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# **CHANNEL CURRENTS**

#### North Shore Rotary Raffle Benefit May 15

The North Shore Rotary Club will hold a MEGA RAFFLE on Saturday May 15th, in place of their annual Fish Fry. This 46th Annual Fundraising Event will feature a Grand Prize of the winner's choice of a 2021 Chevy Camaro, or a Chevrolet Colorado pick-

There are also 25 additional prizes including a 1/2 side of beef, 2 whole hogs w freezers, deluxe fireworks package, golf cart, juke box, vacation package, iPad, patio furniture, custom rod/reel combo, fishing trip, restaurant package and much more.

The drawing will be held at Turner Chevrolet, and broadcast live on Facebook. Tickets are \$100 and available from all North Shore Rotarians, or on Facebook.

Locations which are selling tickets include Pineforest Jewelry on Uvalde, NCA Chamber of Commerce on I-10, Community Bank on I-10, Crawfish Shack in Crosby, Turner Chevrolet in Crosby, and more. Or contact Lowell Everitt at 981-452-6660 or Shawn Silman at Shawn.silman@sicd.edu.

#### Hazardous Waste Collection Saturday May 15

Household Hazardous Waste collection day is on May 15th, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., by appointment only Miller Service Center at 15530 Miller Road One House ton TX 77049. Schedule an appointment at:

www.eng.hctx.net/ Consultants/Household-Hazardous/Household-Hazardous-Waste

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# JACINTO CITY'S 75TH ENDS WITH A BANG

By Allan Jamail

Jacinto City, Texas Saturday, May 8th, 2021 will go down as one of the most popular days in Jacinto City's history since its incorporation in 1946. The city was celebrating its 75th anniversary, the city's administration and staff hit a home run with celebrators'. The day was filled with dignitary speeches, live entertainment, a free photo booth. homemade arts and crafts, homemade preserves, cookies, local honey, tamales and boiled crawfish and a spectacular nighttime exploding fireworks show.

The official formal celebration ceremony was from 3 to 5 PM at the city's town center on Oates Road. Mayor Ana Diaz brought the guest to atten-



Jacinto City's 75th Anniversary fireworks celebration show.
Photo by Linda Jamail



City Manager Lon Squyres introduced the current senior staff and made the closing remarks. He invited everyone to visit the City's adjacent Market by Night and to stay for the fireworks show. Mayor Ana Diaz was the emcee for the event, introducing speakers.

tion followed by Councilman Allen Lee who gave the invocation.

Mayor Ana Diaz said she was most appreciative of having a good city with good services, good citizens and good city personnel and proud of the positive progress she's witnessed over the years of having lived here all her life. Council members Carmela Garcia, Mario Gonzales, Allen Lee, Jimmy Rivas and Gregg Robinson each welcomed everyone and made their

comments

Congratulatory resolutions were presented to the city by the following, Congresswomen Sylvia Garcia, Sheila Jackson Lee wasn't able to attend so her new Chief District Director Yuroba Harris represented her, (Congresswoman Lee phoned in her congratulatory remarks). County Commissioner Adrian Garcia, Senator Carol Alvaraand Representative Ana Hernandez were in legislative session and were represented by Betty Mcginnis and Linda Jamail, Constable Jerry Garcia was

Guests were asked trivia questions about the

Continued. See Jacinto City 75, page 2

# TAMU Group reveals its plan for a "Green" Galena Park

GALENA PARK – A team of Texas A & M University professors and specialists in professional fields such as planning, engineering, and the environment, presented to the public their project which focused on this city, due to its many "vulnerabilites" to environment threats. The presentation was made last Thursday May 6 to a CIP (Community-Industry Partnership) meeting virtually through Zoom

Led by professors Jaimie Masterson and Deidra Davis, the team included students and the professors. Investigation and planning were conducted both in person in the field, and in the classroom at TAMU.

