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## CHANNEL CURRENTS

### Spaghetti Sauce Competition

Spaghetti Sauce Competition September 20, 2019, 6 - 10 p.m. at Greyson Community Center, 13828 Corpus Christi St. Houston, TX 77015. Fundraiser for the opening of a non profit female veteran home.

Contestants fee: \$100 (Non refundable)

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### San Jacinto Pilot Club Casino Party Fundraiser

Saturday, September 28, 2019, 6 - 11 p.m. at Baldree Building, 13828 Corpus Christi St. Houston, TX 77015. Call 281-221-1616 for more details or visit [www.sanjacintopilot.com](http://www.sanjacintopilot.com)

### Greens Bayou Regatta

4th Annual Greens Bayou Regatta, September 28th, 9 am - 2 pm. This is a 7.5 mile kayak/paddle race on Greens Bayou. All proceeds from this event goes to the development of a 27.5 mile Paddle Trail and creation of kayak/canoe launches. For details, visit [www.greensbayou.org/events](http://www.greensbayou.org/events)

### North Channel National Night Out

First Annual North Channel Community National Night Out, Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at Parking lot of the brand new Harris County Cultural Arts Center (front building - formerly Christian Tabernacle) 1334 Wallisville Rd., Houston, TX. 77049, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

## North Shore defeats Westfield, scoring 11 points in less than 3 minutes 24 - 21

By Allan Jamail

Friday, September 13, 2019 at the Galena Park football stadium the North Shore Mustangs

came from behind defeating the Westfield Mustangs 24 - 21. A Westfield fumble gave North Shore the ball with less than a minute. They moved the ball within field goal range for kicker John Villalobos who kicked the game winning 3 points in a thriller.

In the first quarter Westfield scored first and led North Shore (Nshore) 7 - 0, then Nshore's quarterback Demetrius Davis the first player this season to score on the Westfield's defense ran for 42 yards tying the game, 7 - 7.

Westfield came back to take the lead 14 to 7 with



Photo by Allan Jamail

North Shore's 33 yard field goal by kicker John Villalobos split the goal posts defeating Westfield as the clock expired, 24 - 21.

12 seconds left in the 1st quarter on a 51 yard pass-play.

Roger Hagan scored for Nshore from the 5 yard

line for the only score in the 3rd quarter. On a controversial call for the extra point kick by John Villalobos, Westfield led by 1

point 14 -13. Nshore fans and some coaches disagreed with the referees extra point call, saying the kicked ball skimmed over

the post. MaxPreps football reporter watching the

**See North Shore wins, page 3**

## Protesters on Hartman Bridge arrested

BAYTOWN – A group of young men and women from the Greenpeace movement chose last Thursday, the day of the Democratic debate in Houston, to stage a dramatic protest by dangling over the side of the Fred Hartman Bridge, suspended over the ship channel where oil tankers normally move.

There were 11 protesters hanging from ropes below the bridge rail, and another 12 on the bridge helping them.

On the Greenpeace USA Twitter page, they stated that they were protesting the fossil fuel industry, and trying to block the oil tankers exporting in the channel below. The Coast Guard said they had closed about one-half mile of the channel for safety reasons. The protesters are dangling about 100 feet above the water. The bridge is 180 feet above the water. A fall



GREENPEACE protesters hang from the side of the Fred Hartman Bridge in Baytown last Thursday, with colorful flags blowing in the breeze to call attention to their stunt. Protesters chose this location because it is over the Houston Ship Channel where much of the ship traffic is oil tankers. The timing of the protest was the same day as the Democratic debate in Houston, meant to call attention to the need for environmental and energy regulations to reduce on-going climate change.

could be deadly, they were warned.

The protesters said that their plan was to dangle in place for 24 hours, but as of Thursday evening, only 12 hours into the incident, authorities had removed most of them.

Northbound traffic across the bridge was severely interrupted during the police activity. Harris County Sheriff's deputies had arrested the 12 on the bridge earlier, and were working with the Houston and Baytown fire departments to lower the rest of the protesters to boats below, from the Coast Guard, Sheriff's office and Houston police. Demonstrators were taken into custody after lowered to the boats.

On Friday, the 23 protesters bonded out of jail, but face charges of obstruction of road and ship channel that could lead to a year in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

## New Cloverleaf Elementary School Ribbon Cutting



Photo by Allan Jamail

New Cloverleaf Elementary School Ribbon Cutting Dedication Ceremony. Participants Board of Trustees: Ramon Garza – President, Jeff Miller - Vice President, Adrian Stephens – Secretary, Wilfred J. Broussard, Jr., Wanda Heath Johnson, Noe Esparza and Norma Hernandez, Superintendent Dr. Angi Williams, Principal Lee Brown, Judge Lucia Bates, Margie Buentello President & CEO & Members, North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce, Bryan Clements, GPISD Police Chief, Frank and Carmen Nadolney (others names unknown). Present but not pictured: Senator Carol Alvarado, Yuroba Harris, District Director Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia, Maria Delgado Chief of Staff for Rep. Ana Hernandez, Constable Sherman Eagleton and Terri Moore, Assistant Superintendent for Operations.

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. - Cloverleaf Elementary School, 1035 Frankie Street, September 12, 2019. Bringing to a conclusion of the May 22, 2018 ground breaking ceremony and a year and a half later the New Cloverleaf Elementary School had its Ribbon Cutting Dedication Ceremony.

**See New School, Page 6**



Frank E. Nadolney and Superintendent Dr. Angi Williams standing next to a framed photo display of the 1942 Cloverleaf Elementary School's beginning. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

## LyondellBasell to mobilize hundreds of volunteers for Global Care Day, Sept. 21

Volunteers from numerous LyondellBasell locations in the Greater Houston area will take part in this year's Global Care Day, a community service program. Staff from LyondellBasell's more than 100 sites or locations around the world will donate their time, effort and energy to support sustainability projects in the areas where they live and work.

