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**National Night Out** SHERIFF ED GONZALEZ officially declares Oct. 4th as National Night Out in Harris County.

Also attending, Commissioner Adrian Garcia and Houston Police Chief Troy Finner in photo.

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# **STARS**

# Area residents enjoy National Night Out

Pct. 3 Highlands Community Center hosts Festive Event

### **EVENTS**

#### OCT. 20, THUR. Crosby Chamber **Lunch & Vote**

Crosby Chamber Luncheon & Vote **Board of Directors Voting** & Monthly Luncheon

You are invited to attend our October Luncheon. The luncheon will take place on Thursday, October 20th at Crosby Church. The address is 5725 Hwy 90, Crosby, Texas 77532. Lunch will begin at 11:30am.

If you are unable to attend luncheon but would like to vote; we will have absentee voting starting Monday the 17th at Chamber Office. You must be a current Chamber Member and be in good standing.

Our Speaker will be Vinson Drewry with Aflac Insurance and will be speaking on Breast Cancer Awareness!

Voting will be held at this Luncheon. There are 8 positions to fill Only CHAMBER MEMBERS

in good standing may

If you have any questions regarding your status to vote or how many votes vour business receives please contact Chamber at 281-328-6984 or email

us at chamber@crosbyhuffmancc.org.

HIGHLANDS - National Night Out finally got the full attention of the community this year, after having a COVID pandemic and bad weather keeping the event curtailed for the last two years. Officially sponsored by

the Harris County Sheriff's office, the event is meant to familiarize the residents of the community with their public safety officials, including Sheriff's deputies, constable deputies, fire department personnel,

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Highlands/Lynchburg Chamber director Jessica Woods was on hand at the National Night Out festivities, as well as Pct. 3 Highlands Community Center director Tonya Kostka. The Chamber and the Community Center had lots of information on upcoming programs and events from now through



Over a hundred people were present at the Highlands Community Center for National NIght Out activities, including games, food, information booths from a number of local organizations, and interaction with Sheriff's deputies, Harris County Fire Marshal's office, Constable Sherman Eagleton's office, and more. This year the Community Center was a Pct. 3 facility.

# Message from the Crosby Superintendent

Hello East Harris County and Crosby ISD fami-

I can tell you wholeheartedly that Crosby ISD is a place many people want to call home. How do I know that? Growth! My cabinet and I recently toured development sites around the District and we saw what you see each day when you are out and about in town, lots of construction. New growth and new neighborhoods will bring new opportunities and new challenges, but we'll keep you updated frequently on progress and plans. It's no surprise people want to be part of our communities. They are truly special places to live, work, and raise a family.

Turning to academics, Career Prep classes at Crosby High School are



**SUPERINTENDENT PAULA PATTERSON** 

going strong this semester. Our students travel to the Crosby Community Center twice a week to learn hands-on employment skills. One recent task was prepping lunch for senior citizens at the community center. What a great way to give back! Another project they made all on their own. The students

picked the design for the logo on their team t-shirts, printed the logo on vinyl, and then each student used a heat press to attach the logo to their shirt. The pride you can see on their faces is something that Career Prep class is all

This month has been a special chance to recognize custodians, teachers, and principals. October is National Principals Month. We have strong leaders and mentors on our campuses. Our principals love to see families out and about and hear stories about favorite teachers. It gives them a real sense of the connections our staff members are making. October 5th was World Teachers Day. So many of us have wonderful memories of teachers who made an impact. Whether the



Student Project: Career Prep students at the Crosby High School picked the design for their T-shirts, printed the logo on vinyl and then heatpressed the artwork onto their shirts.

teacher helped us to the also key to making stufinish line of a tough math dents and staff feel at class or poured confidence into us to star in a One-Act Play. Teachers create ripple effects that last a lifetime. A clean and safe learning environment is

home. Our Operations Team saluted our custodial crews across the District

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# Over 1200 guns turned in at second Buyback event

HOUSTON — Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner is calling Houston's second gun buyback event a huge success. In fact, he believes this was one of the largest, "if not the largest," gun buyback events in U.S. history.

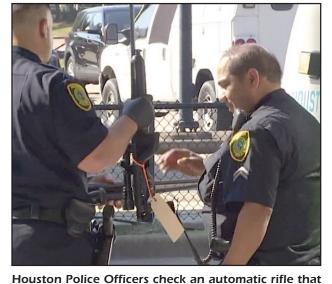
The drive-thru event was held in the Alief area at the Westchase Park & Ride METRO. It started at 8 a.m. and ended at about 2 p.m.