The study was entitled "PLANNING TO IN-CREASE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR GALENA PARK RESIDENTS." It's stated goal was "Engaging

GALENA PARK – A the Galena Park Commuteam of Texas A & M University professors and specialists in professional fields such as planning, engineering, and the envierge of the Galena Park Community to Build Resilience to Excess Industrial Pollutaria ant Releases after Hurricane and Floods in Greater Houston."

The team explained that the study methods and solutions could be applied to many of the communities and cities along the ship channel, due to their proximity to industry, and flooding from the bay and ship channel. Galena Park was chosen for the study because it was vulnerable, close to these threat disasters, and typical of other area communities.

The study included flooding simulations and related chemical releases, a study through a survey of health problems related to the environment, and study of green infrastructure and planting, both existing and proposed.

Continued. See Galena Park Plan, page 5



THE GALENA PARK STUDY investigated existing "Vulnerabilities" and presented mediation schemes for each. These studies looked at natural disasters such as hurricanes and floods, hazardous materials and plant discharges, and underserved or low income communities. The plan suggested methods to alleviate these disasters, including "green" solutions for planting and drainage in the natural environment.

# OFFICIALS PRESENTING RESOLUTIONS TO JACINTO CITY



HARRIS COUNTY PCT. 2 COMMISSIONER ADRIAN GARCIA



CONGRESSWOMAN SYLVIA GARCIA



LINDA JAMAIL, FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE ANA HERNANDEZ



YUROBA HARRIS, FOR CONGRESSWOMAN SHEILA JACKSON LEE

# **JACINTO CITY CELEBRATES ITS 75TH**



Texas' Famous, Tony's Tamales serving Linda Jamail fresh hot tamales. L-R: Jamie Rose, Tony Wheat, Linda Jamail & Ryan Rose. Tamales & shaved ice, call Bobbie Wheat 334-885-0067. Photo by Allan Jamail



Former elected & appointed city officials attending the 75th anniversary L-R: Mayor, Councilman & Chief of Police Allan Jamail, Mayor & Councilman Chris Diaz, Mayor David Gongre, Councilman Douglas Presser, Mayor & Councilman Mike Jackson & appointed Councilman Wayne Nichols. Photo by Linda Jamail

history was orally given by Joyce Raines and in a separate room tables were filled with old photos and memorabilia. Former elected officials were given a gift bag which included a flash drive of old photos and souvenirs.

As a former city official it gave me a good feeling and a sense of pride knowing I served such a great small Texas town when I served as a mayor, councilman, chief of police and emergency management director. As they say "dynamite can come in small packages" well this describes Jacinto City, it blows up other small cities when you compare it with any city across the nation. With a population fewer than 10,000 the city explodes with some of the best personnel and services anyone could hope to

Kyle Reed (24 years) Public Works Director heads up all the public works departments; they're

city's history. The city's the life blood of the city. His departments provide the best of drinking water, streets, sewer service and keeps city properties mowed and cleaned weekly.

Police Chief Joe Ayala (39 years) staffs one of the finest and well qualified departments; it has a response time of 2 minutes or less to reach citizens call for the police. The police dispatchers take their job serious and they recognize lives of the citizens and officers depend on their performance.

Fire Chief Rebecca Mier (22 years) is a "can do" administrator. She's been known to drive the fire trucks, ambulances and will iump in anywhere she sees a need. Aside from supervising the fire and ambulance service, she also heads-up the city's Market by Night event and stays on top of her wife and mother duties to

Joyce Raines (36 years) the City Secretary keeps the city in compliance with the ever changing laws



**Entertainer Vianey Torres** displayed her exceptional singing talent, singing in English & Spanish. (read article for more details) Bookings 832-755-9841. photo by Allan Jamai

governing city meetings, elections and maintaining minutes and records. She's the "go to" person when you need anything, if she doesn't have what you need she points you in the right direction to get it.

