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If approved, 3/8 of a percent of sales tax would go to city road projects.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Voters could also add 1/8 of a percent for projects in the downtown district.

Sales tax funds could help roads, downtown

Friendswood voters to determine fate of two ballot measures to increase city's rate in May

By Stephen Garcia

Friendswood residents will soon vote on whether to add revenue streams to help the city combat deteriorating roads and attract businesses to the downtown district.

The city will have two sales tax measures on the May 7 ballot. One would add 3/8 of a percent to the sales tax rate for street repair and maintenance, and the other would dedicate an additional 1/8 of a percent to downtown economic development.

If voters approve both measures, the sales tax rate would increase from 7.75 percent to the state-maximum 8.25 percent.

City Council called for the elections Feb. 1 after more than a year of discussions. While all council members agreed additional funding is needed for street maintenance, the 1/8 of a percent for downtown became a point of contention.

Council members Jim Hill, Patrick McGinnis and John

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City PDs work to maintain low crime rates

By Bayan Raji

Pearland and Friendswood remain two of the safest cities to live in the state as the Pearland Police Department reads a new strategy for crime prevention and adds officers to handle the region's growing population. Friendswood has maintained a low crime rate with about nine crimes per 1,000 residents in 2015, according to officials.

Pearland's continued growth has made the city much more than just another Houston suburb, said Pearland Police Department Lt. Onesimo Lopez.

"The increase in retail establishments and restaurants as well as the availability of homes combined with our prime location adjacent to Houston have made Pearland a destination city all its own," Lopez said. "I think that a steadily increasing population combined with an increase in the number of daily visitors will require an increase in staffing for all city services in order to meet the needs of this growing community."

Pearland's population was estimated at about 110,000 in 2013 and is projected to grow by an additional 46,000 residents by 2040, according to the 2013 U.S. census.

Friendswood, too, has experienced a spike in population. The city's population rose to 38,484 in 2014 from less

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History of Friendswood sales tax elections

May 2, 1992

Prop. 13: 60% against
Prop. 14: 68% against

Jan. 21, 1995

Prop. 1: 52% against
Prop. 2: 58% against

Jan. 20, 1996

Prop. 1: 62% against

May 4, 2002

Prop. 1: 54% against

Source: Friendswood City Council member Billy Enochs/Community Impact Newspaper

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FROM THE EDITOR



Texas. Voters turned out to determine who will represent each party in November races that have local, state and national importance. While a lot of attention has been on the presidential election, we at *Community Impact Newspaper* are proud to provide hyperlocal

information for our readers. Inside this issue, you will find results from the primary elections that affect Pearland and Friendswood on Page 20.

Our main cover story also deals with an upcoming election. The city of Friendswood will have two sales tax measures on the May 7 ballot. The fate of these propositions rests in the hands of Friendswood voters, and I encourage everyone to get out and let their voices be heard. Please learn about the details of the elections because before you know it, election day will be here. Be sure to check communityimpact.com for the latest election news.

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Correction: Volume 2, Issue 3

In the cover story, "Area adapts to open carry law," licensed individuals can carry a gun into hospitals, nursing homes, houses of worship and amusement parks if there is not a sign posted that prohibits carry. Also, a business that derives at least 51% of its sales from on-premises alcohol consumption must prohibit concealed/open carry.



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LAST MONTH'S POLL RESULTS

Do you plan on voting in favor of Friendswood's sales tax elections?

57% I will vote against both measures.

29% I will vote only in favor of the 3/8-cent increase for street maintenance.

14% I will vote in favor of both measures.

0% I will vote only in favor of the 1/8-cent increase for economic development.

Results from an unscientific Web survey collected 2/18/16-3/8/16

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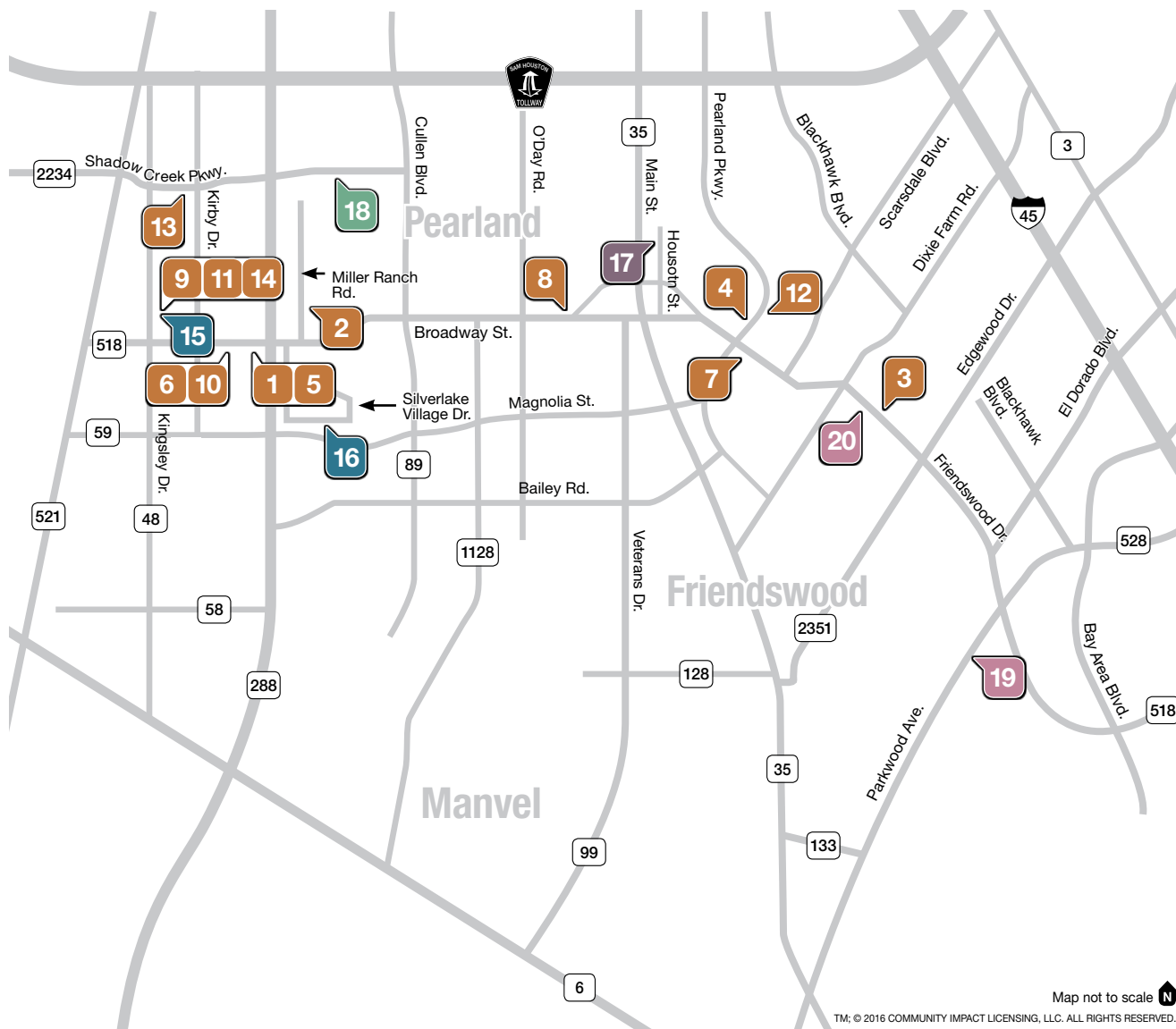
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Now Open

1 The first **Lunar Mini Golf** location in the Greater Houston area opened March 4 in the Pearland Town Center, located at 11200 W. Broadway St., Ste. 1440, Pearland. The business features an indoor glow-in-the-dark miniature golf course with 18 holes. Lunar Mini Golf also offers a room for private parties and events. 843-373-2000. www.glowminigolf.com

2 Owner Jimmy Aranda opened **Dionisio Winery** on Feb. 27 at 2635 Miller Ranch Road, Ste. 103, Pearland. Aranda, a Pearland resident, had previously operated his winery in downtown Houston. In business for four years, Dionisio offers tours and fruit wine selections, such as green apple riesling, peach chardonnay and black cherry pinot noir. The winery includes a tasting room and VIP area that can be reserved for private parties. 713-906-2499. www.dionisiowinery.com

3 Co-owners Brian Allen and Kris Szecsy opened **BAKFISH Brewing Co.** on March 14 at 1231 E. Broadway St., Pearland. It is the first craft brewery in the city. The facility includes a 2,000-square-foot tap room where customers can enjoy BAKFISH beer that is made on-site. www.bakfishbrewing.com

4 Fast-casual Mediterranean food restaurant **VertsKebab** opened Feb. 20 at 2630 Pearland Parkway, Ste. 110, Pearland. It is the restaurant chain's 10th location in the Greater Houston area. The Austin-based eatery offers kebabs, wraps and salads that customers can customize with a choice of meat or falafel and toppings. VertsKebab offers chicken and lamb meatballs in addition to a beef and lamb mix. 346-207-8410. www.vertskebab.com

5 Owner Trung Dang opened a **Kung Fu Tea** franchise March 10 in the Pearland Town Center, located at 11200 W. Broadway St., Ste. 1370,

Pearland. The New York-based international drink chain offers a variety of teas, coffees, slushes and other beverages. 346-207-7877. www.kteausa.com

6 **Zoe's Kitchen** opened its first Pearland location March 17. Located at 11470 W. Broadway St., Ste. 110, it is the fast-casual Mediterranean food chain's 14th restaurant in the Greater Houston area. Zoe's offers a variety of sandwiches and salads in addition to Mediterranean selections, such as kabobs and hummus. Catering is also available. www.zoeskitchen.com

7 Owner Tonya Ankenbruck opened **Love Urban Coyote Boutique** on March 4. Located in the Country Club Plaza at 2540 E. Broadway St., Ste. D., Pearland, the upscale boutique shop offers clothing and accessories for women of all ages. The store carries fashion brands, such as Scully Leather, Union of Angels, Krista Lee and Flora Ashley. Love Urban Coyote Boutique also offers

gifts and clothing with a Southern flair. 713-443-1013. www.facebook.com/loveurbancoyote

8 Owner Janine Shipman opened **Wellness Integration Center** on March 15 in the Pearland Plaza shopping center, located at 5517 W. Broadway St., Ste. D, Pearland. The business offers a variety of massages, reflexology and yoga classes. 832-294-9640. www.wellnessintegrationcenter.com

9 **The Tutoring Center** opened in early March at 12567 W. Broadway St., Ste. 115, Pearland. The center offers one-on-one instruction for students in kindergarten through 12th grade under the leadership of Director Shumaila Momin. The business uses a teaching system designed to increase attention spans. The Tutoring Center offers a free diagnostic assessment prior to enrollment. Subjects include math, reading, writing and SAT preparation. 281-650-2246. www.pearland.tutoringcenter.com

10 **Mattress Firm Final Markdown** opened Feb. 27 at 11470 W. Broadway St., Ste. 100, Pearland. The Houston-based mattress chain offers brands, such as Tempur-Pedic, Serta and Optimum. The new store is the fifth Mattress Firm location in Pearland. 713-340-3093. www.mattressfirm.com