City officials said they collected more than 1,200 firearms. The breakdown includes:

Revolvers — 368 Semi-automatic handguns — 279

Shotguns — 243 Rifles — 227 Semi-automatic rifles — 91

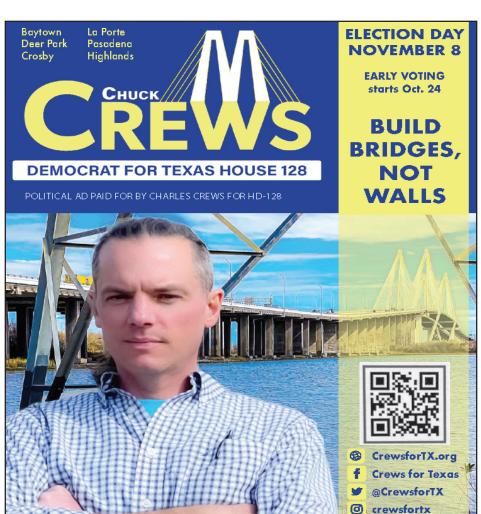
Mayor Turner indicated that due to the success



was one of 333 turned in at the Second Buyback event held last Saturday at the METRO station in Westchase.

of the first two Buybacks, he is planning on a third one, this time on the East side of the city. Details will be announced later, he said.

Organizers of this second Buyback said the line Continued. See Gun Buyback, Page 2



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# GOOSE CREEK CISD

# **Health is Wealth with Campus Catch Nights**

By: Kristyn Hunt Cathey, APR-Director of Communications

According to the CDC, "Healthy students are better learners, and academic achievement bears a lifetime of benefits for health." The Goose Creek CISD Healthy Community Schools department, led by coordinator Amanda Kennington, works with schools across the district to provide them with resources that will lead to healthier students and families.

One of the most popular initiatives for the elementary campuses is CATCH Night. Alamo Elementary School held their event on September 29th. The Healthy Sip, Baytown and Goose Creek CISD Police Departments and Aramark, who provides healthy snacks at no charge for every aCATCH Night; were just a few vendors at the event. The huge playground was filled with children and their families playing games, exercising, and enjoying being outside together.

The goal of CATCH Night is to provide families with opportunities to engage in health and wellness. Each campus plans at least one family event or initiative that invites families to engage in healthy behaviors together in a fun way. A CATCH MVP Event engages the school and local community organizations in free, fun, and healthy celebrations for students and ALL fam-



Coach Bailey posed as a clown and provided students with balloon animals at the Alamo CATCH Night event.

ily members, as well as faculty and staff. By offering this event, schools in the district are showing their commitment to create and maintain a healthy environment and to make the lives of students and their families healthier.

More CATCH Nights are on the horizon. Ashbel Smith, Pumphrey and Crockett Elementary Schools will host CATCH Night in the month of October.

Photos taken by Kristyn Hunt



Assistant Principal Julicia Wooten pose snacks to the Alamo CATCH Night proudly at the CATCH Night event



Alamo principal Leah Abbate and Aramark employee provides healthy attendees.

# Third Time is a Charm for Lee High School

Baytown, TX - October 3, 2022 - Robert E. Lee High School is pleased to announce that it has been recognized as an Apple Distinguished School for 2022-2025 for its ability to utilize Apple products in a way that allows scholars to engage in creative learning experiences. Apple Distinguished Schools are centers of innovation, leadership, and educational excellence. They use Apple technology to inspire creativity, collaboration and critical thinking in learning, teaching and the school environment, and have documented results of academic accomplishment.Our scholars benefit from iPad as they prepare for success at the next level of their life; be it college, career, military or the workforce. The selection of Robert E. Lee High School

an Apple Distinguished School highlights our successes as an innovator and a compelling learning environment that engages students and provides tangible evidence of academic achievement. Our scholars and staff alike are able to communicate and accomplish academic and social growth. We hope to continue on this trajectory for years to come. Robert E. Lee High School is a Title I school in Baytown, Texas. We service approximately 1800 students. We are currently rated a B+ campus by the state of Texas. We have proudly been servicing the community since 1928 and have taught generations of Gander "Fami-Lees."