LyondellBasell's Global Day Care will be Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019 in Houston from 8 a.m. - noon. Locations include:

•Bayport Complex  
Armand Bayou Nature Center – 8500 Bay Area Blvd.

Projects: Replace trail fencing, refurbish dip netting pond and set up nature library

Number of volunteers: 80  
•City of Shoreacres - Shell Beach and Miramar Beach

Projects: Beach cleanup and removal of invasive vegetation to allow visitors to enjoy the beach area

Number of volunteers: 10  
•Channelview Complex Adopt-A-Road – 8280 Sheldon Road, Houston, TX 77049

Projects: Cleanup along Sheldon Road in front of Channelview Complex

Number of volunteers: 20  
•Rio Villa Neighborhood - 19610 Rio Villa Dr., Houston, TX 77049

Projects: Neighborhood cleanup, refurbishment of entrance signs and adding landscaping and lighting to the main entrance

Number of volunteers: 60  
•Thomas Bell Foster Park – 12895 Greens Bayou St., Houston, TX 77015

Projects: Cleanup and continued restoration of the park

Number of volunteers: 100  
•Houston Engineering Center

North Shore Senior High School – 353 Castlegory Dr., Houston 77049

Projects: Create outdoor learning center, outdoor garden space and outdoor lunch area

Number of volunteers: 200

•Houston Technology Center  
Sheldon Lake State Park – 14140 Garrett Rd., Houston 77044

Projects: Cleaning up trash from Sheldon Lake and the surrounding park area to ensure the public can enjoy the outdoor space

Number of volunteers: 50  
•Houston Refinery Richey Elementary – 610 S. Richey St. Pasadena 77506

Projects: Facelift to playground area, planting trees and flowers, building benches and picnic tables

Number of volunteers: 150

•LyondellBasell Tower Hermann Park – 6104 Hermann Park Dr. Houston 77030

Projects: Planting, landscaping and painting

Number of volunteers: 300



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COMMUNITY NEWS

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## Crosby Education Foundation proud to announce Marek Insurance as Corporate Sponsor

Crosby, TX – Crosby Education Foundation is pleased to partner with Marek Insurance Agency in its mission of providing additional resources to enrich teaching, inspire learning, and maximize innovative opportunities for all students in the Crosby Independent School District.

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pany, but instead are licensed with over 60 insurance carriers giving us the ability to “shop” the market so you don’t have to.

### ABOUT CROSBY EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Crosby Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that partners with the community to provide resources for inspirational learning and inventive teaching opportunities in the Crosby Independent School District. Since 2011, in cooperation with corporate sponsors and area leaders, CEF has been able to raise over

\$600,000 to benefit Crosby Independent School District. With support from local companies like Platinum Sponsor Marek Insurance, we envision an environment of innovative learning for our students, the future of Crosby.

### UPCOMING GALA EVENT, CASINO ROY-ALE

The Crosby Education Foundation, together with Venue Sponsors Southern Lace Estates and the Crawfish Shack, will host its 9th annual gala, “Casino Royale”, at Southern Lace Estates on September 14, 2019. The event will delight guests with a Las Vegas themed evening featuring casino games, delicious food and cocktails to encourage supporters to splurge on a great time! There will be a Live Auction, as well as a Wine Pull and Silent Raffle. To spotlight the evening’s cause, our educator’s Innovative Grant Requests will be on display for advance underwriting opportunities. To join the fun, call or visit Crosby Education Foundation (CEF) for sponsorship opportunities ranging from \$7,500 to \$1,000, or individual dinner tickets for \$100 each.

## Harris County Attorney discusses community protection with Northeast Harris County Bar Association



Celina Vinson, managing attorney for litigation (left), and County Attorney Vince Ryan discuss community protection matters with the Northeast Harris County Bar Association on Sept. 13.

Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan met with the Northeast Harris County Bar Association at Los Cucos restaurant in Kingwood on Friday, Sept. 13 to describe the Office’s community protection program.

County Attorney Ryan, along with Celena Vinson, Managing Attorney for Litigation, discussed how the County Attorney’s Office uses civil law to rid neighborhoods of enterprises that foster crime.

“We have a duty to protect our community from those who want to operate illegal businesses,” said County Attorney Ryan. “As the third-largest county in the nation, we are facing new challenges that others have not yet seen.”

The Harris County Attorney can take legal action against owners who create situations that encourage crime on or

around their property. The County Attorney works with owners of properties to develop ways for the owners to take steps to discourage criminal activities.

Vinson said the most common nuisances the office sees are illegal game rooms, massage parlors, smoke shops, and motels that permit prostitution on their premises.

“We work with law enforcement agencies to constantly check on these places to make sure they’re adhering to court orders,” said Vinson. “We sometimes have to go after the landlords who knowingly allow their tenants to operate outside the law.”

Although the lawsuits are filed in civil court they deter criminal behavior. The County Attorney has obtained court orders to require property owners to employ security guards, repair fences,

add surveillance cameras, fix broken lighting, and screen tenants for felony backgrounds.

The program has had success across the county with closures of a number of illicit spas, game rooms, and after-hours bars. The County Attorney’s Office has been successful in filing suit against apartment complexes where prostitution, narcotic offenses, and aggravated crimes have taken place.

Since January of this year, the community protection group has sent letters or filed lawsuits resulting in the closure of 19 illicit massage parlors.

“We are all partners working together to keep our community safe,” said County Attorney Ryan. “Our program has proven to be effective, and we will continue to work together to keep illegal enterprises out of our neighborhoods.”

