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**IN THE STARS**

**Public Meetings Set for input from riders**

Harris County Transit Services has received a \$3.8 million dollar Community Development Disaster Recovery Block Grant (CDBG-DR) to expand its fixed route bus service to some of the communities hardest hit by floodwaters from Hurricane Harvey.

Five new routes are proposed to specifically serve individuals in areas damaged by Hurricane Harvey. They will serve the communities of Channelview, Cloverleaf and Sheldon with approximately 70 miles of

additional service for a three-year period. Service start-up will require public meetings take place first. The public is asked to participate and voice their needs.

Two of the three planned public meetings have been set as follows:

- Tuesday, September 10, 2019 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Leon Grayson Empowerment Center  
13828 Corpus Christi Street  
Houston TX 77015

- Thursday, September

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Harris County Transit bus

## Grant will allow expansion of East Harris County bus service

Service to include Channelview, Cloverleaf, and Sheldon and connect with La Porte, McNair, Highlands, Crosby and Baytown

**EVENTS**

**THUR., AUG. 29**

**Eagleton Silent & Live Auction**

Re-elect Sherman Eagleton for Constable Pct. 3.

4 pm - 8 pm at Baytown Fairgrounds, 7900 N. Main, Baytown, TX. 77521. Pork Chop dinners, silent & live auctions & live music. \$10 donations

**TUE., SEPT 3**

**THEA/San Jacinto River Coalition**

The next meeting of the SJRC/THEA will be on Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 6:30pm at the Highlands Community Center. Discussion will be on the upcoming EPA visit on Sept. 24.

**SAT., SEPT 7**

**Crosby Rodeo Members Fete**

Annual Membership Fete at the Covered Pavilion time to join or rejoin and fellowship. To join call (281) 328-2113

**MON., SEPT 9**

Crosby Rodeo Board Election Annual election of board members begins at 6 p.m.

**BIRTHDAYS**

- Aug 29-Alex Creel  
Myra Hedger  
Pamela Lewis  
Rebecca Rosas
- Aug 30-Tara Hildebrand
- Aug 31-Ben Coward  
Kelli Rossow  
Santrice Shepherd  
Gary Lee Slot  
Lynn Ray Svec
- Sep 1-Hunter Enlow
- Sep 2-Craig Zadropa
- Sep 3-Jenelle Cooper  
Mildred Johnson
- Sep 4-L. Virge Blackmon  
Clara Fulmer  
Robert McCown

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- Aug 29-Kent & Barbara Nelson
- Aug 30-Gene & Vi Fleming
- Aug 31-Glenn & Linda Conard
- Sep 2-Skip & Thelma Bauman
- Sep 3-Caroll & Louise Johnson

Additions or Corrections are welcome, 713-266-3444

## November election will vote on issues from last legislative session

TEXAS - Although it is news to most people there is an election this November 5 concerning the work of the last Legislature passed that must go to voters for approval.

Northeast Harris County will find that the Edith Faye Cook Cole Crosby Branch Library at 135 Hare Road in Crosby will begin hosting early voting on Oct. 21 through November 1. The Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Traditionally, this is the election for Mayoral candidates and this is no exception but Crosby, Huffman and Highlands have no dogs in that hunt, they are unincorporated. There are however 10 ballot measures. Proposition 1 allows persons to hold more than one office as an elected or appointed municipal judge in more than one municipality. A no vote here means allowing a person to hold more

than one office as an appointed, but not an elected, municipal judge simultaneously.

Water Development Board Bonds Amendment is a lot of power for the Texas Water Development Board to issue bonds on a continuing basis, but not exceeding \$200 million in total principal at any time. This is for areas defined as economically distressed and applies to Water Supply, Sewer Service, Drainage projects.

Temporary Property Tax Exemption for Disaster Areas Amendment allows political subdivisions to provide temporary property tax exemptions in areas that the governor declared as disaster areas. A no vote here allows property reappraisals following disaster but not tax exemptions.

Proposition 4: Prohibit State Income Tax on Individuals Amendment means the state would be

stopped from levying an income tax on individuals. A no vote would enable an income tax in the future through a statewide referendum.

Proposition 5 Sales Tax on Sporting Goods Dedicated to Parks, Wildlife and Historical Agencies Amendment. If passed this amendment would mean that taxes raised on such items purchased for sporting goods would go to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Historical Commission.

A no vote leaves it up to the Legislature how much to spend on Parks and Wildlife.

Cancer Prevention and Research Institute Bonds Amendment 6 allows the legislature to increase the maximum amount of bonds for the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas from \$3

## ARKEMA Safety Board must develop plan for reporting emissions

CROSBY - The Arkema accident continues to have repercussions at a national as well as local level.

The U.S. Chemical Safety Board has dropped an appeal of a federal court decision that requires the agency to regulate the reporting of chemical emissions resulting from accidents like the one at Arkema Chemical Company, in a motion filed August 8th, 2019.

That was related to Judge Amit P. Mehta of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia ruled on Feb. 4 that the Chemical Safety Board had to develop a final requirement for organizations to report chemical releases to the agency.

The CSB subsequently tried to get that decision reversed in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

A lawsuit was filed concerning a chemical release from Arkema Inc. after Hurricane Harvey flooded the area and some inadequately refrigerated chemical decomposed and caught fire. Then they were allowed to explode and some 21 people needed medical attention from exposure to toxic fumes. Plaintiffs in the federal suit include Air Alliance Houston, the Louisiana Bucket Brigade and Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility.

Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg began prosecution for the County with a grand jury that indicted Arkema Inc. and Mike Keough, the company's vice president of logistics, on a felony charge of causing bodily injury, by withholding critical information.

See *EMISSIONS*, page 8

## Florus begins Precinct 3 campaign in Crosby



Last Friday, August 23, at Iguana Joes in Crosby supporters turned out for Deborah Florus with Eddie Foster as D.J. to support her campaign for Precinct 3 Constable. Many mainstream supporters are from the more conservative side.

