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CHANNEL CURRENTS

APR. 7, FRIDAY

Fish Fry for JC American Legion

Channelview American Legion Post 644 is having a Fish Fry benefit. Friday, April 7 from 2pm-7pm. 16417 Market Street, 77530. Help fund the reopening of the JC Post 397.

APR. 11, TUESDAY

San Jacinto River Coalition

THEA/SJRC Meeting scheduled at Highlands Community Center, 6:30pm. Update on Waste Pits Remediation.

North Shore Rotary Annual FISH FRY May 20

48th Annual Catfish Fry and Crawfish Boil, Raffle for a new Toyota Tacoma pickup or Toyota Camry car or 20 other valuable prizes. Silent Auction, Live auction. Saturday, May 20 from 11am to 3pm at the Rotary Pavilion on Wallisville (behind the courthouse). Raffle Tickets \$100 which includes two fish fry meals. Dinner Tickets alone \$15. Everyone welcome!

APR. 14, FRIDAY

NCA Chamber Luncheon

North Channel Chamber monthly luncheon with guest speaker Harris County Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia. Program is a Precinct Update.

NOTE: Luncheon is on the 2nd Friday this month only.

Luncheon is \$25 for members, and \$35 for non-members.

San Jacinto College North Monument Room. Reservations 713-450-3600 or info@ncachamber.com.

Scholarships available from East Houston Democrats

The East Houston Democrats are proud to announce we are now accepting applications for graduating Seniors from the four following high schools:

C.E. King,
Channelview,
Galena Park and
North Shore

Our club will be awarding one Dr Tujuana Hunter Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500 to each of these four high schools this Spring. If you have a student who in graduating this Spring, please reach out to our Club President Linda Britten at 281-782-6437 or Vice President Tyna Christmas at 713-501-5087 for an application.

A Winning Season, NS Mustangs Soccer Team

By Allan Jamail

Deer Park, TX. – Tuesday, March 28, 2023 – The North Shore (Houston, TX) varsity soccer team won Tuesday's neutral playoff game at Abshier Stadium against Houston's Strake Jesuit by a score of 1-0. This game was a part of the 2023 UIL Texas Boys Soccer State Championship - 2023 Boys Soccer 6A Reg. 3 & 4 tournament.

Richard A Hurtado, Mustangs Head Soccer Coach and his assistants lead the team to an outstanding season. Because of their good winning season record they entered the playoffs. Their season ended in the quarter-final round, two games away from the state champion-



2023 North Shore Varsity Boys Soccer Team. Top Row: Mr. Erik Esparza, Joseph Perez, Caleb Vega, Rey Garcia, Alex Martinez, Hugo Romero, Emiliano Lopez, Alexis Yanez, Angel Saldana, Jose Basave, Oswaldo Cruz, Carlos Dominguez, Jose Salas, Antonio Ortiz, Miguel Trejo, Ahmed Pecero, Coach Gamero, Coach Trent. Middle Row: Claudio Pineda, Dionni Guzman, Carlos Delgadillo, Matthew Garcia, Andy Murcia Alas, Erick Rubio, David Torres, Angel Yanez, Melissa Garza, Head Coach Richard Hurtado, Julian Diaz, Reynol Dominguez, Valentin Ponce. Bottom Row: Frank Cruz, Justhin Heredia, Cristian Alvarado, Aldrin Mariaca-Soto, Moises Hernandez, Luis Jimenez, Diego Loya, Alan Huerta, Emir Camarillo, Diego Ortiz Debo, Imanol Carreon.

ship.

Their first playoff game they defeated the Pasadena Eagles, 3-1. Their next playoff game was against the Strake

Jesuit Crusaders, it was a defensive battle.

Playing the Crusaders with three minutes on the game clock and both teams scoreless after 77

minutes in regulation play #8 Aldrin Soto brought the ball in from the end sideline. #9 Junior Ahmed Pecero intercepted Soto's ball and

then made the winning goal. The Mustang's defense stepped up and

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Principal Dr. Lisa Hamblen (photo center) received official resolutions and proclamations from elected officials and their staff on behalf of the Havard Elementary School. L – R: Linda Jamail, Community Liaison for State Rep. Ana Hernandez, Cindy Miller, Community Liaison for Pct. 2 Comm. Adrian Garcia, Principal Dr. Lisa Hamblen, Arely Ambriz, District Aide for Senator Carol Alvarado and Judge Lucia Bates.

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. – 15150 Wallisville Rd. at the Havard Elementary School, citizens, school officials, elected officials and or their staff came together to celebrate the schools 25th anniversary.

Dr. Lisa Hamblen, School Principal welcomed every-
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Channelview FFA Parade & Livestock Sale

By Allan Jamail

On Saturday, April 1 2023, Channelview, TX. The Channelview High School had their annual FFA parade followed by the livestock animals and chicken auctions. The parade was filled with school floats made by the students.

It was great event as always. CVISD and Wesley Hutchins the agriculture teacher does a tremendous good job with the FFA program and the students. Parade participants were the Channelettes Dance Team, students, Little Leaguers, veterans, first responders, and Channelview residents young and old. It was a beautiful day for the event in the heart of the community.

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SUPERINTENDENT DR TORY HILL & TRUSTEES having fun.



CHANNELETTES DANCE TEAM marching in the FFA parade.

Man gets life sentence for murder at Uvalde McDonald's

HOUSTON – A man who was found guilty Monday for the 2021 murder of a 71-year-old woman in east Harris County has been sentenced to life in prison without parole. Andrew Williams, 41, was convicted of capital murder in the death of Martha Medina.

On Sept. 23, 2021, Medina was run over and killed after being robbed of her purse at a McDonald's restaurant, located at 430 Uvalde. "They grabbed her purse, she fell toward the front of the car that was going out, and in a hurry to get away, they ran over her," Adrian Medina, the victim's son, said.

She was taken to a nearby hospital where she died, HCSO said. A McDonald's employee who asked not to be identified said she stayed by the victims side during her final moments. "I told her I'm going to pray for you and she said I'm grateful for that, I don't want to die," said the fast food employee.