11 **Q Art Nails & Spa** opened Feb. 22 at 2975 Kingsley Drive, Ste. 125, Pearland. The business offers beauty services, such as manicures, pedicures and waxing. 832-617-7951. www.facebook.com/qartnailsandspa

12 **Texas Children's Urgent Care** opened its fifth location in the Greater Houston area March 3 at 2701 Pearland Parkway, Ste. 190, Pearland. The urgent care facility offers pediatric health care services for ailments, such as the flu, strep throat and allergic reactions. The facility includes on-site X-rays and lab services. TCUC accepts most major insurance plans. 281-485-6400. www.texaschildrens.org

13 **Best Brains** opened March 1 at 12002 Shadow Creek Parkway, Ste. 114, Pearland. The business offers programs intended to increase overall academic development. Best Brains covers subjects, such as math, English, abacus and general

knowledge. Groups are taught by board-certified teachers.
832-559-0000.
www.bestbrains.com/pearland

14 Kingsley Family Dental Care opened the last week of February at 12567 W. Broadway St., Pearland. The general dentistry practice features two dentists, Dr. Cara McCary and Dr. Peter Nguyen. The practice offers services, such as cleaning, extraction and X-rays in addition to cosmetic and restorative procedures.
832-672-8648.
www.kingsleyfamilydentalcare.com

Coming Soon

15 Elevation Dental is in the process of build-out at 2975 Kingsley Drive, Ste. 127, Pearland, and will open sometime in May. The privately-owned clinic will launch with one dentist, Dr. Etasam Khan, and may add more as the practice grows. Elevation Dental will offer general dentistry services, such as cleaning, X-rays and whitening. The practice will also offer orthodontic and endodontic services on a case-by-case basis. 281-254-0595.
www.elevationdentaltx.com

16 iLife Church will open for its first services May 1. The nondenominational, Bible-based house of worship will be located inside the Cinemark movie theater at 3311 Silverlake Village Drive, Pearland. Pastor Emmanuel Favor said iLife Church wants to engage with the community through outreach efforts. The church will hold fellowship events prior to the opening. 832-335-2351.
www.ilifechurch.com

Relocation

17 Model Look Salon will relocate within Pearland to 2431 S. Houston Ave. from 3419 E. Broadway St. The move will take place March 29. The salon offers haircuts for men, women and children. Model Look also offers highlights in addition to eyebrow and upper-lip waxing. Appointments are available, and walk-ins are also accepted. 281-997-2323.
www.themodellooksalon.com

New Management

18 Israel Gonzalez is the new general manager of **Pearland Golf Club at Country Place**. Located at 3123

Flower Field Lane, Pearland, the club completed renovations to its 18-hole golf course in October. In addition to overseeing golf and tournament operations, Gonzalez is in charge of the pro shop and restaurant, Tee Box Grill. 713-773-9613.
www.pearlandgolfclub.com

Anniversaries

19 Amici Ristorante Italiano owner Giuseppe "Joseph" Trama celebrated his restaurant's first anniversary in March. Located at 709 W. Parkwood Ave., Friendswood, Amici offers authentic Italian dishes, including lasagna, baked ziti and chicken marsala. The restaurant also offers a variety of wines. 832-569-5736.
www.amiciristoranteitaliano.com

20 Altered Images Color Salon & Day Spa celebrated its 30th anniversary in February. Located at 1330 E. Broadway St., Pearland, the business offers a multitude of services, including hair styling, massages, manicures and pedicures. Half- and full-day spa packages are available. 281-482-4162.
www.alteredimagespa.com

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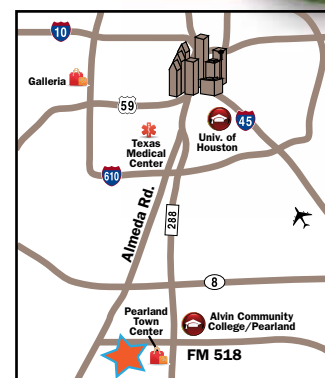
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BUSINESS FEATURE

Bay Area Equestrian Center

Friendswood native 'builds champions in life' through horses

By Stephen Garcia

Lynn Almond has been giving horseback riding lessons in her backyard since she was in high school. Now, that yard is about 15 acres.

The Friendswood native owns Bay Area Equestrian Center in Pearland, where she aims to “build champions in life” through the business’ various programs.

“We see so many good things happen to our riders,” Almond said. “That’s really the core philosophy of our program: that we positively impact people’s lives through horses.”

Almond began teaching neighborhood kids how to ride horses in her parents’ backyard. She continued to give lessons throughout high school and returned home from Texas A&M University every weekend to teach as well.

After graduating with an animal science degree, Almond worked at a large-animal veterinarian’s office while still training

horses and giving riding lessons on the side. With encouragement from her parents, Almond decided to pursue her own venture.

“We really stress the positive things that horses can do for people in life.”

—Lynn Almond, owner

“After I got out of college, I kept saying, ‘Until I figure out what I want to do when I grow up, I’m just going to keep doing this,’” she said. “My parents said, ‘Why don’t you figure out how to make a living in the horse business? That is what you love.’”

The dream of BAEC started to take shape when construction began on the facility in fall 1994. The site—which opened in May 1995—includes pastures, riding trails, a shop, an outdoor riding arena and also an enclosed one. Almond said having a weather-independent facility for riders

was crucial so lessons would never have to be canceled.

BAEC offers horseback riding lessons to participants of all skill levels. Courses begin with a one-on-one lesson to establish the basics of safety and control around horses. Once those skills are mastered, riders are put into a class setting. About 200 students take lessons each week, and each session is 75 minutes long.

In addition, the center offers boarding services—which include grooming and feeding—and training for those interested in competitive shows. BAEC also offers camps during spring break and summer as well as birthday parties.

Almond said she hopes to offer supplemental tips and videos online in the future.

“We really stress the positive things that horses can do for people in life,” Almond said. “The disciplines that these riders can learn every day can just make everybody better people in life.”



Photos by Stephen Garcia/Community Impact Newspaper

Lynn Almond opened Bay Area Equestrian Center in Pearland in May 1995.



Almond built an indoor riding arena to be able to give lessons year-round.



BAEC includes a shop with various riding equipment and clothing.



Rex is one of 15 horses used to give riding lessons at BAEC.



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DINING FEATURE

Nobi Asian Grill

Brothers keep Vietnamese menu simple

By Stephen Garcia

When deciding where to start their restaurant venture, brothers Andy and Charles Nguyen said the decision was easy. The pair opened Nobi Asian Grill in Friendswood to fill a glaring void they saw in the community.

"We were looking around, and it was really hard to find a mom and pop place to eat, a local restaurant," Andy said. "It's all chain [restaurants] around here. Immediately we said, 'Let's do it here.'"

Nobi Asian Grill opened in October 2009 next to the gas station and convenience store the Nguyen family has operated since 2000. The eatery offers dishes from the Nguyens' native Vietnam, including banh mi and vermicelli.

"Vietnamese cuisine has been climbing up on the ladder as probably now one of the most popular cuisines in the country," Andy said.

The restaurant's most popular item is the banh mi, a Vietnamese sandwich served on a French baguette with a customer's choice of meat. While chargrilled pork is the most popular selection, patrons may also

choose chargrilled chicken, meatballs, shrimp or tofu.

The menu features a few other entrees, such as chicken wings and vermicelli, but Andy said simplicity and selectivity rule at Nobi Asian Grill.

"We have a very small, selective menu, and that's what we prefer," he said. "The idea is to keep it simple and maintain the quality."

Potential new dishes go through taste-testing with staff and regular customers, Andy said.

"If we can't promise to make a good, quality product, then we're not going to," he said.

"We're not going

to throw something on the menu just because. Unfortunately that's what you see a lot."

Andy said people from around the community packed Nobi Asian Grill on its first day. It is that level of local support that makes him proud to have a restaurant in Friendswood, he said.

"From our loyal customers from the gas station alone, there was already a line forming on our grand opening day," Andy said.

"We're not going to throw something on the menu just because."

—Andy Nguyen, co-owner



Andy Nguyen (second from left) opened Nobi Asian Grill in Friendswood with his brother Charles.



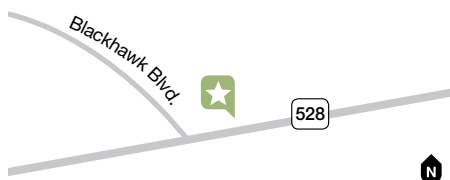
The chargrilled pork banh mi (\$4.29) can be served with a fried egg on top (add 99 cents).



Chicken wings are available in either butter garlic or sweet chili flavors (\$9.49).

Nobi Asian Grill

3640 E. FM 528, Friendswood
281-482-6624
www.nobigrill.com
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Mon.-Sat. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.



LOCAL

BEERFEST

Andy Nguyen joined his brother in the Friendswood area in 2003 after Charles moved from San Jose, California a few years prior to expand the craft beer selection at the family's convenience store. Early on, Charles had trouble gaining traction in the market.

"It was a struggle because the [craft beer] scene wasn't anywhere remotely close to being as popular as it is now," Andy said. "He had a difficult time getting distributors."

That would change, and the gas station—known by regulars as "The Bottle Shop"—now features more than 100 types of beer.

The brothers also own Nobi Public House in Webster, which features 65 beers on tap in addition to 200 bottled selections.



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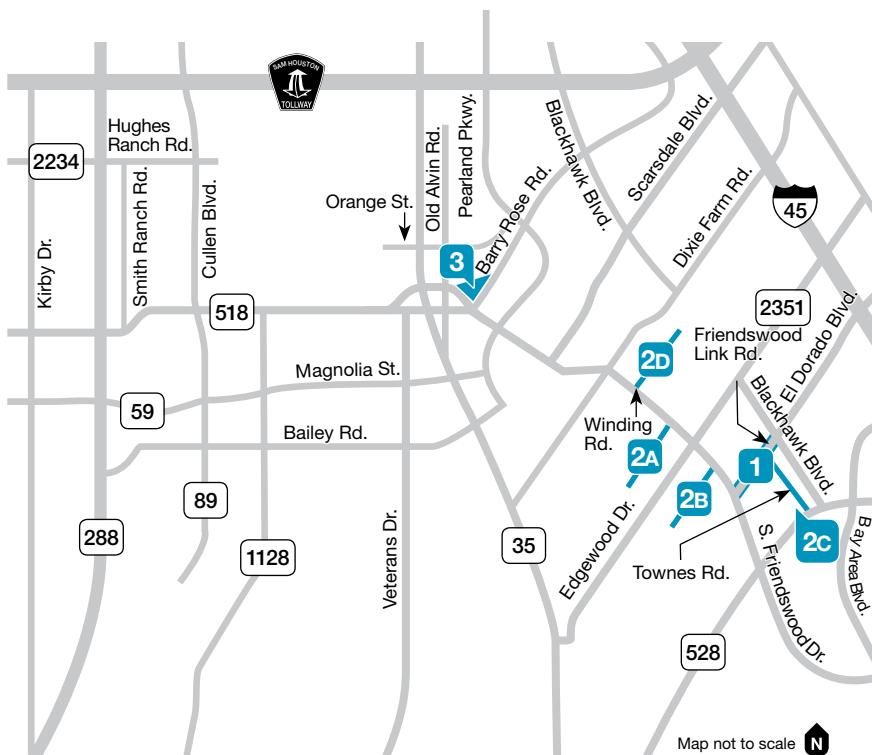
TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

Major projects in the area

Compiled by Stephen Garcia



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Project update



Courtesy city of Friendswood

1 Friendswood Link Road widening

Construction continues on the widening of Friendswood Link Road. The project—which received funding from a Texas General Land Office disaster recovery grant—is expected to improve emergency evacuation routes out of Friendswood. The project stretches approximately 1 mile from FM 518 to Blackhawk Boulevard. From FM 518 to Hibiscus

Lane, the portion of the project in Galveston County, the thoroughfare will be expanded from two to three lanes with a dedicated turn lane. The stretch of the project in Harris County, Hibiscus Lane to Blackhawk Boulevard, will be widened from two to four lanes with medians. The project also includes the installation of new sidewalks and an improved drainage system. The project is in its final phase, and completion is set for the summer barring any delays.