## Miss Highlands Sign-ups this week

Highlands Horizons club is holding their sign-ups this week, for the Miss Highlands contest and the Junior Miss Highlands contest.

Sign-ups are taking place at the San Jacinto Community Center on Tuesday, August 27, Wednesday, August 28, and Thursday, August 29 from 6:00pm to 8:00 pm.

To be eligible to participate, you must live in or attend a school within the Highlands Horizons boundaries described below:

North: Grace Lane to Barbers Hill road, down 1942 to Hadden Road;

East: Both sides of Hadden Road, both sides of

Wallisville to Sjolander, west side of Sjolander to I-10;

South: I-10 between Sjolander and FM2100;

West: San Jacinto River between I-10 and Grace Lane.

See also Map on Facebook for details.

For more information regarding Jr. Miss Highlands, call Ashley Tubbs 713-397-4428 or Kathryn Dunlop 281-450-5765.

For more information regarding Miss Highlands, call Chrissa Cotten 281-467-2531 or Norma Cotten 713-829-2325.

The Miss Highlands Pageants will take place in October, the weekend following Jamboree.

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LIFESTYLE PAGE

# Texas Renaissance Festival King and Queen proclaim a celebration for 45th Festival Anniversary

2019 Festival Opens Oct. 5 with New Entertainment, Popular Attractions and Nine Themed Weekends

HOUSTON, Aug. 27, 2019 (GLOBE NEWS-WIRE) -- The Texas Renaissance Festival's King and Queen have issued a decree that the 45th season of the nation's largest and most acclaimed Renaissance-themed event will be more entertaining than ever. Located 50 miles from Houston, this year's Texas Renaissance Festival opens Oct. 5 and runs nine weekends, in addition to Thanksgiving Friday through Dec. 1. Revelers will delight in food and drink from around the world, 19 stages of entertainment and music acts, and games and rides for patrons of all ages. Hundreds of vendors from across the country will also sell their wares on the festival grounds.

The 45th season will feature nine themed weekends, including Oktoberfest, 1001 Dreams, Barbarian Invasion, Pirate Adventure, All Hallows Eve, Heroes and Villains, Highland Fling and Celtic Christmas. A special themed weekend on Nov. 2-3, Return to the Renaissance, celebrates the festival's 45th anniversary and takes a nostalgic look back at the festival's beginnings.

Festivalgoers can join in the merriment of new entertainment this season with Opal and Jade, a bawdy singing sister act, and Full Armored Combat, where knights battle each other for glory in full suits of medieval armor with weaponry. Returning to the stage at the Cloisters and the Green is the Celtic musical family the Dublin Harpers.

New games added this year include the Cliffhangers Challenge, which tests participants' strength and endurance, while DaVinci Arcade focuses on intelligence with science-based period games.

Eight new vendors will be onsite, including food vendor Lion's Share Taps. Dragon and Unicorn Coffee will offer hand-roasted



coffee beans and cold brews. Locally based Blazn Brazen Galleries' metal sculptures will also be on display. Handmade daggers, swords, pole-arms and pole-axes from Creations, children's swords and costumes from Khalid Medieval, and hand-crafted, Texas stone oil lamps from Candlelight Rocks will also make their debut at the festival this year. Rounding out the new vendors are the Flying Hun, showcasing Asian-inspired archery, and The Holiday Shoppe, featuring handmade Christmas décor.

Several new attractions that premiered last year will return, including a pub crawl, where revelers can join a guided tour through the festival village while enjoying unique beer or ciders at each stop. Other offerings include: The 1574 Founder's Club, an exclusive concierge club available for season and day memberships; Tea and Strumpets for twice-daily tea service and wine-based cocktails; full-service spirits at the Barbarian Inn; and Great Scot Scotch Tastings.

"We are thrilled to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the Texas Renaissance Festival this season," said Joe Bailey, CEO and General Manager, Texas Renaissance Festival. "We look forward to continuing the magical enchantment that can only be found within the gates of the festival."

The King and Queen invite lords and ladies of the realm to purchase a Royal Season Pass to commemorate the 45th festival anniversary. The pass includes admission to all 19 days of the festival, preferred parking access, a free souvenir program, free admission to the festival's After Dark venue for

adults 21 and older, and discounts for camping and the Dragonslayer gift shop. The Royal Season Pass is available online until Sept. 30, 2019 for \$299.95 plus taxes and fees.

Reduced priced tickets for this year's festival are available in advance at Costco and Groupon. Tickets are also available online at TexRenFest.com and at the gate for \$34 per person for ages 13 and older and \$17 per person for ages five to 12. Children under four are always free, while children under 12 are admitted free to the festival every Sunday. General parking is free. Paid parking options include preferred parking for \$15 in advance plus processing fees or \$20 at the gate and valet parking for \$25 in advance plus processing fees or \$35 at the gate.

About Texas Renaissance Festival

The Texas Renaissance Festival is the nation's largest and most acclaimed Renaissance-themed event. Established in 1974, the event attracts more than half a million visitors each year to its 55-acre recreation of a 16th century European village. This immersive experience features world-renowned live entertainment, works by master artists and craftspeople, award-winning food and drink, hand-powered rides and games, and more than 100 interactive characters during its nine themed weekends from Oct. 5 through Dec. 1, 2019. The festival and adjacent Fields of New Market Campground are located in Todd Mission, Texas, 50 miles northwest of downtown Houston. For more information, visit TexRenFest.com.

## I Believe in Jesus; Now What?

Great question. Believing in Jesus is not the end, but the beginning of the Christian life. These are some basics:

1. Find a good church and attend every Sunday. Get to know the people.
2. Get baptized. Believer's baptism by immersion is a picture of your salvation and a testimony of your stand for Christ.
3. Read a chapter in the Bible every day. A good place to begin is in the Gospel of John. Get a good English translation like the NKJV.
4. Pray. About big things, little things. God wants to hear from His children.
5. Give to the Lord and His church.
6. Tell others about Jesus. Keep Jesus first in your life.