Photo taken by Carrie Pryor-New-



From left Dina McMearn, Apple, Kim Mitchell, Academic Dean, Lori Robers, Former Educational Technology Specialist for GCCISD, Kasey Powers, Apple, Conner Guerrero, Librarian for REL, Katie Ward, Educational Technology Specialist for GCCISD and James Gray, Principal of REL.

# Crosby ISD Superintendent's Message,

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this month. These 39 women and men work tirelessly to make our schools wonderful environments for academic success. Some of our custodians are veterans, and we thank them for their service to our students, staff, and our coun-

This month, the Crosby High School Choir showcased their talents during their Fall Concert. The Show Choir, Treble Choir, Tenor-Bass Choir, and combined Choir performed 14 pieces. They worked diligently in the first seven weeks of school to finetune the intricate melodies and harmonies. Participation in Choir is up 60% this year at CHS, and they sound better than ever! We're looking forward to their future concerts, including the UIL competition and the big Pop Show in the Spring.

We are now just a few weeks away from a big celebration of literacy. We're inviting 400 third graders from across the District to a special rally at Crosby High School. The NCAA Final Four crew will be in town to celebrate the start of the "Read to the Final Four Competition." Our third graders will log each minute they spend reading in a bracket-style competition! The contest begins November 7th. If you have a third grader at home,



Career Prep students show their Tee-Shirt designs.

don't forget to remind your students we're in it to win

As we move deeper into fall, we are looking forward to the final football games, volleyball matches, and cross-country meets of the season. Winter sports, including girls' and boys' basketball, are right around the corner! The fall also includes Veterans Day on Friday, November 11th. We look forward to honoring Crosby and Barrett Station veterans during

the annual Crosby ISD Veterans Day Commemoration and Celebration. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 9th at 7pm, at Cougar Stadium. Students from all grade-levels love to sing and perform for our veterans, their families, and all community members. Everyone is invited. I hope to see you there wearing red, white, and blue.

We are Better Together! Go Coogs!

# Mayor says Gun Buyback Program successful,

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moved faster than the first time in July, due to changes in the layout and buyback rules.

The large turnout in July meant that some donors decided not to stay in line, and left without a gun donation. But Daniel Shapiro persisted. They had gone to the city's first event held in July.

"After waiting two hours in line in July, we moved four to 6 car lengths and I was just like it wasn't worth it and went home," said Martin-

"It was too crowded. I couldn't afford to wait as long as I expected once I saw the line," said Shapiro.

Both showed up Saturday to give it another try. "I think this one is way

more organized," said Martinez. Mayor Turner said the

setup was one of the changes made after the initial overwhelming response

"We learned a lot from what happened at the first one," he said.

This go around, the city did not accept privately manufactured weapons or ghost guns.

"We're not trying to incentivize people to privately manufacture guns for the gun buyback," Turner said before the event.

Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg raised a red flag after the first gun buyback event, saying the "no questions asked" policy could affect criminal investigations if any of the guns turned in

were involved in crimes. Officials collected 845 guns during the first event and said they gave out nearly \$100,000 in gift cards.



Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner said the Gun Buyback Program was a huge success, and "In fact, this was one of the largest, "if not the largest," gun buyback events in U.S. history.



Officers inspect, catalog and disable guns that have been turned in during the Buyback program.



Officers load a van with rifles that have been turned in at the Gun Buyback program. Over 1200 firarms were collected in the event.

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# ON THE HILL

# Jones Public Library seeks Art for Display

DAYTON – The Jones Public Library is now accepting Fall Art to be displayed on the Jones Public Library Art Wall. Community members are welcome to bring in their art for display throughout the fall season. Any submissions may be brought to the front desk of the library.

#### JONES PUBLIC LIBRARY 801 S CLEVELAND ST STE A DAYTON TX 77535

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# Lee College and Barbers Hill ISD Plan Exciting Future for Students

BAYTOWN, TX, Oct. 5, 2022- Leaders of Barbers Hill ISD and Lee College are taking steps that could lead to the creation of a college campus in the Mont Belvieu community.

"We are thrilled to be working with Barbers Hill Superintendent Dr. Greg Poole, a tremendous visionary leader, who has brought exemplary programs to his district," said Dr. Lynda Villanueva, Lee College president. "We look forward to advancing the tradition of excellence at Barbers Hill ISD."

The dialog started in 2015 with the district's desired outcome being a campus with course offerings specific to the needs of Bar-



Barbers-Hill Superintendent, Dr. Greg Poole

bers Hill students and the community with significantly lower tuition costs and at little cost to taxpayers.

