Waste Pits meetings
December 4 & 5

The San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund site will host a community meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Highlands Community Center to provide information regarding the Record of Decision to remove the Pits and the site's status post Harvey. You will have the opportunity to ask the EPA questions or express your concerns. We encourage you to attend this meeting to hear the site's status directly from the EPA.

Northeast water purification plant expansion project

The City of Houston’s Northeast Water Purification Plant’s expansion project is led by Ravi Kaleyatodi, P.E., Senior Assistant Director. The project consists of two design-build phases to expand the plant’s capacity from 80 million gallons per day (MGD) to 400 MGD by 2024. The expansion project will help the City and water authorities meet future water demands and fulfill requirements by the Harvey Water Plant. New water purification plant expansion, aerial view.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Chamber Foundation receives $65,000 donation from SeAH

SeAH, a new industry in North Channel, and a new member of the Chamber, generously donated $65,000 to the Education Foundation. SeAH is a new industry in North Channel, and a new member of the Chamber.

NORTH SHORE MUSTANGS - North Shore Mustangs advance to Regional Playoff Game

By Allan Jamail

Galena Park citizens enjoy first annual turkey dinner

Mayor Moya welcomes guests for Thanksgiving dinner. Mayor Esmeralda Moya visits with Thanksgiving dinner guest.

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Hurricane Harvey Devastates Harris County

A trillion gallons of water fell across Harris County over just four days—a number more than twice as high as the next rainfall on record. The storm was responsible for most of the destruction. Harvey spread a destructive path across much of southeast Texas, while Irma impacted Florida and Maria shocked Puerto Rico.

Although Harvey was a hurricane, its effects on Texas and surrounding counties, Harvey dumped massive amounts of rain across the region, the highest amount in United States history. “Although Harvey was a hurricane, its effects on Texas and surrounding counties were truly catastrophic,” added Emmett. “We are truly grateful to all our partners, including state and federal partners, who have contributed to help restore our community. It has been a while before we know an accurate assessment, but we are working to help residents impacted by the event.”

The Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (HCOHSEM) has been working closely with local, state, federal and non-profit partners to help the county recover from the disaster.

HCOHSEM reminds residents affected by Harvey that the deadline to register for federal assistance is November 30th. To apply, go to www.fema.gov/registration or call 800-995-4949.

Drug level parent meetings were held for the first time to help parents better understand the college and career process. Another new process this year was that the Air Force representatives were able to talk about scholarships. Another new item was that the Air Force representatives were able to talk about scholarships. Another new item was that the Air Force representatives were able to talk about scholarships. Another new item was that the Air Force representatives were able to talk about scholarships. Another new item was that the Air Force representatives were able to talk about scholarships.

CISD’s College Night, held this year, was presented by coaches Brad Jones and Robert Lende, and coordinator Georgia Lovell, and was held annually for district students and parents.
**GALENA PARK ISD**

North Shore Senior Teacher appointed to Texas Commission

Governor Greg Abbott has appointed Melissa Martin, North Shore Senior High teacher to the Texas Commission on Public School Finance. Martin is responsible for the project, and oversee the project, and it is responsible for the development management and legislative oversight on public school funding. She has just released a report to deliver by the end of 2018. “I’m honored to represent the students and teachers in our great state,” said Martin. “I’m looking forward to serving by first studying the current public school finance system then collaborating with the others on the commission to find ways to improve the current system to meet the needs of our students.”

Martin is a career and technology teacher and is a member of the Association of Texas Professional Educators, advisor for the Family Career and Community Leaders of America, and a member of Southwestern College Future Educators. She has an associate’s degree from Lamar University. Congratulations, Mrs. Martin!