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. -Jesus; Matthew 6:33

You are invited to Northside every Sunday at 11am & 6pm. Services last about an hour, dress is casual.

-David R. Brumbelow, Northside Baptist Church, 317 Barbers Hill Rd., Highlands, TX 77562. nsbchighlands.org

## Humane Education books presented to GCCISD



Stephanie Long (middle), district leader volunteer for The Humane Society of the United States, presents 35 books, "The Life of Gus - The Dog with the Big Head," by Sandee Roquemore-Maxwell, to Christi Leath (left), director of advanced academics and special projects, and Dr. Randal O'Brien, Goose Creek CISD superintendent, for Goose Creek CISD elementary campuses. The book is based on the true story of Gus, the street dog from Houston who is now the ambassador for strays worldwide. It is their hope that teaching children about being kind to others and to animals will lead to taking that kindness and compassion with them into their adult years. Roquemore-Maxwell also is working with an illustrator to create coloring books for distribution primarily in areas where pet owners do not have access to care for their pets. Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman

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★ OPINION PAGE ★



# Social Security Matters

by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor  
Association of Mature American Citizens

## Ask Rusty – About Medicare and Social Security

Dear Rusty: I know that when a person turns 65 he or she must enroll in Medicare. I have been informed that the charge for this would be deducted from the Social Security benefit, if it has been claimed. Otherwise, this will be another payment for my medical care, in addition to my existing coverage. Please explain the relationship between the two programs and considerations in timing the claim for the SSA benefit. Signed: Frugal Senior

Dear Frugal Senior: If you are already collecting Social Security benefits you will be automatically enrolled in Medicare about 3 months prior to your 65th birthday but, if not, enrollment can be done by contacting Social Security directly. You must enroll in Medicare at age 65, unless you have other “creditable” healthcare coverage (such as from an employer) or you will be subject to a late enrollment penalty for enrolling after expiration of your initial enrollment period (your “IEP”). Your “IEP” is a seven-month window which starts 3 months before the month you turn 65 and ends 3 months after the month you turn 65. You should check with your employer to make sure your existing coverage is “creditable” and, if it is, you can delay enrolling in Medicare until such time as that other coverage ends and thus avoid a late enrollment penalty for not enrolling in Medicare Part B during your IEP. When your employer coverage ends, you’ll enter a “special enrollment period” during which you can enroll in Medicare Part B (and Part D, which is prescription drug coverage) without incurring a late enrollment penalty.

Medicare Part A (hospitalization coverage) is free if you are also eligible for Social Security benefits (you don’t have to be collecting SS, only eligible). Medicare Part B provides coverage for doctors and outpatient services and there is a premium associated with it (\$135.50 for 2019). If you have other creditable coverage you can avoid paying the Part B premium by not enrolling during your IEP. If your existing plan also provides creditable prescription drug coverage, you can also defer enrolling in a Medicare Part D plan until your employer coverage ends, at which

time you will have 63 days to take a Part D plan without incurring a late enrollment penalty. FYI, you must be enrolled in Medicare Part A to collect SS benefits after you are 65 years old, and since Part A is free for anyone eligible for Social Security, there is little reason to not enroll in Part A at age 65 (unless you have a Health Savings Account (HSA), in which case there are special rules to consider).

Although you enroll in Medicare via Social Security, they are two very separate and distinct programs. Normally, if you are collecting Social Security benefits your Medicare Part B premium is automatically deducted from your Social Security benefit. But if you wish to delay collecting Social Security and want to enroll in Medicare Part B, you can do so and request alternate Medicare Part B premium payment arrangements, for which there are several options.

As for the timing of your claim for Social Security benefits, you should evaluate your need for the money, your current health and your expected longevity. If you don’t need the money now and expect to live to at least average life expectancy (about 87 for women and 84 for men) then delaying your claim for SS as long as possible will yield you the highest monthly benefit amount as well as the most in lifetime SS benefits. For each year you delay claiming Social Security beyond your full retirement age you’ll get an additional 8% on your monthly benefit, and you could get as much as 32% more (depending on your FRA) at age 70. Age 70 is when your benefit would reach maximum so you shouldn’t wait beyond age 70 to claim Social Security.

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### ★ THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

## Not Popular

I was not popular in high school. Everyone says this. I now realize that no one—not even the most popular person in high school—self-identifies as popular.

Lately I’ve been getting a lot of Facebook friend requests from people I scarcely knew in high school. I have a 40th class reunion coming up next year and I’ve been getting friend requests from people who, I am quite sure, would not have recognized me walking down the hall in high school. In their defense, I was part of a very large class and I think the divisions and subdivisions were almost necessary to find any sense of belonging in my high school. But I still think it’s odd to receive requests from folks who, I am quite sure, were convinced I was not cool forty years ago.

It’s almost made me wonder if I’ve become popular—at long last.

I guess this is possible. I’ve always been kind of a late bloomer. Neither of my parents would say they were popular (I think, objectively, that was probably true) so we had no family template for it.

My younger sister was not especially popular either. When her daughter, Isabelle, started junior high and was immediately invited to parties by students her age and older, my sister called me, in alarm.

“My daughter is popular!” my sister told me. “I have no idea how to deal with this!”

Unlike Isabelle, I never understood the rules in high school: how we were supposed to know intuitively what to do and what to wear and what music to listen to. My friends in high school tended to be the geeky ones. We avoided class assemblies by ducking into an unused janitor’s closet. (It was a big school. It was a big closet.)

I remember I wore red unions suits with skirts and long silk scarves to class. I listened to ten-year-old music when I wasn’t listening to my parents’ public radio station. I wasn’t invited to dances, but I don’t ever recall feeling sorry for myself. It was just how things were and I knew—even then—high school would not last forever.

But today, the popular folks don’t seem any different from anyone else. They have jobs and families and the occasional troubles. The super-buff football player is a little less buff these days. The cheerleader with a dozen prom options now just looks like someone’s mom—or grandma.

