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Knights sell food

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will have a turkey leg and sausage-on-a-stick sale at St. Luke the Evangelist, 11011 Hall Road, Saturday, July 31, and Sunday, Aug. 1. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. The sale will be a drive-thru event in the church's rear parking lot. Turkey leg and drink will be \$10; sausage-on-a-stick will be \$5; and beverages will be \$1. All proceeds will go to support KC charities.

BHI holds early registration

Beverly Hills Intermediate's early registration dates are set for Aug. 3, 4 and 5 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration will take place by appointment to allow better service to families. To schedule an early registration appointment, go to www.tinyurl.com/BHlearly. Contact Jennifer Teichelman for any further questions at jteichelman@pasadenaisd.org.

At-home vaccines offered

Harris County Public Health staff will provide vaccinations in the home. This is available to Harris county residents who are bedbound or homebound due to medical reasons, regardless of age.

The staff will stay and observe clients for 15-30 minutes after vaccinations to ensure no immediate reactions occur. For more information contact HCPH at 832-927-8787.

Knights host blood drive

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will host a blood drive at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church social hall, 11011 Hall Road, Sunday, July 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. All donors will receive a free beach towel. Appointments are preferred but not necessary. To schedule appointment, visit www.commitforlife.org and use Sponsor Code Search 1185. For more information, call Val Comeaux, 713-582-5358 or John Urdiales, 832-530-7255.

Blood drive at St. Frances

Save a life and give blood at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook St. The blood drive takes place Sunday, Aug. 1, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Kirkwood Civic set July 29

The Kirkwood Civic Club meets Thursday, July 29, at 7 p.m. at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer. Visit the Kirkwood Civic Club Facebook page or call Ericka McCrutecheon at 281-989-9990 for details.

Active COVID officially down

As of Wednesday, July 21, there were 178 confirmed South Belt deaths due to COVID-19, no increase from the previous week. Reporting of deaths related to COVID-19, however, may be delayed by local officials.

Of the 5,685 confirmed cases in 77089 (total population: 53,866), 40 remain active. To date, 68 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

In 77075 (total population: 43,933), 40 of the 4,106 confirmed cases remain active. A total of 53 from the ZIP code have died, no increase from the previous week.

Of the 4,197 confirmed cases in 77034 (total population: 40,532), 29 remain active. To date, 55 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, up one from the previous week.

According to Harris County Public Health officials, the vast majority of the fatalities suffered from pre-existing health issues.

The reporting normally lags behind actual cases which may explain why cases are reportedly down, yet local hospital officials report an increase.

Countywide, there have been 408,097 total confirmed cases. Of those, 398,331 have recovered from the disease, while 4,761 cases remain active. A total of 4,975 deaths have been reported in Harris County. Statistics are updated daily and include numbers from within the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County. To view an interactive map, visit publichealth.harriscountytx.gov/Re-sources/2019-Nov-1-Coronavirus.

Beltway closures planned

At least one eastbound and one westbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from SH 288 to Kirby Drive nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, July 16.

At least one northbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Sycamore Avenue to Spencer Highway continuously through 4 p.m. Friday, July 2.

At least one northbound and one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Vista to SH 225 daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Sunday, July 4.

The closures are associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes in each direction.

Gulf Freeway closures set

Two alternate northbound and southbound main lanes and frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96 daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, Dec. 31.

The northbound exit ramp from the Gulf Freeway to NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 will be completely closed through Friday, Dec. 31. Motorists wishing to access these intersections may exit using the exit to FM 518 and proceed on the northbound frontage road to the intersections or exit using the Bay Area Boulevard exit ramp, then make a U-turn and travel south to the NASA Bypass or FM 528.

At least one northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Thursday, Sept. 30.

At least one northbound lane and one southbound lane on the Gulf Freeway frontage road will be closed from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Thursday, Sept. 30.

Two alternate northbound and southbound main lanes and frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from IH 610 South Loop to Broad Street nightly from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. through Friday, Dec. 31. Both the northbound and southbound entrance and exit ramps between IH 610 South Loop and Broad Street will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. through Friday, Dec. 31.

City of Houston water rates increase

Many South Belt residents unaffected

Houston City Council recently approved a water and wastewater rate increase for city water customers to help improve infrastructure and meet federally required guidelines to address sanitary sewer overflows.

The measure passed 12-4, with both South

Belt council members – Republican Dave Martin and Democrat Carolyn Evans-Shabazz – voting in favor of the measure. The new rates will become effective on Sept. 1, but many residents will see the increase as early as next month.

“Our water and wastewater system needs to be

reliable, dependable and of good quality,” said Mayor Sylvester Turner. “I thank City Council for passing today’s measure and recognizing that water is an essential and critical infrastructure that must be addressed and improved. The importance of a resilient water and wastewater system became clear after Hurricane Harvey, Winter Storm Uri and COVID-19. Having adequate and sound infrastructure will take us one step closer to building a more resilient Houston.”

The water and wastewater rates will increase every year over the next five years and include the cost of making the first five years of invest-

ments agreed upon in the consent decree agreement with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the EPA. Because of the agreement, Houston is required to resolve sanitary sewer overflows and other wastewater violations by paying fines and making improvements to the wastewater system over the next 15 years.

Roughly 60 percent of city customers living in single-family homes could see their bills go up by \$5 or less.

All residents living within the city limits will be affected. Local subdivisions located within

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Area chambers hold luncheon



The South Channel Region Chambers hosted a State of the Precinct Membership Luncheon Thursday, July 15, at the Sylvan Beach Pavilion in La Porte featuring Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia. Shown above at the event are, left to right, Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin; Precinct 2, Place 2, Justice of the Peace George Risner; Precinct 2, Place 1, Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado; Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia; Delgado aide Luis Garza; and Roja Sheffi. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Nearby road construction affects area

A construction project is set to soon begin on Pearland Parkway to convert the busy traffic circle at McHard Road into a roundabout with bypass lanes.

The measure is intended to slow traffic and prevent accidents, a problem that has worsened since the opening of the University of Houston-Clear Lake at Pearland.

Plans call for reducing the circle's existing diameter of 425 feet to 180 feet. The change is aimed at reducing speeds, as a larger diameter is designed to allow vehicles to travel at relatively high velocities.

Pearland officials said the bypass lanes will avoid the roundabout to allow traffic to move in the same direction and reduce the current

configuration and vehicle conflict points. The roundabout will include acceleration lanes to allow traffic to merge safely into the bypass lanes.

Teamwork Construction was awarded the \$4.1 million contract in January. The agreement, however, includes two other projects. Pearland officials said the city saved money by contracting the three projects together under an umbrella construction agreement.

The other two projects include a new traffic light south on Pearland Parkway at Forest Park/Summit Spring Lane and a new left turn lane at Pearland Parkway and Oak Ridge Drive.

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Suspect killed by police officers

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a male suspect by HPD officers around 7:35 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, in the 6900 block of Monroe Boulevard at the Gulf Freeway.

The identity of the male, 32, was pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences at press time.

According to investigators, officers with the HPD Gang Division-Crime Reduction Unit were advised by members of the HPD Vice Division they needed a vehicle stopped in regards to an investigation they were conducting. When officers attempted to initiate a traffic stop on the ve-

hicle, the suspect driver fled. The suspect's vehicle struck a concrete pole while he attempted to make a U-turn under the Gulf Freeway, causing his vehicle to become disabled.

Officers approached the vehicle and gave the suspect several verbal commands to show his hands, but the suspect refused to comply. The suspect was seen ducking into the floor board of the vehicle and returning quickly when two officers discharged weapons and struck the suspect. Paramedics transported the suspect to an area hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Officers N. Garcia and M. Salazar, the two

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Neighboring Pearland may get bars

Bars may soon be coming to the city of Pearland.

The city's existing law states that businesses selling on-premise alcohol must make 51 percent or more of their revenue from food sales.

If a group that collected signatures to get the measure on the November ballot has its way, however, businesses making 51 percent or more of their revenue from alcohol sales will be allowed to open for business in the city.

The push is being led by a group called Pearland Entertainment and Beverage Coalition. According to the group's press release, the Pearland Entertainment and Beverage Coalition is a special purpose political action committee made up of Pearland residents.

PEBC Chairman Thompson said Pearland residents should have a voice in the matter and that the city currently voices large streams of

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Free COVID vax July 28 at St. Luke's

St. Luke the Evangelist, located at 11011 Hall Road, will be hosting a free vaccination, administered by Harris County Public Health, on Wednesday, July 28, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Additional information:

- No photo ID is required since it is being
- No proof of insurance is required.
- Ages 12 years and older are eligible.
- Registration is encouraged but not required. Walk-ins are welcome.

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Area resident battles sewage issues

One South Belt resident says he has been battling rain-related sewage issues near his Kirkwood South home for roughly two decades to no avail.

Rev. Aris Hickman has long complained to area officials about a problematic manhole located near his residence on Sagepark at Kirkfair. A sewer infrastructure problem near the location has caused a pipe to leak raw sewage from the

manhole following heavy rains. The spillover seeps into Hickman's house and yard.

Further, the leak releases a pungent odor that can be detected from blocks away. Rectifying the problem has proven difficult, however, as the home is located on the edge of the city limits, and the issue involves infrastructure from both the Sagemeadow MUD

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Governor appoints Mitchell to board

Gov. Greg Abbott recently appointed longtime South Belt resident Bob Mitchell, who serves as president of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, to the board of directors of the newly created Gulf Coast Protection District.



Bob Mitchell

“This appointment is quite an honor for me, personally, but it also serves to recognize BAHEP, its staff and the many partnerships we've established over the past 13 years in working to make the coastal barrier system a reality,” Mitchell said. “I believe that we owe

much of the credit to Dr. Bill Merrell of Texas A&M University. We stand where we are today due to his expertise, foresight and tenacity following Hurricane Ike in 2008. I also must recognize our elected officials, Sen. Larry Taylor and Rep. Dennis Paul, who championed the legislation that established the GCPD. It absolutely took a monumental, regional effort to get this accomplished. I am very excited to move forward with the other members of the board as we work together to build the coastal barrier system.”