Authorities said the suspect fled the scene in a



ANDREW WILLIAMS



MARTHA MEDINA

dark-colored Chevrolet Impala with black rims. According to Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez, Williams was out on bond in connection to a previous capital murder, in 2019, when Medina was killed. Court documents show that Williams shot and killed Chima Ogbonnaya with a fire-arm while attempting to rob another man. His bond was initially denied, but later granted at \$150,000 on Jan. 2.

Liliana Medina, the victim's daughter, said she feels satisfied but not happy because two families are still suffering from this incident. She said she also feels bad for Williams' family because they are also victims.

"All I can say is that I feel satisfied. Do I feel happy? No. Because it's two families that are still suffering," Liliana Medina told KPRC 2 in Spanish. "Not only my family is still suffering, but I also feel bad for his (Williams') family as well, because at the end, they're also the victims."

Cloverleaf FD holds ISO-1 rating; 2 Chiefs awarded



Assistant Chief Marshall Hutton and District Chief James Novick recently received the Chief Fire Officer Designation (CFOD)

NORTH SHORE – Harris County ESD 12 Fire Chief Edward Russell announced Assistant Chief Marshall Hutton and District Chief James Novick recently received the Chief Fire Officer Designation (CFOD) from The Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE).

Harris County ESD 12 Fire Department provides fire and rescue services to Cloverleaf and Northshore areas. Harris County ESD 12 Fire Department has a "Best of the Best," Public Protection Classification of ISO Class 1

In 1986, the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) came together to develop a framework for continuous improvement of the fire and emergency service. By 1996, this led to the formation of the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) to award accreditation to fire and emergency service agencies. In 2000, the Commission

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SHELDON ISD NEWS

3 Sheldon ISD Employees Recognized for Customer Service

Throughout the year, Sheldon ISD employees are nominated by their peers or families for the CARE (Caught Acting and Responding with Excellence) Award. The CARE Award recognizes exemplary customer service. On Tuesday, March 28, the following employees were surprised with the award:



Tacarra Williams, Principal Garrett Elementary - Mrs. Williams was nominated for her positive attitude and problem solving skills. She takes a personal interest in each person and is able to build lasting relationships with her school community.



Lyne Jordan, Instructor, KASE Academy - Ms. Jordan has been nominated for her student advocacy and perseverance in her classroom. She is professional, focused and attentive. She gives feedback to all students and parents daily, investing in their futures.



Gloria Martell, Title III Instructional Paraprofessional, Multilingual Department - Ms. Martell positively represents Sheldon ISD at work and as a community member. Many employees come to her for assistance. She is positive, smiling, and even when faced with a challenge, she perseveres.

The CARE Award is a partnership with Woodforest Bank. Each honoree is presented with a \$100 gift card and will be recognized at an upcoming school board meeting.

Carroll Elementary Librarian Receives State Recognition

Carroll Elementary librarian Amanda Chacon has been presented the MVP Award by the Texas State Library Association. The Media/Virtual Presence (MVP) Award is awarded to school librarians who show excellence in their virtual presence through several different avenues. She was chosen for her relevant social media presence, as well as the ways learning is demonstrated in the library through digital media.



April 7 is a District Holiday

Friday, April 7 is a district holiday and there will be no school. Classes will resume on Monday, April 10.

STEM Fair Showcases Elementary Highlights

The Sheldon ISD Elementary STEM Fair took place last weekend and featured work from Sheldon's six elementary schools and two early childhood academies. The fair consisted of winning participants from each campus in the following categories: Descriptive Investigations, Experimental Investigations, Inventions, and Technology.



This year's Elementary District STEM fair was hosted by Royalwood Elementary. These students displayed their various

projects and took home Best of Show medals. Congratulations to the following students:

Anylah Mata
1st Place
Sheldon Elementary

Payton Kennedy
2nd Place
Garrett Elementary

Emma Chavez
3rd Place
Carroll Elementary

KMS Students Support Local Fundraising Efforts for MS



The King Middle School Student Council and Dance Team held a Sneaker Ball to raise awareness for Multiple Sclerosis. The students participated in the MS Walk to raise

awareness in The Woodlands, where King Middle School Dance Team Coach Yasmine Teague was the guest speaker. The KMS Dance Company performed, while the Student

Council and dance department students walked the 5K for MS. MS Awareness Month takes place in March each year. The students raised more than \$1,200 for the cause.

CHANNELVIEW ISD NEWS

Channelview ISD Debate Team



This past weekend was the UIL District 22-6A Speech and Academic tournament. Channelview High School brought home not one, but two district championships and two UIL team sweepstakes awards! In addition, 100% of the students that attended qualified to head to UIL regional competition April 21st and 22nd at Seven Lakes High School in Katy Texas.

Current Events and News

5th - Hannah Robinson
4th - Nathalie Vitan
2nd - Noemi Sanchez

1st & District Champion - Kyle Morgan
Channelview Team: 1st Place Sweepstakes
Ready Writing
2nd - Noemi Sanchez
Informative Speaking
4th - Geena Torres
3rd - Davin Sims
2nd - Antonio Segura
Persuasive Speaking
4th - Nathalie Vitan
2nd - Noemi Sanchez
1st & District Champion - Aleyda Hernandez
Prose Interpretation
5th - Davin Sims
4th - Nathalie Vitan
3rd - Alexis Garcia

Poetry Interpretation
6th - Abigail Montemayor
5th - Unika Fernandez
2nd - Hannah Robinson
Channelview Team: 1st Place Speech team Sweepstakes
Lincoln Douglas Debate
4th - Kyle Morgan
3rd - Antonio Segura
2nd - Noemi Sanchez
Thank you, as always, to all the teachers and administrators and mentors and parents and friends for supporting this team! ONTO REGIONALS!! GO FALCONS!!

CHARLOTTE'S WEB

By Charlotte Jackson



Set The Example

When you notice a sign that reads “Entrance Only”, how do you react? Or when you have an empty cup in your car, what do you do? What about when you get around others that you are comfortable with. When one person starts cursing or gossiping, what do you do?

Living in an apartment complex, I have seen more than my fair share of actions that I feel like calling out on social media. Our complex has a one way entry and a one way exit. Yet like too many complexes, the gates do not always work; so, they always remain open. One of the biggest pet peeves of mine is for people to use the wrong gate, INTENTIONALLY. There are mornings that I am late for work and it would be easier to exit the entrance gate, but what example would that set? I recently stopped our security guards and told them that if they are supposed to be setting examples, they need to use the correct gates. They thanked me and I have not seen them using the wrong gate again.