Timeline: fall 2014–summer 2016

Cost: \$5.3 million

Funding sources: Texas General Land Office grant, city of Friendswood

2 Friendswood roadway improvements

Construction began in early March on the first streets in a group of repavement projects in Friendswood. City Council

awarded a construction contract to El Dorado Paving Company on Dec. 7 for the four thoroughfare projects, which were grouped into one contract. Voters approved a bond referendum in 2013 for the projects. Mary Ann Drive, Shadowbend Avenue, and Townes and Winding roads will each have portions of roadway replaced. Work is underway on Shadowbend Avenue and Winding Road. Another roadway will begin construction upon the completion of Shadowbend Avenue. City officials said it is not ideal to have too many streets under construction simultaneously.

2A Mary Ann Drive will have 16,001 feet of its roadway replaced.

2B Shadowbend Avenue will have 1,224 feet of its roadway replaced.

2C Townes Road will have 786 feet of its roadway replaced.

2D Winding Road will have 2,133 feet of its roadway replaced.

Timeline: March 2016–first quarter 2017

Cost: \$2.5 million

Funding sources: city of Friendswood, Texas Department of Transportation

3 Regency Park improvements

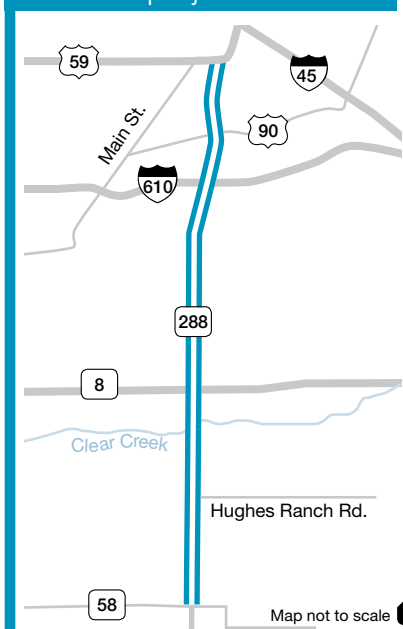
The project for paving and drainage improvements in Regency Park, the oldest concrete-paved subdivision in Pearland, was completed in late February. City officials said the project wrapped up three months ahead of schedule. All of the streets in the subdivision—approximately 5,400 feet of roadway—were replaced. An emergency vehicle gate was installed to provide access through the Pearland Junior High East parking lot. A new water main system replaced the existing water line, and curb inlets were also installed to help prevent flooding.

Timeline: June 2015–February 2016

Cost: \$3.31 million

Funding sources: city of Pearland

Featured project



Hwy. 288 toll lanes

TxDOT and Brazoria County will install toll lanes on Hwy. 288. The toll lanes—two in each direction—will be installed in the grassy median. TxDOT and Blueridge Transportation Group, the contractor for the Harris County portion of the project, finalized their contract March 8. The partnership is the first in the Greater Houston area in which a private contractor will design, construct, finance, operate and maintain the highway. Construction was scheduled to begin in late 2015 but is now set for the third quarter of 2016. Blueridge will be responsible for a 10.3-mile stretch from Hwy. 59 to Clear Creek. Brazoria County will construct the toll lanes from Clear Creek to CR 58.

Timeline: third quarter 2016–summer 2019

Cost: \$950 million

Funding sources: Blueridge Transportation Group, Brazoria County, TxDOT

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AIR QUALITY

TCEQ, city of Pearland seek source of Shadow Creek Ranch odor

By Stephen Garcia

The source of a mysterious smell bothering some residents in Shadow Creek Ranch continues to elude officials attempting to resolve the issue.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality—which has been working with the city of Pearland—received 58 odor complaints from residents within the community between Sept. 23 and Nov. 10. Some complainants said the stench has been a problem for years.

“All potential sources for the odors are being evaluated.”

—Andrew Keese, TCEQ media relations specialist

The TCEQ has been investigating the complaints since August, and 11 investigations were ongoing as of March 1, according to TCEQ media relations specialist Andrew Keese.

“All potential sources for the odors are being evaluated,” he said.

Several potential sources in the area are being investigated. Akzo Nobel Surface Chemistry and Blue Ridge Landfill are two of the businesses the TCEQ has examined.

Michael Leech, Pearland assistant director of public works, said the city has received more than 100 calls from residents reporting a foul smell in Shadow Creek Ranch. These complaints prompted staff to conduct tests on the city’s sanitary sewer infrastructure.

“Our crews went out and inspected every one of the more than 1,100 manholes that are in the Shadow Creek Ranch area to make sure odors weren’t emanating from them,” Leech said.

City staff found no problems with any manholes and also dismissed the Reflection Bay wastewater treatment plant as the source, Leech said.

As complaints continued coming in, the city began plotting the location of callers to compile a map to help

Reporting stinky business

- All odor complaints should be reported to the city of Pearland at 281-652-1900.
- Provide a description of the odor.
- Note the time, date and location of the smell.



Source: city of Pearland/Community Impact Newspaper

determine a cause. Residents are encouraged to note a description of the smell and the time of day it occurs.

“We’re able to identify areas where the calls are coming from and at what times,” Leech said.

The city also uses a local weather station to determine the wind direction at the time the reported odor occurs, he said. Although the data maps do not show a concentration from which the complaints are coming, a particular wind direction appears to be involved.

“It’s sort of all over the subdivision,” Leech said. “It seems like the calls come in when the winds are coming from the north and the west.”

Residents have described the odor as being similar to chemicals as well as

burning, rotting garbage, sewage and rotten eggs, according to the TCEQ. All complainants said the smell occurs only from around 6 p.m.-8 a.m.

Maria Shaw, Shadow Creek Ranch general manager, was unavailable for comment.

Leech encouraged residents to continue to report odors to the city. With no source yet identified, he said the more information residents supply, the better.

“This [type of] issue is new to me,” Leech said. “An issue of this scale and that is this challenging to [resolve] is very new to me, and I’ve been in the government/municipal business for almost 20 years.”



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CITY

Pearland to silence train horns in Old Townsite

Officials establish quiet zone at three railroad crossings near Hwy. 35

By Stephen Garcia

Pearland residents within proximity of railroad crossings in the Old Townsite will no longer have to deal with the sound of train horns.

The city established a quiet zone March 16 that encompasses railroad crossings at Walnut Street, FM 518 and Orange Street. A quiet zone is an area where trains are prohibited from sounding their horns.

“It was almost a continuous horn-blowing as [trains] go through town...”

—Skipper Jones, assistant director of capital projects

Pearland officials sent out the notice of establishment Feb. 24, which gave companies using the railroads 21 days to comply with the new provisions, according to Skipper Jones, assistant director of capital projects.

The zone covers an approximately 3,500-foot stretch of railroad track in Pearland, Jones said. Prior to the new regulations, residents and businesses in the area had to deal with noise from about 32 trains coming through the city each day.

“It was almost a continuous horn-blowing as [trains] go through town because the three crossings are about

1,000 feet apart,” Jones said. “When you’ve got that many trains going through town and every one of them [is] blowing their horn, it gets old pretty quick.”

The Federal Railroad Administration—the agency that establishes and enforces railroad regulations—approves quiet zones in areas that are at or below its Nationwide Significant Risk Threshold. Pearland has supplemental safety measures at each of the three railroad crossings that made them eligible for a quiet zone.

The city installed the safety measures, which include unmountable medians, curbs and flashing lights, around 2013. The widening of Hwy. 35 delayed the establishment of the quiet zone because of the installation of new traffic signals at the FM 518 intersection.

“All of these [supplemental safety measures] are designed to ‘channelize’ the traffic, or trap them behind the gate so they can’t go around it when it’s down,” Jones said.

Jones said several businesses back up to the railroad tracks. Coupled with recent population growth, the increase in activity in the area prompted the need for the quiet zone.

“Whereas it didn’t used to be a problem for people, I think with [the] influx of new folks in town and more businesses and general clatter around town, people didn’t really need the added noise of trains blowing their horns,” Jones said.

On track for QUIETER STREETS



A quiet zone will take effect in mid-March for railroad crossings in Pearland’s Old Townsite. The quiet zone prohibits trains from sounding their horns in the area.



No more fast track

The speed limit on FM 518 near the railroad crossing was reduced to 40 mph as a safety precaution. Signage with the new speed limit is expected to be installed sometime in March.

Railroad Silenced intersection



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EDUCATION

ACC regents call for \$88.5 million bond referendum

Package includes land purchase and construction of campus on district's west side

By Stephen Garcia

The Alvin Community College board of regents called for an \$88.5 million bond referendum at its meeting Feb. 18. The bond package—which will be on the May 7 ballot—includes plans for a campus on the west side of ACC's taxing district, which includes portions of Pearland and Manvel.

In addition to the purchase of property and construction of a new campus, the bond would also fund a new technical programs building in Alvin. The remaining money would go toward various renovations and enhancements at the Alvin campus, including improving energy efficiency and accessibility, ACC President Christal Albrecht said.

The Long Range Facilities Planning Committee put together the bond package after several meetings.

"We are grateful to these committee participants who invested so much of their personal time to help us determine the best course of action regarding our facilities," ACC board

Chairman Pete Nash said. "Now, by calling this bond election, the board of regents is asking voters to tell us whether or not they want to invest in their local community college."

According to ACC officials, an approved bond would result in an increase of approximately 6.99 cents per \$100 of property tax valuation. For the average home value of \$175,000 within the ACC district, the tax bump would be about \$10.20 per month.

ACC is evaluating potential sites for a new campus in the general area of Hwy. 288 and Hwy. 6, Albrecht said. Subdivisions within ACC's taxing district include Shadow Creek Ranch.

"If you look at the population of 15-34 year olds in that area of our taxing district, it is at least triple the [same age group] we have on the east side," Albrecht said. "Population density alone is a huge factor."

The westside campus would begin with one building with general purpose classrooms and computer and biology labs. Officials estimate the first-year

enrollment would be between 1,500-2,500 students.

It is uncertain whether the potential campus' location will be identified before the election, Albrecht said. ACC's capital improvement plans call for a 60,000-80,000 square-foot facility. However, Albrecht said the site's acreage would depend on a variety of factors, including the need for detention and the campus' architectural design.

Albrecht said the new facilities will not be possible if the bond fails.

"There isn't a way for us to manage all of those things without having a bond election," she said. "In Texas, that's the way that community colleges build buildings. We don't get money from the state for that, so we have to go to the taxpayers and ask for them to help us."