"This process has certainly been a bumpy road with what appeared to be dead ends at times. Yet our



Lee College president, Dr. Lynda Villanueva

stated goal remained the same: a higher education presence in the community with course offerings specific to our needs at minimal cost to our tax-payers," said Dr. Poole. "It is evident after many conversations with Dr. Villan-

ueva that she values and shares our vision. She truly gets the big picture and the powerful potential that such a partnership could create."

State law allows for the formation of a branch campus in which the tax moneys raised can only be utilized within the jurisdiction of the Barbers Hill district. There are a number of formal steps that must be taken – starting with the creation of a steering committee and culminating with a vote by Barbers Hill ISD taxpay-

Barbers Hill's remarkable tax base can support a premier college setting with unique class offerings for local students and community members to receive certifications and/or degrees currently not offered in the area. The new campus would provide a complete array of student services to ensure the Barbers Hill community receives the same level of amenities found at the main Lee College campus

in Baytown.

The tax associated with a Barbers Hill college cannot by law exceed 5 cents per \$100 valuation. The tax would be assessed by Lee College and collected by the school district with the branch campus receiving 100% of the tax reverses.

# Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital Ranked as Top Performer For Quality Leadership

Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital has been recognized as a top performer in the 2022 Bernard A. Birnbaum, MD, Quality Leadership Ranking by Vizient, Inc. Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital ranked No. 2 out of 148 members in the Complex Care Medical Centers cohort to be recognized for demonstrating excellence in delivering high-quality care based on the Vizient Quality and Accountability Ranking.

"This prestigious national ranking is a result of the commitment of our physicians, nurses and staff to providing patients with care that is unparalleled in safety, quality, service and innovation. This award also reflects our incredible culture of safety and commitment to excellence. I could not be more proud of what our amazing team has achieved," said David Bernard, CEO of



HMB Building full view

Houston Methodist Baytown and senior vice president, Houston Methodist. "I'm excited to open our new patient tower in November and extend the highest level of care and service possible to many more in our wonderful community"

This year, 650 partici-

pating hospitals were segmented into four cohorts for the Vizient Quality and Accountability Ranking. The ranking measured performance on the quality of patient care in six domains: safety, mortality, effectiveness, efficiency, patient-centeredness, and equity. The ranking factors

in measures from the Vizient Clinical Data Base and includes performance data from the HCAHPS survey and the CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network.

The Vizient Quality and Accountability Ranking helps participating hospitals and health systems understand their performance against their peers and identifies structures and processes associated with high performance in quality and safety across a broad spectrum of patient care activity. The recognition period is for work spanning July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

"Hospitals today are using data and analytics to help them more effectively deliver superior clinical outcomes and patient experiences," said David Levine, group senior vice president, advanced analytics and product management. "As a Bernard A. Birnbaum, MD, Quality Leadership Top Performer. Houston Methodist Baytown has demonstrated a successful leadership style, a shared sense of purpose, a focus on results, and a culture of collaboration, accountability and adaptability. We congratulate them on their achieve-

# Houston Methodist Hospital Baytown When to Worry About Breast Lumps

So, you feel a lump in your breast. Or, is it a lump? You're unsure.

The one thing you *are* sure about is that you're worried — and that you've got a lot of questions.

As we observe Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Dr. Esther Dubrovsky, breast surgeon at Houston Methodist Baytown is answering some questions about breast lumps.

## What does a breast lump feel like?

Breast tissue in and of itself can feel somewhat lumpy and sponge-like, so it can be hard to know if what you're feeling is an actual lump or just normal breast tissue.

"A breast lump will usually feel like a distinct mass that's noticeably more solid than the rest of your breast tissue. Lumps can range in size — from the size of a pea to larger than a golf ball — and may or may not be movable," says Dr. Dubrovsky.

Breast lumps are typically painless, but occasionally a woman may experience pain with a lump.

Which breast lumps should women worry about?

Breast lumps are frightening but fairly common. And while you already know that a lump could potentially signal breast cancer, you've probably also heard that most lumps are noncancerous, or benign.

So how can you tell if a breast lump needs to be checked out by a doctor?

"All breast lumps need to be evaluated by a physician, regardless of your age or where in your breast you feel the lump," says Dubrovsky. "More often than not, breast lumps are harmless. But any lump could potentially be breast cancer, and a woman can't determine whether her lump is cancerous or benign just by feeling it."