Abbott's news release stated in part, “The Gulf Coast Protection District was created by the legislature to operate and leverage funding to build the unique flood control and surge protection needs for coastal communities. When

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HFD responds to multiple incidents

Houston firefighters have recently responded to multiple incidents in the South Belt community, including a house fire and two apartment fires.

On Saturday, July 10, firefighters responded to a house fire around 8 p.m. in the 9900 block of Southport Drive.

Firefighters arrived on scene within a minute to find smoke coming from the front door of a house. All of the residents were outside, and crews entered the home to find a small fire.

The crew of Engine 70 quickly extinguished it and pulled the ceiling to make sure there was no extension. A cat was found and rescued from another room. A candle was left lit and unattended, catching a small table and contents on fire.

The blaze caused approximately \$13,000 in damage. No injuries were reported.

Firefighters from stations 70, 52 and 61 responded to this incident.

On Wednesday, July 14, firefighters responded to an apartment fire around 3:40 p.m. at The Reserve at Windmill Lakes in the 9900 block of

Windmill Lakes Boulevard.

Firefighters arrived on scene within six minutes to find fire coming from the first floor of a three-story apartment building. They made an offensive attack and conducted a primary search of the unit and the apartment above it.

The crews brought the fire under control and ventilated the building. The power was secured and the American Red Cross was requested for the resident.

The blaze caused approximately \$70,000 in damage. Firefighters were able to save roughly \$550,000 in property. No injuries were reported.

HFD Arson investigators were requested to determine the cause and origin of the fire. It remained under investigation at press time.

Firefighters from stations 23, 26, 70, 29, 36, 61, 93 and 24 responded to this incident.

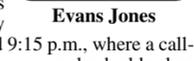
The same apartment complex caught fire again around 8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 17.

Building 9, the focus for firefighters, was

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Pct. 2 catch catalytic converter thieves

Deputies from Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office on the night of Monday, July 12, arrested a pair of suspects who are accused of stealing catalytic converters from a business in the 8000 block of Alameda Genoa Road.



Evans Jones

Precinct 2 deputies responded to a burglary of a business call around 9:15 p.m., where a caller reported that two unknown males had broken into his business and were stealing catalytic con-

verters off vehicles. The caller further reported that his business had been victim to numerous thefts like this in recent weeks.

Deputies, along with officers from the Houston Police Department, arrived on scene quickly and were given access into the business.

Once inside, deputies and officers observed two males fleeing the scene on foot.

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Hickman seeks sewage help



Kirkwood South resident Rev. Aris Hickman has been dealing with a sewage leak near his home for roughly two decades. A nearby manhole overflows with raw sewage every time there is a heavy rain. The leak omits an odor that can be detected several blocks away. Correcting the issue has been problematic, as the defective infrastructure is connected to both the Sagemeadow MUD and City of Houston. Photo by Marie Flickinger

July 31 tuition fund deadline

Texas families have through July 31 to enroll their newborns in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund.

This allows new parents to pay this academic year's rates for all or some future tuition and schoolwide required fees at Texas public colleges and universities, excluding medical and dental institutions.

Newborns are children younger than one year of age at the time of enrollment.

"For parents of newborns, saving for college may not always be top of mind," Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said. "That's why we're reminding new parents to take advantage of the opportunity to lock in this year's rates before next year's rates go into effect on Sept. 1."

Under the Texas Tuition Promise Fund, the state's prepaid college tuition program, participants can purchase tuition units and lock in the costs of undergraduate resident tuition and schoolwide required fees at Texas public colleges and universities based on today's prices.

For additional flexibility, the plan also can be used at Texas medical and

dental institutions, private Texas colleges and universities, out-of-state colleges and universities and career schools or eligible apprenticeship programs, where tuition is not locked in and the benefits and payouts would be based on the Transfer Value.

Enrollment at 2020-2021 prices closed Feb. 28 for children one year of age and older. The next annual enrollment period begins on Sept. 1, with new contract prices based on Texas public college costs for the 2021-2022 school year.

Complete plan information, including the plan description and agreement, current sales prices, enrollment forms and more, is available at TuitionPromise.org or by calling 800-445-GRAD (4723), Option 5.

The program's outreach team also offers free webinars to provide an overview of the plan and discuss the different tuition unit types and payment options, as well as provide information about Texas Match the Promise Foundation matching scholarship opportunities. Go to the Texas Tuition Promise Fund website for information about how to register to attend upcoming

webinars. Participation in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund does not guarantee admission to or graduation from any college or university. Only the named purchaser may direct redemptions, withdrawals, changes in the designated beneficiary or other contract changes.

Nonresidents of Texas should consider whether their home state, or the beneficiary's home state, offers its residents any state tax or other state benefits, such as financial aid, scholarship funds, and protection from creditors that are only available for participants in that state's 529 plan.

A contract, including the amount contributed, and any amount applied as a benefit or paid as a refund, is not guaranteed, insured or treated as a deposit or other obligation by the state of Texas, the FDIC, the Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board, any other state or federal governmental agency or Orion Advisor Solutions, Inc. or its affiliates. The contracts have not been registered with or approved by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission or with any state.

HPD hosts youth program

The Houston Police Department Southeast Division Post 8300 is offering its Explorers program every Tuesday at 5 p.m. at the HPD Southeast Patrol Station, located at 8300 Mykawa, to area youth considering a career in law enforcement.

The Explorers program provides educational training programs for young adults on the purposes, mission and objectives of law enforcement.

The program provides career orientation experiences, leadership opportunities and community service activities.

The primary goals of the program are to help young adults choose a career path within law enforcement and to challenge them to become responsible citizens.

For additional information, call HPD Officer L.E. Anderson at 346-397-1363 or email lloy.d.anderson@houstonpolice.org.

Elected officials share their words-from Mayor Pro-Tem Dave Martin

Dear District E Residents,

Over these past few days, many of my constituents have asked why I "voted for a water rate increase." This increase was dictated by a consent decree between the City of Houston and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), dating back to 2010, many years before I became your Council Member.

The City had the following choices: Pay \$7 billion to the EPA, or; Dedicate \$2 billion to fix our water/wastewater infrastructure, or; Not pay anything and incur a \$100,000 charge every day for every leak that discharges raw sewage into our lakes, canals, and tributaries, which are estimated to total over \$1 million per day. Ultimately, the City agreed to pay for improved infrastructure in our water/wastewater system in the amount of \$2 billion. This investment is in lieu of paying a \$7 billion fine issued to the City in 2013 by the EPA.

Last week, I joined eleven of my Houston City Council colleagues voting in support of water and wastewater rate increases. The measure passed 12 - 4 and will become effective September 1, 2021. The update in water and wastewater rates (<http://www.houstontx.gov/mayor/press/2021/info-water-wastewater-rate-increase.html>) will pay for additional resources: to continue services, cover increased maintenance of infrastructure, reduce the number of water main breaks and sanitary sewer overflows, improve resilience against hurricanes, freezes and climate change. Furthermore, the new rates allow compliance with the Consent Decree, for the first time in over a decade, with federal regulations rather than pay penalties for violations caused by lack of investment. The size of the city's water and wastewater systems is huge. The City is responsible for providing safe drinking water to 4.2 million customers, operating and maintaining 3 regional water plants, 49 groundwater plants, and operating and maintaining 7,000 miles of water lines. The City is also responsible for providing customer service to 480,000 accounts (reading and maintaining meters) and responding to and recovering from natural disasters.

The wastewater system's responsibilities include treating wastewater for 2 million customers, operating and maintaining 39 plants and 381 lift stations, maintaining 6,200 miles of gravity and force mains with 130,000 manholes, rehabilitating/replacing 155 miles of wastewater line, also providing customer service and responding to disasters.

Now for the timeline of how we got here: In 2010, before I was elected to represent District E, the Environmental

Protection Agency (EPA) identified issues related to the City of Houston's water and wastewater systems. The city was continually discharging water (raw sewage) into the various lakes, rivers, canals, and tributaries in Houston. In 2013 the city received the first draft of a consent decree outlining fines of up to \$7 billion in penalties due to the city's continual discharges of wastewater into public streets, private property and waterways including Lake Houston. The City of Houston conducts a rate study every five years and in 2015, the last year of Mayor Anise Parker's term, Mayor Parker and City Council at that time voted to not take any action, thus sending this problem to the next Mayor, Sylvester Turner.

In 2016, after years of kicking the can down the road, I accompanied newly elected Mayor Sylvester Turner, to Washington D.C. with a delegation of Houston City Council Members including Brenda Stardig (R), Jack Christie (R), and Larry Green (D) to meet with President Barack Obama's Senior Advisor, Valerie Jarrett, to discuss the \$7 billion in fines and penalties, identified by the EPA in 2013. That conversation kicked off a brutal three years of negotiations that came to a head in 2019 with the consent decree we have today which was approved on March 2021, by Judge Eskridge of the Southern District of Texas.

This consent decree negotiated by the City and the EPA is to address sanitary sewage overflows that occur throughout Houston each year. In lieu of \$7 billion fines and penalties, the City agreed to invest \$2 billion in fixing the City's dilapidated water and wastewater infrastructure. The \$2 billion infrastructure plan approved by a federal judge on April 2, 2021, includes 430 sewer system projects (https://www.publicworks.houstontx.gov/sites/default/files/assets/003-consent_decree_overview_tti_presentation.pdf) and will be paid by an increase in water bill rates based on the most recent rate study.

The consent decree has been a dark cloud hanging over the City for over a decade. Since the ruling has been issued, the City is required to spend \$2 billion over the next 15 years to upgrade its sanitary sewer system, resulting in a reduction of possible \$7 billion in penalties. If the City had not agreed to this consent decree, the City of Houston would have been fined \$100,000 per day/per incident of sanitary sewer overflow, which is astronomical as several of these issues happen across the city daily.