And those geeky friends of mine seem to be doing just fine. Most of them turned out to be good at computers or higher education or something that wasn’t very cool in high school. It’s fun to see the interesting lives they are now leading.

I’m awfully glad we are not destined to be the person we were at seventeen for the rest of our lives. I’m also glad I can still be evolving forty years later. But it is still odd to think, all these years later, of the seemingly impermeable divide that used to exist between the popular folks and the rest of us.

My husband, Peter, wasn’t a popular kid either. He was skinny and didn’t play sports and looked young for his age. His sisters were beautiful and athletic with a constantly revolving set of suitors. Peter was the youngest and says it didn’t hurt to have popular older sisters. They kind of looked out for him and he is still grateful for that. He mentioned this one day to his sister, Lori. “Oh no!” Lori protested. “I wasn’t popular!” “Uh huh,” I thought. Point proven. Till next time, Carrie



### STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

## New Texas Safety Commission meets for the first time

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on Aug. 22 hosted the first meeting of the Texas Safety Commission, pulling together a group of lawmakers, educators, advocates, community leaders and public safety experts.

Created Aug. 19 by the governor, the commission is tasked with developing “an immediate action plan to provide community healing, combat the rise of extremist groups and hateful ideologies, keep guns out of the hands of deranged individuals, and combat domestic terrorism in Texas.”

“It is imperative that Texas develop solutions that not only make our state a better place, but most importantly a safer place. Our starting point began today, with the process of exploring all avenues and reviewing all facts to determine how we can prevent another tragedy like the shooting in El Paso from occurring again,” Abbott said.

“I am grateful for the insight and expertise of those who participated in the Texas Safety Commission meeting today, and I look forward to our continued work as we pursue ideas that will keep Texas safe,” he added.

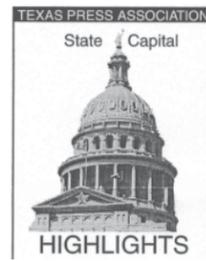
Present for the first meeting were: Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, House Speaker Dennis Bonnen; El Paso-area lawmakers Sen. Jose Rodriguez and Reps. Mary Gonzales, Cesar Blanco, Joe Moody and Art Fierro. Also, Senate State Affairs Committee Chair and Senate President Pro Tem Joan Huffman of Houston; Rep. Phil King of Weatherford; Department of Public Safety Director Steve McCraw, and many other key state employees and private citizens.

### CYBER ATTACK HITS CITIES

The Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) on Aug. 20 announced that 22 local governmental entities across Texas were victims of an Aug. 16 “ransomware attack.” The department said evidence points to a “single threat actor.” A host of state and federal agencies are investigating the attack. State of Texas systems and networks were not impacted, according to the DIR.

To enhance cybersecurity, the DIR is recommending that public and private organizations:

- Keep software patches and antivirus tools up to date;
- Create strong unique passwords that are



- changed regularly;
- Enable multi-factor authentication, especially for remote logins;
- Modernize legacy systems and ensure software is as current as possible;
- Limit the granting of administrative access; and
- Perform regular, automated backups and keep the backups segregated.

### HUGHES IS SECRETARY OF STATE

Ruth Ruggero Hughes, chair of the Texas Workforce Commission for the past year, is Texas’s new secretary of state, Gov. Abbott announced Aug. 19.

The appointment took effect immediately. The office became vacant when the Texas Senate did not confirm the appointment of David Whitley, who served as secretary of state from Dec. 17, 2018, to May 27, 2019.

In her new post, Hughes serves as chief election officer for Texas, assisting county election officials and ensuring the uniform application and interpretation of election laws throughout Texas. The secretary of state’s office is the repository for certain business and commercial records and publishes government rules and regulations and

commissions notaries public. The secretary also serves as keeper of the state seal and attester to the governor’s signature on official documents.

In her new role, Hughes also will serve as senior advisor and liaison to the Governor for Texas Border and Mexican Affairs and as chief international protocol officer for Texas.

### TEXAS NOTES SOLD QUICKLY

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Aug. 21 announced that the sale of \$8 billion in Texas Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes received a net interest rate of 1.34 percent.

The Comptroller’s office received 67 bids worth \$22.77 billion, 2.85 times the amount offered for sale. Notes sold on Aug. 21 will be repaid on Aug. 27, 2020, Hegar said.

Money from the sale of the notes is used to help fund expenditures such as public-school payments made early in the fiscal year, before the arrival of tax revenues later in the year.

Anti-litter effort begins  
The Texas Department of Transportation on Aug. 20 announced that its “Don’t mess with Texas®” campaign and Buc-ee’s, a convenience store chain, are teaming up to fight litter in the Lone Star State.

Billboards along major travel routes are already reminding drivers to keep trash inside their cars until it can be properly disposed of at Buc-ee’s stores across Texas.

Those who litter can face a fine starting at \$500 and up to \$2,000, TxDOT said.

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## ROUND-UP

### Brown Bag Lunch Concerts

You bring the eats, we bring the beats. Every Friday in September 2019, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. At Town Square in Baytown.

-Friday, September 6, Raa Raa De Zydeco All-Starz.  
-Friday, September 13, Gary Michael Dahl  
-Friday, September 20, Jennifer B & the Groove  
-Friday, September 27, Mariachi Calmecac

### Goss Library events

These are the events taking place at the Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library the week of Monday, September 2, 2019.

- Tuesday, September 3 - 10:00 am, Baby & Me (ages 0-24 mos)
- Tuesday, September 3 - 6:30 pm, Cork Dork Book Club at Yopez Vineyard discussing "Suzanne's Diary For Nicholas" by James Patterson (ages 18 and up)
- Friday, September 6 - 10:30 am, Storytime (ages 2-5)

Call Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Library, Mont Belvieu at 281-576-2245 with any questions.

### Free CERT Training

Free Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training. Thursdays evenings, September 5 - October 24, 2019, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm at Baytown Emergency Operations Center, 205 E. Wye Drive, Baytown, TX 77521. 8 week CERT Training includes: disaster preparedness, medical triage/treatment, disaster psychology, terrorism awareness, fire suppression, light search & rescue, CERT organization, Course Review/Disaster simulation. To register, please contact them at oem@baytown.org or 281-422-1168.