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## Harris County Water Control Improvement District No. 21 Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Harris County Water Control Improvement District No. 21 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2019 on October 7, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at 15808 Avenue C, Channelview, Texas 77530. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

**FOR** the proposal: Pete Brady, R. L. McRae, Jimmy Smith, Wesley Hutchins & Jimmy Ramsey

**AGAINST** the proposal: None

**RESENT** and not voting: None

**ABSENT:** None

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

	2018 Last Year	2019 This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.366/\$100 Adopted	\$0.366/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.00/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		0.00%
Average appraised value	\$96,107	\$ 109,439
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ -	\$ -
Average taxable value	\$96,107	\$ 109,439
Tax on average residence homestead	\$351.76	\$ 400.55
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$48.79
and percentage of increase (+/-)		13.87%

### NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code. The Board of Directors of the District proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of providing sufficient funds to pay Debt Service requirements.

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## Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The Harris County Emergency Services District No. 80 conducted public hearings on September 12, 2019 and September 16, 2019 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the Harris County Emergency Services District No. 80 from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 4.87 percent.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$.04833 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$919,745.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$.05000 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$969,247.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$.05000 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$1,000,793.

The Board of Emergency Services Commissioners of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 80 is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 30, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Crosby Fire Station No. 2, 123 Diamondhead Boulevard, Crosby, Texas 77532

The Commissioners of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 80 propose to use the increase in total tax revenue for the purpose of making capital improvements and acquisitions (fire stations, fire fighting vehicles and equipment) and to maintain personnel levels necessary to meet current and projected fire and rescue call volume at the level of service expected by the District's residents.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Channelview ISD students visit Texas Southern University as a part of AVID Initiative



Anthony Aguirre Junior High students and the AVID site team visited the Martin Luther King Humanities Center during their college visit to Texas Southern University.

Students from Anthony Aguirre Junior High School visited Texas Southern University to observe the day-to-day life of college students. A total of 96 students participated in the tour designed to promote early awareness of college opportunities and engage students in college and career planning.

Ms. Cheryl Childs, an AVID elective teacher, was amazed at the number of students who admitted they have never visited a college campus. "This was the first college visit for 90% of our students," said Childs. "Walking around the campus and seeing students who look like them made a great impact."

Students visited the Thurgood Marshall Law School, the College of Education, and the Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs. Tomesha Jones, an AVID elective teacher, was excited for students to see the official location of the Democratic Presidential Debate, a topic that was recently discussed in



Students received an opportunity to be interviewed by a tour guide during their visit to Texas Southern University.

class. "Our visit was scheduled at an incredible time," said Jones. "Students were excited to see reporters and camera crews. It helped relay the message that you don't have to go far to have a phenomenal college experience."

Principal Eric Lathan is excited about the opportunities that AVID students will have this school year. "The campus staff works hard to create meaningful experiences for our students." Said Lathan. "As

an AVID National Demonstration School, we will continue to immerse students in educational experiences that will make a significant impact on their lives for years to come."

Ms. Candida Muro, Avid Excel teacher has arranged for AVID and AVID Excel students to attend the Hispanic Business Association's 14th Annual Future Cougar Day at the University of Houston on their next stop in the College Tour Series.

## North Shore Wins,

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Photo by Allan Jamail

Mustangs quarterback Dematrius Davis outruns Westfield defender tying the game 7 to 7 in the first quarter (42 yard run).



Photo by Allan Jamail

Mustangs John Gentry crosses the goal line completing a 51 yard Dematrius Davis pass-play that led to tying the game 21 – 21.

game posted that the ball went through the goal posts and said the referees made a bad call.

Westfield scored early in the 4th quarter putting the score 21 – 13, giving them an 8 point lead over Nshore.

With a little over 2 minutes left in the game Nshore's John Gentry scored on a 51 yard De-

matrius Davis pass-play setting up a 2 point attempt to tie the game. On the next play Davis hit receiver Charles King with a pass for 2 points tying the game 21 – 21.

Westfield got the kickoff, a few plays later their sophomore quarterback Cardell Williams fumbled turning the ball over to Nshore with less than 2

minutes.

Nshore's Coach Jon Kay had his Mustangs use up the clock running the ball and moving it into field goal range and into the center of the field, he called timeout with 2 seconds left in the game.

John Villalobos, kicked a 33 yard field goal defeating Westfield as the clock expired 24 - 21.

## Police investigate shooting of a man on Federal Road

Houston police are investigating the shooting of a man on Federal Road about 2:55 a.m. on September 16.

According to investigators, HPD patrol officers responded to a shooting call at 979 Federal Road and found the victim with gunshot wounds. Paramedics transported the vic-

tim, 27, to the hospital in stable condition.

At this time, there is no known motive or suspect(s).

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Major Assaults & Family Violence Division at 713-308-8800 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

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**OPINION**

By **DON COX**  
Crosby

*Taxpayer questions  
\$70 million Newport  
bond proposal*

I think there are 2 ways to get a Bond Issue passed in today's climate:

a) Don't let you're voters know about the issue until the last minute while you're informing the ones that appear to favor the issue. The whole time you're delaying information you're getting all your forces together so that when you do break the news you control it by overshadowing any opposition.

b) Be up front, transparent with full disclosure. Have lots of community meetings and provide information and give time for this information to be checked out.

I think it's obvious which approach this Board has taken. The problem is that the Board has hired a PR firm for the purpose of getting this information out and this Bond passed.

I'm just not happy with the way the Board went about going for this Bond Issue and why at this time. The Board should have alerted the tax payers and had open meeting at their Board meetings discussing the need for a Bond Issue and not restrict this important issue to 5 minute comets before the Board discusses it. Let's be clear, we are not in a crisis situation, that if this Bond doesn't pass, that Newport Mud system will crater.

The Board has spent a lot of time on developing a 10 year plan which I'm in favor of doing and they did an excellent job. But to put a Bond Issue together of \$70,000,000 is just too much for a subdivision that is 90-95% built out. This 10 yr. plan will span 3 Board Elections. There is a lot of land outside the MUD District waiting to be annexed. The outside influences of promoting favorable Board members for future Board positions for this purpose causes concern for me. I'm afraid that Builders will come in and want annexation with reimbursement agreements and subdivide these new tracts into 45 foot lots thereby clearcutting all the trees.

