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application. <https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-95.940277,29.835833&level=18>

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Brookshire Pattison Library, 3815 6th Street, Brookshire, Texas.

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

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

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

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

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

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, The Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

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

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment within 30 days from the date of the newspaper publication of this notice.

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

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

Further information may also be obtained from Enclave Gassner Tract, LLC at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Krystal Regner, PE., Assistant Project Manager, EHRA Engineering, at 713-784-4500.

Issuance Date: July 5, 2023

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NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICES AND OUT-OF-DISTRICT MEETING PLACES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WALLER COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 55

To the residents and taxpayers of Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 55 (the "District") and to all the persons interested in the meetings of the Board of Directors of such District:

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors, at an organizational meeting held August 9, 2023, inside the boundaries of the District, established (1) an official office at the offices of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, Texas 77027, and (2) an office at the offices of Quiddity Engineering, LLC, 2322 West Grand Parkway North, Suite 150, Katy, TX 77449 for the purposes of receiving bids on certain public works projects, administering construction contracts for such projects, receiving correspondence related to such contracts, and for the storage of the plans and specifications of such projects. In addition to establishment of an in-District meeting place, out-of-District meeting places were established at (1) the offices of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, Texas 77027, (2) the offices of Quiddity Engineering, LLC, 2322 West Grand Parkway North, Suite 150, Katy, TX 77449, and (3) 6450 Cross Creek Bend Lane, Fulshear, TX 77441.

Said meeting places are hereby declared to be public places and open to the public. All residents and taxpayers of the District and all other interested persons are hereby invited to attend any meetings of the Board of Directors at such locations.

/s/Carol Cafferty
Secretary, Board of Directors



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS City of Pattison

The City of Pattison is soliciting service providers for one or more Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grants from the Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas Water Development Board and/or other sources, including Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities, and/or Flood Mitigation Assistance. Accordingly, the City of Pattison seeks to contract with a qualified service provider for management services. Please electronically submit your proposals in .pdf format via email to citysecretary@pattison.texas and submit 3 copies of your proposal of services to the following address: Attn: City Secretary, Lorene Hartfiel, Mail to P.O. Box 223, Pattison, TX 77466. Proposals must be received by The City of Pattison no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 21, 2023, to be considered. The City of Pattison reserves the right to negotiate with any and all proposers, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are encouraged to submit proposals. The City of Pattison is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Servicios de traducción están disponibles por petición.

NOTICE OF SALE

HARRIS-WALLER COUNTIES MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 3

(A Political Subdivision of the State of Texas
Located within Harris and Waller Counties, Texas)

\$11,080,000
Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2023

Bids to be Submitted: 10:00 A.M., Central Time
Bids to be Awarded: 1:00 P.M., Central Time
Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Place and Time of Sale: The Board of Directors of Harris-Waller Counties Municipal Utility District No. 3 (the "District") will receive and publicly read bids for the purchase of the \$11,080,000 Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2023 (the "Bonds") at the designated meeting place outside the boundaries of the District, at the offices of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson, 3200 Southwest Freeway Suite 2600, Houston, TX 77027 at 1:00 P.M., Central Time, Tuesday, August 29, 2023.

Address of Bids: Bids for the Bonds may be delivered to the District electronically, by telephone or delivered directly to the District in a sealed envelope, addressed to the "President and Board of Directors of Harris-Waller Counties Municipal Utility District No. 3," and delivered to the District's Financial Advisor, Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, 4801 Woodway Drive, Suite 118-E, Houston, Texas 77056 prior to 10:00 A.M., Central Time on the date of the bid opening. Any bid received after 10:00 A.M., Central Time, Tuesday, August 29, 2023, will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. All bidders must submit a signed "Official Bid Form" and a Bank Cashier's Check in the amount of \$221,600 payable to the order of the District as a good faith deposit.

Information: The Bonds are more completely described in the "Official Notice of Sale" and the "Preliminary Official Statement" which may be obtained from Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, 4801 Woodway Drive, Suite 118-E, Houston, Texas 77056; Financial Advisor to the District. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all irregularities except time of filing. This notice does not constitute an offer to sell the Bonds but is merely notice of sale of the Bonds as required by law. The offer to sell the Bonds will be made only by means of the "Official Notice of Sale," "Preliminary Official Statement," and the "Official Bid Form."