The most recent rate study, June 2021, (<https://www.houstontx.gov/citysec/2021/wcsrs.pdf>) completed by an independent third party, Carollo Engi-

neers, was used to determine rates necessary to fund our water system through 2026. The updated rates reflect the revenue needed to produce safe drinking water and process wastewater. These rates are not arbitrary, they reflect the actual cost to obtain, treat, and deliver water based on the customer. It is important to note, the City, by law, cannot charge customers more than the cost to operate and maintain the city's water and wastewater systems (<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/WA/htm/wa.13.htm#13.182>). At the conclusion of the Council's discussion on this item, there were amendments added to the item. The one amendment that passed unanimously was to require the City to revisit the rate increase if the City of Houston is able to use potential federal infrastructure bill dollars to address some of our system's needs.

Over the last several years, the City of Houston has been hit hard by natural disasters. At each turn, I've been on the frontlines fighting tooth and nail for every dollar to protect and fortify District E. One thing I have made sure to do while I am your Council Member is to make good decisions even if they are on the road less traveled. I could have easily voted against this item last week and it still would have passed. Voting against this item was not

Dave Martin's Water Bill				
7,000 gallon usage with 1" meter	Previous Rates		Updated Rates	
	May 2021	September 2021	Change \$	Change %
Residential Base Water Charge	\$7.21	\$8.80	\$1.59	22%
Residential Consumption Water Charge	\$37.13	\$41.00	\$3.87	10%
Residential Base Sewer Charge	\$13.00	\$12.45	-\$0.55	-4%
Residential Consumption Sewer Charge	\$42.46	\$54.00	\$11.54	27%
Drainage Charge*	\$19.96	\$19.96	\$0.00	0%
TCEQ Connection Fee**	\$0.00	\$0.21	\$0.21	-
Total	\$119.76	\$136.42	\$16.66	14%

* Drainage Charge was not changed by the recently adopted water and wastewater rates
** TCEQ connection fee is a new fee established by Texas Legislature. It is a pass through of the fee TCEQ charges the City for each connection.

Nearly 60% of single-family residential customers will have a \$5 or less increase on their September bill. I offer you an example using my very own City of Houston water bill for my home in Kingwood which is 4,500 sq ft has 4 bedrooms, 4.5 bathrooms, a swimming pool, and a lawn irrigation system. My bill this September may change by less than \$17.00. Like yours, my water bill varies from month to month, and this bill is my latest, dated May 30, 2021.

To make projecting your new bill easier, the District E office has requested Houston Public Works to create a Water and Wastewater Rate calculator as a tool for residents to calculate their future water rates and prepare for when the updates go into effect.

Once that tool is available to residents, I will make sure it is provided via our District E distribution list. To get on that dis-

tribution list you may email, DistrictE@houstontx.gov.

Thank you for taking the time to read my explanation of why I voted to support the water and wastewater rate updates. *Due to the existing contract between the City of Houston and Clear Lake City Water Authority (CLCWA), residents who receive a utility bill from CLCWA are not affected by the water and wastewater rate change.

To see maps that show the number of reports the City of Houston has received between July 2019 and May 2021 related to Water System Issues and Sanitary Sewer Overflows, visit <https://geogim.sprod.houstontx.gov/Html5Viewer/index.html?viewer=historic-water>.

As illustrated, the City has far too many instances each and every day, and each incident results in a \$100,000 fine every day this incident is not fixed.

Death

Marilynn Kiel



Marilynn Kiel, 76, passed away peacefully April 23, 2020, making the earth a little sadder and heaven a little brighter. She was born March 30, 1944, in Hammond, Ind. The daughter of Leonard and Bonnydel Osgood, she grew up in the Chicagoland area graduating from James H. Bowen High School and eventually earning her master's degree from the University of St. Thomas in Houston. Married to John (Jack) Kiel, who preceded her in death in 2014, they raised six children living in Chicago, Houston, and Peachtree City, Ga., before finally settling back in Houston one last time in 1990.

An avid gardener, a die-hard Chicago sports fan and a skilled craftsperson, her crazy socks and Christmas angel ornaments leave a legacy of laughter, love and joy. Granny Scooter, as she was affectionately called, thoroughly loved spoiling her grandchildren. Her voice over of Elmo will live forever. She loved music and song. It has been said that no matter what line one

might say, she could sing a song for it. Some of her favorites included Jimmy Buffett, The Doobie Brothers and jamming to Mannheim Steamrollers (Christmas music) in the July heat of Houston.

Beloved in her community, Marilynn spent more than 47 years serving the Lord beginning as a CCD volunteer and Glory Choir member at St. Victor's Catholic Church in Calumet City, Ill., (1974-1981). She also served at St. Dominic's Catholic Church (1981-1983, Houston) and Holy Trinity Catholic Church (1983-1990, PeachTree City) before retiring in 2016 after 26 years from her ministry as the director of Children's Ministry at St. Luke the Evangelist. With a servant's heart, her laughter, wisdom, and sense of humor continues to reach far beyond the walls of any church. She will be greatly missed by family, very dear and close friends, countless "Godchildren" and all who were blessed to be touched by her ministry at every stop along the way.

Preceding Marilynn at heaven's gate were her parents Leonard and Bonnydel Osgood; her husband; her son Timothy Kiel; and her granddaughter Elizabeth Kiel.

Marilynn is survived by her children Katherine Ann Kiel; Karen and husband Lou Roesch; Michael Kiel of Houston; Thomas and wife Beth of Acworth, Ga.; and Amanda and husband Darrel Kirkpatrick of Houston. She is also survived by her brother-in-law Thomas Kiel of Chicago, Ill.; grandchildren Seth Barber, Carrie

and Jonathan Gobert, Aaron Tristan, Alicia Kiel, Bracelin (Kiel) an husband Ariel Gonzalez, Danny Kiel, Jessica (Kiel) and husband Alec Nauris, Adam and Brady Kiel and Rylie Kirkpatrick; great-grandchildren Kalli and Jacob Gobert, Isabella and Finn Gonzalez and James Nauris; nephews: Jeffrey, David and wife Gina Kiel; great-nephew and niece: Spencer and Sydney Kiel.

The family remembers her as a true angel now and forever whose life embodied the words of Mother Teresa "Joy is prayer; joy is strength; joy is love; joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls."

A memorial Mass for family and friends will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 31, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road.

Leader obituary policy

Obituaries submitted to the Leader are published free of charge. There must be a South Belt connection. Obituaries are edited to the Leader style.

In My Opinion

Parhms speaks about real estate for seniors

After have lived and been a Realtor in the South Belt area for the last 25 years I want to share some information. For the 50 plus homeowners there are some new options Seniors have when buying and selling homes.

There are the Senior Real Estate Specialist that are trained to handle the new options for today senior housing market because as the community matures and their needs in real estate changes.

These options can be anything from a plan senior community, or seniors with special needs to having your home design to fit special needs, reverse mortgage, or the reverse purchase.

If you are thinking about selling your home, maybe you're retiring, downsizing, or a major life event has made you consider a move. You need a specialist with the unique training and experience in helping 50 plus homeowners.

Someone who understands that the decision to sell can be difficult and is trained to lookout for the interest of Seniors. Sell-

ing a home can be an emotional time, potentially involving other life decisions.

Seniors can get help to navigate their choices and can get a network of experts, elder attorneys for seniors, tax counselors, financial advisers, and estate planners who can help you understand the financial consequences of selling your home. Reliable contractors and handy men to get your home prepared for showings; estate sale organizers, senior moving specialists and transitional coaches to deal with post-sale issues. All working together to make a smooth transition.

Someone familiar with active adult and community service organizations in the area. They can provide referrals to a variety of resources at the local, state, and national level.

The National Association of Realtors wanted to create specialists to cater to the needs, and interest of maturing Americans. The Senior Real Estate Specialist SRES.

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Local library events set

In case of storms or adverse weather, refer to library websites for details.

Bracewell Library
For the Summer Reading Program and children's services, visit houstontxlibrary.org/fun. Events are still virtual. Visit <https://houstontxlibrary.org/> for details.

Bracewell Library, 9002 Kingspoint, is open. Customers are encouraged to come into the building to browse the collection, check out and return materials, use the library's computers and Wi-Fi, and check out their own holds. In addition, customers may continue to schedule appointments and have curbside delivery of their items. For information, visit <https://houstontxlibrary.org/>. For online learning, visit <https://houstontxlibrary.org/online-learning-7556> or call 832-393-2580. Hours are: Mondays, noon - 7 p.m.; Tuesdays, noon - 5 p.m.; Wednesdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Thursdays, noon - 5 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Bracewell HPL To Go curbside service is available by appointment
Contactless curbside services, known as HPL To Go, are available by appointment. For questions, call circulation at 832-393-2222. To use HPL To Go:

1. Place a hold through the online catalog or by phone.
2. Receive email or phone call of notification prior to scheduling a time for pickup.
3. Upon arrival, park and stay in the vehicle and call to notify staff of arrival.
4. Have MY Link card number and PIN ready.

Book drop
The book drop is open. Library materials can be returned. The library continues to provide online resources to enjoy the library virtually. Large items such as FLIP kits or laptops should not be placed in the book drop, but taken inside.

Additional resources

The Houston Public Library has electronic resources, books, audiobooks, databases for research, tutoring, language learning, education and parent information for Texas residents with a library card. To get a card, visit the home page at www.houstontxlibrary.org under Here's What's Happening. Click on Free Resources for All to access digital resources and access a link for a temporary card. Also, under Here's What's Happening, the card titled Online Resources for Kids accesses a Virtual Storytime provided on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m.

The archived storytimes are found on Facebook under Houston Public Library Virtual Storytimes. Another virtual program is Craft.

Houston Public Library's many free online resources and digital services are available 24/7 with a MY Link Library Card at www.houstontxlibrary.org, including e-books and e-audiobooks, streaming TV, movie and music services, online classes and tutoring and databases. Until further notice, only electronic items (i.e. e-books, e-audio books, etc.) are eligible for holds and check-out. HPL has a collection of free e-books and audio books.

Visit the catalog for previously requested hold selection may be in a digital format. Instructions on downloading the e-book or audio book are on the site.

All overdue fines/fees will be waived through Dec. 31, 2021, retroactive to March 14, 2020. While the Bracewell Branch Library remains closed, Wi-Fi service is still available by coming to the library standing/sitting within six feet of the building. A password is not needed. Go to Settings, then Network and Internet, Wi-Fi and connect to HPL - Public.