The Board has not shown strength enough to prove to the tax payers that for any new annexation to occur that the lot size must be large enough to support no clearcutting of trees as the original developer provided. Make no mistake about it, before any annexation could be approved the Board can require the Developer to do certain things. The idea that because we have been giving Builder reimbursements in the past without these requirements is no longer valid in my opinion because we are using new bond money. I would happily welcome builders that would develop lots large enough to keep mature trees as Newport should always welcome new growth that is harmonious with our lovely neighborhood.

The Board would like to pass this Huge \$70,000,000 so they don't have to come back to you in the future like all Boards do. The last Newport Bond Issue was for \$30,000,000 and \$5,000,000 for Parks. This was for a half built out subdivision and the Board set aside approx. \$12,000,000 for Builder reimbursement with the promise that the reimbursements to the builders would be offset by the value that the Builder put on the ground, therefore these reimbursements would not be a reason for a tax increase and the previous Boards have keep their word. This \$12,000,000 was to help spur the growth of Newport; it lasted about 20 years and during that time we did Sewer Plant

expansion and Water Plant expansion. With the growth of Newport it will be necessary for both the water and sewer plant to be expanded. The Engineer said the cost of both should be about \$18,000,000. This needs to happen by 2025 and it takes about 2 years from planning to finish.

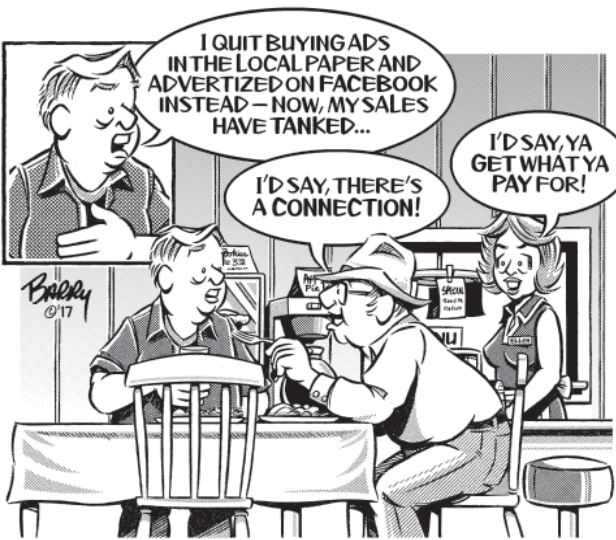
We however will be getting a windfall tax benefit from the Training Center within the next 2-3 years of about \$4,000,000. There is no need for such a Huge \$70,000,000 Bond Issue when a \$25-30,000,000 is more feasible for our tax payers. And doesn't leave \$40-50,000,000 of available money to use because you got it. Realize that you don't get this money right away, it's just available to you to use for certain projects and controlled by proper authorities. You do the project then sell the Bonds. It is true that there are reimbursements that will be paid out of the next Bond Issue that is approved. That's right the builders have already peeled a reimbursement from this Bond Issue. So when the MUD does a project and submits for Bond money we must include this also. We got development but it also got 45 foot lots and clearcutting of trees. It's now time to pay up – but we don't have to with this Bond issue as the Builder has agreed he will wait as long as it takes. So let's do this right and do our homework as tax payers, the Board did theirs as Board Members. Let's just give the Board the authority to meet TCEQ requirements and finish the Water and Sewer plant expansion. Let's turn down the Huge \$70,000,000 Bond Issue then have real meetings and maybe go for \$25-30,000,000 or even less. Meanwhile using the \$4,000,000.00 as our rainy day fund.

The District is receiving tax benefits and water revenue from all the new homes and it was said from previous Boards that this revenue should help pay for the repair and replacement of our old line's since we shouldn't have to do major repairs in the new sections for many years. We also have a water commitment agreement with MUD525 which owes us a minimum of \$250,000 and probably more along with a promise to help build our plant. Either cancel it, sue them or negotiate for a new owner but do something. This was to help with our plant.

I attended the August 15, 2019 Newport Water Board meeting and I went for the sole purpose of discussing the proposed Bond Election that was on the agenda. At the prior Water Board meeting the Board discussed a \$10 million dollar bond issue. At this meeting and during the property owners comment time which is limited to 5 minutes, I asked to speak. I asked the Board, if the bond issue passes will any builder be able to peel-off any of the money for reimbursements and the Board President clearly said no, it was for infrastructure only. I remarked that was good, because I was concerned about the clear cutting of the trees and at that time I felt I would fully support the bond issue. Since the development is almost built out in my opinion there is no need for any other builder reimbursements for 45 foot lots. It is not harmonious with the subdivision.

*Editor's Note: Opinions expressed above are the Author's, and do not necessarily reflect this newspaper's views.*

**WHAT IS YOUR OPINION?** Send us a letter or email to let us know.



*Report provides details on what  
can be done to prevent shootings*

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on Sept. 12 released the Texas Safety Action Report, a document that details what Texas and Texans are doing to prevent mass shootings.

The report elaborates on executive orders Abbott issued a week earlier to coordinate state and local expertise and resources and "identify any shortcomings in our current systems and explore ways to prevent these horrific tragedies from taking place."

Abbott said strategies laid out in the report result from meetings with law enforcement officials; community, business and faith leaders; technology experts; counselors; advocates; lawmakers and survivors of mass shootings.

"We must act with resolve in response to the despicable acts of violence we have witnessed in Texas," said Abbott. "Solving the problems that have led to these horrific events will take more than governmental action. The complete solution will require more than what is outlined in this paper. It will require parents, families, churches, law enforcement, community groups, schools and others working together to fortify the social fabric of our society. Texans are at our best when we are tested. Together, we will transcend this test and forge an even better future for our state."