Board of Directors
Harris-Waller Counties Municipal Utility District No. 3

Comisión De Calidad Ambiental Del Estado De Texas



AVISO DE LA SOLICITUD Y DECISIÓN PRELIMINAR PARA EL PERMISO DEL SISTEMA DE ELIMINACION DE DESCARGAS DE CONTAMINANTES DE TEXAS (TPDES) PARA AGUAS RESIDUALES MUNICIPALES

NUEVO

PERMISO PROPUESTO NO. WQ0016239001

SOLICITUD Y DECISIÓN PRELIMINAR. Enclave Gassner Tract, LLC, 24 Greenway Plaza, Suite 970, Houston, Texas 77046, ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental del Estado de Texas (TCEQ) por un nuevo Permiso No. WQ0016239001 (EPA I.D. No. TX0143685) del Sistema de Eliminación de Descargas de Contaminantes de Texas (TPDES) para autorizar la descarga de aguas residuales tratadas en un volumen que no sobrepasa un flujo promedio diario de 210,000 galones por día. La TCEQ recibió esta solicitud el 17 de octubre 2022.

La planta está ubicada aproximadamente a 0.50 millas al noreste de la intersección de Sports Flyers Land y Gassner Lane, en el Condado de Waller, Texas 77423. La ruta de descarga es del sitio de la planta hasta una zanja sin nombre; de allí a Brookshire Creek; de allí a Bessies Creek; de allí al río Brazos debajo del río Navasota en el Segmento No. 1202 de la Cuenca del Río Brazos. Los usos designados para el Segmento No. 1202 elevados uso de vida acuática; abastecimiento de agua potable; recreación con contacto. De acuerdo con el 30 TAC §307.5 y los procedimientos de implementación de la TCEQ (Enero 2010) para las Normas de Calidad de Aguas Superficiales en Texas, fue realizada una revisión de la antidegradación de las aguas recibidas. Una revisión de antidegradación del Nivel 1 ha determinado preliminarmente que los usos de la calidad del agua existente no serán perjudicados por la acción de este permiso. Se mantendrá un criterio narrativo y numérico para proteger los usos existentes. Esta revisión ha determinado preliminarmente que ninguno de los cuerpos de agua con usos intermedio, alto o excepcional de vida acuática están presentes dentro del acceso para llegar a la corriente; por lo tanto, no se requiere ninguna determinación de degradación del Nivel 2. No se espera ninguna degradación significativa de la calidad del agua en los cuerpos de agua con usos intermedios, elevados o excepcionales de la vida acuática río abajo y que los usos existentes serán mantenidos y protegidos. La determinación preliminar puede ser reexaminada y puede ser modificada, si se recibe alguna información nueva. Este enlace a un mapa electrónico de la ubicación general del sitio o de la instalación es proporcionado como una cortesía y no es parte de la solicitud o del aviso. Para la ubicación exacta, consulte la solicitud. <https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-95.940277,29.835833&level=18>

El Director Ejecutivo de la TCEQ ha completado la revisión técnica de la solicitud y ha preparado un borrador del permiso. El borrador del permiso, si es aprobado, establecería las condiciones bajo las cuales la instalación debe operar. El Director Ejecutivo ha tomado una decisión preliminar que si este permiso es emitido, cumple con todos los requisitos normativos y legales. La solicitud del permiso, la decisión preliminar del Director Ejecutivo y el borrador del permiso están disponibles para leer y copiar en la Biblioteca Brookshire Pattison, 3815 6th Street, Brookshire, Texas.

AVISO DE IDIOMA ALTERNATIVO. El aviso de idioma alternativo en español está disponible en <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/plain-language-summaries-and-public-notice>.