## Texas Gatorfest line up for September 13-15

Texas Gatorfest is an annual festival held in Anahuac, Texas that celebrates the American Alligator.

Each year, thousands of visitors flock to Fort Anahuac Park for a weekend of family friendly fun and entertainment.

This year's line up is as follows:

Friday  
**September 13, 2019**  
-6:30 p.m. Nicholas Jamerson  
-8:30 p.m. Shinyribs  
-10:30 p.m. Kyle Park  
Saturday,  
**September 14, 2019**  
-4:30 p.m. Trent Cowie Band  
-6:30 p.m. Jason Cassidy  
-8:30 p.m. Flatland

Cavalry  
-10:30 p.m. Category 6  
Sunday,  
**September 15, 2019**  
-3:30 p.m. Local Musician Song Swap  
For recent updates, please visit [texasgatorfest.com](http://texasgatorfest.com) or call the Anahuac Area Chamber of Commerce at 409-267-4190

## Effective Exercise Recovery Tips

BAYTOWN — (August 23, 2019) — Working out can be amazingly rewarding. But a strenuous workout can take a toll on the body, even for experienced athletes.

Dr. Michael Hopson, orthopedic surgeon at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital, says it's important to dedicate some time to a proper recovery period and offers these tips to help you better recover after your next workout.

Stretch it out. Just after exercising, while your muscles are still warm and flexible, hold some static stretches to reduce your risk for soreness. "Stretching post workout can also slow your breathing and heart rate, easing you back into a resting state," Hopson said.

Drink up. Sweating during exercise can make you dehydrated, which can lead to muscle cramping, fatigue, headaches and poor performance. Rehydrate with plenty of water to aid your body with recovery and maintain proper body temperature.

Replenish electrolytes. Electrolytes include sub-



Dr. Michael Hopson

stances, such as sodium chloride (salt), magnesium and potassium. When you sweat and lose too many electrolytes, it can lead to muscle cramping, joint pain and more. "You can replenish electrolytes after an intense workout with a sports drink and maintain your electrolyte levels by eating a diet filled with electrolyte-rich foods, such as spinach, yogurt, sweet potatoes and salmon," Hopson explained.

Rebuild with protein. Tiny tears form in your muscles as you work them. While these tears are necessary for your muscles to grow, it still means your muscles need to repair post

workout. You can aid that repair and encourage muscle growth by consuming about 15 to 20 grams of protein just after working out. That's about a cup of almonds or half a cup of chicken breast.

Hurting? Get hot or cold. Cold therapy, such as applying cold packs to an area on the body, can reduce inflammation and is good for injuries, acute pain and muscle spasms. Heat therapy, such as a warm bath or a heated pad, promotes blood flow, helps relax the muscles and can reduce chronic pain.

Catch some zzz's. "The night of your workout (and every night) you should aim for between seven and nine hours of sleep. You won't get the full benefits of your workout if you don't let your body properly rest and rebuild at night," Hopson added.

To schedule an appointment with a sports medicine specialist at Houston Methodist Orthopedics & Sports Medicine at Baytown, visit [houstonmethodist.org/baytown](http://houstonmethodist.org/baytown), or call 281-427-7400.

## PILOT CLUB OF BAYTOWN NEWS

### Pilot Club Receives International Award



The Pilot Club of Baytown was excited to be recognized at 2019 Pilot International Convention as an "Outstanding Pilot Club". President Cindy Fehring accepted the award from Pilot International President, Karen Cupit, the award was presented at the 2019 Pilot International Convention in Chicago in July. The Outstanding Pilot Club Award recognizes Pilot clubs who have excelled overall in community service projects, fundraising, and visibility. The nominated club shall be current in all Pilot International obligations, both financial and procedural as defined in the Pilot International Bylaws and Policies.

### Club Supports Local Veterans/ VFW



Pilot Club of Baytown Makes a donation to VFW. Pictured from left are Pilot President, Cindy Fehring; VFW Auxiliary President, Celia Johnson; VFW Commander, Jerry Johnson; and Pilot President-Elect, Susan Pitts. The VFW Officials made a presentation describing VFW activities to Pilot Club members at a July club meeting.

### Pilot Club Donates to Love Network



The Pilot Club of Baytown presents a donation to Love Network. Beth Thompson of Love Network accepts a donation from Delores Ellis, Pilot Club Community Service Area Leader.

Pilot Club of Baytown Supports the good work of Love Network. Love Network of Baytown (formerly Love INC - Love In the Name of Christ) is a network of churches that links church ministries and volunteers to help their neighbors in need. It is a cooperative effort between churches and community agencies to provide effective help for the disadvantaged and a vehicle by which churches may fulfill their biblical mandate to reach out, show the love of

Christ and bring hope to the poor and needy. Love Network works because it provides resources to mobilize the Church and assist those in need in the Name of Christ. It also gives Christians specific and manageable opportunities to put their faith and love to work in the services of others in need. For more information about Love Network, see <http://faithpresbyterianbaytown.org/christian-outreach-programs/love-inc/>



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# RAIN REPORT 2019

## WETTER THAN USUAL

2019 through the first seven months has had about 50% more rain than last year. It has been a year of contrasts, with two months over 9 inches, and one month with almost no rain at all.



