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CHANNEL CHATTER

Holiday Season rings out with song, parades, food baskets, bikes & toys



Four GPISD Teachers named HAABE Teacher of the Year

GPISD would like to congratulate four of our outstanding teachers for being named Houston Area Association for Bilingual Educators Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Sandra Rendon from Normandy Crossing Elementary- District Elementary Bilingual Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Heather Stuart from North Shore Elementary- District Elementary ESL Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Carmen Guereque from Woodland Acres Middle School- District Middle School ESL Teacher of the Year and Mrs. Elva Williams from North Shore Senior High- District High School ESL Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to these wonderful educators, we are proud to have you in our district.

Celebrate the Season

Saturday, December 17, 2016 at Charlie's Ice House located at 906 N. Main, Highlands, TX.

Come join for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship. There will be a buffet style meal.

NORTH CHANNEL – The Holiday Season was in full evidence in many communities this week, as parades, Santa appearances, donations of food, bikes and toys marked tradition and stores were jammed with shoppers.

The North Shore Rotary gave out over 300 food baskets, Galena Park gave bikes, and several fire departments and charities had toy and food drives for needy families.

Hundreds of Jacinto City residents lined the streets for the Annual Christmas Parade. It started on Wiggins Street near the elementary school, proceeded down Market Street, and ended at the Town Center on Oates.

Mayor Ana Diaz led the city delegation of councilpersons, with other dignitaries present also, including Constable Chris Diaz, Con-



GALENA PARK JACKETEERS gather around the Jacinto City Christmas Tree in Town Center to sing and celebrate the season. The group won an award in the Parade for Best Marching/Walking group. MORE on page 3.

gresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee and State Senator Sylvia Garcia.

Mayor Diaz presided over the ceremonies at the Town Center, including visits with Santa, free food and drink (hot chocolate), music by the JC Elementary Honor Choir and Councilman Allen Lee and son, and awards to the best floats and parade units. Award trophies went to:

- Most Beautiful Float: Family 4-H;
- Most Original Float: JC Pre-school 3 yr. olds PM class Mon & Wed;
- Best Marching/Walking Unit: Galena Park Jacketeers;
- Mayor's Choice: JC Pre-school 3 yr. olds PM class Tues & Thurs;
- Honorable Mention: Scroggins Elementary, Toe

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Four bodies found inside burned car in Channelview

CHANNELVIEW, Texas - Four bodies were found inside a burned car in Channelview last Friday, Dec. 9, 2016, Harris County Sheriff's Office reported.

According to officials, Channelview Fire Department arrived at 15331 Market Street around 10 a.m. after receiving some calls of a car on fire. The bodies of two men and two women were found inside the burned car, deputies said. Two victims were in the trunk and two in the backseat of the car.

Investigators said they are conducting a murder investigation and whoever set fire to the car was trying to cover up a crime.

The fire damaged the front of the car and causes of death are unknown at this time as the investigation continues.

DNA samples were extracted from the scene to identify the victims.

Investigators believe the car was set on fire to cover up the murder of the four African American people.



Four people were found death inside this burned car in Channelview last Friday morning.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Channelview ISD hosts Holiday Open House



Channelview ISD held its annual Holiday Open House and Wassail on Dec. 11 at the Joyce Hendrix Educational Support Center. Entertainment was provided by students from district campuses, including the Schochler Elementary Choir. In addition, many dignitaries such as State Senator Sylvia Garcia visited with DeZavala Elementary students after their performance and those in attendance at the community event.

NORTH SHORE

Rotary charters new Galena Park interact



On December 8, 2016, the North Shore Rotary Rotoract and Interact Committee Chair, Derrill Painter, presented the Galena Park CTE Early College High School Interact Club their club charter from Rotary International, club bell & gavel, and club banner inclusive of Rotary's Four Way Test. Accepting the charter and other items were Dr. Jeff Hutchison, Principal and Interact Club Faculty Advisor, Brissa Quinones, Club President, and Rodrigo Castaneda, Club Vice-President. Also in attendance were Dr. Angie Williams GPISD Superintendent, Kenneth Wallace, GPISD Deputy Superintendent, and Paul Drexler, North Shore Rotary Club Interact Club Advisor. This is the fourth Rotary Interact Club sponsored by the North Shore Rotary, and the club looks forward to an excellent working relationship with this new Interact Club.