Here are some of the actions recommended in the report:

—Refresh training for all licensed peace officers on the procedures and criteria for "emergency detention" of individuals who pose a danger to others or themselves;

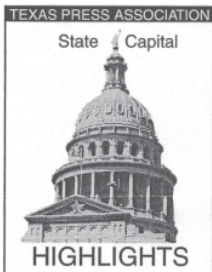
—Educate physicians and behavioral health professionals about the law concerning disclosure of confidential information to law enforcement;

—Accelerate the development and implementation of the Texas Department of Public Safety safe firearm storage campaign, supported by a recent \$1 million appropriation;

—Expedite the reporting of criminal convictions to the Texas Department of Public Safety;

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**STATE CAPITAL  
HIGHLIGHTS**

By Ed Sterling



Lang, R-Granbury; Joe Moody, D-El Paso; Geanie Morrison, R-Victoria; Four Price, R-Amarillo; and Armando Walle, D-Houston.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Texas Senate, on Sept. 4 named the Senate Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention and Community Safety.

Patrick tasked the senate panel with studying issues in response to the recent mass shootings and previous mass shootings in Santa Fe, Sutherland Springs and Dallas.

Leading the senate panel will be Chair Joan Huffman, R-Houston, and Vice Chair Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo. Other members include Donna Campbell, R-New Braunfels; Kelly Hancock, R-North Richland Hills; Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound; Charles Perry, R-Lubbock; Jose Rodriguez, D-El Paso; Larry Taylor, R-Friendswood; and John Whitmire, D-Houston.

**Select panels  
appointed**

House Speaker Dennis Bonnen on Sept. 4 appointed 13 members of the Texas House of Representatives to serve on the newly formed House Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention and Community Safety. The committee was formed in response to the mass shootings that occurred in El Paso on Aug. 3 and in Midland and Odessa on Aug. 29.

Bonnen said the panel will study and recommend legislative solutions and other measures to help prevent mass violence and improve community safety. The panel is to deliver a report to the speaker in early December.

Appointees include: Chair Drew Darby, R-San Angelo; Vice Chair Poncho Nevarez, D-Eagle Pass; César Blanco, D-El Paso; Giovanni Capriglione, R-Southlake; Charlie Geren, R-Fort Worth; Barbara Gervin-Hawkins, D-San Antonio; Julie Johnson, D-Carrollton; Brooks Landgraf, R-Odessa; Mike

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Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Sept. 11 announced he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$801.5 million in local sales tax allocations for September.

The amount is 8.5 percent more than reported for the month of September 2018.

Allocations are based on sales made in July by businesses that report tax monthly.

**AGs target tech  
giant**

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Sept. 9 announced he is leading a coalition of 50 attorneys general in a multistate, bipartisan investigation of California-based technology company Google LLC's business practices in accordance with state and federal antitrust laws.

According to a news release posted by Paxton's office, the coalition plans to investigate Google's "overarching control of online advertising markets and search traffic that may have led to anticompetitive behavior that harms consumers."

Paxton said legal experts from each state would work in cooperation with federal authorities to assess competitive conditions for online services and ensure that Americans have access to free digital markets.

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**THE  
POSTSCRIPT**

By  
**Carrie Classon**

*"No Coffee"*

Peter was up before anyone else—as he often is.

My husband, Peter, gets up early in order to have enough time to brood before busybodies like me expect him to engage in cheerful conversation. But this morning we were staying at my parents' cabin and there was a glitch in the plans. The coffee jar was empty.

Obviously, a person can't brood without coffee. Peter quietly opened one cupboard after another. No coffee. My parents are great planners so there was no chance they were out of coffee, but where they might be keeping it—that was another issue.

Peter stealthily crept around the kitchen opening one cupboard after another until finally, far in the back of an upper cupboard, Peter found a bag of coffee.

"Bingo!" Peter said (silently, of course.)

Peter put coffee in the coffeemaker, pressed the "start" button and only then did he take a good look at the bag.

"DECAF" it read. "Oh no!" Peter thought. The coffee was already brewing, my parents would be up any moment.

There are a number of things a person might have said at this moment.

Peter stashed the coffee bag back in the upper cupboard and didn't say a word when Mom and Dad got up. (I was still in bed, so I am still telling you this story based on Peter's sketchy details and 50+ years knowledge of my family.)

"Oh! We're out of coffee!" my mom would have thought or said and refilled the jar (probably from the bag she keeps in the freezer, a place Peter would not have thought to check.) Peter and I were traveling that day so, after Mom refills the jar, she decides we would probably like some coffee for our trip and fills a thermos with thea coffee Peter has made, then starts another for them to drink. This is a crucial point.

Peter, my mother, and father all have a couple cups of the new coffee and, at some point I get up. Peter and I head out the door with our luggage and the thermos for the day's drive. It is at this point that I have my first cup of coffee. Then I have a second.

"Boy," I comment to Peter, "I'm really sleepy today." I have a third cup of coffee.

At midmorning I start to develop a headache. I take an ibuprofen. "I wonder if I'm coming down with something," I mention to Peter. I have another cup of coffee.

We finally arrive at our destination.

"I don't know what's the matter with me. I'm just so sluggish and I've got this headache I can't shake—and it's not for lack of coffee," I tell Peter, "I drank most of that thermos!"

There are a number of things a person might have said at this moment. Peter said, "Maybe you should take a nap!" So, I did.

Later that evening, I got up. I heard Peter, alone in the kitchen, laughing.

"Did you like the coffee?" he asked.

"What coffee?"

"The coffee you had this morning."

"It was fine."

"It was decaf."

"The whole thermos was DECAF?!"

"Uh huh."

"You let me drink the whole thing and never said a word?"

"I forgot."

"When I said I had a headache?"

"I forgot."