ACC BOND

\$88.5 million for

- A westside campus
- New technical education building
- Renovations and enhancements at Alvin campus



The westside campus would begin as a single building with possible additions in the future.



A new technical education building would consolidate trade programs on the Alvin campus.



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EDUCATION

Area students take first administration of newly revamped SAT in March

Major format changes to popular test viewed as positive; local school districts adjust preparation efforts

By Shawn Arraji, Stephen Garcia and Marthe Rennels

High school students across the country, including those in Alvin, Friendswood and Pearland ISDs, took the first administration of an entirely redesigned SAT on March 5.

College Board, the nonprofit organization that designs and administers the SAT, made significant changes to one of the most popular college aptitude tests in the U.S.

According to College Board officials, the new format does away with the vocabulary section and adds in more straight-forward questions based on real-world college and career concepts.

“The subject areas are still the same, but the approach within and what we are measuring in those areas have changed quite a bit.”

—Cyndie Schmeiser, College Board chief of assessment

Jackie Caffey, Alvin ISD director of advanced academics, said the new test better aligns with what students are taught in school.

Cyndie Schmeiser, chief of assessment at College Board, said the changes to the test came after the discovery that of the 1.7 million students who took the SAT in 2015, only 42 percent were ready to enter college without the need for remedial courses—a

statistic she called “staggering.” “As we stepped back, we thought we needed to rethink assessment and not only help more kids become prepared for college or [a] career, but we need to connect them with opportunities to help them navigate that pathway to college, which is not always a clear one,” Schmeiser said. “We redesigned the SAT to focus very clearly and specifically on those skills that are necessary for college readiness and success. These are the skills that students are learning every day in the classroom, but we are focusing very clearly on really what matters. We are not measuring everything students learn, but those that research has told us are most important.”

Schmeiser said College Board stays on top of curriculum changes at the high school level and regularly adjusts the test to follow those trends. The last time the SAT underwent a major change was in 2005.

New test, new features

The new SAT will continue to test math, reading and writing skills. However, the way those areas are tested has changed, Schmeiser said.

“The test is a little shorter—there are fewer questions—but we are still focused on testing kids’ college-readiness skills in reading and writing and in math, and there is also an optional essay,” she said. “The subject areas are still the same, but the approach within and what we are measuring in those areas have changed quite a bit.”

Schmeiser said College Board made the essay optional in order to be as consumer-friendly as possible.

“We thought making [the essay

portion] optional or allowing each higher-education system to decide whether to require it gave our constituencies the most flexibility,” she said.

College Board also changed the way students are able to prepare for the test. As an alternative to costly SAT practice courses and study materials, College Board partnered with Kahn Academy to offer free practice materials online.

“Over three-quarters of a million kids have already gone into satpractice.org and have practiced with over 15 million problems,” Schmeiser said. “We are getting feedback from kids stating that the new test is more of a reflection of what they have learned in school. We are getting a lot of reinforcement from kids and colleges as well. Frankly, they are finding the questions to be very clear and straightforward, so we are excited and very optimistic.”

Margo Giguee, Pearland ISD director of advanced academics, said the free

resources online are good tools to target students’ trouble spots. “Students can take a practice test on the Kahn Academy website, and it will diagnose their strengths and weaknesses,” she said. “[The site] gives them opportunities to practice in the area they need practice rather than just [taking] another practice test.”

Local preparation

Giguee said PISD began to adjust its SAT preparation efforts when College Board announced the new testing format a couple of years ago.

Following the announcement, PISD officials attended numerous conferences and workshops hosted by College Board to review the SAT changes.

Nancy Lockhart, Friendswood High School associate principal, said the district held an SAT prep training for teachers in early March.

PISD, like AISD, offers an SAT



Students in Alvin, Friendswood and Pearland ISDs took a new SAT on March 5. The College Board says the test has several changes that better align with 21st-century students and provide insight on scoring information colleges want.

BIGGEST CHANGES

Vocabulary

The test no longer focuses on obscure vocabulary. Rather, the focus is on words that are commonly used and questions that revolve around selecting the right word based on the context of the sentence.

Real-world context

Questions throughout the test will be grounded in the real world and will be directly related to work performed in college and career.

Math

The test adds more algebra and problem-solving, instead of testing a wide range of math skills. It also limits the use of calculators, which are now only allowed on some questions.

History and social science

Students will be asked to apply reading, writing, language and math skills to answer questions in science, history and social studies.

Optional essay

The essay portion is now optional, leaving students with a choice of staying for an extra 50 minutes to take the written portion.

No penalty for guessing

Penalties for incorrect responses have also been removed, so students can now earn points for any questions they answer correctly.

NEW SCORING METHOD					
TOTAL SCORE	SECTION SCORE	TEST SCORE	CROSS-TEST	SUBSCORES	ESSAY
The total score , or overall score, is the combination of section scores. The highest score for the redesigned SAT is 800+800, or 1600.	The section scores are the individual scores for the two main “parts” of the SAT: reading/writing and math. Each of these is scored out of 800.	Each section is broken into tests for a total of 40 points so students have a better understanding of what they missed in each section.	These scores show how well students analyze texts and solve problems in history/social science or science subject areas.	The SAT subscores show mastery of topics within reading and writing and language alone, and math alone.	The essay will not be factored into an overall SAT score. The essay scores, based on three criteria, are shown separately.

Source: College Board/Community Impact Newspaper

SAT CHANGES AT A GLANCE

Former SAT

- Took 3 hours and 45 minutes to complete
- Included only critical reading, writing, mathematics and mandatory essay
- No subscore section reporting
- Scoring scale from 600-2400
- Obscure vocabulary section

New SAT

- Takes 3 hours to complete
- Includes evidence-based reading and writing as well as math
- Optional essay (adds 50 minutes to time)
- Subscores for every section
- Scoring scale from 400-1600

The SAT admission test is accepted by almost all U.S. colleges that rank a student's college readiness.

Source: College Board/Community Impact Newspaper

course for high school students.

“We had quite a few students sign up for that [class],” Caffey said. “We’re very excited about that because we saw some good results.”

College Board selected AISD for a pilot testing program next school year, Caffey said. As part of the program, a portion of seniors will take a practice SAT online while others will take the traditional paper test to compare results on the different platforms.

In addition, all three districts administer the PSAT, an SAT prep test,

once a year to students free of charge.

“The PSAT in October gave the students a preview of what the [new] SAT will look like,” Gige said.

Officials said student feedback has been positive in readying for the new test. Caffey said she expects better results from the changes.

Yvonne Cumberland, owner and director of the SAT prep company Texas Educational Consultants, said it could take three or four tests before students really figure out the new SAT and educators can really gauge how

students are handling it.

Cumberland said students will need to have more stamina as a result of the revamped format.

“The questions will come in bigger chunks; all of the math and reading questions will come together,” she said. “For students who struggle with a certain subject, they’re going to have to be able to do it for a longer period of time. It’s good to use breaks to get up, walk around, stretch or get a drink of water.”

Cumberland said changes to the math and reading portions could throw some students off in the early stages as well.

“Math is definitely harder,” she said. “The old [SAT] stopped at Algebra

2, but the new one includes more questions on statistics and trigonometry. The reading section is going to include more charts and graphs, kind of like how the science section of the ACT is designed. They want to make sure students can interpret charts and graphs.”

Still, Gige said, students’ SAT success will hinge on the same principle as the old format: effort.

“It doesn’t matter if it’s the SAT, math or baseball; when you practice you develop some skills,” she said. “Just like you would not practice for a baseball game only three weeks before, you don’t practice for an SAT just three weeks before the test.”

HOW DOES THE AREA COMPARE?

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Alvin ISD	1413
Friendswood ISD	1627
Pearland ISD	1556

In Texas, 64.3 percent of students from the class of 2015 took the former SAT. In Texas, only 31.8 percent of former SAT takers in the class of 2015 met the SAT College and Career Readiness Benchmark.

WHO WILL TAKE THE NEW SAT?

- ☒ **Current seniors**
Most current seniors took the test before March, which means they took the old SAT.
- ☒ **Juniors and sophomores**
Juniors and sophomores will take the new SAT beginning in March.

*All test scores are from the 2014-15 school year

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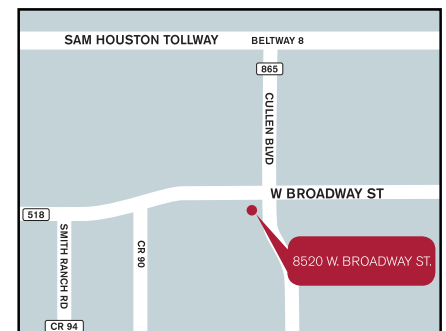
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EDUCATION

UT system creates task force for expansion in Houston amid opposition

By Chris Shelton

Eyeing a larger presence in Houston, the University of Texas system continues to move forward with plans for a new research and educational campus despite opposition from the University of Houston.

“Higher education has a responsibility to allocate its resources as strategically as possible, not only to address its current state of education, but to be inventive in ways to proactively prepare for our future,” UT Chancellor William McRaven said in a statement.

After purchasing more than 100 acres of land in southwest Houston in January, the university system announced the 18 members of its executive committee for the Houston Advisory Task Force on Feb. 9.

This committee is tasked with providing guidelines for how the UT system can increase research opportunities without duplicating the services of other Houston institutions, McRaven said.

The task force features former Greater Houston Partnership Chairman Paul Hobby and Harris County Precinct 1 Commissioner Gene Locke.

The task force is expected to create a list of recommendations for McRaven by the end of the year. McRaven will present these recommendations to the UT system board of regents, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Texas Legislature.

The January land purchase is part of the UT system’s plan to ultimately purchase a total of more than 300

acres that is 3.5 miles from the Texas Medical Center.

Although the business community is excited a major university is entering the area, some have reservations about the new UT campus, said Peggy Wilson, president and CEO of the Houston Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce.

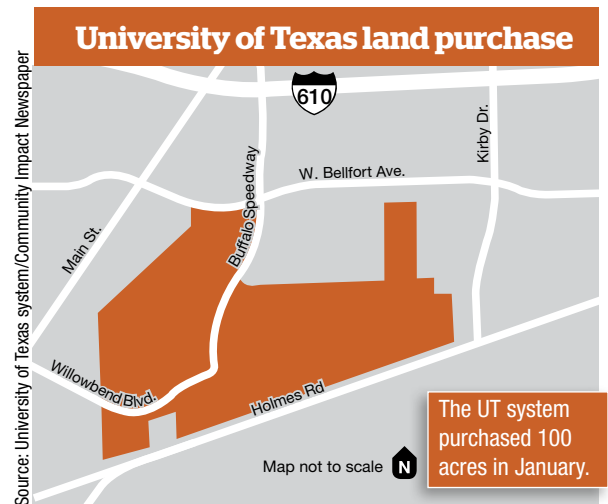
“It is a little early to see what the economic impact will be to our member businesses,” she said.

The land is close to downtown and features easy access to Loop 610 and Hwy. 288, but the UT system will need to develop expensive utilities that do not exist to support the development, said Bill Wong, owner of Orange Commercial, a Houston real estate firm.