Letha Strouhal  
Star-Courier  
Rain Monitor

RAIN REPORT		RAIN REPORT		RAIN REPORT	
Highlands, Texas JANUARY 2019		Highlands, Texas FEBRUARY 2019		Highlands, Texas MARCH 2019	
Day	JAN	Day	FEB	Day	MAR
2	1.05	3	.05	1	.01
3	.98	6	.07	13	.20
12	.44	10	2.82	14	.19
16	.13	11	.02	25	.06
18	.03	12	.01	TOTAL	.46
19	.70	14	.03	Year to Date	11.87
23	1.22	16	.02	MAR 2018	2.59
29	.16	17	.09	Year to Date 2017	12.59 inches
31	.30	21	1.52		
		22	.10		
		24	.02		
		25	.67		
		26	.25		
		27	.02		
TOTAL	5.01	TOTAL	6.40		
Year to Date	5.01	Year to Date	11.41		
JAN 2018	3.60	FEB 2018	6.40		
Year to Date 2018	3.60 inches	Year to Date 2018	10.02 inches		

RAIN REPORT		RAIN REPORT	
Highlands, Texas APRIL 2019		Highlands, Texas MAY 2019	
Day	APR	Day	MAY
4	.38	2	.02
7	1.04	4	1.49
11	.04	7	1.14
13	.06	10	4.28
18	.83	11	1.80
25	.22	12	.12
		28	.02
		31	.18
TOTAL	2.57	TOTAL	9.05
Year to Date	14.44	Year to Date	23.49
APR 2018	2.24	MAY 2018	1.44
Year to Date 2018	14.83 inches	Year to Date 2018	16.27 inches

RAIN REPORT	
Highlands, Texas JUNE 2019	
Day	JUN
5	3.46
16	.39
17	1.32
24	1.14
25	2.65
28	.78
29	.09
30	.09
TOTAL	9.92
Year to Date	33.41
JUN 2018	5.81
Year to Date 2018	22.08 inches

RAIN REPORT	
Highlands, Texas JULY 2019	
Day	JUL
2	.41
3	.47
13	.54
15	1.43
16	.02
22	.44
28	2.20
29	.92
30	.20
TOTAL	6.63
Year to Date	40.04
JUN 2018	4.70
Year to Date 2018	26.78 inches

# TxDOT: PLAN A SOBER RIDE THIS LABOR DAY WEEKEND

TxDOT warns drivers about consequences of drinking and driving

HOUSTON – On past Labor Day weekends, hundreds of impaired crashes have occurred in Texas, resulting in fatalities on our roads. As many Texans make travel plans to celebrate the remaining days of summer, the Texas Department of Transportation's "Plan While You Can" campaign reminds them to make a plan for a sober ride before the festivities begin.

"The long weekend should be an opportunity to enjoy extra time with family and friends, rather than experience a senseless and preventable tragedy that ruins the lives of everyone involved because of drinking and driving," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "If you plan to drink alcohol this weekend, please plan ahead for a sober ride. It can save lives."

During last year's Labor Day holiday weekend\* in Texas, there were 328 crashes involving drivers who were driving under

the influence of alcohol. Those crashes killed eight people and seriously injured another 25.

The "Plan While You Can" campaign includes a statewide tour featuring the "Plan to Win" virtual reality game where participants are part of an immersive trivia game. The experience poses questions related to drinking and driving and also demonstrates the consequences of impaired driving. Players avoid "jail" by answering questions correctly, and winners progress to a waiting virtual taxi to receive a safe and sober ride. The experience will visit 11 Texas cities through September.

While drivers under the influence of alcohol risk killing or seriously injuring themselves or others, they also face up to \$17,000 in fines and fees, jail time and loss of their driver's license. Find alternatives to drinking alcohol and driving, such as:

- Designating a sober driver or calling someone for a sober ride home
- Contacting a cab or ride-share service
- Using mass transit
- Spending the night

In addition to the penalties for drunk driving, as of Sept. 1, 2019, the consequences for leaving the scene of a crash resulting in the death of a person will be increased. A conviction could lead to up to 120 days of community supervision.

"Plan While You Can" is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while on the road, such as going the speed limit, wearing a seatbelt, never drinking and driving or texting and driving. November 7, 2000 was the last deathless day on Texas roadways. #EndTheStreakTX asks all Texans to commit to driving safely to help end the streak of daily deaths.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Highlands Little League will be holding elections for their 2019-2020 Board of Directors at 7:00pm on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at the San Jacinto Community Center 604 Highland Woods Drive

The board election meeting is open to the public and anyone who lives within the HLL boundaries and wants to help make a difference in the lives of our youth can be elected to serve.

The following proposed HLL Constitution changes will also be voted on at this meeting:

Rule 1 - Term Limit of President

The term limit of the President should be a minimum of two years and no more than three consecutive terms. On the changing of the President, the Past President will be required to stay on the Board a minimum of 6 months to make sure the transition period is a smooth process.

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## Transit Service,

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Harris County Transit bus routes have served the East Harris County Community since 2007 with the launching of the Baytown Park and Ride and routes in Baytown. Harris County Transit Services addresses the needs of Harris County residents outside of the METRO service area. The proposed new routes will expand Harris County Transit by an estimated 53 percent. Routes are expected to begin in early 2020.

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**LORA KATHLEEN NELSON**  
The residence address of the administrator is in Harris County, Texas. The mailing address is:

c/o Weston Cotten  
5223 Garth Rd.  
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.  
Dated this August 23, 2019

*Weston Cotten*  
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# Police seek alleged forgers from ATM photograph



Baytown Police are currently investigating several check forgeries in which the below subjects have passed forged checks at banks in Baytown and Crosby, using fictitious identification. The checks appear to have been stolen during car burglaries throughout the greater Houston area. In each of the cases, the Suspects were seen driving a 2018/2019 model, gray Volkswagen Tiguan SUV.

Anyone who has information about this crime is asked to contact the Baytown Police Department Criminal Investigations Division at 281-420-6646. They can also contact Baytown Crimestoppers at 281-427-TIPS (8477), download the P3 Community app; or use the website to submit anonymously online: [baytowncrimestoppers.com](http://baytowncrimestoppers.com) Use: +gSubmit a Tip+h link <https://www.p3tips.com/tipform.aspx?ID=544> # You will be given a unique code number. If the information results in a suspect being arrested and charged, you can use the same code number to collect up to \$5000.00.