Dear Santa,
I want to see you. I want an xbox 360 under my tree. You are nice to us. Love you!
Ashley

Dear Santa,
I have been trying to Be a good girl so I would like a A Simon and A tablet. I promise I will Be a good girl. Please!
Bella

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control car or truck. I want som shoes for school or a pool table and a iPod or a Black Bike.
Alberto

Dear Santa,
Come see me please I want drums, easy bake ovens and aIrrplane. PIEasE!
Melanie

Dear Santa,
I want an iPad and DS3d and an iphone with songs and Jordan shoes and clothes for School and makeup and headphones and one Doll. Thank You.
Alexis

Dear Santa,
I've been nice this year. I've helped people whit everything. I want a drum set for Christmas.
Esteban

Dear Santa,
I have been nice because I help my friend to tie his shoes. I want a tablet please because it is fun.
Jimmy

Dear Santa,
I have bean nice because I be nice to my little sister. I want a Laval Cloack for Christmas becauses so I can go to school on time.
David

Dear Santa,
I want a ipod for christmas. I love ipods a lot please. Can you let it be a surprise. Thank you.
Kanyyah Moye

Dear Santa,
I don't think I was good this year I want a esey baker. I promise do better for you.
Kassandra, 7

Dear Santa,
I want to have a make up kit and a bedazzler. How are you and your wife. I also want rolling shoes.
Layden

Dear Santa,
This year I been nice because I am a sweet student HO helps friends I want markers because I love markers.
Abigail

Dear Santa,
Are you and the reideer ok? I've been a very good girl. I want a necklace and stuffed pink all purple banny rabbits. Thank you,
Merry Christmas.
Alizah

Dear Santa,
How are you ok? and how are the Deers ok and How are Mrs. Deers ok and I want some gloves.
Lamora

Dear Santa,
I have friends name Angeta and Mia. They are very mean to me. Angeta always wants my stof everytime when I bring my stof she wants to hold it.
Sabrina

Dear Santa,
I have been nice. Yesterday my sister was crying and my sister too she was nice. She help me stop crying. I wish I could see you Santa.
Arianna,

Dear Santa,
I want all of the lego toys and books. And a computer. And a phone. And a phone for my dad.
Andrew Kopp

Dear Santa,
I been nice because I be nice to my friends, they are the nest and you are too Santa. I want a rainbow loom Santa. Tk you so much. I like to be nice to you and my friends.
Noemi

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Christmas Celebration in Jacinto City Parade, Santa, Tree Lighting, Holiday Music



The Award for most Beautiful Float in the Parade went to the Family 4-H. See Float picture below.



Saturday morning Santa rode a Fire Engine, and toured through Jacinto City, handing out gifts and wishing all the Season's Greetings. The Parade took place in the afternoon.



Best Marching/Walking Group Award was won by the Galena Park Jacketeers.



Holiday Music was provided by the Jacinto City Elementary Honor Choir, seen here gathered around the city's Christmas Tree, at Town Center. Other music was sung by City Councilman Allan Lee and his son.

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Helping Santa in the morning to distribute gifts and presents were Mayor Ana Diaz, and Constable Chris Diaz.



Officials riding in the Parade included Congreewoman Sheila Jackson Lee and State Representative Sylvia Garcia, seen at the center. Also on the float were the City Councilpersons, and Mayor Diaz at right.



Santa was busy all day. Here he is in the Parade, riding atop a Fire Engine. Later he went to the Pavilion in the Park, and listened to children's wish lists.



Most Original Float Entry was awarded to the Jacinto City Pre-School, 3 year old PM class, Mon & Wed.