Another issue with living in apartments is that residents do not always seem to take pride in their actions. Some days there are young preschool children running in and out of the driveway. Where are the parents? Too often, they are sitting inside and talking on the phone. Yet, if their child were hurt, they would be complaining. They are the same people who if they have trash in their car, will throw it out in the parking lot instead of putting it in the trash. And speaking of trash, we have valet trash pickup at the apartments. They have been issued a trash receptacle but do not follow the rules. On the days that they fail to put out the trash, they will take it to the dumpster. Notice I said, “take it to the dumpster”? They take it there and then just dump it on the ground. Why not be an example and do things the way we are asked to do them?

What happens when you walk up to coworkers, neighbors or friends and you hear inappropriate things? I was someone recently and a man who I have great respect for, suddenly came out with profanity and the subject matter was appalling. I simply chose to walk away. Later, he reached out to apologize. Just a few days later, I heard two men putting down someone they know I am close to. The things they were saying were so negative. It was almost as if they wanted me to say something and ruin my reputation. In less than three minutes, I heard so much negativity about not only one friend but about five or six others. I had to simply walk away and be an example of one who believes, if you cannot say something nice, you need to keep your mouth shut.

Setting an example is not hard to do. For many, they were raised to think if what they were saying or doing is something they would do around their parents. We need to teach by example so our youth and children will act better and live better lives.

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on Chief Fire Officer Designation was established to credential fire and emergency service officers. In 2006, the corporation's name was changed to the Center for Public Safety Excellence, with CFAI and the, now-titled, Commission on Professional Credentialing became entities under CPSE.

From its inception, CPSE has valued having a diversity of involvement from organizations, including IAFC, ICMA, the International Association of Fire Fighters, the National Fire Protection Association, the Insurance Services Office, and the Department of Defense on our board and commissions.

Harris County ESD 12 Fire Chief Edward Russell, stated, Chief Hutton and Chief Novick have accepted the challenge to move the Nation's Fire Service forward to a higher standard of service. Fire Chief Edward Russell received the CFOD in 2003. Chief Hutton, Chief Novick, and Chief Russell are required to validate their COFD every three years. The validation process includes specific training, research, career development, and peer review by the CPSE.

Edward M. Russell, EFO, CFOD, MIFireE
Fire Chief/Business Administrator
Harris County ESD 12 Fire Department

Boys Mustang Soccer Making Their Way Through Playoffs,

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shut-out the Crusaders for the final minutes to win the game 1-0. “Ahmed Pecero set a new program scoring record, he's scored 35 goals this season. He is a tireless worker and a leader by example. And Emiliano Lopez - he has been our difference-maker all season. He is a leader on the field as well as a standout player.” Coach Hurtado said of both players.

“Diego Loya, Aldrin Mariaca-Soto, and Alan Huerta hold down the middle of the field and allow us to get the ball to our playmakers,” Hurtado said.

The Mustangs was eliminated in their next playoff game in another defensive battle with League City's Clear Creek Chargers. Neither the Chargers nor the Mustangs could make a goal in the 80 minutes of regulation play. The game went into an overtime period and again they were scoreless. In a heartbreaking loss in sudden-death the Chargers were able to defeat the Mustangs. Linda Jamail, Statistician.

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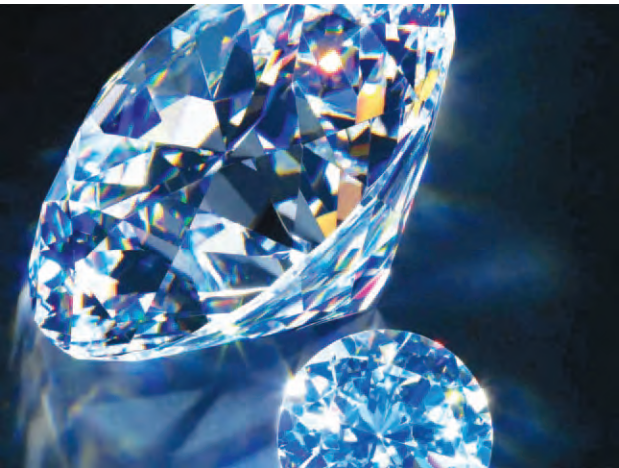
Diamond Jim: “What Makes a Diamond so Beautiful?”

Light My Fire: Understanding A Diamond In Light

When light leaves the sun, it races towards the earth at 186,000 miles per second. When it hits the diamond in front of you, it slows down to 77,000 miles per second. That speed difference is something you can see. Light in diamonds bends, reflects, refracts, and breaks apart into rainbows of color. Light is what gives us a diamond's brilliance, scintillation, and dispersion.

Of course, when I'm talking about light in diamonds, I'm talking about the cut. Each facet that a cutter polishes onto a diamond is designed to reflect light, bounce it around the diamond, and up to your eyes. Even one facet out of alignment can result in light that doesn't perform the way it should. And all light isn't the same. Because light is so essential to understanding the optics and the beauty of diamonds, the type of light matters.

This is the most overlooked part of understanding the quality of diamonds. But you have the perfect instrument to analyze the impact of light on diamond quality: your eyes.



Look and Look Again

Diamond facets are like mirrors: they reflect what's around them. When you look at a diamond from far away, it reflects the room and environment around you. When you look at a diamond close up, you're seeing a reflection of yourself. You'll be able to see the color you are wearing reflected in the diamond's facets. Differences in light are even more important. In direct sunlight, all diamonds look great. They flash and sparkle and throw off rainbows. You can't judge whether or not a diamond is well cut by looking at it in direct sunlight.

The light in an office is efficient but generally not flattering for diamonds (or for people!). Usually, it's diffused light that bounces off the ceiling. With diffuse or scattered lighting, a diamond's brilliance is more visible. Light enters the diamond from multiple directions, downplaying shadows and decreasing fire.

Candlelight and warm home lighting are good for people and for diamonds. You won't see optimum brilliance but you will get sparkle. Diamonds with larger facets like old European cuts and emerald cuts will look especially good in these lower lighting environments.