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**Water Plant**, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

- Galena Park and Port Bolivar Subdistricts that restrict groundwater usage.
- Construction on the $1.35 billion project is expected to begin in the fall
- The Regional Water Authority, which is a joint venture between CH2M and CDMSmith.
- The project is the Houston area’s new source of drinking water for years 2017-2018.
- Four partner agencies involved in the project will share portions of the cost.
- North Harris County Regional Water Authority, Central Harris County Regional Water Authority, West Harris County Regional Water Authority and North Fort Bend Water Authority.
- The project administrator and oversees the project, and it is responsible for the planning, design and construction of the project. The New Water Purification Plant building design includes:
  - Design and construction of a new water facility that includes an intake and a pumping and treatment system.
  - The intake portion of the treatment facilities with a combined maximum water capacity of 200 MGD.
  - Construct all electrical, instrument and control system for the project.
  - Pump station and ground storage tanks.
  - The design-build contractor for the project is the Houston Waterworks Team, which is a joint venture between CH2M and CDMSmith.

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**East side water projects**

A massive water infrastructure project, which will be seen daily by the millions of thirsty Texas residents, more than 40 miles westward Texas to 4.5 million people in Harris and Fort Bend counties.

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**Galena Park First Annual Turkey Dinner**, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

**The Buckshot Jamboree**

Enjoy Classic Country music every Saturday night from 7 pm - 10 pm with the Buckshot Jamboree at 114 Ingram near Old Beaumont Highway. More info, call 281-451-0319 or 832-665-1600.

**San Jacinto Pilot Club meeting**

The Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at Anheuser-Busch on I-10, at noon. For more information, please visit www.SanJacintoPilot.com.

**Evening San Jacinto Pilot Club**

Treasurer of the newly chartered club meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Woodforest Presbyterian Church. For more information, see the Facebook page entitled Evening San Jacinto Pilot Club or call 281-604-1565 / 832-309-4700.

**Trip Israel**

Flowers & Keys plans a trip to Israel March 2018. Call for more information, 281-447-4037.

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**Galena Park First Annual Turkey Dinner**

- The sponsors were Mayor Meyers, Magnolia Pipe Line Company LP, the Deli House Restaurant, the Committee for a Better Galena Park, Men’s Inc, and Ernest Trevino Tracking and Flowers.

City officials present were Commissioners Rodney Cheramy, Barry Poehl, City Secretary Myra Gonzales, Police Chief Rosey Martin and members of the city department.

Coordinator Flowers said, “we cooked 25 turkeys along with all the trimmings, desserts and sodas.”

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**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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<p>Seniors can improve their lives for others & themselves (NAPSI)- More older Americans have discovered the magic of volunteering during their accumulated wisdom with others who need help can be a big win all around.</p>
Northside Baptist, Highlands Christmas Program

A Christmas Program will be held at Northside Baptist Church, Highlands on December 3, 2017 at 6pm. Primarily composed of congregational singing and equipped with special music by Gene Littlejohn and Karen Bascom.

Other musicians include: Patricia Brockinton, Sarah Stanley, Adam Stanley, Linda Sonnier, Marlon Littlejohn, Maggie Love Littlejohn, Steve Bay-Littlejohn, Jesse Wayne Littlejohn, Ava Arriaga, Nita Ford.

Fellowship immediately after this service. Pastor David R. Brumbelow invites everyone to join the Christmas Celebration. Northside Baptist Church is located at 317 Barbers Hill Rd., Highlands, 77562.

Northside Baptist, Highlands
Christmas Program
**DECEMBER BIRTHSTONES**

December's birthstones are tanzanite and turquoise. Their deep blue and green hues have captured the imagination of people for millennia.

**TANZANITE**

Tanzanite is a relatively new gemstone. Found in only one place, Tanzania, tanzanite is limited geographic origin gives it a unique allure since its relative scarcity makes it more valuable.

- **Origin**: Named for its origin in Tanzania, tanzanite is a mineral zoisite that is heat treated and colored.
- **Color**: Tanzanite is an uncut blue gem that's often confused with synthetic cubic zirconia due to its similar shape and shade. However, the two stones are distinct.

**TURQUOISE**

Turquoise is sensitive to a few factors, which may appear for a few seconds in the presence of moisture. The stone's popularity and its earth tones make it a popular choice for Native-American jewelry.