Most Beautiful Float went to Family 4-H, with this Gingerbread House, and Christmas Tree. The entry also included walkers with a lamb and a goat.



Mr. Grinch and his lamb were part of the Family 4-H entry.

Seasons,

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Tappers, and Cheerleaders.

Judging the Parade were Tami Sandlin, Rebecca Vidrine, and Lassandra Garcia, all of Petroleum Express.

Music was furnished by the Roger Matheny family.

Performing were the Jacinto City Elementary Honor Choir, and Councilman Allan Lee.

The day concluded with the lighting of the official Jacinto City Christmas tree in the courtyard of the Town Center.

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Happy Holidays

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

'Spirit of King' alive and well at Sheldon ISD



Thanks to the individualized support from Sheldon ISD employees, 287 students will be receiving a gift this year as part of the school's annual "Spirit of King" district-wide participation. "Spirit of King" has been one way SISD employees have been giving back to their students for well over a decade. Those participating employees adopt one of more students and purchase at least a toy and clothing item for their adopted student. Some purchase more items - it's their choice. SISD Director of Student Services J. R. Webster said the students who were chosen had been previously identified by their school as needing additional assistance for the holidays. School district employees - ranging from transportation to administration - participated in this year's giving event to help the holidays shine a little brighter for those in need.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy.
For Christmas I want
some home work so I
can practice at home,
and a xbox 360, and the
rest you can give me.
Esteban

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy car,
a 3ds and a game. Also
a xbox one, and a dear I
have been very good.
Jonathan

Dear Santa,
I been a good boy this
year. For my wish I want
a nerf gun for christmas
Santa and a Hot Wheel
car maker.
Josue

Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl.
What I want for Christ-
mas is a real dog.
Katherine

Dear Santa,
This year I have been
really good. What I want
for christmas is a new
game for my 3ds and a
new bike. Can you
please make it a motor
bike?
Carlos

Dear Santa,
I would really want is
a Nintendo 3DS XL with
the game paper Mario
sticker star for this
Christmas and that is
all.
Jesse

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy
this year. What I want
for Christmas is a car, a
truck and a toad like
those cars with one seat
and four tires. Thank you
Horacio

COMMUNITY EVENTS

San Jacinto Pilot Club meeting

Every 1st Tuesday of the month, 7 pm, at the Woodforest Presbyterian Church (next to WalMart). The charter ceremony for this new club, made up mostly of former Anchors, will be Saturday, Jan 21, at 6 pm. For questions, call Ericka at 832-964-1565.

The Buckshot Jamboree

Enjoy Classic Country music every Saturday night from 7 pm - 10 pm with The Buckshot Jamboree at 7414 Hartman near Old Beaumont Highway. More info, call 281-458-0729 or 832-444-5000.

Galena Park Senior Dance

Senior Dance is every Monday at the Alvin D. Building, 1302 Keene St., Galena Park. 7 pm - 9 pm. No cover charge. Live band Country music. Call for more information: 713-455-7335.

North Shore Senior Dance

North Shore Seniors holds a dance every Thursday from 1 - 4 pm at the Grayson/Baldree Building, Corpus Christi street. Live bands and refreshments. Cost is \$ 5/per person. For more information call 713-455-3660.

San Jacinto Pilot Club meeting

The Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at Lyondell-Basell on Sheldon Road at noon.

Galena Park Library programs

-Sat., Dec. 17, Ask A Lawyer, 11 am; Family Movie-Frozen Sing-Along, 3 pm.
-Mon., Dec. 19, Book Club, 4 pm.
-Mon., Dec. 19 - Thur., Dec. 22, Robotics Club, 2 pm.
-Wed., Dec. 21, Mecanografia, 10:15 am; Toddler Time, 10:30 am; Story Time, 11:30 am; Typing, 1 pm; Get Active/Activate, 4 pm.
-Thur., Dec. 22, Chronicles of Yarnia, 10 am.
Galena Park library is located at 1500 Keene St., Galena Park, TX. 77547. Call 713-450-0982 for more information on these and other programs.