For additional information, visit www.houstontxlibrary.org to chat with a librarian 24/7, or to send questions through HPL's email reference.

Parker Williams Library

Parker Williams Library has now officially reopened its doors, subject to limited capacity. See the website at <https://www.hcpl.net/reopening> for information. The library will follow state and county guidelines for mask and social distancing.

The book drop is open. Social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Parker Williams "No-Contact Curbside Holds Pick-Up"

- After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.
- Have a library card number and PIN handy.
- A pickup time and instructions will be given.
- Upon arriving at the library, follow the instructions given.
- Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.

Curbside hours are: Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for additional information.

Online services

- Use HCPL Wi-Fi service with HCPL's drive-up Wi-Fi.
- Attend an HCPL program or story time online through Facebook or YouTube.
- Check accounts to renew loans or request books, e-books, comics or graphic novels.
- Stream classic films, Indie cinema and award-winning documentaries on Kanopy.
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- Read along and play with picture books on TumbleBooks.
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Thursday, July 22, 10:30 a.m. Virtual Toddler Time. Take a moment to have some fun and interaction with the little ones. Join John Harbaugh and Jason Cruz for a virtual Toddler Time in an online format through Microsoft Teams. Parents are encouraged to participate to facilitate interaction. While this program is designed for 18 months to 4-year-olds, all children and families are welcome to join virtually. Sign up once with a valid email address online at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> to get a weekly invitation.

Friday, July 23, 1 p.m. Draw with Me. Join Ariel Perez who tries something a little more difficult, but still fun and easy to follow. Residents will be needing pens and markers for these videos which will be featured on Facebook and Instagram.

Friday, July 23, 5 p.m. Is It Wrong to Watch So Much Anime? Episode 23: "Summer Binge." The heat is here! It is time to crawl into air conditioned caves and wait to go out at night. What is there to do during the long days of summer? Binge watch a favorite (Or new favorite?) anime series! John Harbaugh and Jason Cruz will give their top binge-worthy anime series to finish in one sitting. This video will be featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Tuesday, July 27, 10:30 a.m. Virtual Story Time. Join John Harbaugh for stories and songs. Families with children of all ages are welcome. This program will be on Facebook Live and can be found at Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Tuesday, July 27, noon. Have fun drawing with Ariel Perez for virtual fun and easy cartoon drawings featuring various doodles, numbers and letters. This video will be featured online at Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Wednesday, July 28, 3 p.m. Pets of PW - Laika. Get to know the beloved pets of those that work at the Parker Williams Branch. The dog days of summer are here. Named for the first dog in space, learn more about Laika, Alicia Olivo's pup. This video will be featured online at Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

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Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca
A member of the ASHLEY POINTE SUBDIVISION Facebook page shared surveillance footage and pictures of a suspect that followed the member's neighbor from the bank on FM 2351. The member states the suspect was in a black SUV, the vehicle circled the neighborhood and once the neighbor entered her residence one of the male subjects attempted to open the vehicle door. The suspect was wearing a gray hoodie and dark pants, the member was unable to read the license plate. The incident was at 4 p.m. Friday, July 16, on Sierra Grace Lane.

A member of the Neighbor's app posted a video of an individual who was caught looking into the member's vehicles Wednesday, July 14, in the Clearview Village subdivision. The individual was on foot and dressed all in black, with white shoes and a had a flashlight. Other members commented that the individual was caught on camera the weekend before doing the same thing.

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Chambers gather for State of the County with Garcia

On Thursday, July 15, the South Channel Region Chambers hosted its annual State of the Precinct Membership Luncheon featuring Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia. The South Channel Region Chambers includes chambers of commerce from South

Belt, Clear Lake Area, Deer Park, La Porte, Pasadena and South Houston. Several local elected officials attended the event, including representatives, legislators, mayors, city council members, constables and school board members.

Garcia and Garcia



At left, Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia (right) was the featured speaker at the annual State of the Precinct Membership Luncheon, hosted by the South Channel Region Chambers Thursday, July 15, at the Sylvan Beach Pavilion in La Porte. Chambers from South Belt, Clear Lake Area, Deer Park, La Porte, Pasadena and South Houston were in attendance. Shown with the commissioner is Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia.

Garcia greets MUD reps



Representatives from the Clear Brook City MUD recently attended the South Channel Region Chambers' annual State of the Precinct Membership Luncheon, featuring guest speaker Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia (second from right). Shown above with the commissioner are, left to right, Cecelia Ganje, general manager of administration at Clear Brook City MUD; Jim Towey, CBC MUD assistant secretary; and Chris Clark, CBC MUD assistant secretary.

Ly cherishes Scarcella's guidance, humor

Dr. Kirk Lewis Career & Technical High School's Shining Star Kenny Ly (below, left) is shown with distinguished educator David Scarcella who teaches ninth- through 12th- grade robotics.

Commenting on his teacher, Ly said, "The impact that Mr. Scarcella had on me throughout all of high school was incredible. He was always fun to hang around with, would laugh at my bad jokes, and feed me an endless supply of applause. The opportunities that I was able to achieve because of his guidance on our team, and ultimately on me, is nothing short of amazing and I consider him to be my second pathway teacher. From the bottom of my heart, I thank him for contributing to my growth into the future."

Ly has shown leadership as CTHS Smash Club president and yearbook editor-in-chief (2019-2020). Extracurricular activities for Ly include FIRST Robotics, VEX Robotics, Space Settlement Design Competition (SSDC), Skills USA and eSports Club.

Community service activities for Ly included CTHS CTE Camp; Robotics camp; Parent Night; CTHS eighth-grade Welcome Night; FIRST Robotics Field Reset; 2019 Pasadena Police Trunk or Treat; VEX Field Reset, concessions; VEX IQ Field Reset, concessions; and Vietnamese Martyrs Church Crawfish Festival.

"After high school, I plan on pursuing education in Design at UT Austin," Ly said.

The South Belt Shining Stars will be presented in a series of students being honored along with their favorite mentor. The Shining Stars represent the top Dr. Kirk Lewis Career & Technical High School students.

The information and photos were submitted by Pasadena Independent School District. The Leader is also running the Shining Stars from Dobie, Pasadena Memorial and South Houston high schools.



Rangel thankful for support

South Houston High School's Shining Star Marangelly Rangel (right) is shown with distinguished educator Carol Patterson who teaches ninth- and 10th-grade AVID.

Commenting on her teacher, Rangel said, "I chose Mrs. Patterson because she has inspired me to push forward despite the hardships and challenges. I had Mrs. Patterson for AVID freshman and sophomore years, and she made my transition to high school easy and more enjoyable. She has been encouraging, motivating, and caring toward every one of her students, even now as seniors. Mrs. Patterson has had the most significant impact on my educational accomplishments, and I appreciate all she has done for me. I owe my success at Early College High School to her and her mentorship."

Extracurricular activities for Rangel include choir and National Honor Society.

Community service activities for Rangel included ECHS tutoring, Trunk or Hunt Service for NHS, volunteering at Champion Food Company and volunteering for Candy's Christmas Lights.

"After high school, I plan on attending University of Houston - Main campus to become a radiologist," Rangel said.

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Gas leak in South Belt



There was a gas leak near the Ashley Pointe subdivision Friday, July 16. The leak was reported by South Belt resident Richard Hedrick. "It smelled really bad," Hedrick said. While emergency crews were quick to respond to the incident, repairs took all day to complete, Hedrick said. As a precaution, the road was blocked off, and some residents were evacuated. Firefighters are shown above responding to the incident.



Backpacks for KIDS

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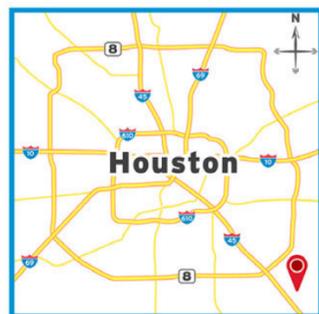


Our goal is to help lessen the financial burden on families by providing school supplies for the children. Come on out with the family to get school supplies and enjoy interacting with community partners, such as HPD, NASA, and more. This event will be held at Hunton Distribution located at 735 FM 1959 (Dixie Farm Rd.) Houston, TX.

Supplies are limited. Children receiving backpacks must be present.

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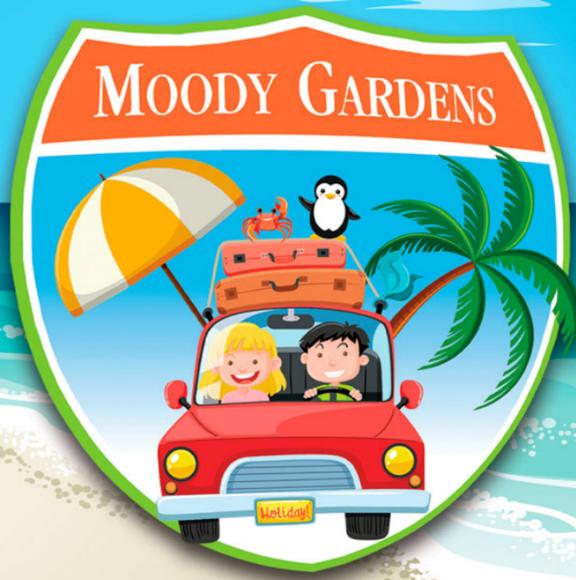


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Ellis motivates Sadeghi to strive for success

Pasadena Memorial High School's Shining Star Mojtaba Sadeghi (below, left) is shown with distinguished educator Victoria Ellis who teaches 10th- and 12th-grade AP history and honors history through film.

Commenting on his teacher, Sadeghi said, "Mrs. Ellis has been a phenomenal educator and school-mom for every student, especially for me. She guides students academically and personally with great pleasure. Not only has she taught me to learn beyond what is expected of me, she has also instilled in me the power to persevere and to always ask questions. As kindred spirits, she has continuously encouraged me to work hard and celebrate both my mistakes and my accomplishments. Always cheering by my side, Mrs. Ellis has kept me grounded over the years and it has truly been an honor to be her student."