Daylight or indirect sunlight from a window, especially a north window which provides more consistent illumination all day, is the most important light for looking at diamonds. It's bright enough to assess its brilliance and scintillation without those blingy reflections that blind you to the areas where light is leaking and not being reflected back to the eye. A diamond that's beautiful in daylight will also be beautiful in every other light. That's why diamond dealers sort diamonds only in north light.

Which diamond looks most beautiful to you is personal: you may prefer one facet pattern to another. Diamonds have different rhythms to their scintillation and different personalities. I gravitate to step cuts and you might like the crushed ice look of a radiant cut. There's no wrong answer, it's just a personal choice.

When a piece of jewelry with well-cut diamonds is worn in daylight, in-office light, in candlelight, in sunlight, and even in moonlight, it will be more beautiful, with its diamonds dancing in the light.

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OPINION

By BILL KING



Nearing Peak World Population

I regularly talk to well-informed people who do not realize that world population growth is rapidly slowing and that global population will peak sometime between now and the end of the century. Currently, the UN estimates the most likely case is that the world’s population will top out around 10 billion in 2080 and then begin a long, slow decline. Other modelers are projecting the peak will be reached in 2060 at 9 billion and then decline more rapidly. Some scenarios predict there will be fewer people on the planet at the end of century than now.

The UN’s predictions for the U.S. are similar, with our population topping out at around 380 million near the end of the century. This is consistent with the Congressional Budget Office projections, which assume the U.S. annual population growth rate over the next 20 years will decline from .5% to .2%. Without immigration, the U.S. population would begin to decline around 2035.

Many of us grew up reading the Ehrlichs’ Population Bomb, which predicted a worldwide apocalypse was just around the corner. The book, written in 1968, categorically predicted that “The battle to feed all of humanity is over. In the 1970s hundreds of millions of people will starve to death...” Of course, that did not happen and since around 2000, researchers have found there have been more obese people in the world than those who are undernourished.

In part, it did not happen because of an explosion of agricultural technology in the 1950s and 1960s known as the Green Revolution. But the Ehrlichs’ prediction also never came to pass because they missed that by the time they were writing their book, women had already begun having fewer babies.

The critical metric for population growth is the average number of children women are having at any particular time, known as the “fertility rate.” Other factors, such as childhood survival and longevity, also affect population growth but the fertility rate is the big driver. It takes a fertility rate of 2.1 children per woman to maintain a stable population, known as the “replacement rate.” Anything above that and the population will grow and below that it falls.

When the Ehrlichs wrote their book the fertility rate was stunningly high at 5. That astronomical rate would go on to cause the world population to double just 40 years later. But what was not apparent to the Ehrlichs at the time was that the fertility rate had peaked about five years earlier at 5.3. That began a steady slide downward to 2.3 today, just barely above the replacement rate.

However, a decline in fertility rate does not show up at once. It takes a while for that lower rate to work through the generational cycle, something referred as “population momentum.” That is why you still see a hefty 25% increase in the world’s population in the projections before it tops out in 2080.

Many countries around the world are already beginning to feel the effects of slowing population growth. Japan and Russia both face looming drastic population declines. China announced this year that for the first time its population had declined. Some countries have begun adopting policies to encourage young couples to have more children.

Of course, there is no question that the decline in population growth is very welcome news. Indeed, without the downturn we would be facing the apocalypse that the Ehrlichs foresaw as we put ever increasing demands on the earth’s finite resources. And polling in the U.S. generally finds that most people would like to see a lower population.

But for the last three centuries our civilization has been based on steady population growth and astronomical population growth since the mid-twentieth century. Programs like Social Security and Medicare will not work in a world where the population is flat or declining, at least, not without some substantial modification.

Because lower fertility rates are correlated with educational attainment, the most uneducated, poorest parts of the world will be growing the fastest. The only places in the world currently with a fertility rate well above the replacement rate are sub-Saharan Africa and central Asia. This dichotomy will result in greater wealth disparity and conflicts.

The new population paradigm will cause many headaches which our children and grandchildren will have to wrestle. Some are obvious and some probably unforeseeable. It would be great if the world could start thinking through those issues now and begin to prepare. However, human behavior over the centuries has shown that kind of long-term planning is not one of our strong suits.


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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Texas Leads Nation in Jobs Added

The Lone Star State continues to lead the nation in jobs added with 58,200 new positions in February, bringing the state to nearly 14 million total nonfarm jobs, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. February also marked two full years of uninterrupted job growth in the state.

“The past 24 months of uninterrupted job growth show the strength of the Texas economy and ongoing economic opportunities for Texans,” said TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel.

The state’s jobless rate in February was 4.5%, which is higher than the national rate of 3.9%, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The highest jobless rate in a Texas metropolitan statistical area is 6.8% in McAllen-Edinburg-Mission. The lowest rate in an MSA is 3.0% in Midland.

RAINY DAY FUND HITS CAP FOR FIRST TIME

The state’s piggy bank is nearly full.

Comptroller Glenn Hegar predicts the state’s so-called Rainy Day Fund, officially the Economic Stabilization Fund, will reach its statutory limit by 2025, which is 10% of what is deposited in the General Revenue Fund. Rising revenues fueled by spikes in energy prices and inflation have filled the state’s coffers, Hegar said.

“The revenue increases that we have seen truly have been historical and unprecedented. We have never seen anything like this in the past, and I don’t think we’ll see anything like this in the future,” he said.

The state experienced record growth in tax collections in 2022 of 25.6% from the previous year, filling the state’s coffers with a surplus of \$32.7 billion.

“I am glad to see that lawmakers are giving careful thought to how this tremendous asset can be best put to work for Texans,” Hegar added.

SENATE PASSES BILL TO LIMIT GOVERNOR’S POWERS

The Texas Senate unanimously passed a bill to rein in the governor’s authority during emergencies or disasters, the Austin American-



Statesman reported. A matching proposal in the House is awaiting a committee hearing. The bill, sponsored by state Sen. Brian Birdwell, R-Granbury, would require the governor to call the Legislature into special session if the executive office wants to extend a disaster or emergency declaration past 30 days. Only the Legislature would be able to put restrictions on businesses such as those imposed during the initial weeks of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We must no longer allow a 19-month legislative interim to be leveraged against the Legislature, especially during times of emergency disasters that affect a significant number of Texans,” Birdwell said.