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LIFESTYLE

Sheldon ISD Superintendent visits schools for holidays



Sheldon ISD Superintendent King Davis spent the better part of this week traveling to all of the campuses wishing SUSD staff members a happy holiday season as well as thanking them for what they do in order to make Sheldon ISD a district of choice! Throughout his visits, Mr. Davis gave each employee a cup of hot chocolate with whipped cream, a chocolate spoon, Christmas cookie, and a candy cane. Also, Mr. Davis had his photo taken with teachers and students...and both the Null Middle School choir and band performed a tune for him.

Barbara Ann Byrd Nelson



Barbara Ann Byrd Nelson, 75, known to most as MawMaw, passed away peacefully on November 24, 2016, Thanksgiving Day, with her family gathered at her side. Barbara was born on June 6th, 1941 in "the old farmhouse" in Hallsville, Texas, and grew up in Mar-

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shall. She spent the last four decades in Highlands, Texas. Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, J.P. and Tessie Byrd; her sister, Mildred Shipwash; and her brother, Paul Byrd. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Kent; daughters, Debbie Nelson Bullington and Lisa Nelson Dammon; sons, Craig, Larry, and Paul Nelson; 13 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild, as well as 3 brothers, nieces, nephews, and so many beloved friends. Barbara devoted her life to her family, and those she treated like family. MawMaw's kitchen was the gathering place for anyone seeking sweet tea, baked treats, or a hearty meal - any time of day or night, all were welcome. Even Tango, the golden retriever, could expect a home-cooked dinner. MawMaw's love knew no limits; its depth only multiplied in adversity. Christ's love shone through her always, especially at the end as the ones who loved her most gave thanks even in their grief, grateful to be together on Thanksgiving to say goodbye in the house she made a home for everyone.

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 1 Corinthians 16:13

Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God.
 Leviticus 19:32

BUSINESS

Diamond Jim: "What can you tell us about the Bulova Watch Company?"



ASK DIAMOND JIM

Bulova is an American manufacturer of watches and clocks. Its headquarters is located in New York City. Bulova's Swiss-Made line is known as Bulova Accu-Swiss or formerly, Bulova Accutron.

History
Bulova was founded and incorporated as the J. Bulova Company in 1875 by Joseph Bulova (1851 – November 18, 1936), an immigrant from Bohemia. It was reincorporated under the name Bulova Watch Company in 1923, and became part of the Loews Corporation in 1979[4] and sold to Citizen at the end of 2007.

In 1912, he launched his first plant dedicated entirely to the production of watches. Manufacturing watches at their factory in Biel (Switzerland), Bulova began a standardized mass production never seen in the world of watchmaking until then. In 1919, Joseph Bulova offered the first complete range of watches for men. The iconic visual style of his first popular advertising made its watches popular with the American public. But beyond the original style, precision and technological research also became an endless quest for Bulova. In 1927, he set up an observatory on the roof of a skyscraper located at 580 5th Avenue to make measurements that would enable him to determine very precisely universal time. Bulova established its operations in Woodside, New York, and Flushing, New York, where it made innovations in watchmaking, and developed a number of watchmaking tools. Its horological innovations included the Accutron watch, which used a resonating tuning fork as a means of regulating the time-keeping function. Bulova became a renowned watch company in 1923. Bulova produced the first advertisement broadcast on radio in 1926, announcing the first beep of a history: "At the tone, it's eight o'clock, Bulova Watch Time", an announcement heard by millions of Americans. In 1927, Charles A. Lindbergh was the first pilot to cross the Atlantic nonstop. His crossing earned him a Bulova Watch and a check for \$1000, and it became an emblem for the brand that created the model "Lone Eagle" in his likeness. Bulova claims to have been the first manufacturer to offer electric clocks beginning in 1931, but the Warren Telechron Company began selling electric clocks in 1912, 19 years prior to Bulova. In the 1930s and 1940s, the brand was a huge success with its rectangular plated watches