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

OPORTUNIDAD DE UNA AUDIENCIA ADMINISTRATIVA DE LO CONTENCIOSO. Después de la fecha límite para presentar comentarios públicos, el Director Ejecutivo considerará los comentarios y preparará una respuesta a todos los comentarios públicos relevantes y materiales, o significativos. **A menos que la solicitud sea remitida directamente para una audiencia de caso impugnado, la respuesta a los comentarios se enviará por correo a todos los que enviaron comentarios públicos y a aquellas personas que estén en la lista de correo para esta solicitud. Si se reciben comentarios, el correo también proporcionará instrucciones para solicitar una audiencia de caso impugnado o reconsiderar la decisión del Director Ejecutivo.** Una audiencia de caso impugnado es un procedimiento legal similar a un juicio civil en un tribunal de distrito estatal.

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

Tras el cierre de todos los periodos de comentarios y solicitudes aplicables, el Director Ejecutivo remitirá la solicitud y cualquier solicitud de reconsideración o de una audiencia de caso impugnado a los Comisionados de la TCEQ para su consideración en una reunión programada de la Comisión.

La Comisión sólo puede conceder una solicitud de una audiencia de caso impugnado sobre los temas que el solicitante haya presentado en sus comentarios oportunos que no fueron retirados posteriormente. Si se concede una audiencia, el tema de la audiencia estará limitado a cuestiones de hecho en disputa o cuestiones mixtas de hecho y de derecho relacionadas a intereses pertinentes y materiales de calidad del agua que se hayan presentado durante el periodo de comentarios.

ACCIÓN DEL DIRECTOR EJECUTIVO. El Director Ejecutivo puede emitir la aprobación final de la solicitud a menos que se presente una solicitud de audiencia de caso impugnado oportunamente o una solicitud de reconsideración. Si se presenta una solicitud de audiencia oportuna o una solicitud de reconsideración, el Director Ejecutivo no emitirá la aprobación final del permiso y enviará la solicitud y la solicitud a los Comisionados de TCEQ para su consideración en una reunión programada de la Comisión.

LISTA DE CORREO. Si envía comentarios públicos, una solicitud de una audiencia de caso impugnado o una reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo, se le agregará a la lista de correo de esta solicitud específica para recibir futuros avisos públicos enviados por correo por la Oficina del Secretario Oficial. Además, puede solicitar ser colocado en: (1) la lista de correo permanente para un nombre de solicitante específico y número de permiso; y/o (2) la lista de correo para un condado específico. Si desea ser colocado en la lista de correo permanente y/o del condado, especifique claramente qué lista (s) y envíe su solicitud a la Oficina del Secretario Oficial de la TCEQ a la dirección a continuación.

Todos los comentarios públicos escritos y las solicitudes de reunión pública deben enviarse a Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 o electrónicamente a www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment dentro de los 30 días a partir de la fecha de publicación de este aviso en el periódico.

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

CONTACTOS E INFORMACIÓN DE LA AGENCIA. Los comentarios y solicitudes públicas deben enviarse electrónicamente a www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment, o por escrito a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Cualquier información personal que envíe a la TCEQ pasará a formar parte del registro de la agencia; esto incluye las direcciones de correo electrónico. Para obtener más información sobre esta solicitud de permiso o el proceso de permisos, llame al Programa de Educación Pública de TCEQ, línea gratuita, al 1-800-687-4040 o visite su sitio web en www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

También se puede obtener información adicional del Enclave Gassner Tract, LLC a la dirección indicada arriba o llamando a Krystal Regner, P.E., Asistente Gerente de Proyectos, EHRA Engineering, al 713.784.4500.

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Calvin Nelms Charter Schools tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso del inglés no sea un obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

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SECTION 00200 - INVITATION FOR TRADE CONTRACTOR PROPOSALS

Trade Contractor and Supplier Proposals for the construction of the Waller County Courthouse at 836 Austin Street, Hempstead, TX 77445 will be received by the Design/Build Contractor, SEDALCO INC, via e-mail until 5:00 p.m. local time on September 13, 2023.

Proposals should clearly indicate the project name, scope of work, and any pertinent inclusions/exclusions. Further, proposals must be accompanied by the SEDALCO Bid Form (if provided). Please send proposals to bids@sedalco.com.

Bid Documents will be distributed by SEDALCO, Inc. through iSqFt and will be available for viewing and download at iSqFt.com. Please contact Dave Ritz at SEDALCO, Inc. if other methods of document distribution or viewing are necessary.