Sadeghi has shown leadership as Interact co-president/district governor, HOSA vice president/state officer, National Honor Society president and student council co-pres-

ident. Extracurricular activities for Sadeghi include Interact, HOSA, National Honor Society, student council, Mav Labs (research) and orchestra.

Community service activities for Sadeghi included Rotary Books for the World, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, TeensYOUnted (mental health initiative) and NewGen Peacebuilders.

"After high school, I plan to double major in computer science and neuroscience at Johns Hopkins University; neurosurgeon," Sadeghi said.

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'Be Someone' artist's message showcased

For someone who wishes to remain anonymous, the "Be Someone" bridge graffiti artist, whose work has become a well-known Houston landmark, would like to make sure his message is heard by as many people as possible.

University of Houston-Clear Lake's Art Gallery will be exhibiting art featuring his affirming "Be Someone" message July 12-Aug. 20.

In an interview the artist gave UH-Clear Lake's student newspaper The Sig-

nal, in 2017, he said his first piece of overpass graffiti art was created in 2012 on a Union Pacific bridge over I-45. It was defaced numerous times, but he always repainted it.

The anonymous artist explained that his "Be Someone" message was about people finding their true selves. "Because once you find you, you can spread as much of you to the world as you can. That's how I do it," he said.

"As soon as I found myself, I was able to understand who I was, understand what I can do, understand where I can go and understand how I can help, or in what way I can put my two cents into the world," he continued. "And I decided to do it with art. With art, graffiti and the whole "Be someone" movement."

The anonymous artist said he'd begun as a graffiti artist just writing things that didn't mean anything in particular to anybody, like "BLOB."

"So, one time, I was like, man, if I'm really going to be writing something up there, I want people to appreciate it and read and figure out what they want to do in life because I was in a time where I was trying to figure out what I want to do," he said.

"And, you know, it's an ongoing thing. So just falling back into that phrase, fall back into the movement, it helps you capture yourself, it helps you find a way to evolve as a person and do what you can do for the community," he explained. "Because it's an ongoing thing. It's not just that and that's it; it's universal; it's broad. You figure out how you want to use that."

The artist said he has graphic T-shirts for sale in the Art Gallery, and he can be followed on Instagram at www.instagram.com/be someone/.

For more information about events at the UHCL Art Gallery, visit www.uhcl.edu/art-gallery/.

Bars may be coming to nearby Pearland

Pappas restaurants, which tax revenue to neighboring communities that allow the sale of alcohol.

Thompson further said the city's existing regulations limit the types of entertainment available in the city. "Until this law is changed, Pearland is limited in the types of entertainment options that can legally operate in the city," said Thompson. "Our committee has been working closely with our local elected officials, law enforcement and city leaders to ensure Pearland continues to be a community of choice in Greater Houston."

One such option being proposed is an entertainment district located near Beltway 8 and SH 288. If the measure were approved by voters, such a district could allow businesses like Top Golf and

University of Houston-Clear Lake's Art Gallery will be exhibiting art featuring his affirming "Be Someone" message July 12-Aug. 20.

The movement has gained the support of at least three Pearland City Council members, including Luke Orlando, Alex Kamkar and Adrian Hernandez. Other council members have voiced their support for at least letting the voters decide on the matter.

In order to appear on the November ballot, the petition needs to have at least 15,000 valid signatures. The deadline to have the required signatures was July 20. While the group collected more than the required numbers of signatures, they had not all been verified at press time. The city secretary has 30 days to validate the signatures.

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Road construction affects local area

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Work on all three projects was originally scheduled to begin in March but was pushed back. The city's website was updated to say work was to begin mid-2021.

At press time, cones had been set up at the traffic circle, but no construction had begun. Once work begins on the circle, it is scheduled to take 534 days to complete. The other two projects will take approximately 310 days.

Another Pearland traffic project affecting South Belt residents is currently in the design phase. The intersection of Dixie Farm Road and FM 518 will receive dual left-lane turns only on the Dixie Farm Road side of the intersection. The intersection has seen a growth in left-turn movement and was designed to eventually incorporate dual lefts when needed.

The project's design phase is nearing completion, with work projected to begin later this year.

Future projects
The City of Pearland has several other projects currently in the planning phase, with construction dates still years out.

These projects range from major thoroughfare widenings to intersection improvements.

FM 518 will receive a major road widening from

SH 288 to Walnut, expanding the road from four to six lanes, with medians and left-turn control movements.

The project will be in two phases, Phase 1 - SH 288 to Cullen Parkway and Phase 2 - Cullen Parkway to Walnut. TxDOT is in the initial stage of design schematics, and construction is scheduled to start on Phase 1 in 2024.

The Pearland Parkway intersections at FM 518 and Barry Rose are scheduled for additional capacity improvements as well.

The Pearland Parkway intersection dual left-turn improvements and right-turn improvements are scheduled for design in FY2021 and construction in FY2022, along with the design for the Barry Rose intersection for dual lefts and construction to follow in FY2023. Each of the improvements will provide additional capacity at the intersections to improve the traffic storage and flow.

The city is also due to receive a Thoroughfare Plan update. The last model was developed in 2012 and modeled to 2035.

With mobility improvements completed and in design, and with the upcoming 2020 census results, an updated model is in order and will begin design after the census data is received in 2021.

COVID vax July 28

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- They will be administering the Pfizer vaccine.

- People needing first or second vaccination are welcome.

- One can receive their second dose of the vaccine at this location as long as 28 days have passed since their first vaccine, the first dose was Pfizer and they should bring their vaccination card.

- After receiving the vaccination, they will be asked to

wait in an observation area for 15-30 minutes.

One should call the parish office at 281-481-6816 Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or register online at <https://app.espace.cool/PublicEventRegistration/EventDetails?ministryId=11541&scheduleId=3143061&occurrenceId=40419704>.

Participants will be asked to provide a name and phone number upon registering.

Pachyderm club lunch Aug. 5

Galveston Island Pachyderm Club will host a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at Coastal Grill, 1827 Strand St. There will be an extensive luncheon menu.

Guest speaker U.S. Congressman Randy Weber will discuss his visit with former President Donald Trump concerning the Texas border and immigration issues.

Backpacks for Kids

The Houston Police Department, Clear Lake Division, is hosting its third annual school supply giveaway called Backpacks for Kids, Saturday, Aug. 7, from 8 a.m. to noon while supplies last. Supplies are limited and children receiving supplies must be present. This event will be held at Hunton Distribution located at 735 FM 2959 (Dixie Farm Road).

The goal of HPD is to help lessen the financial burden on families by providing school supplies for the children. Plan to go out and get school supplies and come to enjoy interacting with community partners such as HPD, NASA and more.

Rodriguez-Diaz inspires Pham

J. Frank Dobie High School's Shining Star Leyna Pham (below, right) is shown with distinguished educator Erika Rodriguez-Diaz who teaches seventh- and eighth-grade Spanish.

Commenting on her teacher, Pham said, "My most memorable moments at V.W. Miller have been in my Spanish class with Ms. Rodriguez. She made class easy and enjoyable, but most importantly, she treated her students like they were her children. As I entered high school, she gave me advice whenever I was struggling. I have always admired Ms. Rodriguez for her hard work and determination. She taught me to pursue my interests and do what makes me happy. I will always look up to her and I know that she will be an inspiration to other students."

Extracurricular activities for Pham in-

clude orchestra and HOSA.

Community service activities for Pham included Key Club, UTMB and tutoring. "After high school, I plan on going to the University of Texas at Austin to get my bachelor's degree in neuroscience. I want to go to medical school to become a neurologist or get my Ph.D. to become a neural engineer," Pham said.

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City water rates increase

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The City of Houston include Sagement, Sagement Park, Kirkwood, Genoa, Beverly Hills, Rainbow Valley, Eastridge Terrace, Sycamore Valley, Scarsdale and King's Place.

In spite of residing outside the Houston city limits, residents living in the Sagement MUD and Kirkmont MUD will also see a rate increase, as both utility districts get their water from the city.

According to Linda Arnone, Kirkmont MUD manager, Kirkmont residents

will see a monthly increase of \$4.27, including \$2.27 for water and \$2.05 for sewer. The increase will appear on next month's bill.

Sage Meadow MUD official Glenn Williams told the Leader the exact rate increase for Sage Meadow residents was unclear at press time, as the district's operator and attorney have had no correspondence with the city.

"We're anticipating to hear from them," said Williams.

Residents who are serviced by either the Clear

Lake City Water Authority or the Clear Brook City MUD will not see a rate increase, as both utility districts entered into contracts with the city that prohibit such a hike.

The Clear Brook City MUD includes the following subdivisions: Amanda Glen, Ashley Pointe, Blackhawk, Clear Brook Landing, Clear Brook Meadows, College Place, Estate of Green Tee, Highland Meadows, Meadows of Clear Creek, Riverstone Ranch, Sageglen, Still Water Cove and Woodmeadow I and II.

BAC holding chorus auditions

Auditions for singers wishing to join the Bay Area Chorus of Greater Houston will be held two consecutive Sundays, Aug. 15 and 22, from 5 to 7 p.m. at New Beginnings Church, located at 1415 W. Main St. in League City. To schedule an appointment, call 832-932-5991.

During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic the BAC was not able to rehearse or perform. It was with great excitement that rehearsals resumed again March 1. The first performance of the BAC came to fruition with two very inspiring concerts for Memorial Day.

Now the BAC is anticipating a full year of scheduled

concerts beginning Nov. 6 and 7 commemorating Veteran's Day; two Christmas concerts Dec. 4 and 5; and a Master Works concert May 2022, presenting Charles Gounod's "St. Cecilia Mass."

Rehearsals begin Aug. 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Nassau Bay. Their membership consists of singers from Katy, the Woodlands, Pearland and all over the Greater Houston Area.

Man killed by officers

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Officers who discharged their weapons, are assigned to the Gang Division. Garcia was sworn in as an officer in August 2016 and Salazar in April 2016. Neither officer was injured.

As is customary in HPD officer-involved shooting incidents in the city limits, the case is being investigated by the HPD Special Investigations Unit, the Internal Affairs Division and the Harris County District Attorney's Office.