whose case was strongly curved to better fit the curve of the wrist. Bulova produced the world's first official television commercial, on July 1, 1941, before a baseball game between the Brooklyn Dodgers and Philadelphia Phillies over New York station WNBT (now WNBC). The announcement, for which the company paid anywhere from \$4.00 to \$9.00 (reports vary), displayed a WNBC test pattern modified to look like a clock with the hands showing the time. The Bulova logo, with the phrase "Bulova Watch Time", was shown in the lower right-hand quadrant of the test pattern while the second hand swept around the dial for one minute.

At one time in the 1940s, Bulova made a few examples of their complex four sided, five-dial per side "sports timer" game clock for use in NHL pro ice hockey games and for the nascent NBA pro basketball league of that time, used for indoor sports arenas such as Boston Garden, Chicago Stadium and the Detroit Olympia through to the last example being taken out of service in Chicago in 1976, all replaced by digital-display game timepieces.

The Joseph Bulova School of Watchmaking was founded in 1945 by Arde Bulova, Chairman of the Board, initially to provide training for disabled veterans after the Second World War. The school later became a full-fledged rehabilitation facility, an advocate for disabled people nationwide, and one of the founders of wheelchair sports in America. The school closed in 1993.

In 1967, Bulova bought the Manufacture des montres Universal Perret Frères SA at Geneva and sold it in December 1977. The factory in Biel was closed in 1983.

Bulova's "Accutron" watches, first sold in October 1960, use a 360 hertz tuning fork instead of a balance wheel as the timekeeping element. The inventor, Max Hetzel, was born in Basel, Switzerland, and joined the Bulova Watch Company of Bienne, Switzerland, in 1948. The tuning fork was powered by a one-transistor electronic oscillator circuit, so the Accutron qualifies as the first "electronic watch". Instead of the ticking sound made by mechanical watches, the Accutron had a faint, high pitch hum which came from the vibrating tuning fork. A forerunner of modern quartz watches which also keep time with a vibrating resonator, the Accutron was guaranteed to be

accurate to a minute per month, or 2 seconds per day, considerably better than mechanical watches of the time.

Space
In the 1960s, the company was involved in a notable Space Age rivalry with Omega Watches to be selected as the "first watch on the moon". Ultimately, Bulova either did not or could not certify the Accutron as dustproof. The Omega Speedmaster Professional chronograph wristwatch was designated by NASA for use by the astronauts in all manned space missions, becoming the first watch on the moon on the wrist of Buzz Aldrin. All instrument panel clocks and time-keeping mechanisms in the spacecraft on those missions were Bulova Accutrons with tuning fork movements, because at the time, NASA did not know how well a mechanical movement would work in low gravity conditions. An Accutron 214 movement was placed on the moon in a communications relay device by the first moon landing mission. The U.S. government had used the 214 in military satellites, and had even prevailed on Bulova to delay the commercial release of the Accutron to prevent the Soviet Union from obtaining the technology during the Cold War. A little known fact, Bulova had been a contender for the NASA trials to find the right watch to be worn by the astronauts. While Omega's Speedmaster won the right to be the Official NASA watch, Bulova's Accutron timing devices were used on 46 NASA missions throughout the 1950s and '60's. During the Apollo 11 mission in 1969 – the first moon landing – an Accutron timer was

placed in a communications relay device and placed in the Sea of Tranquility to help control vital data transmissions.

In 1971, a Bulova chronograph was carried on board Apollo 15 – the fourth mission to land men on the moon – by mission commander David R. Scott. Of the dozen men that walked on the moon, all wore standard Omega Speedmaster watches that had been officially issued by NASA. Those watches are deemed to be government property. However, transcripts from the Apollo 15 Lunar Surface Journal attest to the fact that during his second excursion to the moon's surface, the crystal on his Official Omega watch had popped off. So, during his third lunar walk, he used his backup Bulova watch.