Plans and specifications will be available for distribution to trade contractors and suppliers on or about August 14, 2023.

All questions regarding the proposal request and access to the bidding documents must be directed to the Design/Build Contractor as follows:

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9400 Grogans Mill Road, Suite 320
The Woodlands, TX 77380-3636
281-907-5650
bids@sedalco.com

Waller County and SEDALCO, Inc. reserve the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any formalities or irregularities and to make the award of the contract in the best interest of Waller County. By submitting a proposal, each proposer agrees to waive any claim it has or may have against the Owner, the Architect/Engineer, Design/Build Contractor and their respective employees, arising out of or in connection with the administration, evaluation, or recommendation of any proposal; waiver of any requirements under the proposal documents; or the contract documents; acceptance or rejection of any proposals; and award of the Contract.

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Schedule C: Trustee Minutes 4-1960

Other Property Exchange - Non-Real Estate Assets
Minutes of Meeting of
KONRAD LOZANO GUINO
(An Irrevocable Express Trust Organization)

Miscellaneous
Affidavit of Fictitious Name, ABA, DBA Or Trade Name Statement

To The Governing Bodies of this Express Trust, All Corporations Souls but not limited to the State of Texas.

The Sole Trustee called the meeting to order and affirmed that officially on the 1st day of September, 2020 the Trustee received the Intangible Property here and known as Affidavit of Fictitious Name, ABA, DBA, or Trade Name Statement To be held in trust, published in any local newspaper filing and but not limited to the county of Fort Bend Recorder Office.

The trustee approved the exchange of the specific property for 100 units of beneficial interest known here too as trust certificate units (TCUs) to be held with this indenture by the trustees for the beneficiaries also known as members of Konrad Lozano Guino Express Trust DBA James Konrad.

The trustee shall keep accurate meeting minutes for all trust related business and act in the best interest of all trust unit certificate holders by maintaining accurate records of transactions and other business respecting the holders and the Express Trust..

WE THE UNDERSIGNED BEING DULY SWORN HEREBY DECLARE UNDER OATH THAT THE NAMES OF ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE BUSINESS OR PROFESSION CARRIED ON UNDER THE NAMES OF THE KONRAD LOZANO GUINO EXPRESS TRUST ARE DOING BUSINESS AS THE FOLLOWING NAMES: KONRAD LOZANO GUINO EXPRESS TRUST d/b/a WINK PANELS; KONRAD LOZANO GUINO EXPRESS TRUST ENTERPRISE d/b/a WINK PANELS; KONRAD LOZANO GUINO EXPRESS TRUST ENTERPRISE d/b/a WINK ANTI TIP; KONRAD LOZANO GUINO EXPRESS TRUST d/b/a WINKANTI TIP; KONRAD LOZANO GUINO EXPRESS TRUST ENTERPRISE d/b/a SLUDGE MANAGEMENT & CONTROL; KONRAD LOZANO GUINO EXPRESS TRUST d/b/a SLUDGE MANAGEMENT & CONTROL; KONRAD LOZANO GUINO EXPRESS TRUST ENTERPRISE d/b/a SMC LEASING; KONRAD LOZANO GUINO EXPRESS TRUST d/b/a SMC LEASING; KONRAD LOZANO GUINO EXPRESS TRUST d/b/a WINK TRAILER; KONRAD LOZANO GUINO EXPRESS TRUST ENTERPRISE d/b/a WINK TRAILER; KONRAD LOZANO GUINO EXPRESS TRUST d/b/a US SALES & SERVICE; KONRAD LOZANO GUINO EXPRESS TRUST ENTERPRISE d/b/a US SALES & SERVICE; KONRAD LOZANO GUINO EXPRESS TRUST d/b/a ATM; KONRAD LOZANO GUINO EXPRESS TRUST ENTERPRISE d/b/a ATM; KONRAD LOZANO GUINO EXPRESS TRUST d/b/a AMERICAN TRAILER MANUFACTURER, KONRAD LOZANO GUINO EXPRESS TRUST ENTERPRISE d/b/a AMERICAN TRAILER MANUFACTURER.