That being said, Dr. Dubrovsky says that there are some features that make a lump particularly concerning, including:

Changes in the skin over the lump

Nipple changes, including enlargement or bloody discharge



Dr. Esther Dubrovsky

Changes in the size of the lump

Painless lump

"Even if you don't have a family history of breast cancer, you should make sure to have any lumps checked," warns Dubrovsky.

# What should you do if you feel a breast lump?

you feel a breast lump?
Dr. Dubrovsky says your first action after feeling a breast lump should be to schedule an appointment with your primary care doc-

think twice about a lump checked A woman's risk cancer is highest acteristics to answer ques-

tions such as:

How large is the lump?

Does the lump move and slip under the fingers, or is

it attached to the skin?

Is the lump painless or

painful?

Is the lump accompanied

by red, itchy or inflamed skin?

Is the lump affecting the nipple, causing inversion or discharge?

Is the lump changing in size?

Does the lump become more painful or change in size around your period?

Is there more than one

Is there more than one lump?

Are there lumps in both

breasts?

"Based on the physical and clinical characteristics of the lump, your doctor may or may not recommend follow-up tests to more thoroughly

biopsy," explains Dubrovsky.

Why you shouldn't
think twice about getting

evaluate the mass, such as a

diagnostic mammogram or

A woman's risk for breast cancer is highest after age 50, but even young women can develop breast cancer. Since any lump could potentially be cancerous, it's critical that you have any lump

you may have felt evaluated by a doctor — no matter your

age.

"While many lumps will end up being benign breast lump disease, many others won't be — and we don't want to miss out on diagnosing breast cancer," says Dr. Dubrovsky. "Through mammograms and other imaging modalities, breast cancer is very easy to catch and diagnose, and when caught early breast cancer is very, very treatable."

In addition, Dr. Dubrovsky says you shouldn't avoid having a lump checked just because you're worried about having a painful biopsy.

"Mammograms and breast ultrasounds are very powerful tools that can help us diagnose even the smallest breast cancers with very high specificity," explains Dubrovsky.

For more information or to schedule a mammogram, call the Houston Methodist Breast Care Center at 346.292.PINK, or visit houstonmethodist.org/bay-

#### OPINION PAGE $\bigstar$



As delivered at the NNO Press conference at the East Aldine District on October 3, and reported exclusively by this newspaper.

# Sheriff comments on National Night Out

I want to start by thanking the East Aldine Management District for hosting us today. They are a model for all community-based management districts that exist to meet the unique quality of life challenges that face every part of our county, and they do a phenomenal job.

Every year hundreds of residents from across our county come together to spend an evening with their neighbors in honor of National Night

They host block parties, festivals, and other fun activities to build bonds with each other and the police and deputies patrolling and protecting their community.

It's an evening the Sheriff's Office looks forward to every year because we get to meet our community.

We love serving and strengthening our relationships in the community through personal connections.

National Night Out is a time to celebrate our communities and what it means to be a good neighbor.

The Sheriff's Office is active in your neighborhoods, keeping your families, neighbors, and visitors safe. For us, every night is National Night Out.

We know that our communities are safest when they are patrolled by deputies people recognize and trust.

The Sheriff's Office has launched proactive enforcement efforts and measures aimed at the reduction of crime in our communities.

Each of our five patrol districts has its own Crime Reduction Unit, including Gang Unit investigators. The mission of the Crime Reduction Unit is to ensure the safety of residents through proactive operations and investigations that target high crime areas.

These deputies are actively present and visible in their neighborhoods, fostering personal connections with residents and identifying the type of criminal activity happening in that area through resident leads, crime reports and data, and patrol

Our Crime Reduction Units also participate in multi-agency initiatives to combat several public safety issues, such as street racing, street takeovers, and impaired driving.

HCSO also formed the Community Problem-Oriented Policing Unit, known as CPOP, to foster meaningful relationships with residents, gain insight into the unique needs of each community, and empower people with knowledge and resources through our partners.

Each patrol district has dedicated deputies who spend their time getting to know the businesses, schools, houses of worship, and neighborhoods in

The goal is to get the community involved before a crime takes place and to create a bond before a crisis erupts.

We also have our Homeless Outreach Team (HOT). This unit is an example of community policing and what can be accomplished when law enforcement agencies and the community collaborate. We are proud to be part of the team effort setting a viable path forward for those experiencing homelessness.