"When I said I couldn't understand why I was so tired since I'd drunk AN ENTIRE POT OF COFFEE?!"

"I forgot."

I looked at Peter, incredulous.

There are a number of things a person might have said at this moment. I decided not to say anything at all.

Till next time, Carrie.

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS  
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# Houston Symphony opens the 2019-2020 Classical Season

HOUSTON (Sept. 11, 2019) – Houston Symphony Music Director Andrés Orozco-Estrada launches the 2019–20 Classical Season with an all-Stravinsky program, Stravinsky's Firebird at 8 p.m., Sept. 19 and 21, and 2:30 p.m., Sept. 22 in Jones Hall. The Houston Symphony is livestreaming the Sunday matinee performance of the classical subscription concert—marking its first-ever online video broadcast of a concert.

Celebrating his sixth season as Music Director, Orozco-Estrada opens the program with Stravinsky's Scherzo fantastique, an inventive work inspired by the buzzing lifecycle of bees. Renowned for his superb musicianship and the integrity of his playing, violin virtuoso Leonidas Kavakos then takes center stage in Stravinsky's playful and invigorating Violin Concerto.

The concert's zenith comes as Orozco-Estrada leads the orchestra in Stravinsky's full ballet score of the vibrant and fiery orchestral masterpiece, The Firebird. "I wanted to perform the whole thing so that we can enjoy the whole story, even without a ballet, through the colors," Orozco-Estrada told the Houston Chronicle. "It's like painting with music."

Stravinsky's Firebird, part of the Frost Bank Gold Classics series with additional support from the General and Mrs. Maurice Hirsh Memorial Concert Fund, takes place at Jones Hall for the Performing Arts, 615 Louisiana



Houston Symphony Music Director Andrés Orozco-Estrada

Street, in Houston's Theater District. For tickets and information, please call 713.224.7575 or visit [houston-symphony.org](http://houston-symphony.org). Tickets may also be purchased at the Houston Symphony Patron Services Center in Jones Hall (Monday–Saturday, 12–6 p.m.). All programs and artists are subject to change.

About the Houston Symphony

During the 2019–20 season, the Houston Symphony celebrates its sixth season with Music Director Andrés Orozco-Estrada and continues its second century as one of America's leading orchestras with a full complement of concert, community, education, touring, and recording activities. The Houston Symphony, one of the oldest performing arts organizations in Texas, held its inaugural performance at The Majestic Theater in downtown Houston June 21, 1913. Today, with an annual operating budget of \$35.2 million, the full-time ensemble of 88 professional musicians presents nearly 170 concerts annually,

making it the largest performing arts organization in Houston. Additionally, musicians of the orchestra and the Symphony's four Community-Embedded Musicians offer over 1,000 community-based performances each year at various schools, community centers, hospitals, and churches reaching nearly 200,000 people in Greater Houston annually.

The Grammy Award-winning Houston Symphony has recorded under various prestigious labels, including Naxos, Koch International Classics, Telarc, RCA Red Seal, Virgin Classics and, most recently, Dutch recording label Pentatone. In 2017, the Houston Symphony was awarded an ECHO Klassik award for the live recording of Alban Berg's Wozzeck under the direction of former Music Director Hans Graf. The orchestra earned its first Grammy nomination and Grammy Award at the 60th annual ceremony for the same recording in the Best Opera Recording category.

## SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

### Medicare Open Enrollment

It's that time again. Every year we have the opportunity to make changes to our Medicare plans between Oct. 15 and Dec. 7. We have the option of changing from original Medicare to an Advantage plan, or vice versa, or changing to a different Advantage plan. We also can change our Medicare Part D drug plan. The decisions aren't easy. After all, we have to live with them for the next year.

We'll soon receive a new Medicare & You book in the mail, as well as notices about any changes to our current coverage. While we can usually stay with the plan we have if we don't want to make any changes, it's important to review everything we're sent, because there might be new information buried in the language. Sometimes a plan is discontinued! The premium can change. Coverage details might be different. Read the fine print and be certain that your coverage will be what you expect.

For Advantage plan changes, there is an additional open enrollment period: Jan. 1 to March 31. This was new for 2019 and gives three extra months to decide on an Advantage plan. Beware: You can change your mind about Advantage plans a few times during fall enrollment, but only once during the first three months of the year.

If you're signing up for Medicare Parts A and B for the first time, you have a seven-month period to do it: the three months before you turn 65, the month you turn 65 and the three months after you turn 65. If you don't sign up for Part B in time, you can be forced to pay a penalty for the whole time you have Part B. Keep an eye on the dates!

To review plans, go online to [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) and look at the plan finder.

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## Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

\* On Oct. 2, 1780, British Major John Andre is hanged as a spy by U.S. military forces in New York. Andre, an accomplice of Benedict Arnold, was captured with incriminating papers in his boot. The papers revealed Arnold's offer to surrender West Point to the British for a bribe of 20,000 pounds.

\* On Oct. 3, 1863, expressing gratitude for a Union Army victory at Gettysburg, President Abraham Lincoln announces that the nation will celebrate an official Thanksgiving holiday on Nov. 26, and on the fourth Thursday of every November thereafter.

\* On Oct. 1, 1890, an act of Congress creates Yosemite National Park, paving the way for generations of nature lovers. Yosemite's natural beauty is immortalized in the stark black-and-white landscape photographs of Ansel Adams (1902-1984).

\* On Oct. 4, 1918, German Chancellor Max von Baden sends a telegraph message to President Woodrow Wilson requesting an armistice between Germany and the Allied powers in World War I. After a difficult month of negotiations, World War I came to an end on Nov. 11, 1918.