Under current law, disaster declarations last 30 days but can be renewed by the governor. For example, Gov Greg Abbott has extended a disaster declaration relating to illegal border crossings each month since May 2021, according to the Statesman.

Abbott expressed support in his State of the State address in January for involving the Legislature in disaster declarations that deal with public health crises.

SENATE BACKS BOOST FOR RETIRED TEACHERS

The Texas Senate also unanimously approved a package that allocates \$4.7 billion from the budget surplus to increase monthly payments for retired teachers and gives a one-time bump to retirees over 75, the Statesman reported. The bill is now headed to the House for consideration.

The measure calls for a 2% raise for teachers who retired

between Sept. 1, 2013, and Jan. 1, 2022, and a 4% raise for those who retired before Sept. 1, 2013. Senate Bill 10 also provides a one-time stipend of \$7,500 for retirees older than 75. The bill affects nearly a half-million retired teachers.

“This is a significant financial commitment from the state,” state Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston, said. “Many TRS retirees have been struggling for so long. We needed to do this.”

Retired teachers on average make \$2,100 a month through the Teachers Retirement System.

BOATERS, ANGLERS URGED TO AVOID COASTAL ROOKERIES

Anglers and boaters along the Texas coast are urged to watch out for nesting birds during this peak breeding and nesting season, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Brown pelicans, roseate spoonbills, black skimmers and reddish egrets are among the birds nesting in dense colonies, called rookeries. TPWD encourages folks to watch out for these nesting birds so they are not disturbed during a sensitive time.

“With too many disturbances, an entire colony of thousands of birds may abandon an island and give up on breeding for the year, which can potentially lead to drastic population declines,” said Trey Barron, a diversity biologist with TPWD. “When approached too closely by boaters or people wading nearby, birds are frightened off their nests, leaving eggs and chicks exposed to the summer sun, which can cause them to overheat. The abandoned nests also allow opportunistic predators like gulls and grackles to quickly swoop in and feed on them.”

Boaters and anglers are also encouraged to properly dispose of fishing line, tackle and other waste to ensure it does not harm birds, turtles or other marine life.

“The habitats that waterbirds use are the same habitats in which we — including myself — enjoy fishing, hunting and photographing wildlife,” Barron said. “We just have to remember to give them their space, especially during the nesting season, and pick up after ourselves. If you’re out on the water, look for the yellow signs that identify rookery islands and keep your distance. We can all enjoy the same places, as long as we do it responsibly.”

HOUSE PASSES DIAPER, PERIOD PRODUCTS BILL

The Texas House last week overwhelmingly passed a bill repealing the state sales tax on diapers, period products, baby wipes and similar items. The measure now heads to the Senate.

Its sponsor, state Rep. Donna Howard, D-Austin, has tried for several sessions to get the measure passed.

“This bill provides an opportunity to help Texas families at every stage of life,” Howard said Tuesday, as reported by The Dallas Morning News. The measure also exempts adult diapers.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

“Dog Friends”

My husband, Peter, is trying to impress a local collie.

Peter knows better than this. He had a collie for many years. Collies are not easily impressed. They have their own priorities and their own agenda and if it happens to coincide with yours, you can pretend they did something on your behalf—but you’d be lying to yourself.

But Peter still loves collies. The current object of Peter’s affection is named Lassoero and lives on a road Peter takes every day on his hike.

Peter met the collie one day when the dog was sticking his head through the curtains. Peter learned his name from the collie’s owner, and went on to assume he and the collie would be fast friends. Every day, as Peter walked by, he called out, “Lassoero!” and the collie ignored him. So Peter decided he would start bringing treats.

Peter brought a cookie and put it on the windowsill. The collie did not come. On the way home, Peter checked the windowsill. The cookie was gone. Peter did this for several days running.

“Maybe Lassoero’s owner is finding the cookies,” I said. “Maybe he is throwing them away!” Peter was not convinced.

Then one day, Lassoero was at the window. Peter gave him a cookie. Lassoero ignored it. Peter put it down on the sill. Lassoero poked it with his nose. He eventually ate it, but did not seem excited.

“I don’t think Lassoero likes cookies,” Peter concluded. The next day, he went out and bought corn chips.

“If he didn’t like cookies, he’s not going to like corn chips!” I told Peter. “He’s waiting for organic sun-dried beef chips.” Peter looked as if he was considering this.

“I could take chicken,” he said.

“You can’t take chicken on your hike!” I figured there wasn’t much Peter wouldn’t do to capture this dog’s affection.

Then Peter had an idea. “Popcorn! Dogs love popcorn even more than beef!”

Peter packaged up some popcorn and put it in his backpack. “Lassoero!” he called. The dog did not answer. Peter left popcorn on the windowsill. On his way down, he checked. The popcorn was still there, but one piece had been moved. It was now in tiny, wet pieces. Apparently, Lassoero did not like popcorn either.

Some dogs will do anything for affection. Some dogs will give you affection once they figure you’ve earned it. And some dogs are always going to play hard to get. I had a feeling that Lassoero might not be in the market for more friends, but I didn’t want to break this to Peter.

And even though it sounds funny, it’s still a little sad. I’ve been ignored and ghosted by folks I thought were my friends. I realized—a little too late—they were not actually my friends. They already had friends, and I wasn’t one of them. It doesn’t matter if it’s a dog or a person. The realization still hurts.

“You have lots of dog friends,” I reminded Peter.

And he does. There is Reacher, who he calls the “Reacher Creature,” a giant dog who jumps up in delight when he sees Peter. There is Bucky, who has very short legs and lies down on the sidewalk when Peter talks too long with Bucky’s owner. There are several tiny dogs who walk on his route every day and bark in excitement every time Peter goes by. And somewhere, just behind the curtains of his home, is Lassoero, ignoring Peter every day.

“Lassoero doesn’t know what he is missing,” I told Peter. And he doesn’t.