The Bulova Chronograph Model #88510/01 that Scott wore on the lunar surface was expected to fetch more than \$1 million, as it is the only privately owned watch to have walked the lunar surface. There are images of him wearing this watch, when he saluted the American flag on the moon, with the Hadley Delta expense in the background. That Apollo 15 third excursion lasted 4 hours, 49 minutes and 50 seconds. The watch shows "significant wear from exposure while on the moon, and from splashdown and recovery."

The Bulova company briefly manufactured a limited edition "Astronaut" model under its Accutron line of watches. The back of the watch case is autographed by Buzz Aldrin. The tuning fork movement has been discontinued by Bulova, and the current Astronaut model features automatic ETA SA movement.

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ASK THE EXPERT

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What Should You Know About Taking RMDs?

As we get older, the end of another year takes on greater meaning, in many ways, than it did when we were young. And if you're a certain age, December 31 has a very specific meaning in terms of your finances, because it's the deadline for withdrawing money from some of your retirement plans. What should you know about these withdrawals? And how much control over them do you have?

Here's the picture, in a nutshell: Once you turn 70, you generally need to start taking withdrawals – the technical term is "required minimum distributions," or RMDs – from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar plan, such as a 403(b) plan (for employees of public schools, religious institutions and other tax-exempt organizations) or 457(b) plan (for employees of state and local governments and governmental agencies). After the first year in which you take these RMDs, you must take them by the end of each year thereafter.

If you don't withdraw at least the minimum amount (calculated based on your age, account balance and other factors) you face a penalty of 50% of what you should have taken out – a potential loss of thousands of dollars. So, here's priority number one: Take your RMDs before the end of the year. The financial services provider who administers your IRA or 401(k) can help you determine the amount you must withdraw.

However, after that point, it's your decision as to whether you want to exceed the minimum. Of course, you may need to take more out to meet your living expenses. But if you have enough additional income from other sources – such as Social Security and interest and dividend payments from investments held outside your retirement accounts – you may be able to stick with the minimum withdrawals.

And this could prove to be beneficial, because you obviously want your retirement accounts to last as long as possible, considering you might spend two or even three decades as a retiree. Another reason not to take more than you need from your retirement accounts is that these withdrawals are typically taxable – so the less you take out, the lower your tax bill.

You can also potentially lower your tax burden arising from RMDs by being generous. If you take money from your IRA and donate it to a qualified charity (one that has received tax-exempt status from the IRS), you can exclude the withdrawal from your adjusted gross income and count the donation against your taxable RMDs. Suppose, for example, your RMD for 2016 is \$5,500. If you take \$5,000 from your IRA and donate it to a qualified charity, your taxable RMD obligation will be reduced to just \$500. If you were to take another \$500 from your IRA, you would satisfy your entire RMD for the year. (Consult with your tax advisor to make sure you're following the rules governing these charitable donations from your IRA.)

You worked many years to build your retirement accounts. So when it's time to tap into them, make the right moves – and do whatever it takes to maximize the benefits you get from your required minimum distributions.

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT RENEWAL
 PERMIT NO. WQ0010195001

APPLICATION. City of Jacinto City, 1301 Mercury Drive, Jacinto City, Texas 77029, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010195001 (EPA I.D. No. TX0053970) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed an annual average flow of 1,640,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located at 12202 Market Street, Jacinto City, in Harris County, Texas 77029. The discharge route is from the plant site to Hunting Bayou which is considered to be part of the Houston Ship Channel/Bufalo Bayou Tidal. TCEQ received this application on October 24, 2016. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at the City of Jacinto City City Hall, 1301 Mercury Drive, Jacinto City, Texas. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application.
<http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.766111&lng=95.222777&zoom=19&type=r>

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.**

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

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

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

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

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

TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

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

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. All written public comments and requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.texas.gov.

Further information may also be obtained from the City of Jacinto City at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Mark Havran, Project Engineer, LJA Engineering, Inc., at (713) 450-1300.

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