The project has been met with opposition from UH and legislators. Nineteen Greater Houston-area lawmakers—including Mayor Sylvester Turner—wrote a letter to McRaven in December asking him to slow down the expansion process.

“It appears many steps in planning have already been taken without consulting key stakeholders and leaders,” the letter read. “Accordingly, we respectfully ask for the [UT] system to step back and work with these local and state leaders, including the Legislature and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, before taking any major steps.”

The UH system board of regents also criticized the plan, arguing at a November meeting that the expansion will be a duplication of services. UH also declined a spot on the task force committee in February.



“The University of Texas’ unilateral expansion signals a departure from the historical practice of using taxpayer funds to strategically serve citizens in all regions of the state through collaboration and cooperation,” the UH system said in a statement.

The UT system sees this initiative as an expansion of its already large presence in Houston, McRaven said.

“As Houston’s second-largest employer and its top producer of research expenditures, the UT system’s 75-year-old footprint in Houston provides an excellent foundation,” he said.



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NEWS BRIEFS

Weber claims victory in U.S. Rep. District 14 Republican primary

By Stephen Garcia

U.S. Rep. Randy Weber, Friendswood, won the Republican primary for his District 14 seat, according to unofficial results.

With all precincts reporting, Weber garnered 84 percent of votes, or 57,769 tallies. Keith Casey received 10,971 votes, or 16 percent.

"I am beyond humbled and honored to have received the Republican nomination for Texas District 14 for a third time," Weber said in a statement March 1. "[On election night], we showed that together we are determined to build a stronger country that respects our constitution and reflects the values of the hardworking people of Texas District 14."

Weber will face Democratic candidate Michael Cole in the November general election. Cole was unopposed in the primary.

"Thank you to all those who entrusted me with their vote—I hear



Rep. Randy Weber

you," Weber said. "I have made it my priority to put America and Texas first. I look forward to fighting for our values in the general election. On to November."

District 14 includes a portion of Friendswood.

All results are unofficial until canvassed.

Gibson takes U.S. Rep. District 22 Democratic primary

By Stephen Garcia

Mark Gibson won the U.S. Rep. District 22 Democratic primary over A.R. Hassan, according to unofficial results.

With all precincts reporting, Gibson received 76.1 percent of votes, or 22,770 tallies. Hassan finished with 7,146 votes, or 23.9 percent.

Gibson, an attorney and

small-business owner, will face incumbent Pete Olson, R-Sugar Land, in the November general election. Olson—who was unopposed in the Republican primary—has represented District 22 since 2009. The district includes portions of Brazoria and Fort Bend counties, including Pearland.

All results are unofficial until canvassed.

Hickman to face Democratic runoff winner in Harris County sheriff race

By Virginia Lascara

Incumbent Ron Hickman won the Republican primary for Harris County sheriff March 1 with all precincts reporting. However, candidates Ed Gonzalez and Jerome Moore may have more work to do before the general election as they face a runoff in the Democratic primary.

Hickman received 71.88 percent of the votes for the Republican

nomination, compared to 20.01 percent for opponent Carl Pittman and 8.11 percent for Paul Day, according to unofficial results. For the Democratic nomination, Gonzalez led all candidates with 43.5 percent of the votes compared to 29.79 percent for Moore.

Democratic candidates Jeff Stauber and Theodore "Ted" Perez earned 12.33 and 14.38 percent of the votes, respectively.

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CITY & COUNTY

News from Brazoria County and Pearland

Compiled by Stephen Garcia

Sebesta selected as chairman of H-GAC Transportation Policy Council in January

BRAZORIA COUNTY Judge Matt Sebesta was elected chairman of the Houston-Galveston Area Council's Transportation Policy Council in January. Sebesta will lead the group that allocates federal and state funding for thoroughfare projects in the region.

One of the longest-tenured members of the TPC, Sebesta will serve for a 10th year.

"It's a committee I enjoy being on," he said. "Most of the transportation projects for the region come through that committee. It's good to have that knowledge of what's going on and to have a little bit of a say on the projects. It's a great honor to be selected by the other members of the

committee to be chairman."

Every few years, H-GAC puts out a call for projects, Sebesta said. The Transportation Advisory Committee reviews submitted projects and ranks each based on factors such as economic benefit and traffic count. The committee then presents recommendations to the TPC.

"There's always many more projects than there are [available] dollars," Sebesta said.

Sebesta said he hopes funding from voter-approved state constitutional amendments—Propositions 1 and 7 in 2014 and 2015, respectively—will ease traffic congestion problems he sees continuing in the region.

Pear-Scape art trail project takes shape

PEARLAND The Pearland Convention & Visitors Bureau has taken the first steps to create an art trail featuring sculptures of the city's namesake fruit.

The project, named Pear-Scape, will include 4-foot fiberglass pear sculptures painted by local artists. The sculptures will be located in city parks and other highly visible areas of Pearland as determined by a project committee, according to officials.

"Our goal is to promote tourism and cultural arts within Pearland," PCVB Executive Director Kim Sinistore said. "We've created a committee of organizations comprised of public, not-for-profit and private businesses who support the mission to promote cultural tourism and community pride, ultimately bringing more visitors to Pearland."

The PCVB is partnering with the Pearland Arts League and Pearland Alliance for Arts & Culture to solicit designs for the project. Artists must be Texas residents who are at least

16 years old. Up to three designs may be submitted per person.

The city's hotel occupancy tax funded the initial 20 pear sculptures. Community sponsorship will offset installation, artist stipends and related costs, PCVB officials said. Early sponsors will be able to select a location and design.

In an effort to further enhance scenery along the trail, Keep Pearland Beautiful will plant a variety of trees to accompany some of the sculptures.

"We're very proud to be associated with the Pear-Scape project and see it as a great opportunity to work with the local community to beautify Pearland and elevate nature and art," KPBE Executive Director Andrew Miller said.

Meetings

Brazoria County Commissioners Court

The next meeting is 9 a.m. on March 22.

111 E. Locust St., Angleton
979-849-5711 • www.brazoria-county.com

Pearland City Council

The next meeting is 6:30 p.m. on March 28.

3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland
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CALENDAR

March



Courtesy: city of Pearland

19 Easter Egg Dive

This nontraditional Easter egg hunt brings children into the swimming pool to hunt for eggs floating and sunk in the water. Prizes are awarded, and children ages 3-10 can participate. Divers are divided into age groups. 12:45 p.m. (registration), 1 p.m. (hunt begins). Free. Pearland Recreation Center & Natatorium, 4141 Bailey Road, Pearland. 281-652-1600. www.pearlandtx.gov

24 Red Hat Literacy Luncheon

The Adult Reaching Center's 13th annual event is the organization's main fundraiser for its adult literacy, GED and citizenship programs. There is a raffle, silent auction and presentation by guest speaker Carlos Cascos, Texas secretary of state. Last year's event attracted more than 500 attendees and raised about \$60,000. 10:30 a.m. \$60. Knights of Columbus Hall, 2320 Hatfield Road, Pearland. 281-485-1000. www.adultreadingcenter.org

April

02 Msgr. Braden Dinner Dance

St. Helen Catholic School presents its 19th annual fundraiser, and this year's theme is "Viva Las Vegas." The evening features an art contest, seated dinner, live and silent auctions and dancing. The 5th Avenue Band provides live music. Proceeds go to the school's operating costs and maintaining tuition prices. 6-11 p.m. \$65 (individual). Pearland Knights of Columbus Hall, 2320 Hatfield Road, Pearland. 281-485-2845. www.sthelenchurch.org

02 and 3 Paws in the Park

The 22nd annual event kicks off with the pet and owner fun run, which features options of 1K, 3K or 5K. The event

also includes a dog dock-diving competition, animal demonstrations and pet contests. Animals must remain on a leash throughout the event. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Pearland Town Center, 11200 W. Broadway St., Pearland. 281-652-1600. www.pearlandtx.gov

07 Business Showcase and Taste of the Town

The Pearland Chamber of Commerce's safari-themed showcase highlights products and services from local businesses. Attendees also enjoy food samples from area restaurants. Admission includes an opportunity to win door prizes and other giveaways. 2-7 p.m. \$5. Pearland Knights of Columbus Hall, 2320 Hatfield Road, Pearland. 281-485-2420. www.pearlandtexaschamber.us

07 2016 Law Enforcement Appreciation Banquet

Event attendees support area law enforcement at the 100 Club of Brazoria County's annual banquet. An individual is named "Officer of the Year" from each law enforcement agency in the county. Various sponsorships are available, and the event features a social hour with a cash bar in addition to dinner. 6-9 p.m. \$60 (individual), \$500 (reserved table of eight). Lake Jackson Civic Center Ballroom, 333 Hwy. 332, Lake Jackson. 979-36-8748. www.100clubofbrazoriacounty.com

08 Peace for Pearland golf tournament

Peace Church of Pearland presents its third annual event, which benefits the church's local ministries, Christian Helping Hands and the Pearland Neighborhood Center. The event includes a raffle for participants to win an opportunity to partner with Houston Texans defensive end Jared Crick as well as an auction. 1:30 p.m. (shotgun start). Prices vary. Pearland Golf Club at Country Place, 3123 Flower Field, Pearland. 713-436-5673. www.peacepres.net/golf_tournament

09 Spring Sparkle

The city of Friendswood hosts a cleanup event where residents can drop off tree limbs, grass clippings, appliances, furniture, wood, metal and plastic. The day also features a garage sale, which includes furniture, household items and bicycles. Proceeds benefit the beautification of city parks and facilities. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. Centennial Park, 2200 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood. 281-996-3220. www.ci.friendswood.tx.us

15 through 17 Brazoria County Crawfish Festival

The event features plenty of boiled crawfish and other Cajun food options, music, vendors and games. Swamp Shack Catering provides farm-raised crawfish from the Gulf

Worth the **TRIP**

Courtesy Alvin Music Festival

APR 01 and 2 Alvin Music Festival and Cook-Off

The public is invited to the event, which includes a barbecue cookoff, food vendors and beer garden, children's activities and the annual mud run. Participants in the 5K take on obstacles, trail-running and a track covered in mud. Runners get a finisher's medal, T-shirt, complimentary beer of choice and one-day entry to the music festival. Roger Creager, Kevin Fowler, LC Roots and Junior Gordon provide live entertainment. 4 p.m. (April 1), 8 a.m. (mud run April 2), 10 a.m. (April 2). \$14 (April 1), \$20 (April 2), \$50 (mud run). Briscoe Park, 3201 S. Hwy. 35, Alvin. 281-331-3172. www.alvinmusicfestival.com

Coast while area zydeco bands and The Houston Blues Society perform live music. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. (Fri. and Sat.), 11 a.m.-6 p.m. (Sun.) \$10. MSR Houston, 1 Performance Drive, Angleton. 281-802-2776. www.brazoriacountycrawfishfestival.com

16 Friendswood Auto and Bike Show

The Friendswood Chamber of Commerce hosts its 12th annual event, which showcases vintage and specialty vehicles. Arts and crafts, local food vendors and a DJ are also on hand. 7 a.m. (registration opens), 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (showcase). \$30 (per vehicle registration), free (admission). Stevenson Park, 1000 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood. 281-482-3329. www.friendswoodchamber.com

Online Calendar

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RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

Early-year events in Pearland, Friendswood

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Courtesy Friends of Downtown Friendswood Association

The Friends of Downtown Friendswood Association hosted the inaugural Texas Music Fest on March 5.