- **Origin**: Turquoise can be found in many places around the world, including the Persian word ‘zarkun’ and the English term ‘turquoise’.
- **Color**: Turquoise can range from blue to green, with a few minerals to lend its color.

**December Birthstone Questions**

- **What is the birthstone for December?**
  - Tanzanite
  - Alternative: Zircon and turquoise

**Advice**: If you have questions pertaining to jewelry, precious stones, precious metals, and other related questions, contact the jeweler industry email provided. Tanzanite is a diamond dealer and provides services like makeup, personal and natural care.

**Competition**: Competitions like this give our students experience in working together to accomplish specific goals. The team then earns points for the successful completion of each exercise. The team with the highest total score wins.

**Additional Information**: The competition involves team members participating in a research exercise where they have to come up with a solution to a problem. Students are given a list of tasks that they need to perform different tasks. The team then earns points for the successful completion of each exercise.

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**CLASSIFIED ADS**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS GALENA PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S STATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING

Galena Park I. S. D. will hold a public hearing at 5:50 p.m. on December 11, 2017, in the Board Room of the Administration Bldg., 14705 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, TX 77015.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss Galena Park I.S.D.'s rating on the State's financial accountability system.

This hearing will be held prior to the regular school board meeting scheduled for that date.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BARRIERS HILL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT’S STATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING

Barbers Hill ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m., Monday, December 18, 2017, in the C. T. Joseph Conference Center, 9600 Eagle Drive, Montgomery, TX.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Barbers Hill ISD’s rating on the State’s financial accountability system.

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WATER SAFETY

Well system parts vital for good water quality

(NAPSI)—If you ever get water from a well, you should know there’s more to it than just, well, a well. In fact, a well system consists of numerous components—many of which can affect water quality if not well maintained.

What’s In A Well

These components are designed to protect water from contaminants that are harmful to health or adversely affect the water’s appearance, taste or odor. They include:

• The Well Casing: This is the tubular structure that is placed in the drilled well to maintain the opening. Along with grout, the casing confines the groundwater to its zone underground and can prevent contaminants from mixing with the water. The most common materials for well casings are carbon steel, plastic (most commonly PVC), and stainless steel. Different geologic formations dictate which type of casing can be used. Residents in some areas have a choice between steel and PVC, both of which have advantages.

PVC is lightweight, resistant to corrosion, and relatively easy for contractors to install. However, it is not as strong and not as resistant to heat as steel. Steel, though, is susceptible to corrosion, can have scale buildup, and can cost more than PVC.

If the casing is sufficiently corroded or breaks, or if the grouting fails, contaminants could enter the well and compromise your water quality. Your best protection is to get a periodic water well system inspection to identify any such problems.

• The Well Cap: This goes on top of the well casing. It should fit snugly so debris, insects or small animals can’t find their way into the well system. The well cap should be bolted or locked so it cannot be easily removed. Well caps are usually aluminum or thermoplastic and have a vented screen so the pressure difference between the inside and outside of the well casing will be equalized when water is pumped from the well.

A cracked or loose well cap could allow outside contaminants, including insects, into the well. Well owners should visually inspect their well cap from time to time and contact a water well system professional if a problem is detected.

• The Pitless Adapter: This connector is used in places where freezing occurs. It’s installed underground below the frost line to provide a sanitary seal between the well casing and the water line running to the house. If this seal is compromised, it could allow bacteria or other contamination into the well. A water well system contractor can determine whether a faulty pitless adapter is contributing to water quality problems.

• The Well Screen: This prevents excess sediment from entering the well. Well owners should visually inspect their well screen from time to time and contact a water well system professional if a problem is detected.

The National Ground Water Association (NGWA) advises household well owners to maintain their well systems, including these important components, to protect drinking water quality and health.

Learn More

For further information about well systems, water quality, and groundwater protection, visit www.WellOwner.org.