Till next time,

Carrie

Check out CarrieClasson-Author on Facebook or visit CarrieClasson.com.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

GALENA PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

May 6, 2023

The Galena Park Independent School District hereby gives notice that Galena Park ISD. will hold an election on May 6, 2023, between 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing three (3) trustees for three-year terms in Place Numbers 5, 6, and 7.

EARLY VOTING

Early Voting Times

Monday, April 24, 2023 – Friday, April 28, 2023 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday, May 1, 2023 – Tuesday, May 2, 2023 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Main Early Voting Location

Galena Park ISD Administration Building – Q109,
14705 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, TX 77015

Branch Early Voting Location

Galena Park Middle School – Front Hallway
400 Keene St., Galena Park, TX 77547

Any qualified voter may vote in person at the main early voting polling place or at the early voting branch location during designated times.

ELECTION DAY

Election Day is Saturday, May 6, 2023. Voting will be held from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 6, 2023, at the following locations:

Precinct No.	Polling Place
81, 164, 208	Galena Park Middle School – Front Hallway, 400 Keene St., Galena Park, TX 77547
162, 163	Jacinto City Town Center – Meeting Room, 1025 Oates Rd., Jacinto City, TX 77029
375, 827, 831, 872	Cloverleaf Elementary – Room 1402, 1035 Frankie St., Houston, TX 77015
353, 376, 1017, 1023	Kenneth J. Tice Elementary – Cafeteria, 14120 Wallisville Rd., Houston, TX 77049
368, 413, 460, 725	North Shore Elementary – Room 1502, 14310 Duncannon, Houston, TX 77015
266, 354, 824	Green Valley Elementary – Front Hallway, 13350 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, TX 77015

VOTING BY MAIL

Applications for ballots by mail should be directed in writing to Belinda Mendoza, Galena Park ISD. Early Voting Clerk, 14705 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, TX 77015, or emailed to bmendoza@galenaparkisd.com. An application must be received by the Early Voting Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on April 25, 2023. Additionally, if an application for ballot by mail (ABBM) is faxed or mailed, or if a federal postcard application (FPCA) is faxed, then the applicant must submit the original application to the Early Voting Clerk by mail so that the Clerk receives the original not later than the fourth (4th) business day after receiving the emailed or faxed ABBM or faxed FPCA. If the Early Voting Clerk does not receive the original ABBM or FPCA by this deadline, then the emailed or faxed ABBM or faxed FPCA is incomplete, and the Clerk cannot send the applicant a ballot.

選舉通知

GALENA PARK獨立學區

2023年5月6日

Galena Park獨立學區特此通知，Galena Park獨立學區將於2023年5月6日上午7:00至晚上7:00舉行一項選舉，藉此為第5、第6和第7號席位選出三（3）位任期為三年的理事。

提前投票

提前投票時間

2023年4月24日（週一） - 2023年4月28日（週五） - 上午8:00至下午5:00
2023年5月1日（週一） - 2023年5月2日（週二） - 上午8:00至下午5:00

主要提前投票地點

Galena Park ISD Administration Building - Q109, 14705 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, TX 77015

分部提前投票地點

Galena Park Middle School - 前走廊
400 Keene St., Galena Park, TX 77547

凡合資格選民，皆可於指定時間親自前往主要提前投票地點或分部提前投票地點進行投票。

選舉日

選舉日是2023年5月6日（週六）。投票將於2023年5月6日上午7:00至晚上7:00在以下地點舉行：

投票區編號	投票所
81, 164, 208	Galena Park Middle School - 前走廊, 400 Keene St., Galena Park, TX 77547
162, 163	Jacinto City Town Center - 會議室, 1025 Oates Rd., Jacinto City, TX 77029
375, 827, 831, 872	Cloverleaf Elementary - 1402室, 1035 Frankie St., Houston, TX 77015
353, 376, 1017, 1023	Kenneth J. Tice Elementary - 自助餐廳, 14120 Wallisville Rd., Houston, TX 77049
368, 413, 460, 725	North Shore Elementary - 1502室, 14310 Duncannon, Houston, TX 77015
266, 354, 824	Green Valley Elementary - 前走廊, 13350 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, TX 77015

郵遞投票

郵遞選票申請應以書面形式寄至Galena Park獨立學區提前投票書記官Belinda Mendoza，地址為：14705 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, TX 77015，或發送電子郵件至bmendoza@galenaparkisd.com。該申請必須在2023年4月25日下午5:00前由提前投票書記官妥為接收。此外，若通過傳真或郵件發送了郵遞選票申請(ABBM)，或通過傳真發送了聯邦明信片申請表(FPCA)，申請人須以郵寄方式將申請表原件呈交至提前投票書記官，書記官收到申請表原件的時間不應晚於收到電郵或傳真寄出的ABBM或傳真寄出的FPCA後的四(4)個工作日。如果提前投票書記官未在此截止期限前收到ABBM或FPCA原件，則電郵或傳真寄出的ABBM或傳真寄出的FPCA將視為不完整，書記官將無法向申請人寄發選票。

AVISO DE ELECCIÓN

DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE GALENA PARK

6 de mayo de 2023

Por el presente, el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Galena Park informa que Galena Park ISD celebrará una elección el 6 de mayo de 2023 de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. para el propósito de elegir tres (3) síndicos para términos de tres años en los cargos número 5, 6 y 7:

VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA

Horarios de Votación Anticipada

Del lunes 24 de abril de 2023 al viernes 28 de abril de 2023 – De 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.
Lunes 1 de mayo de 2023 y martes 2 de mayo de 2023 – De 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.

Principal lugar de votación anticipada

Galena Park ISD Administration Building – Q109, 14705 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, TX 77015

Sucursal de votación anticipada

Galena Park Middle School – Corredor delantero
400 Keene St., Galena Park, TX 77547

Cualquier votante que cumpla con los requisitos puede votar en persona en el lugar principal de votación anticipada o en la sucursal de votación anticipada durante los horarios designados.