# Constable distributes backpacks in Sheldon



Constable Sherman Eagleton is calling his Annual School Supply Giveaway a success! "Thank you Walmart and our staff for your generous donations. We owe a big thanks to our friends at the Sheldon Fire Department for all their help and for letting us use their station! We hope everyone has a safe and fantastic school year."

## Election,

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billion to \$6 billion.

Proposition 7 lets the General Land Office and State Board of Education to each transfer \$600 million from the Permanent School and's Lands and properties proceeds to the Available School Fund each year.

Proposition 8 is a Flood Infrastructure Fund Amendment. A vote in favor of this amendment creates a flooding infrastructure fund, which the Texas Water Development Board would use to provide financing for flood drainage, mitigation and control projects.

Proposition 9 is where they hide the gold. A yes vote lets the legislature exempt precious metals held in precious metal depositories from property taxation. A no vote means precious metals in depositories can be taxed as property.

Proposition 10 A law enforcement animal, (dog or horse generally) can be transferred to the animal's handler or another qualified caretaker if the transfer is in the animal's best interest.

This list may not be comprehensive if local municipalities or water district wish they could have more put on the ballots.

## School lock down results in two arrests



Channelview August 21 a disturbance incident resulted in the arrest of Dakota Hurd for open warrants for theft and Michael Hansford for evading. A third suspect has been identified and charges are pending. According to Constable Sherman Eagleton, "We are thankful for the fast acting school officials who keep the safety of our kids a top priority. Placing a school on "lockout" is scary for everyone and we appreciate your patience and the trust you have in us."

## Emissions,

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mation needed by first responders to protect themselves and the community from chemicals released from Arkema's Crosby Plant. Local first responders were overcome with hazardous chemicals including sheriff's deputies.

Residents living within a 1.5-mile radius of the plant were evacuated because of the what was then known about the potential for hazardous materials. More has been learned about hazardous materials that were on site since then including the presence of highly explosive materials.

# Crosby Lions roaring to go

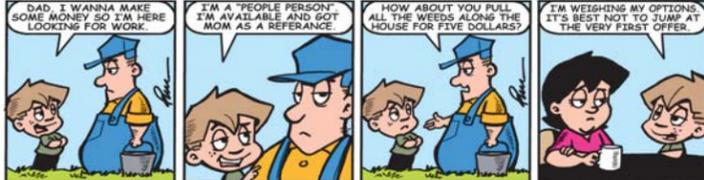
CROSBY - The local Lions Club is starting their community service again.

The Crosby Lions Club is beginning its eleventh year of service to the surrounding areas.

Crosby Lions meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month at the Crosby Community Center, 409 Hare Road, at 6:30 p.m. The first meeting of the month is a business meeting and the second will find two outstanding Crosby High School Students as honored as Students of the Month.

To become a member of this dynamic group, please text Lion Carol Thompson at (713) 724-5889 or by e-mail at [thompsonch42@gmail.com](mailto:thompsonch42@gmail.com) Come join for a "roarin" good time. You'll be glad you did.

### Amber Waves



### R.F.D.



### The Spats



### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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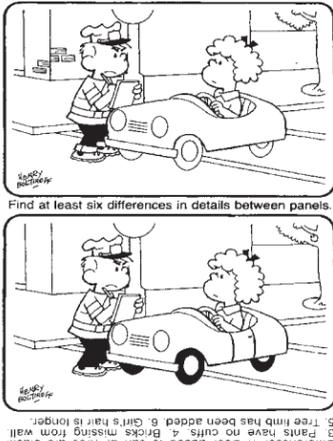
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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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### HOCUS-FOCUS



1. Baby (or milk) teeth; 2. Nassau, Bahamas; 3. More than 250,000, excluding symmetry; 4. Israel; 5. "Around the World in Eighty Days"; 6. Twister; 7. Henry David Thoreau; 8. Fear of marriage or commitment; 9. A congregation; 10. She's a matchmaker.

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## King Crossword

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**ACROSS**

- Summit
- " - and Circumstance"
- Speed stat
- Reedy
- Smell
- Exist
- Kitchen shredder/slicer
- Pen point
- See 35-Down
- Skiers' hotel
- Cripples
- Challenge
- "Sad to say ..."
- Greek biographer
- Charged bit
- Rid of rime
- Whopper
- Big star
- Alpha follower
- Has a bug
- Vestibule
- Starbucks order
- Many millenia
- Id counterpart
- Some baboons
- Distant
- Behave
- Tide type
- Attempt
- Vicinity
- Slightly taint-

**DOWN**

- Cup-bearing Greek goddess
- Chances, for short
- Man-mouse link
- Den
- Lotion additive
- Required
- Channel
- Pod group
- Basketball's Jeremy
- Give as an example
- Listen to
- 18-Across, studying hard
- Supporting
- Departed
- Culture medium
- Oscar winner
- Hathaway
- Icelandic epic
- Melody
- Meadow
- Run from the cops
- James Bond, e.g.

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## Trivia test

- ANATOMY: What is a more common name for "deciduous teeth"?
- GEOGRAPHY: In which country would you find the Lynden Pindling International Airport?
- MATH: How many different combinations of tic-tac-toe games are possible?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which nation's flag features a six-pointed blue star?
- LITERATURE: Which 19th-century novel features a character named Phileas Fogg?
- GAMES: Which game promises to "tie you up in knots"?
- FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Which 19th-century writer/philosopher once said, "One must maintain a little bit of summer, even in the middle of winter"?
- PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the condition called gamophobia?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of alligators called?
- THEATER: What does Dolly do for a living in the play "Hello, Dolly!"

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★ COMMUNITY NEWS ★

## Gov. Abbott releases report highlighting progress on school safety initiatives in Texas

AUSTIN - August 27, 2019 - Governor Greg Abbott released the Texas School Safety Update report highlighting the progress made to keep students and teachers safe at school. The report provides an update on efforts by the Governor's Office, the Legislature, and state agencies to implement recommendations made in the School Safety Action Plan released on May 30, 2018 and the subsequent update in August 2018.