AT: 24285 Katy Freeway Suite 300, Katy, Texas 77494

AND THE EXTENT OF THE INTEREST IS AS FOLLOWS:

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Katy head coach Gary Joseph talks to his team after Monday's practice at Tiger Stadium.

TIGERS
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—JED OLOTU-JUDAH,
Katy senior safety

The important thing for Katy is that the players and team as a whole continue to grow and gain chemistry. Katy head coach Gary Joseph knows that the team will need time to get to where it's a well-oiled machine.

"It's a growing process and until they get confident in what they're doing the intensity is going to vary because they're figuring things out," Joseph said. "The biggest thing is to have leadership to depend on and thankfully, I think we have pretty good leaders in this group. We need more, but that will come and once the leadership is there and the kids get confident in everything they're doing, then that intensity will come as second nature."

Now it's about continuing to get better as a team and being ready for the regular season opener in two weeks. The Tigers are already taking steps forward, but Katy knows it will need to

be at a different level once the season gets here.

"We have a chance to be a really special team," Carter said. "We've had a lot of guys step up who need to on both offense and defense. Offensively we have some huge guys back on the offensive line and our skill position guys are ready. We're getting the program headed in the right direction and we're ready to set the tempo from the intrasquad scrimmage and going on after that."

Above: Luke Carter makes a catch and turns upfield during Monday's practice at Tiger Stadium. Right: Chase Johnsey carries a ball during Monday's practice at Tiger Stadium. Below: Romel Jordan goes past the defense during Monday's practice at Tiger Stadium.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

A tax rate of \$0.10 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of **Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 200**.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.100000 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.085969 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.085532 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.086301 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2023 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for **Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 200** from the same properties in both the 2022 tax year and the 2023 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that **Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 200** may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for **Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 200** exceeds the voter-approval rate for **Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 200**.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for **Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 200**, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for **Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 200**.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that **Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 200** is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2023 tax year.

The proposed tax rate is also greater than the voter-approval tax rate and the de minimis rate. If **Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 200** adopts the proposed tax rate, **Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 200** is required to hold an election so that the voters may accept or reject the proposed rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the **Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 200** will be the voter-approval rate of the **Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 200**.

A **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 24, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., at 540 Ellen Powell, Prairie View, Texas 77446.**

Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 200 may take action on the proposed tax rate on August 24, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., following the hearing to be held.

The election will be on November 7, 2023. You may contact the Waller Harris County Clerk's Office and the Harris County Clerk's Office – Election Departments for information about voting locations. The hours of voting on election day are 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

- FOR: **Ann Saunders, Melinda Hashaw, Sherry Whiteley and Tommy Davis**
- AGAINST: **None**
- PRESENT AND NOT VOTING: **Brenda Bundick**
- ABSENT: **None**

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

The 86th 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 **Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 200** last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by **Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 200** this year

	2022	2023	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.097426	\$0.100000	Increase of 0.002574, or 2.64%
Average homestead taxable value	\$298,896	\$331,658	Increase of \$32,762, or 10.96%
Tax on average homestead	\$291.20	\$331.66	Increase of \$40.46, or 13.89%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$11,395,846	\$14,360,846	Increase of \$2,965,000, or 26.02%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the District Counsel for **Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 200** at (713) 984-8222 or pierce@coveler.com or visit www.whesd200.org for more information.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Royal Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 PM on August 28, 2023 in the Board Room of the Royal ISD Administration Building at 3714 FM 359, Pattison, Texas 77466. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$0.757500/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.358817/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	9.43 % increase
Debt service	53.097 % increase
Total expenditures	17.482 % increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$3,388,420,826	\$4,171,708,986
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$210,199,020	\$373,354,130
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$2,899,967,095	\$3,502,738,353
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$181,497,503	\$356,648,097

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$97,334,994

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$0.942900	\$0.358817 *	\$1.301717	\$15,729	\$1,582
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.745800	\$0.358817 *	\$1.104617	\$16,247	\$1,541
Proposed Rate	\$0.757500	\$0.358817 *	\$1.116317	\$16,414	\$1,598

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$234,282	\$281,206
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$161,881	\$126,783
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.301717	\$1.116317
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$2,107	\$1,415
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$(692)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.116317. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.116317.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$15,213,205
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$6,352,921

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

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

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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to go through,” said junior tight end Kellen LeCronier. “It’s good for us because we get to learn from this, get better and then see if we’ve figured some things out next week. Last year in our first scrimmage we had a similar type of day, but we came out and we fixed what we needed to and last season ended up being great for us going to the third round of the playoffs. We just need to bring that same mentality.”