DÍA DE ELECCIÓN

El Día de Elección es el sábado 6 de mayo de 2023. La votación se llevará a cabo de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. el 6 de mayo de 2023 en los siguientes lugares:

Precinto Nro.	Lugar de votación
81, 164, 208	Galena Park Middle School – Corredor delantero, 400 Keene St., Galena Park, TX 77547
162, 163	Jacinto City Town Center – Sala de juntas, 1025 Oates Rd., Jacinto City, TX 77029
375, 827, 831, 872	Cloverleaf Elementary – Sala 1402, 1035 Frankie St., Houston, TX 77015
353, 376, 1017, 1023	Kenneth J. Tice Elementary – Cafetería, 14120 Wallisville Rd., Houston, TX 77049
368, 413, 460, 725	North Shore Elementary – Sala 1502, 14310 Duncannon, Houston, TX 77015
266, 354, 824	Green Valley Elementary – Corredor delantero, 13350 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, TX 77015

VOTACIÓN POR CORREO

Las solicitudes de boletas para votar por correo deben ser dirigidas por escrito a Belinda Mendoza, Galena Park ISD. Early Voting Clerk, 14705 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, TX 77015, o por correo electrónico a bmendoza@galenaparkisd.com. Las solicitudes deben ser recibidas por la Oficial de Votación Anticipada para las 5:00 p.m. del 25 de abril de 2023. Además, si una solicitud de boleta de votación por correo (ABBM) se envía por fax o correo, o si una solicitud de postal federal (FPCA) se envía por fax, en ese caso el solicitante debe enviar la solicitud original al Oficial de Votación Anticipada por correo para que la Oficial reciba el original a más tardar el cuarto (4.to) día laborable después de recibir la ABBM por correo electrónico o fax o FPCA por fax. Si el Oficial de Votación Anticipada no recibe la ABBM o FPCA original para esta fecha límite, en ese caso la ABBM enviada por correo electrónico o fax o la FPCA por fax está incompleta, y el Oficial no puede enviar al solicitante una boleta de votación.

THÔNG BÁO BẦU CỬ

KHU HỌC CHÍNH ĐỘC LẬP GALENA PARK

Ngày 6 tháng Năm, 2023

Khu Học Chính Độc Lập Galena Park theo đây thông báo Galena Park ISD sẽ tổ chức một cuộc bầu cử từ 7 giờ sáng đến 7 giờ tối, ngày 6 tháng Năm, 2023, để bỏ phiếu bầu các ủy viên quản trị trong nhiệm kỳ ba (3) năm với các Vị Trí Số 5, 6, và 7.

BỎ PHIẾU SỚM

Giờ Bỏ Phiếu Sớm

Thứ Hai, ngày 24 tháng Tư, 2023 – thứ Sáu, ngày 28 tháng Tư, 2023 từ 8 giờ sáng đến 5 giờ chiều
Thứ Hai, ngày 1 tháng Năm, 2023 - thứ Ba, ngày 2 tháng Năm, 2023 từ 8 giờ sáng đến 5 giờ chiều

Địa Điểm Bỏ Phiếu Sớm Chính

Galena Park ISD Administration Building – Q109, 14705 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, TX 77015

Địa Điểm Bỏ Phiếu Sớm Chi Nhánh

Galena Park Middle School – Hội Trường Phía Trước
400 Keene St., Galena Park, TX 77547

Bất kỳ cử tri nào hội đủ điều kiện đều có thể đích thân tới bỏ phiếu tại địa điểm phòng phiếu chính cho thủ tục bỏ phiếu sớm hoặc tại địa điểm bỏ phiếu sớm trong thời gian quy định.

NGÀY BẦU CỬ

Ngày Bầu Cử là thứ Bảy, 6 tháng Năm, 2023. Tiến trình bỏ phiếu sẽ được tổ chức từ 7 giờ sáng đến 7 giờ tối ngày 6 tháng Năm, 2023 tại các địa điểm sau đây:

Phân Khu Bầu Cử Số	Địa Điểm Phòng Phiếu
81, 164, 208	Galena Park Middle School – Hội Trường Phía Trước, 400 Keene St., Galena Park, TX 77547
162, 163	Jacinto City Town Center – Phòng Họp, 1025 Oates Rd., Jacinto City, TX 77029
375, 827, 831, 872	Cloverleaf Elementary – Phòng 1402, 1035 Frankie St., Houston, TX 77015
353, 376, 1017, 1023	Kenneth J. Tice Elementary – Phòng Ăn, 14120 Wallisville Rd., Houston, TX 77049
368, 413, 460, 725	North Shore Elementary – Phòng 1502, 14310 Duncannon, Houston, TX 77015
266, 354, 824	Green Valley Elementary – Hội Trường Phía Trước, 13350 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, TX 77015

BỎ PHIẾU QUA THƯ

Đơn xin lá bầu qua thư phải được gửi trực tiếp bằng văn bản cho Belinda Mendoza, Galena Park ISD. Early Voting Clerk, 14705 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, TX 77015, hoặc gửi qua email đến bmendoza@galenaparkisd.com. Đơn xin phải được Thư Ký phụ trách Bỏ Phiếu Sớm nhận được trễ nhất là vào 5 giờ chiều ngày 25 tháng Tư, 2023. Ngoài ra, nếu đơn xin lá phiếu bầu bằng thư (ABBM) được gửi qua fax hay bằng thư, hoặc nếu gửi đơn xin dạng bưu thiếp liên bang (FPCA) qua fax, đương đơn cũng phải gửi bản đơn xin gốc qua thư cho Thư Ký phụ trách Bỏ Phiếu Sớm để Thư Ký nhận được bản gốc trễ nhất là ngày làm việc thứ bốn (4) sau khi nhận được ABBM gửi email hoặc fax hoặc FPCA gửi qua fax. Nếu Thư Ký phụ trách Bỏ Phiếu Sớm không nhận được bản gốc của ABBM hoặc FPCA trước thời hạn chót này, thì ABBM qua email hoặc fax, hoặc bản FPCA được fax đến được tính là không đầy đủ, và Thư Ký không thể gửi lá phiếu cho đương đơn.

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A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the Jacinto City Public Works Facility, 12202 Market Street, Jacinto City, Texas On April 11, 2023 at 10:00 a.m..

The City reserves the right to reject any/or all bids, to waive any/or all technicalities and to accept any bid or part thereof which in the opinion of the City Council is most advantageous to the city.