Pct. 2 catch thieves

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Deputies and officers then gave chase, eventually asking for assistance from a K9 Unit, as well as a helicopter. After extensively searching the area, the two suspects were eventually located.

The two men were positively identified and taken into custody without further incident.

Precinct 2 deputies took primary for this case and eventually had charges accepted on 55-year-old Evans Jones and 53-year-old John Williams for felony burglary of a building.

Governor appoints Mitchell

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Completed, the Coastal Texas study will be the largest civil works project in U.S. history. Like the seawall before it, this system will protect our state and national economy and millions of Texans for generations to come. Texas ports handle 65 percent of all U.S. cargo. The Port of Beaumont handles more military cargo movement than any other port in the U.S. The GCPD region also produces 60 percent of the nation's aviation fuel, 42 percent of the nation's specialty chemical

feedstock and 80 percent of the nation's military grade fuel. The creation of this district provides opportunity to leverage almost \$30 billion federal dollars to protect the ports of Beaumont, Harris County and Galveston from storm surges."

Mitchell joins fellow appointees Sally Bakko, Michel Bechel, Roger Guenther, Lori J. Trawick and Michael VanDerSnick on the board. Additionally, Nicole Sunstrum will serve as the temporary executive director. Their terms will expire June 16, 2025.

45 years ago (1976)

The Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees approved a preliminary budget. It provided raises for employees and increased funds for teaching supplies, while leaving the tax base unchanged. Counting on an anticipated carry-over, the board passed a record \$39.95 million budget, exactly matching estimated revenues and expenses.

The San Jacinto Junior College board of regents met to approve details of an upcoming bond election. If passed, the \$7 million would supply funds for an extension to be built on the Beamer Road property purchased by San Jacinto College.

40 years ago (1981)

Annual salary increases ranging from \$2,227 to \$3,097 for PISD teachers were approved by the board of trustees.

Dobie High School associate principal Jimmy Barber moved to South Houston High School as its new principal.

35 years ago (1986)

After a burglary in Wood Meadow, two men, Francisco Saucedo, 31, and Juan Garcia, 27, were caught after being stopped for a traffic violation.

Elmer G. Bondy, PISD assistant superintendent for secondary education, retired after 39 years of service.

30 years ago (1991)

Jim Salyer was named chief executive officer of Memorial Hospital Southeast.

Clear Creek Independent School District's superintendent, Dr. Ron McLeod, created controversy when he recommended closing Weber Elementary during incineration at Brio.

25 years ago (1996)

Eliaday "Lia" McCord, a 1991 Clear Brook graduate arrested for smuggling heroin in Bangladesh, was released from prison. She was pardoned by the president of Bangladesh due to her age at the time of the crime.

The PISD school trustees approved \$84.7 million in new construction and repairs which included rebuilding Pasadena High School and Jackson Intermediate. Construction would also include additions to several campuses including Thompson Intermediate and Atkinson, Meador and Stuchbery elementaries.

20 years ago (2001)
A contract between CCISD officials and a developer to purchase 16 acres of property off Scarsdale and Blackhawk was signed. CCISD Superintendent Dr. John Wilson said construction could begin on the new Weber Elementary before fall, which would allow usage of the new school for

much of the 2002-2003 school year. The old Weber Elementary in Southbend was torn down as part of the Brio cleanup. The replacement campus was in response to pressure from the community for a local elementary school.

The Sagement Senior Little League 14-year-old All-Star team advanced to the state competition in Waco.

15 years ago (2006)

Several Harris County construction projects, including a community center, the Scarsdale/Yost connection, a county annex, and a tree farm, began.

Deputies from Constable Gary Freeman's office reported a burglary of a business and arrests for cocaine and prohibited weapons.

A family disturbance in the Kirkwood subdivision resulted in the shooting death of a suspect around 1:30 a.m.

10 years ago (2011)

The U.S. Army Reserve's 75th Mission Command

Training Division celebrated a change of command. Stationed at Ellington Field, the unit relocated from its former base on Old Spanish Trail in 2008. Brig. Gen. Jimmie Jaye Wells succeeded Maj. Gen. Eldon P. Regua, who served three years as division commander. The ceremony, presided over by Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz, the commander of U.S. Army Reserve, featured the time-honored passing of the guidon between the two commanders.

5 years ago (2016)

A 19-year-old Dobie graduate died July 15, after an accidental shooting that took place in the 12000 block of Sageland near Sagedowne. Jacob Lara was pronounced dead at the scene. According to police, Lara and his 16-year-old girlfriend were trying to latch the safety lock on a gun when it discharged, striking him in the face. The female called 911, but Lara was already dead by the time paramedics arrived. Lara had reportedly just purchased the handgun.

1 year ago (2020)

With the number of COVID-19 numbers still continuing to climb, local officials altered their positions on reopening area schools in the fall. As for the Pasadena Independent School District, it was decided that in-person instruction would be pushed back until the second week of September. Clear Creek ISD approved a modification to the 2020-2021 academic calendar to provide a gradual transition of students back into schools. San Jacinto College moved its spring commencement online.

The ceremony was originally postponed from May to August due to COVID-19, before being switched to take place virtually.

Remember When



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JOSE!

Greetings for a happy birthday July 25 are sent to **Jose Abarca** from his wife **Natalie**; children **Kelvin Lopez, Noah, Eliana and Isabella Abarca**; mother-in-law **Ellie Flickinger** and her husband **David Flickinger** (Leader president); grandparents **Marie and David Flickinger**; and friends and staff at the Leader.

IRVINES ENJOY ANNIVERSARY!

Wishes for a happy anniversary July 26 are sent to **Steven and Rebecca (Heeth) Irvine** from Rebecca's father **Richard Heeth**, a longtime and Kirkwood resident.

TORI CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY

Special birthday wishes are sent July 28 to former South Belt resident and Dobie High School graduate **Tori Mask** from friends and the Leader staff. She currently posts a blog about the history of the South Belt on <http://southbelthouston.blogspot.com/>.

KENNY MARKS A BIRTHDAY

Break out the balloons and party favors for **Kenny Fernandez** who celebrates a birthday July 26. He is active in the community as a local businessman, president/CEO at North American Shipping Agencies and chairman of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following staff of the Pasadena Inde-

pendent School District celebrate birthdays July 22 through July 28.

Frazier Elementary

Greetings for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Eryqa Glenn and Elizandra Lopez** July 23. Marking a birthday July 25 is **Virginia Light**.

Genoa Elementary

Sing a happy birthday song July 22 to **Lisa Hernandez**. Join in the birthday celebration July 28 for **Lisette Kearns**.

Meador Elementary

Marking a birthday July 25 is **Maria Gonzalez**.

Moore Elementary

The day for a double-fun birthday for **Gloria Guillen and Myra Nevarez** is July 26.

South Belt Elementary

Sing three choruses of a birthday song July 26 to **Hortensia Armenta, Marie Goree and Sara Simmons**. Send a birthday greeting July 28 to **Lakitha Green**.

Stuchbery Elementary

Break out the birthday cake and ice cream July 22 for **Ella Escalona**.

Roberts Middle School

Light the birthday candles July 27 for **Fred Leggin**.

Dobie High

Cheers for a birthday celebration July 22 for **Saiyeda Blanco and Kevin Erickson**. Break out the balloons and party favors for the July

24 birthday celebration of **Rebekka Gabino and Cam Luong**. Birthday greetings are sent to **Riwen Hickman** July 25.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

For those wanting a birthday mentioned in this section, email mynews@southbelt-leader.com with "OTBF: Friends Celebrate Birthdays" in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Thursday, July 22: **Judith Kemie**; Friday, July 23: **Mario Salazar, Angeles Gomez, Melinda Evans and Amanda Karsten**; Saturday, July 24: **Richard Schreier, Montoya Wiltner, Connie Alberti, Richard Golenko and Pete Ortiz**; Sunday, July 25: **Kelly Jones, Stephanie Gutierrez, Cherie Cundiff, Mario Rodriguez and Brodie Riner Jr.**; Monday, July 26: **Kenneth Sublett, Magda Adams, Debra Patterson, Kendrick Woods, Jenny Batson, Terrie Nichols, Kenny Fernandez, Eric Madsen, Gina D'Orazio and Elizabeth Bazan**; Tuesday, July 27: **Lydia Garcia, Joanne Mata and Sean Kean**; and Wednesday, July 28: **Ariana Mena, Alyssa Chambers, Tori Mask, Dana Milburn and Sandy Nelson**.

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Dave Campbell's Texas Football annual again has JFD football tops

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Deer Park Deer

A 41-21 loss to Dobie down the stretch pushed the Deer into the 6A Division I second playoff seed, and the two teams will most likely again go head-to-head in 2021 for the crown.

But while the Longhorns return a third-year starter at quarterback in Cameron Gray, the Deer return just seven starters total as head coach Austin Flynn reloads the roster.

First team all district running back Alex Argueta figures to be counted on heavily as the Deer work that first-year signal-caller, likely Teague Sedtal, into the mix.

Ethan Alvarado is the team's most experienced offensive lineman, and Hayden Smith also has considerable playing time at receiver.

Linebacker Dino Demetriou and defensive back Jake Schaper, a 2020 all district pick, are the big names on that side of the ball.

Memorial Mavericks
Head coach Jamie Crocker's Mavericks return seven starters on offense but will also start a new quarterback as the team tries to return to the Division II playoff field

following a 2020 loss to C.E. King.

Hayden Stallings appears to be the man at quarterback, and Xavier Lerma gives the Mavericks plenty of experience at running back with Corey Johnson also a big threat at receiver.

Quincy Swain is a top candidate for plenty of targets at receiver, and the running back of Memorial's future appears to be Jaylon Bell after he saw varsity action in 2020 as a freshman.

Alex Mateo and Ivan Robles also return to the offensive front, giving Memorial the veteran leadership needed to get off to a strong start.

Linebacker Jayden Balarez is the team's top returnee on the defensive side after 58 tackles in 2020, and Cleveland Tucker is a difference maker in the secondary.