Here in Aldine, I'm especially proud of the ShotSpotter initiative we launched with special funding from Commissioner Adrian Garcia and with support from the East Aldine Management Disgtrict. Throughout this area, we have installed sensors that detect the sound of gunfire and alert deputies to respond in real time.

Since the ShotSpotter pilot program began here, there have been over 2,100 bullet casings located, 40 guns seized, and 42 arrests.

Public safety is a shared responsibility. You play a critical role in keeping your community safe, and we rely on you to be your neighborhood's extra eyes and ears.

Remember, your community will always be there to support you. We are here for you. Now more than ever, a strong support system is vital.

You and your neighbors are the backbone of a

safer, more caring community. Please join us tomorrow to get to know your

neighbors, deputies, and officers patrolling your neighborhoods.

Thank you for being a good neighbor and carrying on the true meaning of National Night Out this year.

Let's remember the power of building a solid support system through community. We look forward to coming together tomorrow with our community.



# STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

**By Gary Borders** 

# State of Texas Sends Resources to Florida

Texashas deployed state resources to Florida to assist in response and recovery efforts in the aftermath of the devastation caused last week by Hurricane Ian, one of the most powerful storms to hit the United States in the past decade.

"Texans understand the urgency of hurricane disaster response and recovery efforts, and our state is swiftly sending more support and resources to Florida as they continue responding to Hurricane Ian," Gov. Greg Abbott said.

The Texas Division of Emergency Personnel has sent more than 80 people to Florida, including nearly two dozen firefighters. In addition, more than 1,000 workers from Texas electricity providers were deployed to Florida to assist in restoring power.

### **COURT: PAXTON CAN'T** PROSECUTE ELECTION

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals stuck with an earlier ruling that Attorney General Ken Paxton does not have the power on his own to investigate and prosecute suspected election crimes. The Austin American-Statesman reported the court turned down Paxton's request to reverse a December ruling which struck down a 1985 law giving the attorney general that authority.

That ruling by the court, which consists of all Republicans, said the 1985 law violated the state's separation of powers doctrine, since it gave the attorney general's office, which is in the executive branch, prosecution authority reserved for members of the judicial branch – district and county attorneys.

Paxton sharply criticized the ruling, the Statesman reported.

"The CCA's shameful decision means local DAs with radical liberal views have the sole power to prosecute election fraud in TX which they will never do. The timing is no accident — this is devastating for



the integrity of our upcoming elections," Paxton said on Twitter.

#### **WILDFIRES ONCE AGAIN** ON THE RISE IN STATE

Dry weather and low humidity have once again increased the prevalence of wildfires in multiple areas of the state, after a rainy respite in mid-to-late August. However, the rain has largely left the state once again. Texas A&M Forest Service firefighters responded to nearly 80 wildfires in the past week, with two still active Sunday in Young and Angelina counties. Both were nearly completely con-

"The 2022 fire season has been significant for the state of Texas, as state and local firefighters have responded to more than 9,800 wildfires," said Wes Moorehead, Texas A&M Forest Service Fire Chief. "The state received beneficial rainfall mid- to late-August, which helped to significantly slow the operational tempo for wildland firefighters. However, the benefits of that moisture have started to wane, and we are, once again, observing dry conditions across the state that are resulting in increased wildfire activ-

Nine out of 10 wildfires in the state are caused by human activity. Residents are urged to wait on conducting any outdoor burning until conditions improve, even if your county is not under a burn ban. A total of 95 Texas counties are still under a burn ban.

#### **NEW CABLE BARRIER SAVING LIVES**

Motorists on Texas highways likely have noticed the addition of cable barriers along medians that prevent vehicles from veering into opposite lanes of traffic. Those barriers are saving lives, according to the Texas Department of Transportation.

A review of four TxDOT districts where 130 miles of new cable barriers were installed – in Lufkin, Pharr, Waco and Fort Worth showed the barriers have been hit and repaired 242 times since 2019.

"I'm going to assume that each of those 242 strikes was a potential fatality had that cable barrier not been there," Commissioner Laura Ryan

The agency has completed 88 "Road to Safety" projects in the state, with 120 more now under construction. The efforts seem to have had a beneficial effect, with 84 fewer traffic fatalities reported in Texas from January to August. The state also saw a 9% drop in distracted driving deaths, and an 18% decrease in work zone fatali-

#### **PUC EXPANDS WEATHER PREP RULES**

The Public Utility Commission has expanded weather preparation rules for electricity generators and transmission utilities in hopes of ensuring the reliability of the power grid during summer and winter severe weather events.