While there were struggles, there were also some bright moments for the Cinco squad. Offensively, the Cougars moved the ball well early on in the game, getting big gains in both the pass game and the run game, but struggles came later on with some turnovers and inability to keep drives going once the timed period began.

But both quarterbacks vying for the starting job, Charlie Adamoli and Connor Brock, showed good flashes

throughout the game, and another bright spot was Taytum Johnson, who caught two touchdown passes and looked every bit a part of a No. 1 receiver. Domenic Ramirez and Tessiah Young also combined to make a good duo in the Cinco Ranch backfield.

“Both Charlie and Connor are really good quarterbacks,” Johnson said. “They can both throw the deep ball, they can both find open receivers and they’re smart with the football. They both can be starting quarterbacks and then I really liked how our run game did today as well.”

Defensively, Cinco had trouble dealing with some of what a talented Cy-Ranch offense through at them, but when the timed period game the group showed its grit, shutting the Mustangs down in the red zone and forcing field goal attempts and helping out the offense of the Cougars.

“Really, we just knew the job that we had to do and that was we had to get off the field,” Johnson said. “It was good to see the guys step up and force them into kicking a field goal. Then even after a turnover we were able to get our minds right again even with our backs to the end zone. We just stepped up.”

The job now for the team is to continue to improve with the regular season on the horizon. Cinco continues their march towards the season with a scrimmage next week before they open the season.

“It’s all about focusing in and knowing that we can build off this,” LeCronier said. “We have to go in, give 100% at practice, watch film and fix some stuff. Fixing some of our weaknesses and building on our strengths is what we have to focus on and I think it will look a lot better next Friday.”

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Taytum Johnson catches a touchdown pass during Cinco Ranch's scrimmage against Cy-Ranch at Legacy Stadium.

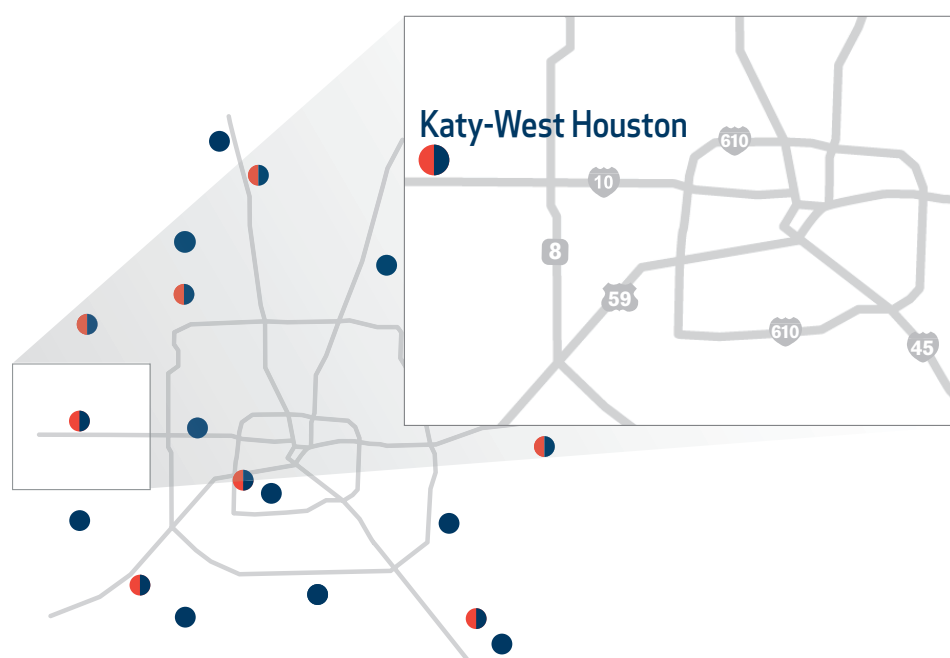
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