Channelview Falcons
Considering the Falcons shut out Rayburn in 2020, the team's defense otherwise allowed an average of 35 points per game, which will need to change if there is headway to be made in 2021.

The past is the past, but Channelview wound up 4-5 overall and 3-3 in District 22-6A action.

That was good for the Division II second playoff seeding, which brought about a 56-0 loss to C.E. King in the bidistrict playoff round.

The Falcons missed two weeks of the season while battling coronavirus concerns in-house, and just 25 players in all return at the varsity level, including 16 lettermen.

Longtime Channelview head coach Averion Hurts, father of current Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts, will look to get the defense turned around with the return of six starters on that side of the ball.

Defensive backs Damontrion Buchanan (four interceptions in 2020) and Cameron Richardson are being counted on to lead the way in the back, and the front is anchored by Fernando Garcia.

There are eight starters back on the offensive side of things, led by third-year starting quarterback Demetrius Charles, who edged Dobie's Cameron Gray as *Dave Campbell's* Preseason Offensive Most Valuable Player for 2021 after tossing for nearly 2,000 yards and 20 touchdowns to go with another nine rushing scores.

Josiah Prince and Dar-

rien Williams return as the Falcons' top receivers, but the team will feature a first-year starter at running back.

Overall depth also has to be a concern, but Channelview has every intention of bettering its fourth overall finish in the 22-6A standings from a year ago.

South Houston Trojans
There are certainly many within the South Houston camp who believe 2021 can be a breakthrough season for the Trojans.

With sophomore quarterback and 2020 District 22-6A Newcomer of the Year Kam'Ron Webb and nine other starters likely back on the offensive side of things, the Trojans will have continuity on their side for sure.

Webb rushed for more than 1,000 yards and 12 touchdowns as a freshman at the varsity level and passed for 525 more and five scores, so he is a proven force in the 22-6A mix.

Jeremiah Sheppard and Kendrick Banks could help in a big way at receiver, and sophomore Christian Epps figures to get a significant opportunity at running back along with Ja'Cory Johnson, who had nearly 500 yards rushing and five scores a season

ago.

Dreshon Downey is the big name on defense in the backfield and defensive end Jeff Gamboa is back as a third-year starter.

The facts are the facts. Even with Webb in 2020, the Trojans went 2-4 in league play.

Dobie is still the class of the district, but can the Trojans get a win over Memorial or perhaps Channelview and get into the Division II playoff mix?

The Trojans last made the postseason in 2017, so the timing is right for a return, particularly with Webb in the mix.

The key for the Trojans likely lies on whether the defense can make enough big plays over the course of a full game.

Head coach Patrick Longstreet's offense has the firepower to score points in bunches, so expect South Houston to be involved in plenty of scoreboard shootouts.

Sam Rayburn Texans
Former Dobie assistant coach Demond Stafford certainly has the Texans' program on an upswing after a three-win season in 2020 helped break a 30-game losing streak.

But in the "what have you done for me lately?" category, Sam Rayburn

now must turn the page and move ahead without the services of South-ern Methodist University signee Je'lin Samuels (defensive end) and others.

Quarterback Esteban Nava gives the Texans a key returnee at the spot, and Jesus Mendoza returns as the squad's top receiver.

Newcomer Jorge Vasquez, meanwhile, steps in as the main option in the backfield for the Eagles as the team eyes offensive options.

Pasadena Eagles

Following an 0-9 run in 2020 and just three total wins since the start of 2018, the Pasadena Eagles eye better results in 2021 as quarterback Cameron Murray returns behind a veteran offensive line and nine returners in all on that side of the ball.

Ivan Maldonado and Humberto Baez figure to anchor things up front, and Uriel Gomez and Santos Gonzalez are the big names on the offensive side.

Campbell's Texas Football has Dobie No. 43 in state

Dobie's popularity is on the upswing for 2021, with *Dave Campbell's Texas Football* having landed the Longhorns at No. 43 in its Class 6A statewide rankings heading into the regular season.

Defending Class 6A Division I state champion Austin Westlake is back in the driver's seat at No. 1, with Region III Division II favorite Katy at No. 2. Southlake Carroll is at No. 3.

North Shore, a bidistrict playoff possibility of Dobie, is at 4. Duncanville is fifth, and Atascocita, the other bidistrict playoff choice for the Longhorns, at No. 6.

Campbell's 6A presea-

son state top 10 is rounded out with Eules Trinity seventh, Lake Travis eighth, Arlington Martin in the ninth slot and Allen, the largest high school in the state by enrollment, sitting 10th.

Dobie, with an enrollment figure of 4,209, remains within the top 10 high schools in the state by size and will this season and almost every season be a Division I playoff entrant regardless of final district finish.

The University Interscholastic League is more seriously than ever considering a Class 7A designation, but a move like that is perhaps another realignment period away.

Longhorns eye scrimmages

Dobie varsity football head coach Kevin Bernethy has outlined preseason scrimmage plans for the Longhorns, who will begin on-field workouts Aug. 9.

Dobie's freshman program will travel to Ridge Point High School Aug.

13 for a scrimmage, and the Longhorns' entire program will scrimmage against Clear Springs Aug. 20 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

The 2021 regular season is set to kick off Aug. 27 at Alief Elsik as the Longhorns travel to Rhodes Stadium.

Order of Finish

1. Dobie (DI bracket)
2. Deer Park (DI bracket)
3. Channelview (DII bracket)
4. Memorial (DII bracket)
5. South Houston
6. Sam Rayburn
7. Pasadena

Preseason Offensive MVP

Demetrius Charles, QB, Channelview

Preseason Defensive MVP

Nigel Hill, LB, Dobie

Dobie Longhorns

2021 Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 27	at Elsik	7 p.m.
Sept. 3	Bellaire	7 p.m.
Sept. 10	at Friendswood	7 p.m.
Sept. 17	at Dickinson	7 p.m.
Sept. 23	*at Channelview	
Oct. 7	*Pasadena	
Oct. 14	*Deer Park	
Oct. 22	*Memorial	
Oct. 29	*Sam Rayburn	
Nov. 4	*South Houston	

* District 22-6A games

2021 Bay Area Football League Schedules

Sagmont Cowboys	Southbelt Dolphins	Bay Area Bucs	Magnolia Park Sharks	East End Eagles
8/14: at Hurricanes	8/14: at Mustangs	8/14: at Eagles	8/14: at Patriots	8/14: Bucs
8/21: Raiders	8/21: at Eagles	8/21: Texans	8/21: Panthers	8/21: Dolphins
8/28: Patriots	8/28: 49ers	8/28: at Braves	8/28: at Red Raiders	8/28: at S.E. Wildcats
9/4: at Elite	9/4: Braves	9/4: Sharks	9/4: at Bucs	9/4: at Wildcats
9/11: at Bucs	9/11: at Sharks	9/11: Cowboys	9/11: Dolphins	9/11: Warriors
9/18: Red Raiders	9/18: Yellowjackets	9/18: at Panthers	9/18: Elite	9/18: at Bengals
9/25: Bye week	9/25: Bye week	9/25: Bye week	9/25: Bye week	9/25: Bye week
10/2: Eagles	10/2: at Bucs	10/2: Dolphins	10/2: Bengals	10/2: at Cowboys
10/9: at Sharks	10/9: at Wildcats	10/9: at Warriors	10/9: Cowboys	10/9: Yellowjackets
10/16: Mustangs	10/16: Raiders	10/16: S.E. Wildcats	10/16: at Texans	10/16: at 49ers
10/25: at Dolphins	10/25: Cowboys	10/25: at Canes	10/25: at Eagles	10/25: Sharks
LPTX Elite	Pasadena Panthers	North Shore Mustangs	League City 49ers	S.E. Houston Wildcats
8/14: at 49ers	8/14: at Raiders	8/14: Dolphins	8/14: Elite	8/14: Yellowjackets
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10/9: Braves	10/9: at Texans	10/9: Patriots	10/9: Panthers	10/9: Bengals
10/16: at Panthers	10/16: at 49ers	10/16: at Cowboys	10/16: Eagles	10/16: at Bucs
10/25: S.E. Wildcats	10/25: Elite	10/25: at Panthers	10/25: at Warriors	10/25: at Elite
Alvin Raiders	Alvin Yellowjackets	GAA Warriors	Pearland Patriots	Pearland Texans
8/14: Panthers	8/14: at S.E. Wildcats	8/14: at Red Raiders	8/14: Sharks	8/14: at Wildcats
8/21: at Cowboys	8/21: Braves	8/21: S.E. Wildcats	8/21: at Bengals	8/21: at Bucs
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10/16: at Dolphins	10/16: Hurricanes	10/16: at Patriots	10/16: Warriors	10/16: Sharks
10/25: at Yellowjackets	10/25: Raiders	10/25: 49ers	10/25: Texans	10/25: at Patriots
Angleton Wildcats	Galveston Hurricanes	Hitchcock Red Raiders	Santa Fe Braves	Texas City Bengals
8/14: Texans	8/14: Cowboys	8/14: Warriors	8/14: Bengals	8/14: at Braves
8/21: 49ers	8/21: at Elite	8/21: at Mustangs	8/21: at Yellowjackets	8/21: Patriots
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Dobie graduate Garza standing out this summer

At right, 2020 Dobie High School graduate and current University of Texas-San Antonio sophomore-to-be Daniel Garza has had a solid summer on the mound while playing for the Walnut Creek Crawdads in the California Collegiate League. Earlier this summer, Garza was brilliant, going seven innings, allowing just four hits and fanning nine over 70 pitches for the 3-0 shutout win. Through July 15, he had pitched to a 3.32 earned run average over 21 2/3 frames with 25 strikeouts. A steady contributor in 2021 at UTSA, Garza is expected to take on a larger role in 2022.



South Belt area sports camps, sign-ups

Dobie youth volleyball camps

Dobie varsity volleyball head coach Dawn Sexton will host the Lady Longhorns' youth volleyball camps July 26-28 at the school.

The July 26-28 morning session camp runs from 9 a.m. to noon each day and is reserved for those entering the 10th through 12th grades, while incoming freshman students will attend the afternoon session from 1 to 4 p.m.