Kathy Greiner (41 years) the City Bookkeeper maintains everything that involves funds coming

in and going out. Come pay exercise activities. She's Squyres closed out the proday she's the most popular lady in the city for employees and officials. She and Joyce Raines are always out front of any city event, they "make it happen" without them the city would be in deep trouble.

City Attorney Jim De-Foyd (54 Years) writes the ordinances, codes and resolutions and provides the legal advice. Ivan Rojas Parks &

Recreation Director oversees one of the city's most active and busiest departments which provide adults and youth with sports activities, entertainment and clean parks year round. He's a "hands on" supervisor, he's not hesitant to jump in and lend a hand to get the job done.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall's Program Director is the city's senior's  $\,$ caregiver. She heads up a very critical department and is our very special lady who makes sure our seniors have daily meals, entertainment and physical

assisted by Program Assistants Maria Espinoza and Debbie Martinez; these three ladies take care of the seniors as if they were their own family.

Israel Favela, Head Librarian and Gaby Prado Youth Services Librarian maintains vital services to help educate adult citizens, students, preschoolers and story time reading to toddlers. They provide classes to teach the skills needed to use computers via the internet and help in teaching foreign lan-

Jacinto City has a full time City Manager form of government. The City Manager oversees the entire operation of the city. The mayor and the five council members are not full time, they get paid a monthly salary plus an additional gas allowance. The gas allowance is paid to them for driving their personal vehicle while taking care of city re-

City Manager Lon

gram by heaping praises on city personnel who made the day's event possible. Lon has been with the city 29 years working in the fire department, a paramedic, an emergency medical technician and as emergency management coordinator. He is in his  $6{\rm th}$  year as City Manager.

He also said, "It was wonderful to see so many past city officials, employees, and residents come back to join us to celebrate 75 years of growth and accomplishments. Many past officials were amazed to see the new police station. swimming pool, splash pad, renovated fire station and new elementary school. In turn we were so impressed when we reflect back on the many accomplishments made by our predecessors that laid the groundwork for what has been accomplished. In the near future we will be posting many of the event's Facebook page.'



Parks & Recreation Director Ivan Rojas (left) with water department's Arnaldo "Nino" Mendoza with piles of crawfish head shells (mudbugs) after they pinched the tail meat off. Photo by Allan Jamail



L-R: Jacinto City's Heritage Hall Program Assistant Maria Espinoza & Senior Program Director Elizabeth Flores (center) Boyd's Crawfish Cooker Derrick Barker, other cookers not shown, John Doherty & Charles Jefferson. Reservation Manager Jennie (409-948-



Attending and covering the 75th Jacinto City Anniversary

L-R: Gilbert Hoffman, Editor & Publisher & Allan Jamail, Photojournalist. Photo by Linda Jamail

# FORMER MAYORS OF JACINTO CITY 1946 - 2021



#1 ALONZO (JACK)



#2 C. L. DACUS



#3 D.A. MCPEARSON



#4 A.J. BERT HOLDER



#5 J.D. LILES



#6 QUEIN MORRIS



**#7 MIKE BLASINGAME** 



#8 ALLAN JAMAIL



#9 DAVID GONGRE



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#11 CHRIS DIAZ



**#12 RACHEL NUNEZ** 



Presentation courtesy of Allan Jamail.



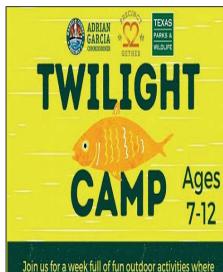
MARKET DAYS OR MARKET BY NIGHT **FOLLOWED THE 75TH** ANNIVERSARY CEREMONIES.

#13 ANA DIAZ

**Harris County** Sheriff's Office benefit Car Show

42 Beautiful cars were on display last Saturday at Crosby Church, to benefit the Harris County Sheriff's Office.





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Day 4: Knot tying/casting techniques

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# OPINION PAGE



# Texas Voters Have Lost Today!

AUSTIN—Today, League of Women Voters of Texas president Grace Chimene issued the following statement in response to the passage of SB 7 in the Texas House of Representatives

"For democracy to work for all of us. it must include us all. In total disregard for what voters want, the Texas House of Representatives chose to pass a major election bill - SB 7 - that greatly limits voting methods, complicates voter assistance, and adds criminal penalties for election workers. The League of Women Voters of Texas (LWVTX) is deeply disappointed in both the outcome of this election bill and the process by which it ultimately passed.