Courtesy city of Pearland

The city of Pearland Daddy Daughter Date Night took place Feb. 27.



Stephen Garcia/Community Impact Newspaper

Pearland Medical Center celebrated its new partnership with The Woman's Hospital of Texas on Feb. 18.



Courtesy city of Friendswood

Friendswood had 260 attendees at its Daddy Daughter Dance on Feb. 20.



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Summer Camps

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Bricks 4 Kidz

832-350-8645

www.bricks4kidz.com/tas-pearland-manvel

AGES: 5-12

COST: \$130-195

DATES: June 6-Aug. 18

The annual summer camp allows children to play and create models with Legos and the camp's own specially designed bricks. Camps are divided into two age groups. Kids make unique projects that explore engineering, architecture, robotics and animation movie-making. Camps are hosted at four locations in the Pearland area: Pearland Parks and Recreation, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, Busy Bodies Kids' College and St. Andrew's Academy, Mon.-Thurs. and Mon.-Fri.

ARTS AND PERFORMANCE

Art and Kustom Kreations Studio

2837 Miller Ranch Road, Ste. 113, Pearland
346-704-2742

www.artandkustomkreations.com

AGES: 5-13

COST: \$135-\$195

DATES: May 31-Aug. 12

The weekly art camps for children encourage imagination and creativity. Campers learn about techniques for painting, drawing, mixed

media and more. Children also learn how to color, shape and design their art. The studio also hosts Imagiread Camp, where campers explore literature throughout the ages.

Pearl Academy of Performing Arts

14803 Park Almeda Drive, Houston

832-459-4674 • www.pearl-theater.com

AGES: 5-college freshman

COST: varies per program

DATES: June 6-July 29 (overall); each program has a specific date range
Campers learn how to act, sing and dance. There are half- and full-day camps available. Full-day campers are encouraged to bring a lunch and snacks. There are a variety of shows and programs available, including Theater Games, a performance of "101 Dalmations," and the Young Playwrights and Directors Intensive Workshop.

Popstar Performers

607 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood

832-693-5040

www.popstarperformers.com

AGES: 3-16

COST: \$125

DATES: June 13-Aug. 28

Campers learn to sing, dance and perform popular songs and routines. The six-week camps include a "Frozen" theme, and campers learn vocals and choreography to songs from TobyMac, Taylor Swift and Disney's "Descendants." There is a solo class available as well, but spots are limited.

Purple Box Theater

1309 W. Parkwood Ave., Friendswood

818-642-4665

www.thepurpleboxtheater.com

AGES: 5-16

COST: \$95 (weekly camps), \$225 (summer-long productions)

DATES: June 7-Aug. 4

Summer productions and theater camps for school-age children are available, including a showcase of Disney's "Descendants," "Frozen" and a "Star Wars" and superheroes mashup. A camp on stage combat, improv acting and stage makeup is also available.

ATHLETICS

Bushi Ban

125 W. Parkwood Ave., Friendswood

281-482-8000 • bushiban.com

AGES: 5-12

COST: TBD

DATES: June-August (specific dates TBD)

Campers learn multidisciplinary techniques from a variety of martial arts, including karate, jujitsu and kickboxing. Each weekly camp includes two field trips.

Lutheran South Academy

12555 Ryewater Drive, Houston

281-464-8299

www.lutheransouth.org

AGES: Children entering grades 1-12

COST: \$80-\$225

DATES: June 6-30

Children participate in a variety of camps, including volleyball, cheerleading, strength and conditioning, baseball and soccer. There is also an art camp and Camp Intervention, which focuses on creative problem-solving and teamwork.

Vic Coppinger Family YMCA

2700 YMCA Drive, Pearland

281-485-6805 • www.ymcahouston.org/vic-coppinger

AGES: 5-15

COST: \$160-\$205

DATES: June 6-Aug. 19

Weekly day camps run 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. There is a youth camp for younger children that features a variety of activities and crafts, and a teen camp for those over age 11 that focuses on leadership training and group exercises.

GENERAL

Active Learning Services

7302 Broadway St., Pearland

281-257-0078

www.activelearningcamps.com

AGES: 5-15 (chess), 7-16 (video game creation)

COST: \$270-\$500

DATES: Aug. 1-5

Several camps are available, including chess and a variety of video game creation programs. Campers learn how to make an already created video game, and then are



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given the opportunity to create one of their own. Parents are invited on the last day to observe a class and see their child's creation.

Children's Learning Center

10001 Broadway St., Pearland
832-271-7100
www.childrenslearningadventure.com

AGES: 5-13

COST: \$42-\$82

DATES: May 27-Aug. 19

The camp includes field trips, meals and activities, such as bowling, culinary classes, music, art, sports and drama. Children can attend for as many weeks as desired. Each week will focus on a different era that campers will explore in detail.

City of Friendswood

910 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood
281-996-3220 • www.ci.friendswood.tx.us

AGES: 6-13

COST: \$180-\$240

DATES: June 2-Aug. 19

Camps feature indoor and outdoor activities, including arts and crafts, nature studies, scavenger hunts, swimming and multiple sports. There are six sessions that involve various field trips, including Galveston's Pleasure Pier and Moody Gardens. Camps run 9 a.m.-4 p.m. with extended child care hours Mon.-Fri. Registration is on a first come, first served basis, and spots are limited.

City of Pearland

4141 Bailey Road, Pearland

281-652-1600 • www.pearlandtx.gov

AGES: 6-10

COST: \$116 (resident), \$145 (nonresident)

DATES: June 6-Aug. 19

Camps are available and feature basketball, indoor and outdoor activities. Camp KIA, or Kids in Action, features 11 weeklong sessions throughout the summer. Each involves a field trip to locations, such as the Kemah Boardwalk and Children's Museum.

First United Methodist Church Pearland

2314 N. Grand Blvd., Pearland
281-485-1466 • fumcpearland.org

AGES: varies per camp

COST: starting at \$20

DATES: June 20-24 (VBS), July 11-15 (Bricks4Kidz), July 18-22 (GIFTS Camp), Aug. 1-5 (Mad Science and LEGOS), Aug. 8-12 (Pine Cove Camp in the City)

Multiple programs are available, including GIFTS Camp, which encourages campers to try new activities and hobbies. There is also a Legos engineering and Mad Science camp.

Friendswood Community Church

2821 W. Parkwood Ave., Friendswood
281-388-3500
www.pinecove.com/city/friendswood

AGES: 5-11

COST: \$254

DATES: Aug. 1-5

Campers participate in indoor and outdoor activities under the guidance of college-age

counselors. Activities include laser tag, archery training, obstacle courses and also a fashion show. Scholarships are available.

Kid City Friendswood

1601 W. Parkwood Ave., Friendswood
832-569-4674
www.kidcityfriendswood.com

AGES: 4-12

COST: \$170 (full week)

DATES: June 6-Aug. 19

Programs for children include local and regional field trips, outdoor and indoor activities and crafts. Each camper receives a T-shirt, daily lunches, bug spray and sunscreen. There are options for three- and four-day camps, and each is divided by age.

Little Gym of Friendswood

400 W. Parkwood Ave., Ste. 108, Friendswood
281-482-4242 • www.thelittlegym.com

AGES: 3-12

COST: Starting at \$35 per child

DATES: TBD

The gym offers three-hour camps throughout the summer where campers explore the gym, play games and participate in arts and crafts. Snacks are served. Camps are Mon.-Thu.

The Little Gym of Pearland

9607 Broadway St., Ste. 105, Pearland
713-340-0042 • www.thelittlegym.com

AGES: 3-12

COST: start at \$35 per session

DATES: June 6-Aug. 21

Camps feature physical activity, games

and arts and crafts. There are two different programs, one for children under age 8 and another for children ages 8-12. Each week has a different theme, including The Little Gym Olympics and Green Beard's Pirate Ship.

OVERNIGHT

All Heart Horse Farm

21331 Crossfield Road, Manvel

713-515-1261 • www.allhearthorsefarm.com

AGES: 4 and up

COST: \$295 (day camp), \$595 (overnight camp)

DATES: May 30-Aug. 26

Day camps run 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Fri., and overnight camps run four nights and five days. Campers learn about horse ownership and careers associated with horses, daily horse care, the history of horses as well as horseback riding.

Victory Camp

1407 Victory Lane, Alvin

281-388-2267 • www.victorycamp.com

AGES: 6-13

COST: \$199 (day camp), \$225 (overnight camps)

DATES: June 6-10 (day camp), June 13-15 (Kid's Camp), June 20-23 (Junior High camp)

Two overnight camps, Kids camp for students entering grades 3-5, and Junior High camp, for those entering grades 6-8 are available. A day camp is available for younger children. There are arts and crafts, field sports, paddle boats, swimming and go-karts in addition to daily Bible lessons.

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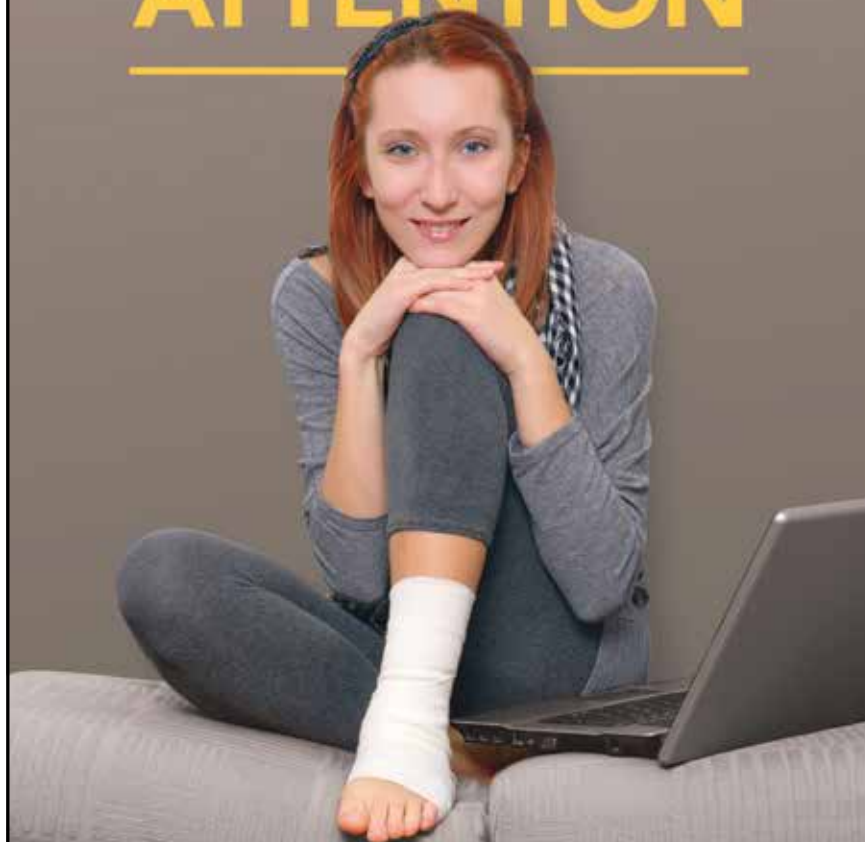
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TOP STORY

Apartment firms keep building new projects amid downturn

KATY In the apartment construction industry one simple premise often guides developers: Increased job growth creates a demand for new housing which in turn leads to new construction.