"Because the safety of our students in Texas classrooms today is a top priority, I made school safety an emergency item in the 86th Legislative Session — and state leaders took substantial steps to deliver on this priority," said Governor Abbott. "I am grateful for the bi-partisan efforts of legislators that led to significant improvements in enhancing the safety of Texas schools, expanding students' access to mental health resources, and increasing support for teachers facing classroom challenges. As we look to the possibilities that a new school year may bring, school administrators, parents, teachers, and lawmakers must continue the conversation on school safety and continue to make the effort to keep our students safe in an affirming environment that strives for excellence and growth."

### Summary of the report: Preventing Threats In Advance

- The Mental Health First Aid program experienced a 37% increase in the number of public school district employees and school resource officers trained in fiscal year (FY) 2018 compared to FY 2017, and over 10,000 school personnel were trained in FY 2019.

- Since August 2018, the Texas State School Safety Center (TxSSC) has held seven threat assessment workshops with 425 participants, and will host seven more workshops this August.

- The 2020-21 state budget provides \$5 million to Texas Tech Health Sciences Center for the Telemedicine Intervention Triage and Referral (TWITR) Project, a model for identifying students at risk for committing school violence and intervening with those students before acts of violence occur.

- Senate Bill 11 provides districts with \$100 million in funding for school based mental health centers, the hiring of counselors, and other mental health needs, and provides \$99 million in funding for the Texas Mental Health Care Consortium.

- Seven federally funded fusion centers have been established in Texas, which coordinate with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to identify, prevent, investigate, and respond to criminal and terrorist acts.

- Since the inception of the Department of Public Safety's (DPS) iWatch Texas App, there have been over 8,879 downloads. This app is a tool for citizens to report suspicious activities or behaviors that may indicate criminal, terroristic, or school safety-related threats.

### Making Schools Safer and Agency Response

- There are 162 in Texas schools providing office space to DPS officers, and 265 DPS troopers are stationed in Texas schools.

- Texas increased the number of school marshals by 325% in the last year, and House Bill 1374 removed the restriction on the number of school marshals that can be appointed per campus.

- Under Senate Bill 11, school districts have access to \$100 million for infrastructure improvements over the next biennium, including but not limited to campus-wide active shooter alarm systems, vehicle barriers, and metal detectors at school entrances.

- Since June 2018, TxSSC

has delivered 17 workshops to over 600 participants on school safety planning. Additionally, 603 school employees have received Standard Response Protocol and Standard Reunification Method training, and 156 Texas high school students have been trained in emergency response and preparedness.

- Senate Bill 11 requires school districts that receive a bomb threat or terroristic threat to notify parents, and requires a district's emergency plan to include immediate notification of parents when a threat occurs.

- TxSSC has worked with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement to provide over seven different kinds of safety training to 4,321 people since May 2018.

- The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has been awarded \$2 million in federal grants for schools to implement threat assessment and mental health training programs.

The passage of House Bill 1, Senate Bill 11, and Senate Bill 500 have led to nearly \$339 million in school safety funding for various agencies and entities, including HHSC, TEA, Texas State University, and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Additionally, the Department of Public Safety has released a detailed breakdown of their statewide school safety initiative actions over the past year. Highlights of the document include:

- DPS has made over 10,000 school visits since June 2018.

- 91% of DPS commissioned personnel have been trained in active shooter response.

- 56% of DPS commissioned personnel have completed Tactical Emergency Casualty Care training, which has provided skills and equipment utilized to save the lives of no less than 15 people in 2019.

## HIGHLANDS ROTARY CLUB NEWS



## Famed surgeon Dr. Agris tells of his work at Rotary

HIGHLANDS - Dr. Joe Agris is world renowned for his work repairing cleft lips and other abnormalities in children in underdeveloped countries.

In Houston, he is known for being part of the team with TV Personality Marvin Zindler as they travelled the globe providing this service for free.

Agris gave a talk at last week's Highlands



Rotary president Sheila McDonald presents a check to the Agris-Zindler Childrens fund.

Rotary luncheon, about his surgical work, and also about his "adventures" in the areas around Pakistan and Afghanistan. His stories are detailed in four books he has written, including one where he tells of meeting and treating the infamous Osama bin Laden.

Rotarians were enthralled with the tales, as Agris is quite a story-teller.

## Rotary's annual Washer Tournament set Sep. 14

HIGHLANDS - The Rotary Club is all set to hold their 13th annual 3-Hole Washer Board Charity Tournament, on Saturday, September 14th.

The event is open to the public, as well as all Rotarians. It will be held at Charlie's Ice House, 906 N. Main Street. 2 person teams must register by 1:30 that day, and the cost to play is \$50. Awards include trophies and cash prizes, and competition is fierce.

Rotary is also looking for sponsors, individuals or companies. Sponsorships vary from \$100 to \$500.

Monies raised by the tournament go to the Rotary International Foundation, to be used for fighting polio, and half of the money is returned for a community project.



Champion washer throwers compete each year for the honor of winning, plus a cash prize to the top 3 teams. Almost 50 teams, or 100 throwers, competed in the all-day tourney. The public is welcome to enter. You must be present by 1:30 on Saturday before the tournament.



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## Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Harris County Emergency Services District No. 80 will hold two (2) public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 4.87 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds the lower of the rollback tax rate or the effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even 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.

The FIRST PUBLIC HEARING will be held on September 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., at Crosby Fire Station No. 2, 123 Diamondhead Boulevard, Crosby, Texas 77532.

The SECOND PUBLIC HEARING will be held on September 16, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., at Crosby Fire Station No. 2, 123 Diamondhead Boulevard, Crosby, Texas 77532.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Bob Boyles, Raymond St. Julian, Sr., Randy Foster, Derek Elkins and Kevin Pipes  
 AGAINST: None  
 ABSTAINED: None  
 ABSENT: None

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Harris County Emergency Services District No. 80 last year was \$139,199 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.04833 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$67.27 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Harris County Emergency Services District No. 80 this year is \$144,168 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.04768 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$68.74 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.05000 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$72.08 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

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