Those who preregister online may pay \$50 cash on the first day of the camp. For additional details, direct email to Sexton at dsexton@pasadenaisd.org.

The Dobie High School volleyball program will begin preseason workouts Aug. 2 at Dobie's main campus, and scrimmages will follow until the 2021 regular season opener Aug. 10 at Phillips Field House against Baytown Sterling.

school. The sessions will welcome all students entering the third through ninth grades as of the 2021-2022 school year.

Session I runs from 9 a.m. to noon at \$100 per student and is open to ninth-grade as well as eighth-grade players with previous competitive play experience, while the \$90 Session II welcomes sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade beginning level players from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Session III is open to third- through fifth-grade students, is \$75 per student and runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Online registration can be found at www.clearbrookvolleyball.org. For more information, direct email to Thompson at mthomps1@ccisd.net.

SBYSC registration

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club is continuing online registration for the fall 2021 season.

Families may visit the league website at www.southbeltsoccer.org to take advantage of this opportunity. Only credit or debit cards will be accepted as forms of payment. All registered players will receive a uniform, which includes jersey, shorts and socks. Parents will be required to provide shin guards, a ball and cleats.

The discounted fees are \$100 per under-4 through under-8 players, \$120 per under-9 and under-10 players, \$140 per under-11 and under-12 players and \$160 per under-13 through under-19 players.

Those signing up online from July 1 to July 31 will see a \$20 fee increase, which jumps to a \$40 increase for those registering Aug. 1 through Oct. 31.

Wolverines' youth football camp

Clear Brook varsity football head coach John Towles III and his staff will host the 2021 Future Wolverines' Youth Football Camp July 26-28 at the high school.

The sessions will welcome all students entering the fifth through eighth grades as of the 2021-2022 school year.

The all-inclusive session runs from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at \$60 per student. The stated goal of the camp is to provide young athletes an opportunity to improve fundamentals in a fun, exciting and safe environment.

Each athlete will be given the opportunity to learn the basic skills required to be successful in football through position-specific instruction. Staff will also emphasize proper tackling techniques as required by the UIL.

In addition to teaching football skills, the staff will also teach the core values of the Clear Brook Wolverines.

Online registration for the camp is currently being accepted at <https://forms.office.com/r/LDUNGgrmzx>. Clear Brook will begin preseason incoming freshman workouts Aug. 2, and varsity and all other subvarsity level workouts begin Aug. 9. The Wolverines open the regular season hosting Texas City Aug. 26.

Brook youth volleyball camp

Clear Brook varsity volleyball head coach Meredith Thompson and her staff will host the 2021 Lady Wolverines' Youth Volleyball Camp July 26-29 at the high

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It is advisable to verify face-to-face meetings prior to attending. For Alcoholics Anonymous, visit https://aahouston.org/meetings; for Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meetings, visit www.hascona.com; for Al-Anon meetings, visit www.houstonalnanon.org.

NOTE: Clear Lake Bridge Club - now open. Activities scheduled daily. Visit https://clearlakebridgeclub.org/ for face-to-face and virtual games. Email jpochnsner@aol.com for details.
THURSDAY, JULY 22
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit https://aahouston.org/meetings/.
7:30 a.m.
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. either at Pearland Chamber of Commerce, 6117 Broadway St., Pearland, or online on Zoom at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81372891968. Meeting ID: 813 7289 1968. Details are on Pearland Chamber of Commerce website under calendar.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300 for additional information. Meets Mondays - Thursdays.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church. Call 713-661-4200 or visit https://nastuff.com/ for more information.
FRIDAY, JULY 23
Noon
Hometown Heroes - Ballroom dances Mondays and Wednesdays, 2 - 3:30 p.m. and Fridays, noon - 1:30 p.m. These are not dance lessons but casual dances. Call 281-554-1180 for details.

7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit https://nastuff.com/. Meets Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - All services are live and Zoom online. For details on the 7 p.m. Friday night or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, Judaism classes, film series, and lunch with the Rabbi, visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.
8 p.m.
Serenity Now Al-Anon Group - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.
SATURDAY, JULY 24
7:30 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9:30 a.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - See Friday's notice.
11 a.m.
Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) - For women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, drop in or visit https://www.houstonalnanon.org/ for details.
SUNDAY, JULY 25
8 p.m.
AA - CrossRoads UMC. See Friday's notice.
MONDAY, JULY 26
10 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park - Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for additional information or visit https://www.houstonalnanon.org/.
6 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Join in the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Call 281-488-2923 for details.
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Toastmasters - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 has resumed meeting in person at the South Belt Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. For more information, contact Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 or Carolyn Carmichael at 832-372-3565.
7 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at the Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg. room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose at 832-858-4617.
7 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - St. Luke's 12-Step Recovery, open meeting, education Bldg., room 4,11011 Hall Rd. Call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801 for more information.
TUESDAY, JULY 27
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 28
Noon
AA - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. See Thursday's notice.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - See Friday's notice.
THURSDAY, JULY 29
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
7:30 a.m.
Pearland Rotary Club - See Thursday's notice.

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New South Belt Chamber program honors Burleighs as Business of the Quarter

By **Brittney Cubos**
 Burleigh Chiropractic was recently presented the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's inaugural Business of the Quarter award.
 The honor recognizes chamber members of all sizes for their outstanding achievement in the South Belt community. This award is presented to a member business that demonstrates outstanding community engagement and dedication to

the chamber. Burleigh Chiropractic, operated by Dr. Barry Burleigh, is one half of a husband/wife team, in which he partners with his wife Denise Burleigh, a local insurance agent. (See related ad.)
 Denise Burleigh attributes much of the couple's success to their faith.

"Our story is proof that God is good and faithful," Burleigh said. "We moved back to the Houston area from Dallas in 2013. Our hopes were to continue my insurance career as well as open a chiropractic office. Everything was falling into place perfectly, until at the last minute, the banks decided we were not a good investment and our dreams were put on hold."

A member of Sagemont Church, Burleigh then said divine intervention struck. "Fast forward to 2016 holiday season, Mr. Larrol Burleigh, Dr. Burleigh's father, ran into Dr. Michael Stokes, from Stokes Chiropractic, who mentioned he was considering retirement," Burleigh said. "Barry's father called to let him know. Barry instantly called and met with Dr. Stokes and after working together at the clinic and coming up with

a purchase plan - Burleigh Chiropractic became our own - truly a dream come true (with divine intervention). This is now our forever home, and where Barry grew up and graduated. We love our church, Sagemont, and are very excited about the opportunities to serve offered there. We want to and will make a difference in our community by being Living Proof of a Loving God to a Watching World."

Clear Brook City MUD Manager Cecilia Ganje said the Burleighs have been involved with numerous local causes.
 "The Burleighs were involved in many things and awarded for all they have contributed to," Ganje said. "Denise shared their awards with me that included being part of the chamber, American Diabetes Association for Outstanding Committee Members at the Diabetic EXPO, Rookie of the Year for Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo at the Night Hawks Transportation. They volunteered for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, they volunteer and support the Houston USO, Health care.gov "Circle of Champions" (2015 - current), Actna front runner (2015 - current)

and community health worker - advocate for seniors' rights, privileges and protections within the health care systems."
 For their efforts, the Burleighs will receive the following recognitions:
 - Award presentation from chamber leadership.
 - Presentation photos and announcement on social media.
 - Email blast to membership.
 - Sign in front of business for the quarter.
 - Framed award certificate.
 - Addition of business name to display wall at the chamber office.
 - Name on outside marquee at chamber.
 Nominations for future businesses of the quarter are currently being sought by the chamber.
 Businesses are peer- or self-nominated, then selected by the chamber's initiative nominating committee and submitted to the board of directors based on the following criteria:
 - Must be an active chamber member in good standing for a minimum of one year.
 - Must be in business for at least two years.
 - Has demonstrated out-

standing community support or public service contribution to the South Belt-Ellington area.
 - Be considered a successful and professional business by peers.
 - Active participation within the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce.
 The nomination process consists of all nominations being submitted on the nomination form via email at info@southbeltchamber.com or online by quarter deadline at https://southbeltchamber.com/business-of-the-quarter/. Anyone can vote for the next business to be awarded.

HFD fire calls in area

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 largely empty at the time of the blaze. No injuries were reported. Some residents, however, were evacuated and asked to stay at a hotel. Arson investigators were again called to the scene. Like the Wednesday fire, the cause of the blaze remained under investigation at press time. It was unclear if the two incidents were related.

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Cleaning city sewage

Approximately two decades after her parents first experienced a sewage leak at their home, Kirkwood South resident Chelsea Hickman and her family are still waiting on action to fix the problem. During heavy rains, raw sewage seeps out of the manhole pictured to the left near Sagepark at Kirkfair. The leak produces a pungent odor that can be detected for several blocks. Rectifying the issue has proven difficult, however, as it is located at the edge of the Houston city limits.

Family undergoes city sewage leak for past 20 years

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 and the City of Houston. While the actual leak is located in the Sagemeadow MUD, it is connected to a city line.
 MUD officials said any effort on their part to fix the issue will merely push the problem further down the line into the city.
 While previous attempts with city officials to fix the problem have proved fruitless, the *Leader* has reached out to District D City Council Member Carolyn Evans-Shabazz for assistance in the matter.

Chamber honors Burleighs as Business of the Quarter

South Belt Chamber honored Burleigh Chiropractic as its Business of the Quarter. Shown above, left to right, are (front row) Reyna Lara, Shell FCU; Graylin Beals, Hometown Bank; Tristan Williams, Island Breeze Car Wash & Kwik Kar; Danny Saldivar, Texan Bank; (middle row) Steve Sipes, State Farm; Stephanie Tanner, chamber president; Eleanor Burleigh; Denise Burleigh; Bethany Burleigh; Ceceilia Ganje, Clear Brook City MUD; Emory Gadd, Sagemont Church; Chris Clark, Clear Brook City MUD; Rosanne Kerr, H-E-B Blackhawk; Aaron Leteff, Hometown Bank; (back row) Stephanie Tunchez, Shell FCU; Salvador Serrano, Serrano Insurance Agency; Larrol Burleigh; and Dr. Barry Burleigh.
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