The Greater Houston region created 23,300 jobs in 2015 and projections for 2016 show 21,900 jobs will be added, according to Patrick Jankowski, senior vice president of research for the Greater Houston Partnership.

As a comparison, from 2011-14 an average of more than 89,000 jobs were added per year, said Bruce McClenny, president and CEO of Apartment Data Services LLC.

However, despite the significant decline in job creation, apartment developers have an estimated 30,000 new units under construction in the Greater Houston region—2,600 in the Katy area.

“We have—what looks like—a three-year supply [of apartments] without the job growth to sustain the market,” Jankowski said. “There are going to be too many units coming online for the job growth we’re going to have.”

Jankowski said despite the job diversification in Houston, which helps offset lost jobs in the oil and gas industry, there still are not enough new jobs to sustain the boon in apartment construction.

“The apartment industry has overbuilt,” Jankowski said. “They recognized the market signals too late. No one should start a new apartment complex for another year.”

In and around Katy, apartment complex construction continues as new communities are being built in several areas.

Full story by Jeff Forward

DINING FEATURE

Ky Ans Kitchen

SUGAR LAND Toys, figurines and cartoon posters decorate the walls of Ky Ans Kitchen, an Asian fusion restaurant in Sugar Land. Japanese anime characters Naruto and Sailor Moon watch over customers as they eat ramen and Vietnamese pho.

“This is perhaps a little glimpse of our personal interests,” co-owner Linda Lu said. “We just want to have a bit of fun here.”

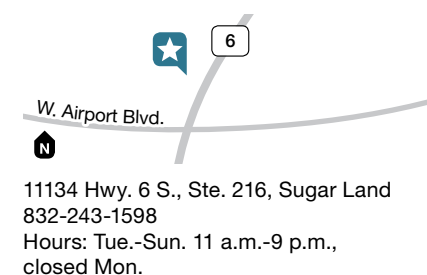
The Ky Ans concept is to provide healthy, guilt-free comfort food from Chinese, Vietnamese and Japanese cuisines. Vegetarian soup bases are common in Ky Ans’ dishes while Linda and her husband, Tom, make their own ramen noodles from scratch.

“What we offer is how we cook for ourselves,” she said. “When you eat it, you don’t feel so sluggish.”

The Sugar Land-based couple opened Ky Ans Kitchen in August 2014 at 11134 Hwy. 6 S., which is



Ky Ans Kitchen is the first restaurant venture for owners Tom and Linda Lu.



11134 Hwy. 6 S., Ste. 216, Sugar Land
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accessible via McKaskle Road. The Lus wanted a space that was convenient for area residents but admit the location does not have strong visibility.

Full story by Amelia Brust

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Friendswood sales tax elections

May 7 Ballot

- ☐ Street maintenance
- ☐ Economic development

City of Friendswood voters will see two measures on their ballots May 7. Both measures involve increases to the sales tax rate. One proposal would increase the rate by 3/8 of a percent, with funds going to street maintenance, while the other measure would add 1/8 of a percent to fund economic development in the downtown district. The sales tax rate in Friendswood is 7.75 percent. If voters approve both provisions, the rate would increase to 8.25 percent, the maximum allowed in Texas.

SALES TAX REVENUE COLLECTED IN 2015

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CURRENT TAX RATE
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1.5%
6.25%

Sales tax

Continued from I 1

Scott voted to call an election for a half-percent sales tax increase entirely for road repairs. That motion failed 4-3 before the two measures passed.

"You want 25 percent of the [available sales tax increase] for 1 percent of the city," Hill said. "I just don't think that's right. We have to look at the entire city."

'Mismanaged' road budget

Although the Texas Department of Transportation maintains the major thoroughfares in Friendswood, such as FM 518, additional revenue from a potential

sales tax increase would go toward repairing city roads.

"I think roads are a basic infrastructure requirement that city government should provide for," Scott said.

Today, the city has identified almost \$6 million in unfunded street improvement projects, Council Member Billy Enochs said. Some of the larger unfunded projects include work on Quaker and Crofter Glen drives, according to the city's pavement management master plan.

Scott, a council member since 2011, said the road budget had been mismanaged from the mid-1990s until he was elected. While Friendswood nearly doubled in population during that time, street maintenance funding dwindled down to next to nothing, he said.

"Our streets have been neglected for a long time," Enochs said. "We've got to address them before they become a real issue."

A possible sales tax election had been discussed for more than a year, officials said. Morad Kabiri, Friendswood assistant city manager, said during a December work session the council decided against calling for an election last November because of pending legislation. House Bill 157, which became law June 20, removed the quarter-percent ceiling for street maintenance, allowing Friendswood to pursue the entire available half-percent of sales tax.

Carl Gustafson was the lone council member to suggest a portion of sales tax go to economic development in the downtown district at the Dec. 7 meeting.

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Quaker Drive	\$255,000
Whittier Drive	\$340,000

TOTAL \$5,785,000



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IF APPROVED

1/8 OF A PERCENT WOULD GO
TO DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

Based on sales tax revenue collected in 2015, the amount generated would total

\$84,736

Stimulating downtown Friendswood

Gustafson advocated for the 1/8 of a percent for downtown economic development to provide funding to revitalize an area of Friendswood he said many residents want to see improved.

The Friends of Downtown Friendswood Association, a citizen group that had more than 10 members speak in favor of the ballot measure in February, incorporated in August. The organization hopes to work with the city to help spur commercial activity downtown.

Revenue from an approved sales tax increase could be used for any project that would promote economic development in the downtown district, FDFA President Brett Banfield said. Examples include beautification, infrastructure and road projects.

"We want to use these funds to get the curb appeal looking a lot better," Banfield said. "Hopefully that will promote private money to come in."

While Enochs said he hoped to dedicate the available half-percent of sales tax to road maintenance, he did not think residents would support it. Voters would only approve additional funding for streets if the 1/8 of a percent for downtown economic development was also on the ballot, he said.

"Sometimes you've got to lose some battles to win the war," Enochs said.

He cited past sales tax elections that failed due to lack of organized support as reason to compromise. A citizen group backed the 2013 city bond measures, which each received nearly 70 percent approval, he said.

"If we want to be successful, we've got to look at what has worked in the past," Enochs said. "[The 2013 bond elections] show how powerful it is when you have an advocacy group out there informing the electorate [on] what's going on."

After the city invested in drainage improvements and business-friendly ordinances downtown, calling for the sales tax election was a sensible course of action to follow, Gustafson said.

"This is just the next logical step in the process," he said. "It's building upon everything that's been done up to this point over the years."

Gustafson said the city's lack of restaurants and retail stores forces residents to spend money elsewhere. According to an Esri study that measured an industry's demand versus sales in downtown Friendswood, food service, general merchandise and miscellaneous stores lost about \$130 million in potential sales last year.

Friendswood would form a committee to oversee funding if the 1/8 of a percent increase is approved.

City Council would appoint all seven members of the board, with the ability to include up to four council members. Banfield said he hopes an FDFA representative would be included on the committee, but there have been no discussions with the council.

It is unclear whether the board would require City Council approval to distribute funds and if it would need to adhere to public meeting rules, according to some council members. Enochs said people are leery of government today, and the need to add another entity will discourage voters from approving the economic development measure.

"There's a lot more hurdles to convince the population why this is needed and how it will be utilized," he said. "They're just already very skeptical [of government]."

No sunset downtown

City Council held a special meeting Feb. 16 to discuss adding a sunset provision to the 1/8 of a percent increase. A sunset provision provides a date when the measure must reappear on the ballot for voter approval. Under Texas law, sales tax revenue for street maintenance includes a four-year sunset clause.

McGinnis proposed a four-year sunset provision on the economic development tax. The clause would encourage quicker progress, he said, and allow residents to re-evaluate the tax at the same time as a potential street maintenance measure.

"I think that [a sunset provision] adds a structural measure of fiscal responsibility and accountability into this idea," McGinnis said. "I see that as valuable."

Hill, McGinnis and Scott voted in favor of a sunset clause, but the motion failed 4-3.

Enochs said he would have been open to a longer sunset for the economic development tax, but four years was not enough time to gauge success without a clear vision of the desired projects downtown.

Scott said not including the sunset clause will deter some voters from approving the measure.

"I think [the elections] will be close," he said. "There's passion on both sides. It will just come down to which side gets their people excited the most to go out and vote. I think a lot of times it's more difficult to get people who are for something out to vote than it is to get people who are adamantly opposed to it."



RETAIL SUPPLY VS. DEMAND

An Esri study of downtown Friendswood found the district is losing potential sales because of a lack of businesses.

2015 revenue Missed potential revenue



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total potential revenue:\$106M



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total potential revenue:\$72M



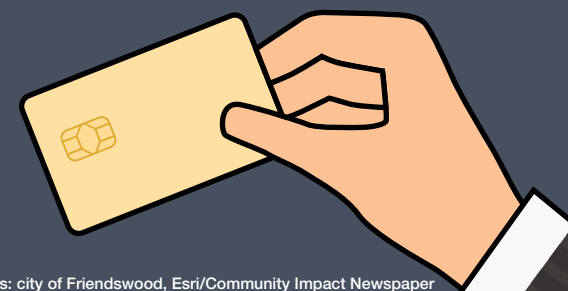
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL

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MISSED POTENTIAL REVENUE:

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Crime

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than 30,000 in 2010, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Changes in Pearland

Pearland has about 2,115 crimes per 100,000 residents, according to the Pearland Police Department. Some of the crime in Pearland and Friendswood may come from nearby Houston residents, but Lopez said he could not estimate how much it would be.

In November, the city hired a crime analyst and began its Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety program, Lopez said. DDACTS will

take an analytical approach to crime prevention. In April, PPD will create a unit that will address the “hot spots” identified by DDACTS.

Pearland is also undergoing an intensive study to help improve processes and determine best practices that will assist the police department in the future as the city continues to grow, officials said.

“The study will give us a plan in terms of looking at staffing levels and where those should be,” Pearland City Manager Clay Pearson said. “The community is growing and changing. Crime changes, too, as times change, and we need to make sure we stay on top of that.”

PPD recently swore in three new officers, with eight more going through the

academy and training who will join the department by 2017, Pearson said.

Pearson said Pearland is a safe place to live but acknowledged the city’s growth has attracted some unwanted attention from criminals as well.

“Pearland is a safe community and continues to be that way,” he said. “We have a large retail component [in the city], so people come from all over for dining and shopping. [Additionally] there [is a] strong transportation network. There’s a lot of energy and activity [in Pearland], and unfortunately there’s a small portion of people [who] are going to commit crimes of opportunity. But the police are actively engaged in solving and preventing crime.”

Lopez said Pearland’s police officers stay in touch with departments from neighboring cities to increase the chances of finding a criminal in a short amount of time. Emails and phone calls with the description of a suspect or vehicle help the process, he said.

Pearland is easily accessible by large thoroughfares, such as FM 518 and FM 2351, Lopez said. In addition, criminals who target Pearland have quick access in and out of the community via Hwy. 288, he said.

“When we make it easier for residents to get around, we also make it, unfortunately, easier for crooks to get in and out,” Lopez said.