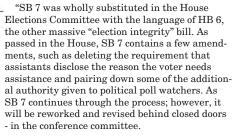
"SB 7 erects deliberate barriers to silence our most vulnerable citizens: voters with disabilities, the elderly, and communities of color

"Further, the process by which the bill was passed is shameful. Committee hearings lacked safety protocols and civility, discouraging inperson, public testimony. While citizens were allowed to provide written comments online, these comments were not made part of the official record or read at hearings. The final House debate did not begin in earnest until 2:45 am.

"Voting and elections are fundamental to our democracy. We had hoped for a more democratic process and an outcome that would benefit all voters instead of a few legislators.

"The League advocates for an election system where every American can safely and freely cast their ballot. In partnership with other community organizations, we asked legislators to carefully weigh election security with preserving voting rights. The League identified strong legislative opportunities to improve election security, such as bills implementing online voter registration, electronic tracking of mail ballot applications and mail ballots, and more secure election equipment.

"Texans across the state responded to League Action Alerts to contact their legislators to oppose legislation that would institutionalize barriers to voting. Over 80,000 emails regarding voting rights were sent to our Texas legislators.



"When finally passed, this bill will affect how we cast ballots and run elections in Texas for years to come - voters deserve better! Unfortunately, the majority of Texas legislators chose not to listen and to confirm their definition of 'election integrity' is restricting voting rights and instilling fear for all involved in the election

The League of Women Voters is one of America's oldest and most trusted civic nonprofit organizations. Formed in 1919, LWVTX represents more than 13,000 grassroots advocates and 34 local Leagues across the state. The League never  $supports\ or\ opposes\ candidates\ for\ office\ or$ political parties. The League encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and seeks to influence public policy  $through\ education\ and\ advocacy.\ Membership\ is$ open to people 16 years and older.

 $League\ of\ Women\ Voters\ of\ Texas:\ lwvtexas.org$ 

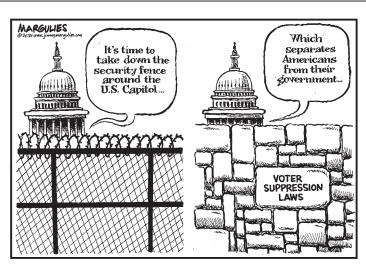


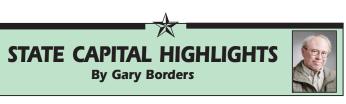
Statement from Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo on SB7 Texas Voter Suppression Legisla-

"The tentatively approved voter suppression law is built on a pernicious lie, a lie that corrodes our American democracy from within by pushing the falsehood that widespread voter fraud exists in Texas. Each time this lie is told, each time policies are passed based on this lie, our democracy is weakened.

I want to acknowledge the lawmakers that fought all night, and made some headway, to temper some of the most dangerous provisions in

Most importantly, the passage of this bill has once again made it mainstream in Texas for laws to be written that make voting more difficult. This is a dangerous path for Texas to travel."





# 'Constitutional Carry' bill close to becoming law

It is a near certainty that Texans will be allowed to carry handguns without a license in the near future as House Bill 1927 passed both chambers and heads to a conference committee to hash out amendments added in the Senate version

Gov. Greg Abbott has said he would sign the bill, which means Texans would no longer be required to obtain a license to carry a handgun either openly or concealed.

Ultimate passage of the bill means Texas would join at least 20 other states with similar laws.