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one. The ceremony program had numerous participants. Pledges of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags were given by Abigail Elias and John Pearson. Robert Williams gave the Invocation. Certificates of congratulations were given by various officials (see photo). Mrs. Tonya Lloyd gave the school history. The Havard Honor Choir gave performances. Home on the Range was arranged by Julie Lind, You Are My Sunshine by Jimmie Davis and Charles Mitchell, featuring Olivia Washington and Jessica Rodriguez. Seasons of Love by Jonathan Larson and Make Your own Kind of Music by Barry Mann and Cynthia Weil. Terri Moore, Associate Superintendent was a guest speaker and closing remarks were made by Ms. Karen Bernal.

The events program stated in 1995, the district administration realized the growth taking place on the north side of the district and knew that a new elementary school would be necessary to prevent overcrowding at the other campuses.

In 1998 the school opened and the dedication ceremony was held officially naming it the James B. Havard Elementary School after former school trustee James B. Havard who had served the Galena Park School District for 29 years.

James B. Harvard a Galena Park businessman owned and operated the Havard's Welding Supply Company on Clinton Drive. The business is still owned by the Havard family, sons Mike and Rick are the owners according to grandson Dayne Havard.

Since the school's opening there's been thousands of students whose become productive citizens by obtaining their educational skills at the school. The school currently serves three-year old Pre-Kinder to 5th grade students in a variety of inclusive programs.

In an effort to continue the schools successes Havard's accepted a new challenge to be a GPISD STEM Academy in the fall of 2023.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



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COMBINED
NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER
QUALITY PERMIT (NORI)
and
NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION
FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER
NEW

PERMIT NO. WQ0005394000

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. GMA Garnet (USA) Corp., 1780 Hughes Landing Boulevard, Suite 725, The Woodlands, Texas 77380, which proposes to operate GMA Garnet Houston, an industrial mineral sands processing plant that washes unprocessed (virgin) and used garnet sand for packaging and distribution, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a new permit, Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005394000, to authorize the discharge of process wastewater, drip water from the stacking conveyor, and stormwater at a daily average flow not to exceed **290,000 gallons per day** via Outfall 001. The TCEQ received this application on June 16, 2022.

This combined notice is being issued to correct the daily average flow volume indicated in the original NORI.

This revised notice is being issued to update the facility name from “Watco Mechanical Services” to “GMA Garnet Houston”.

The facility is located at 13080 Industrial Road, in the City of Houston, Harris County, Texas 77013. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.
<https://tceq.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=db5bac44afbc468bbddd36of8168250f&marker=-95.20108%2C29.756401&level=12>

The effluent will be discharged to Sheffield ditch, thence to Houston Ship Channel/Bufalo Bayou Tidal in Segment No. 1007 of the San Jacinto River Basin. The unclassified receiving water use is minimal aquatic life use for Sheffield ditch. The designated uses for Segment No. 1007 are navigation and industrial water supply.

In accordance with Title 30 Texas Administrative Code Section 307.5 and TCEQ's *Procedures to Implement the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards* (June 2010), an antidegradation review of the receiving waters was performed. A Tier 1 antidegradation review has preliminarily determined that existing water quality uses will not be impaired by this permit action.

Numerical and narrative criteria to protect existing uses will be maintained. A Tier 2 review is not required because no intermediate, high or exceptional aquatic-life-use water bodies have been identified in the discharge route. Existing uses will be maintained and protected. The preliminary determination can be reexamined and may be modified if new information is received.

The TCEQ executive director reviewed this action for consistency with the Texas Coastal Management Program (CMP) goals and policies in accordance with the regulations of the General Land Office and has determined that the action is consistent with the applicable CMP goals and policies.

The TCEQ executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Galena Park Library, 1500 Keene Street, Galena Park, Texas.

ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE NOTICE. Alternative language notice in Spanish is available at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/plain-language-summaries-and-public-notices>. El aviso de idioma alternativo en español está disponible en <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/plain-language-summaries-and-public-notices>.

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 written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application.

Generally, 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.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. 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. **The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the executive director's decision.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

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

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

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

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

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at <https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/> within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at <https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eCID/>. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at <https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/> or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address, and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, toll free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/decisions/participation/permitting-participation>. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

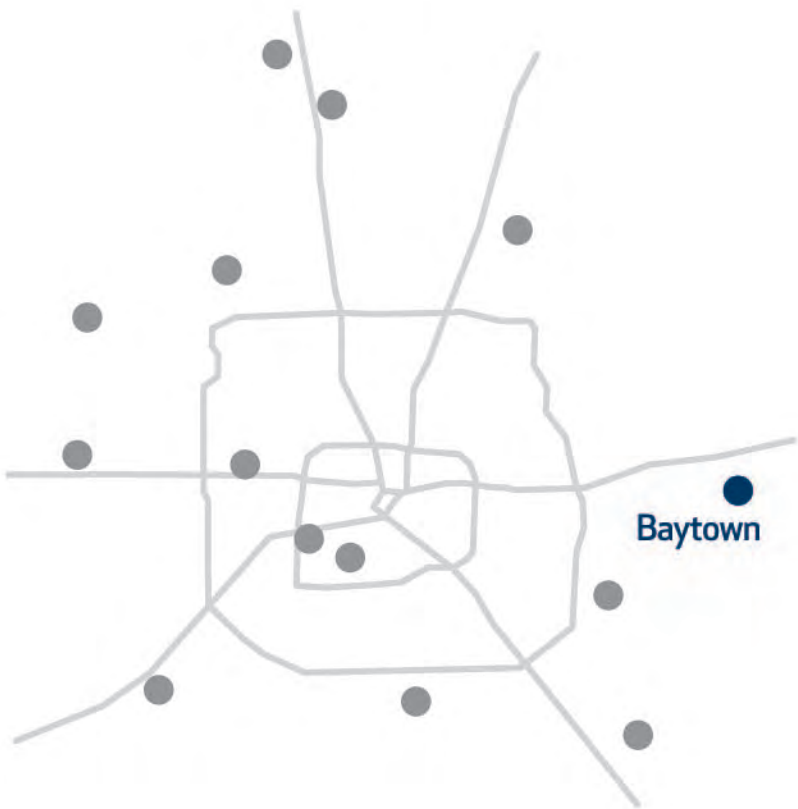
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