Pearland’s proximity to Houston makes it a popular place for commuters to live, he said. As a bedroom community, many homes are left vacant during the day. Because of this, home burglaries—which have been increasing—are one of the most common crimes, Lopez said.

The number of burglaries jumped to 304 in Pearland in 2014 compared to 294 in 2013. Lopez estimates the number of burglaries for 2015 is 319, but data for last year has not been finalized.

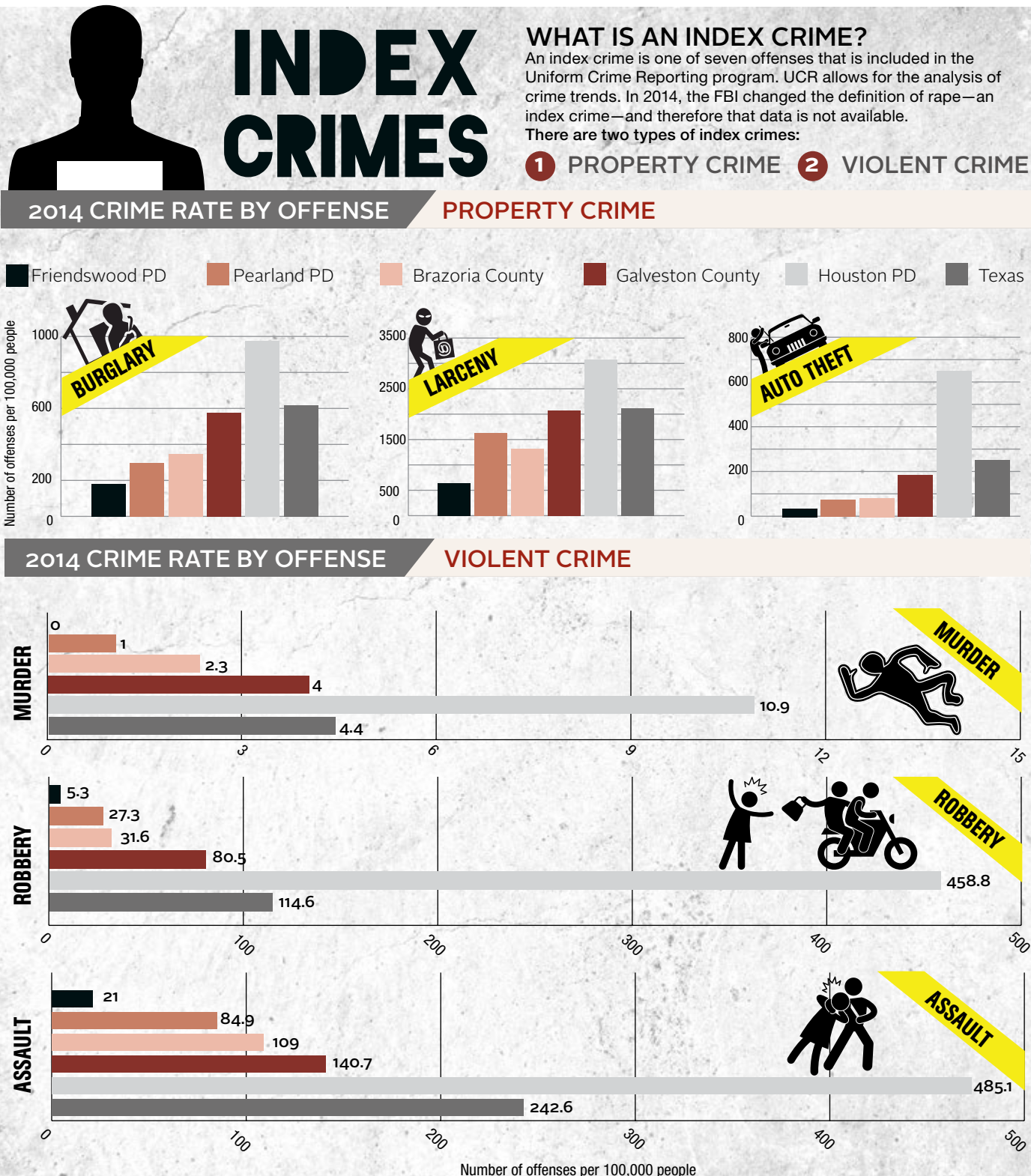
Friendswood’s low crime rate

Friendswood staffs about 1.5 officers for every 1,000 residents, Friendswood Police Department officer Lisa Price said.

“If some type of large commercial development comes in, such as a large department store or a town center, the police department would definitely be asking [City] Council for additional personnel for the added call volume such a development would [bring],” she said. “Obviously the 1.5 staffing ratio has been working for us thus far, and unless something drastic occurs, this is the ratio that will be maintained.”

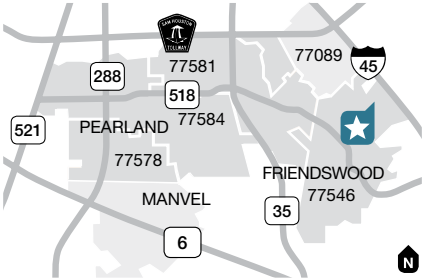
Although property crime decreased in Friendswood between 2013 and 2014, it remains an area of concern for the city, officials said. There were 70 reported burglaries in 2014 versus 89 in 2013, according to the latest data.

“Officers are urged to patrol the neighborhoods and be a visible presence on the farm-to-market roads, [which are] our major thoroughfares,” Price said. “We try to keep our citizens informed about the types of crime occurring and provide ways to prevent being a victim.”



REAL ESTATE

Located in the Harris County portion of Friendswood, Heritage Park offers residents a community swimming pool and golf course. The subdivision is zoned to Clear Creek ISD schools.



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Median home value: \$170,250
HOA dues (estimated): \$200–\$350 annually
Amenities: area pool and golf course
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Median home value
\$170,250

Median price per square foot
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Homes under contract*
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Average days on the market*
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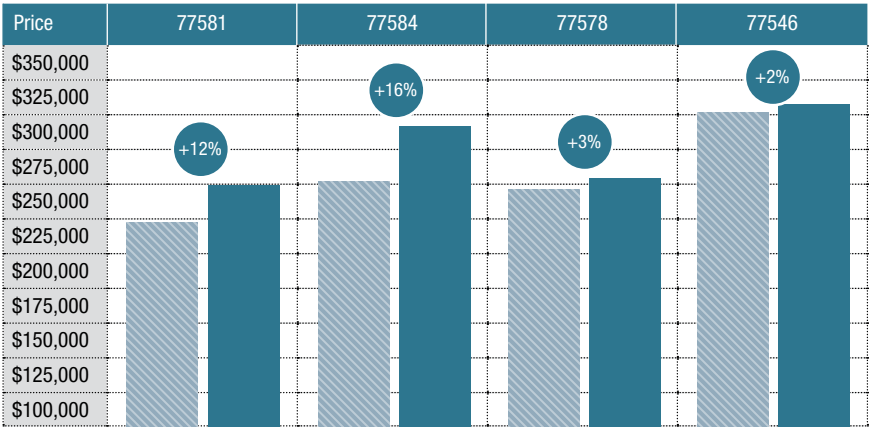
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\$200,000-\$299,999	52/68	74/52	30/47	17/40
\$300,000-\$399,999	20/49	101/72	27/64	25/71
\$400,000-\$499,999	7/30	38/88	37/141	25/65
\$500,000-\$599,999	2/57	20/108	9/160	18/61
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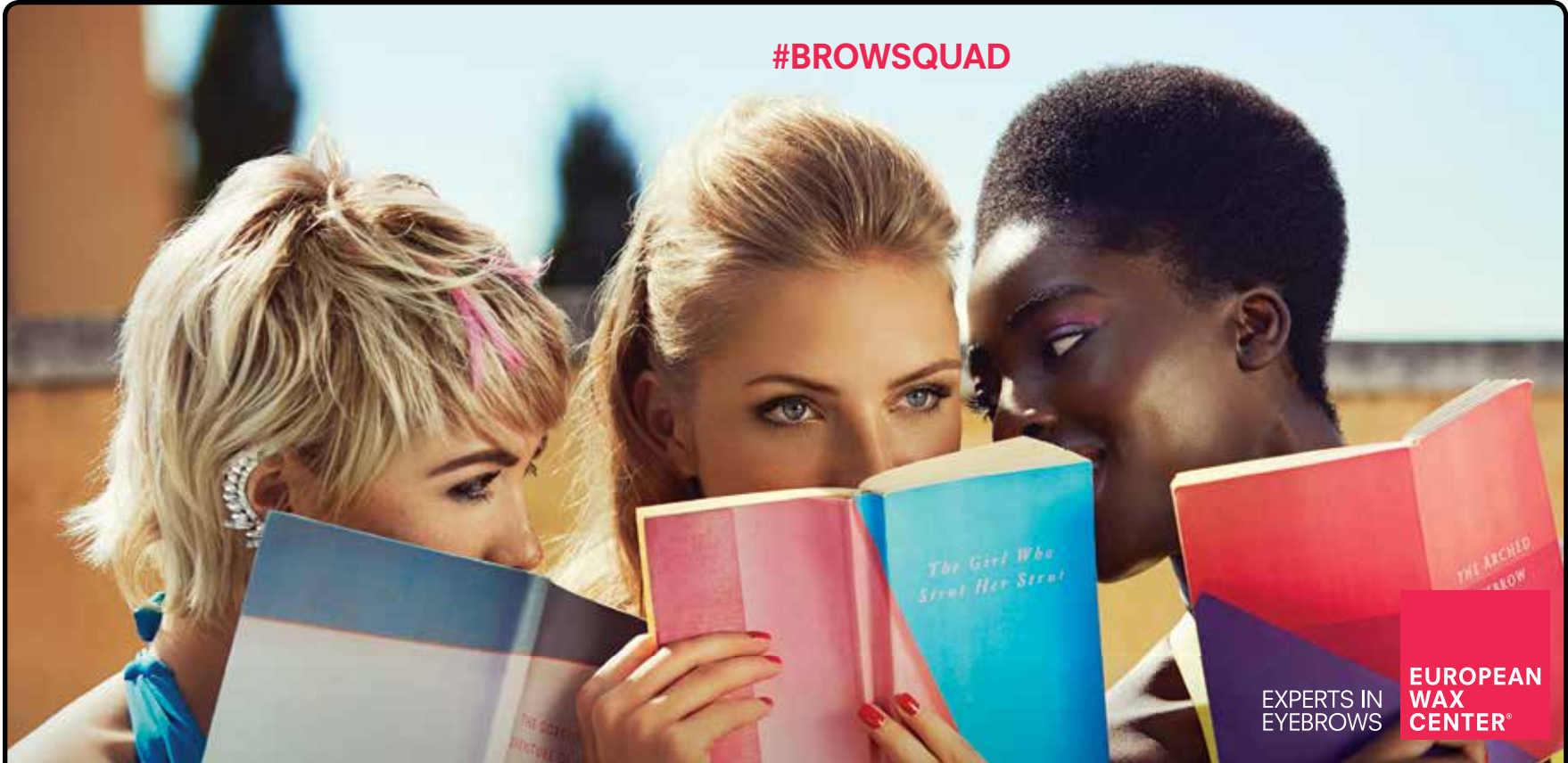


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