A University of Texas/ Texas Tribune poll indicates most Texans oppose unlicensed carry and support criminal and mental background checks before all gun sales

#### DROUGHT CONDITIONS CONTINUE TO IMPROVE ACROSS STATE

Much-needed rain in April has continued to ease drought conditions, according to the Texas Water Development Board.

Midland, for example, received 2.2 inches last month, more than the previous six months combined. Right now, 65% of the state is experiencing drought conditions, mainly in South and West Tex-

More rainfall in early May should improve the drought situation even more, according to TWDB.

#### OAK TREES STILL RECOVERING FROM WINTER STORM

Winter Storm Uri didn't just wreak havoc on homeowners and businesses that suffered from broken pipes and the extended power outage. The Texas A&M Forest Service notes that oak trees across the state are slow in leafing out, prompting many property owners to contact hor-

HIGHLANDS



ticulturists, worried their trees have died.

Maybe so, maybe not, ays veteran TFS forester Courtney Blevins. He advises property owners to wait before taking down an oak tree that still might come to life. "I think most of the oaks are going to come through okay,' Blevins said. "If your tree is leafing out really late, it's obviously stressed. But most trees die from a combination of stressors, not just one thing."

Blevins and longtime horticulturist and syndicated columnist Neil Sperry both say there is no hurry to take down an oak tree, even it is actually dead. The best time to plant is in the fall or early winter, and even dead trees rarely pose an immediate danger.

"If your tree is dead, there's no rush to take it down," Blevins said. "That's one big mistake people are making. They're in a big hurry to take that thing down, thinking it's dangerous to leave a dead tree standing, and it's not.'

#### **OUTREACH PROGRAMS** AIMED TO BOOST VACCINE

As the rate of COVID-19 vaccinations continues to slow, several outreach pro-

# grams are attempting to reach Texans where they

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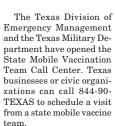
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"Vaccines are the most effective tool in Texas fight against COVID-19, and we are committed to making COVID-19 vaccines even more widely available to Texans acros the state," Abbott said.
"The State Vaccine Call Center will help connect businesses and civic organizations with these lifesaving shots and ensure that more Texans have an opportunity to get vacci-

The Texas Department of State Health Services is inviting pediatric health care providers to enroll in the COVID-19 vaccine program, in anticipation of the expansion of the Pfizer vaccine emergency use authorization to include adolescents 12 years and

DSHS sent a letter to more than 3,000 pediatric providers who already give vaccines to children.

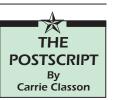
With vaccine supply exceeding demand, DSHS will now fill vaccine orders as they come in and discontinue allocating the vaccine weekly. The vaccine is available more widely than ever at hundreds of Texas locations

#### **NEARLY TWO-THIRDS HAVE** RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE

More than 19.3 million Texans have received at least one dose of the COV-two-thirds of the state's population — while 8.59 million are fully vaccinated, according to DSHS.

The number of new cas es continues to drop, with 17,999 reported in the last week, along with 364 deaths, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. At its peak in mid-January, nearly 159,000 new cases were reported in a single week along with 2,311 deaths. Lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients who are hospitalized across the state remained steady last week at 2.508, according to DSHS.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a  $number\ of\ community$ newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.



## The Treat Lady

Tanner and Dakota are

waiting for me.
They're standing at the corner of their chain-link fence, watching the side-walk. They know I'm coming, even if they don't know exactly when, even if they can't see the sidewalk very well and can't hear at all.

Tanner and Dakota are my two oldest dog customers, dogs I give treats to nearly every day. My hus-band, Peter, has decided against paying the big bucks for high-priced dog treats full of questionable ingredients. He bought himself a dog-bone-shaped cookie cutter, did some research on the internet, and now he bakes healthy dog treats for me to take on my daily hike. As you might imagine, as the Treat Lady, I have a lot of loyal customers.
Some of the dogs have

even tracked me to my home. Matilda, a pudgy corgi, knows where I live and pauses every time she walks by with her owners, licking her lips. One day, Snoopy, the giant Bernese mountain dog, who I meet on the trail, was walking by the house. Snoopy is now almost a year and a half old and weighs

and a nan old and weighs more than 170 pounds. I told Peter, "That's Snoopy!" and (probably un-advisedly) called out the front door, "Hey, Snoopy!" Snoopy stopped in his tracks and stared.