\* On Sept. 30, 1954, the USS Nautilus, the world's first nuclear-powered submarine, is commissioned by the U.S. Navy. In August 1958, the Nautilus accomplished the first voyage under the geographic North Pole.\* On Oct. 6, 1961, President John F. Kennedy advises American families to build bomb shelters to protect themselves from atomic fallout in the event of a nuclear exchange with the Soviet Union. One year later, the world hovered on the brink of nuclear war after the USSR placed nuclear missiles in Cuba.

\* On Oct. 5, 1978, Isaac Bashevis Singer wins the Nobel Prize for literature. Singer wrote about Jewish life in Poland and the United States. One of his stories, "Yentl," was made into a movie directed by and starring Barbra Streisand in 1983.

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The Crosby Huffman Chamber of Commerce Welcomed Hearts & Minds Early Learning Center with a Ribbon Cutting. They are located at 5703 FM 2100 in Crosby and offer a variety of childcare with lots of activities.



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Highlands Rotary trophy won by NS Rotary president



North Shore Rotary was well represented last Saturday, at the Highlands Annual Washer Tournament. 3rd Place team was "Money in the Bank" with Jason Meyer and Ryan Dagley. Dagley was also awarded the Rotary Challenge Cup, which he is holding. This goes each year to the Rotarian with the best score in the Washer Tournament. It is held for one year, and then returned to a new winner the next year.



Position, Paycheck or Passion

Have you ever looked around the room and wondered why those present were actually there? In the past few weeks there have been meetings held in our community concerning a variety of issues and those in attendance seem to be there for several reasons.

These meeting ranged from parents of young athletes, to parents of middle school band students, church members gathering to discuss various needs of the congregation, community information sessions on upcoming services for the community and many more. As I attended some of the meetings as a community member, some as a grandparent, some as a speaker, I started wondering about reasons that people were in attendance.

When parents have young children, they are often the most involved. Parents will sign up to be Room Mothers, Team Moms, Coaches, Field Trip Chaperones and more. As the children age, the parents are not as involved and then by the high school years, the parents are present often because of the need to fundraise or again to cheer their children on in activities that will help them not only graduate but succeed in gaining scholarships and making decisions about college.

Walk into any meeting and look around. There are those who are present because it is a part of their position. The position can be parent, employee or because they are a part of the group having the meeting. There are people who are there as it is a responsibility of their job. Exam-

ples would be those who are responsible for the facility, perhaps a custodian, media technician or event coordinator. Other than being there for their job, they have no interest in the details of the meeting. They are there to make sure the event runs smoothly. There is a third group of attendees, those that are passionate about the cause of the meeting. These are a stakeholder for the items being discussed. Maybe they are those who live in a community and want a public service to be made available to others. Perhaps it is someone who sees the needs and wants to make a difference.

There were a number of community members who felt the need to collaborate and do something about the numerous cases of domestic violence in the community. Teachers would see children having difficulties in class, employers would see employees showing up to work late or with visual signs of abuse. Landlords would often see women having to move often while law enforcement saw a combination of these things. All of these people united to make a difference. For a brief period of time, our community had an operating emergency shelter for domestic violence survivors.

As a community, it takes all three types of people to make a difference. We need to work together to make a positive impact no matter which group we fall into. Instead of just sitting back, watching problems increase, find where you can make a difference and get involved.



Diamond Jim: "How do you feel about getting a bit older each year?"



...AND THEN IT'S WINTER

You know, time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my soul mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams.

But, here it is... the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise... how did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go? I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting gray....

They move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than I...but, I see the great change...not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant....but their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be.

And so...now I enter into this new season of my life but, at least I know, that though the winter has come, I'm not sure how long it will last.

So, if you're not in your winter yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will

see all the seasons of your life...so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!! Lastly, consider the following: Today is the oldest you've ever been, yet the youngest you'll ever be. So, enjoy this day while it lasts.

FURTHER THOUGHTS

? Your kids are becoming you.....but your grandchildren are perfect!

? Going out is good...coming home is better!

? You forget names.... but it's OK because other people forgot they even knew you!!!

? You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep".

? You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch

? What used to be freckles are now liver spots.

? Everybody whispers.

? But "Old" is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!!

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New School,

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The new school had its beginning when in 1935 Romanus F. and Frances Nadolney arrived in the North Shore area of Houston. They envisioned having a community and school near the 1,000 acres they bought. They began selling lots creating the subdivision community of Cloverleaf. In 1942 the Nadolneys donated 6.5 acres of land to the Galena Park school district, for a new elementary school named Cloverleaf Elementary. It opened with 256 children and has been remodeled many times since to provide for the increase of attendance.

Galena Park ISD received a federal grant of \$50,000, announced by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, from the defense public works fund for construction of the school. The district under the direction of superintendent Dr. Walter Hinds voted to issue \$15,000 in matching bonds for the school construction.

Today their son Frank continues this generosity to the community they founded, by supporting the North Shore Little League for the last 52 years, and the North Shore Rotary Club and their youth projects.

The Galena Park Masonic Lodge #1290 performed the Corner Stone Leveling Ceremony under the direction of Walter W. Rogers former Grand Master of all the lodges of Texas. Rogers now 75 and lives in Bedias, Texas says he remembers as a child coming up in Cloverleaf. The ceremony is a traditional ritual event dating back to Biblical times when stone masons started a building by leveling the first stone to which all remaining stones would be set by. Rogers said

Masonry is not a religion and is made up of members who are good men of many religious faiths doing good things for communities and people in need.

The Dedication Ceremony began with a prayer from Aaron Morris, Senior Pastor, Sterling Woods Church. Followed with pledges from Rachel Vaquera and Elmer Diaz, 5th grade students.

Principal Lee Brown made a dedication speech stating the celebration of the new school marks a new beginning in the community set aside for the distinct purpose of allowing ALL students to grow and learn. And that the new building will continue the legacy of serving the families of the Cloverleaf neighborhood.

President Ramon Garza of the Board of Trustees gave the greeting address from the school trustees. Superintendent Dr. Angi Williams welcomed everyone and noted GPISD is committed to building a strong foundation for our future student learners.