Darron and Monica, Snoopy's owners, came and chatted on the stoop and I thought no more about it. Snoopy, however, has a very good memory.

A few days later, we saw Darron and Monica and Snoopy passing (probably intentionally) on the other side of the street. Not wanting to be pests, we didn't holler out the door. But we were watching Snoopy staring at our house and walking more slowly. Finally, he came to a dead stop on the sidewalk, still staring at our front door. We could see Darron tugging on his leash, and that's when Snoopy decided to lie down. Snoopy went on strike.

There isn't much you can do when a 170-pound dog has decided he is going to lie down on the sidewalk. We saw Darron and Monica's growing frustration and that's when Peter yelled from the door, "Hey,

Snoopy leapt to his feet and bolted straight to our door, dragging Darron down the steep hill in front of our house. Snoopy landed in a happy, panting pile on the stoop.
"You see?" he seemed to

be saying to Monica and Darron. "We had to visit!" noopy is a very sweet dog.

All the dogs are sweet. Fergus, a cattle dog of some type, leaps into the air whenever he sees me on the trail and gives me a kiss on the face. His owner no long er says, "Stop, Fergus!" because there is no stopping Fergus from kissing me. Fergus loves the Treat Ladv. And I really don't mind at

all. As we prepare to leave this place, I think of all the dogs I am going to miss and I wonder if they will miss me. But I know there are dogs in every state, in every country, and every dog needs a treat. I don't think I'll stop being the Treat Lady, living somewhere else.

Tanner and Dakota are still waiting at the fence. I give them each a treat and Tanner barks in excitement. His bark is loud and strange because he is deaf, but I can tell he is happy—even if he can't see me, even if he's not entirely sure where this treat is coming from.

"You're such a good dog," I tell him, scratching his gray muzzle. "You deserve a

> Till next time, Carrie

Carrie Classon's memoir is called, "Blue Yarn," Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.



#### MILESTONES PAGE

# TAMU Group reveals its plan for a "Green" Galena Park

The Design studio used a special software known "Social Pinpoint," to highlight and locate on a map of the city where probbe mediated.

The Research Objectives were to:

 Characterize potential for hurricanes/floods to increase hazardous exposures in Galena Park due to releases from industrial facilities;

-- Identify important non-chemical stressors in Galena Park and their potential to exacerbate health problems;

-- Identify and evaluate promising Green Infrastructure to mitigate risks from industrial facilities releases.

The working hypothesis of the Study Group was that Green Planting, i.e. shrubs, trees, grass, and other natural materials combined with swales and improved drainge, could be instrumental in alleviating much of the environmental threats.

Part of the study technique was community engagement, with personal Target Communities, and interviews and social media used to find problems and test solutions.

An analysis of the date collected was categorized for Built Environment: transportation, infrastructure, ship docks and dredging, building footprint and use, site orientation, and Natural Environment: elevations, sequestering space, and PH in the soils.

As a template for plan-ning, the Study Group set action points for Community Engagement:

- -- Develop a Communi-
- -- Set Goals - Set Objectives
- -- Take Action.

Community Engagement involves not only the public, but also any government entities. The Study Group reported that they had limited "limited response" from Galena Park government officials, although a tour with Jorge Flores of the city was planned soon.

Jaimie Masterson, Director of TAMU's Texas

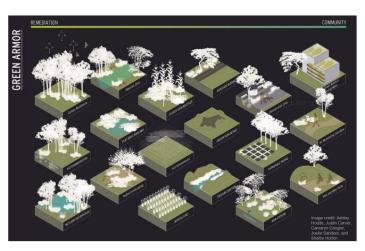
a member of this study group, explained why a Master Plan is important, even to small communities such as Galena Park.