Teacher Jacqueline Moreno and former student said, "It's an honor and privilege to speak to you today, because in the late 1970's I was a student at Cloverleaf Elementary. I remember a big, long hallway with what seemed like many large, wooden doors, the smell of paste and a huge cafeteria with hot meals. I learned about all the normal things kids learn about in school, like reading, writing, science, music, math... and I even learned about friendships, prayer and manners."

Moreno continued, "In the mid-1990's, after graduating from college, I was proud to come back to teach and give back to the place that helped

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make me who I have become. This time, the school seemed small...or maybe I was just bigger. Either way, we had more students enrolled and the school building had slightly changed. A new wing had been added as well as a few portable classrooms. My classroom was on the back end of the property, which promoted daily exercise for our class; however, I quickly realized the school was more about the people than the building. As a fourth-grade teacher at Cloverleaf, I was undeniably home."

"Now, as I walk around the school, I am in awe of this 21st century structure with the learning stairs, the huge library, the courtyard, the technology and all the things I never knew as a child. I feel proud to serve this community and the students who will have new opportunities to grow and learn in this school that has always been so special to me," said Moreno.

The ceremony concluded with songs performed by the Cloverleaf Elementary Orff, Ensemble and Choir.



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION  
FOR AN AIR QUALITY PERMIT

PERMIT NUMBER: 36241

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Southwest Shipyard, L.P., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to Air Quality Permit Number 36241, which would authorize modification to and continued operation of a Barge Rail Surface Coating Facility located at 18310 Market Street, Channelview, Harris County, Texas 77530. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on November 28, 2018. The existing facility will emit the following contaminants: exempt solvent, hazardous air pollutants, organic compounds and particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit which, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision to issue the permit because it meets all rules and regulations. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, and the TCEQ Houston regional office beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review at the TCEQ Houston Regional Office, 5425 Polk Street Suite H, Houston, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comment or to ask questions about the application. The 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. You may submit additional written public comments within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice in the manner set forth in the AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION paragraph below.

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments. Because no timely hearing requests have been received, after preparing the response to comments, the executive director may then issue final approval of the application. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application, and will be posted electronically to the Commissioners' Integrated Database (CID).

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. When they become available, the executive director's response to comments and the final decision on this application will be accessible through the Commission's Web site at [www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid). Once you have access to the CID using the above link, enter the permit number for this application which is provided at the top of this notice. 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=29.791666&lng=-95.065277&zoom=13&type=f>.

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Barbers Hill Independent School District  
Invitation for Bids  
Sale of Real Property

The Barbers Hill Independent School District will accept sealed bids for a proposed purchase of a 0.1386 acre or 6,047 square foot tract of vacant land out of a portion of a 5.8371 acre parent located 0.15 of a mile east of the termination of Perry Avenue and approximately 1.0 mile west of FM 565 (does not have physical road frontage), Mont Belvieu, Chambers County, Texas. Interested parties may contact the BHISD Assistant Superintendent of Finance at 281-576-2221, [bmcmanus@bhisd.net](mailto:bmcmanus@bhisd.net) to obtain a copy of the bid package.

All bids should be completed in accordance with the bid instructions, sealed and mailed to Ms. Rebecca McManus, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Barbers Hill ISD, 9600 Eagle Drive, Mont Belvieu, Texas 77523 on or before 2:00 p.m. on September 26, 2019. BHISD reserves the right to reject any or all bids for the above-described property.

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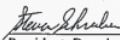
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CROSBY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of the Directors of Crosby Municipal Utility District at a meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2019 adopted an Ordinance Adopting Amended Rates and Fees for Services and Rules and Regulations; Establishing Certain Other Policies and Providing Penalties and Violations Thereof. A copy of the Ordinance is on file at the principal office of the District, 103 W. Wahl Street, Crosby, Harris County, Texas, where it may be read in full.

  
President, Board of Directors

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IN SPECIAL SESSION ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019 AT  
5:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 10301 MARKET STREET  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE SECOND AND FINAL PUBLIC HEARING  
ON THE ANTICIPATED BUDGT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020.  
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED

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NOTICE OF TAX RATE SETTING

The Harris County Emergency Services District No. 5 will hold a meeting at 1:00 P.M., on Thursday, September 26, 2019, at 5915 FM 2100, Crosby, Texas 77532, to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2019. The proposed tax rate is \$0.019040 per \$100.00 of value.

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NOTICE OF TAX RATE SETTING

The Harris County Emergency Services District No. 6 (ESD-6) will hold a meeting at 6:00 p.m. on October 8, 2019, at 13410 Holly Park Dr., Houston, Texas 77015, to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2019. The proposed tax rate is \$0.0134 per \$100.00 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total ad valorem taxes collected by ESD-6 by 80.37%.

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2019 Property Tax Rates in Harris County  
Emergency Services District No. 60

This notice concerns the 2019 property tax rates for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual tax rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$2,417,147
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$2,417,147
Last year's tax base	\$4,834,294,000
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.0500/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$2,414,861
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$4,698,654,901
= This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	\$0.0513/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures)	\$2,414,861
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$4,698,654,901
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.0513/\$100
x 1.08=this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.0554/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$0.0554/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60 adopts a 2019 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.0513 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2018 taxes by \$64,390.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balance

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
0	0

Schedule B - 2019 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
0	0	0	0	0

Total required for 2019 debt service	\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A	\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources	\$0
- Excess collections last year	\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2019	\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2019	\$0
= Total debt levy	\$0

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 1001 Preston, Houston, TX 77002.

Name of person preparing this notice: Ann Harris Bennett  
Title: Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector  
Date Prepared: 09/09/2019





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- Rio Villa Community
- Sheldon Lake State Park
- Thomas Bell Foster Park