She said a good plan depicts for the public an overarching vision, helps gather public feedback, and visualizes a possible

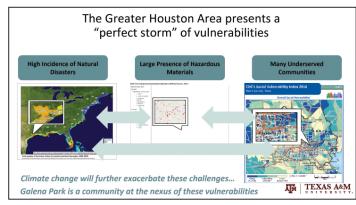
The Master Plan is a public document that justifies city decision making, guides individual development approvals by elected officials and planning boards, is a basis for capital improvement projects and opens new funding opportunities and grants.

The study group plans to continue their project in the fall, with a completion date by the end of 2021 or first quarter 2022. There will be further presentations and public engagement, they said. In the meantime, they may be contacted at:

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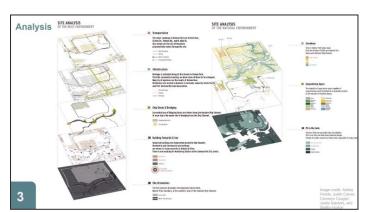
THE STUDY GROUP DEVELOPED A MATRIX OF "GREEN ARMOR." THIS CONSISTED OF VARIOUS TYPES OF NATURAL GREEN PLANT MATERIAL AND OTHER SWALES AND DETENTION FEATURES, THAT WOULD BE USED IN THE MASTER PLAN TO REMEDIATE POLLUTANTS FROM INDUSTRIAL RELEASES AND OTHER SOURCES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.



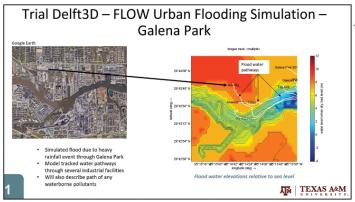
THE STUDY GROUP FOUND THAT GALENA PARK WAS A HIGHLY VULNERABLE COMMUNITY, TO NATURAL DISASTERS SUCH AS HURRICANES AND FLOODS; TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RELEASED FROM NEARBY INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES: AND TO CONDITIONS FOUND IN "UNDERSERVED" COMMUNITIES WITH LOW INCOME LEVELS OR OTHER FACTORS



LEADERS OF THE GALENA PARK STUDY INCLUDED THESE PROFESSORS FROM TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY, AND STUDENTS FROM A PLANNING CLASS



DATA WAS GATHERED IN THE FIELD. AND THEN CATEGORIZED FOR ANALYSIS INTO BUILT ENVIRONMENT FACTORS, AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT. BY OVERLAYING THE DATA AND THE SOLUTIONS, THE STUDY GROUP WAS ABLE TO DEVELOP THE MASTER PLAN



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Ms. Jasmine Aguilar was named the HAABE ESL Elementary Teacher of the Year! Ms. Aguilar has been an educator in GPISD for six years and serves as a fourth grade teacher at Jacinto City Elementary School.

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In those 12 years, you learn from the educators as well as your classmates. There are subjects such as math, reading and science we learn as well as history and much more.

We learn what the acceptable norms are for situations we will face in the future.

As some age, someone taught you not to go into public naked or not to say ugly things to others. What we learn at an early age impacts us for

As we move throughout middle school and high school, we typically learn how to be a part of a group. It can be through athletics, band, choir or even what you learn at church. We learn to respect others as well as listen to their opinions. The basic foundation is laid and each new thing we learn, adds to who we become.

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Students were given a list of 30 award-winning books to read and analyze. Then, they were given a question and had to identify the book, encouraging students to use problem-solving and connection skills.

In the kindergarten division, Cravens Early Childhood Academy placed first, second and third, winning the title of Kindergarten AVID Reader District Champion 2020-21. The Elementary AVID Reader District Champion for 2020-21 is Garrett Elementary placing second, third and fourth in the elementary division

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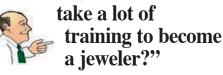


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