"Reliability drives every decision we make when it comes to grid operations," said Public Utility Commission Chairman Peter Lake. "The grid has to be ready for any weather condition, from extreme heat to extreme cold."

Under the new rules, the state is divided into 10 geographically distinct areas in which minimum and maximum temperatures are set under which power generators must prove their ability to continue operating.

The temperature standards go into effect next year.

#### **COVID-19 CASES CONTINUE TO DROP**

The number of new COVID-19 cases reported in Texas during the past week was again down slightly, with 22,006 new cases reported along with 123 deaths, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. The Texas Department of State Health Services reported 1,654 lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations as of Sunday, down slightly from the previous week.

Since the pandemic began in early 2020, the state has reported nearly 8 million confirmed cases and 90,885 deaths. Just under 64% of the state's population is fully vaccinated.



### Late Fall

My husband, Peter, and I are spending time "up north" with my parents at their cabin by the lake. Fall is late this year. I mentioned this to Peter on the drive north.

"Aren't the leaves supposed to change color at the same time every year?" I asked. "I thought they changed when the days were shorter."

Peter didn't know. We have a lot of conversations involving idle speculation. When we got to my parents' house, my mother confirmed it was a late fall this year. A meteorologist had announced this on public radio, so it must be true.

We took the pontoon boat out for the last time this season. The lake was still. The sky and the trees were mirrored on the surface. It was disorienting and beautiful.

"It's a perfect day!" I announced.

The next day was much colder. Everyone got up a little later than usual because the sun didn't break through our windows and remind us we were overdue for coffee.

"It's hard to get going on a day like this," my father commented over coffee.

I had a big conversation scheduled with someone who was interested in my book. The talk went better than I expected, and I was filled with crazy hope. I decided to burn off my nervousness by walking to the boat landing. But, when I got there, I saw I had company. "Hello!" said one of the

three men about my age, piling out of the truck they parked feet from the boat landing. "It's your lucky day!" he

announced. "We need someone to video us. Do you mind?" This was such an odd re-

quest, I could hardly refuse. "This is my brother," he continued, and one of the men nodded. "And this guy's family used to own a resort that was right here." He ges-

tured to either side of us.

"We spent every summer here when we were kids. And this was our swimming hole," he pointed to the boat landing. "So every year we come back at least once to go swimming!"

"It's not real warm," I warned.

"I know! But it's the only day we could all make it here. We just got back from fishing in Canada!" The other two men looked

considerably less excited than their leader, and it was easy to imagine these three little boys, grown old, still following their high-spirited leader.

The man's brother was down on the dock, nervously looking over the edge.

"I'm not sure we can dive off this," he said. "It used to

be deeper." "You used to be shorter," I told him.

'That's true," he agreed. "OK! Let's do this!" the leader said.

He handed me his camera, and the men took off their shoes and shirts. The water was in the low 60s and the air was 10 degrees cooler. The other two men looked as if this was a tradition they were willing to let go of. But there was no chance of that. Moments later, all three

were in the lake, hooting and hollering and very proud of themselves. I caught it all on

"You guys enjoy the rest of your autumn," I told them. They told me to do the same. Fall is coming, but it's

I watched those slightly over middle-aged men-who were just about my ageand I understood their need to do everything they could in the autumn—even if the water was cold, even if the whole idea was a little crazy. We all understood the need to do it while there was time.

Till next time,

Carrie

Photos from the column and a link to YouTube videos can be found CarrieClasson.com.



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### ELECTION November 8, 2022

- 1. The Board of Directors of Crosby Municipal Utility District has called a **maintenance tax election** for November 8, 2022 at the Crosby Branch Library at 135 Hare Road, Crosby, Texas 77532 or at any Harris County polling place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- 2. The District's operations are funded solely by water and sewer rates. The District's current taxes can only be used for paying back bonds used to fund large construction projects. The Board is focused on operating efficiently and has not raised water and sewer rates in the last 18 years, however rising costs (salaries, repairs, parts, fuel, electricity, etc.) that affect everyone will require the District to increase revenues this year.
- 3. For example, the District purchases raw water to treat for drinking water from the San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) and SJRA has raised it cost 146% over the last 18 years.
- 4. The purpose of the election is to provide a second revenue source for the District's operations by voter authorization of a maintenance tax. Over 95% of all utility districts in Harris County have authorized maintenance taxes. These districts use the maintenance tax collections to supplement water and sewer revenues to reduce increases in water and sewer rates.
- 5. The election would authorize a maintenance tax of up to \$0.25 per \$100 of assessed value; however, if approved the Board of Directors of the District does not anticipate levying the full \$0.25 maintenance tax at this time, but something in the range of \$0.05 (which would be \$50 per year for a \$100,000 house or approximately \$4 per month).
- 6. Without a maintenance tax, the District will be forced to increase its water and sewer rates significantly.
- 7. Crosby MUD debt service tax rate has decreased from \$0.570 in 2013 to \$0.452 today, a 20% drop over the last 9 years. This demonstrates that the Board of Directors, all of whom pay the District's water and sewer rates as well as property taxes, manage the District construction projects conservatively.
- 8. Early voting is at Crosby Branch Library at 135 Hare Road, Crosby, Texas 77532 or at any other Harris County early voting polling place the following days and times:

Monday, October 24 through Saturday, October 29: 7:00 am – 7:00 pm Sunday, October 30: 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm Monday, October 31 through Wednesday, November 2: 7:00 am – 7:00 pm Thursday, November 3: 7:00 am – 10:00 pm Friday, November 4: 7:00 am – 7:00 pm

For more information, please see the District's website at <a href="https://www.crosbymud.org">www.crosbymud.org</a> or call 281-328-4242. We strongly encourage you to vote at the election.



# Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 213-B will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2022 on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 12:00 PM at 4717 Highway 10, Baytown, TX 77521. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

FOR the proposal: Mark Prause, Stacy Lord, Jimmy Flowers

AGAINST the proposal: None PRESENT and not voting: None ABSENT: Juanita Orsak

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

Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	<b>Last Year</b> \$0.80000 /\$100 Adopted		This Year \$0.80000 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		\$0.00000 /\$100 0.00%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$249,762.00		\$280,911.00
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0.00		\$0.00
Average residence homestead taxable value Tax on average residence homestead	\$249,762.00 \$1,998.10		\$280,911.00 \$2,247.29
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$249.19 12.47%	

## NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 8 percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code. The District has issued bonds and is required to levy a debt service tax rate to support the payment on such bonds. Further, the District has infrastructure that requires regular operations, maintenance, and repairs that necessitates the levy of an operations and maintenance tax in an amount to maintain the infrastructure in good and working condition.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact the tax office at 281-482-0216.

### **FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 7:**

# No. 1 Alabama faces another tough road test at No. 8 Tennessee: Cowboys, Eagles meet in key NFC East contest on Sunday Night TV

I can guarantee you Texans fans that your hometown team won't lose this week! That's because they have their bye week. Ok, enough of the snarky comments about the struggling Texans.

Houston can use a week off to figure out what's gone wrong thus far (and there's plenty of blame to go around) in the 2022 season.

Everyone associated with this franchise should be held accountable, from owner Cal McNair, to General Manager Nick Caserio, to head coach Lovie Smith and players on both sides of the football.

Assuming they lost at Jacksonville last Sunday, and there's a good probability they did, Houston will enter its bye week with a 0-4-1 record after its first five game. Ugh!

While the Texans look to turn things around in their next 12 games, there are plenty of good games on the schedule to look at this weekend.

In college No. 1-ranked Alabama visits No. 8-ranked Tennessee in a key SEC battle, while No. 10-ranked Penn State makes a trip to Ann Arbor to take on No. 4-ranked Michigan in an important Big 10 contest. In Big 12 play, No., 7-ranked Oklahoma State heads to Fort Worth to take on No. 17-ranked TCU and in the Pac 10, No. 6-ranked USC pays a visit to No. 11-ranked

Those are all important conference contests as league play begins to heat up across the country. The Big 12 looks like it could be a very interesting race as just about everybody but West Virginia is still alive in the hunt to play in the Big 12 title game in December in Arlington. Kansas has been one of the nation's surprise teams as Lance Leipold's team won its first five games heading into last week's game against TCU. The Horned Frogs, under the direction of first-year head coach Sonny Dykes, routed Oklahoma two weeks ago, 55-24 in Fort Worth and have a dynamic offense led by quarterback Max Duggan. OSU may have the most experienced team in the conference and are led by veteran QB Spencer Sanders. Kansas State, Baylor, Texas and possibly Texas Tech could also have a lot to say as to who appears in the league title game on the first Saturday in December. Oklahoma dropped its first two conference games and will probably play spoiler down the stretch.

as the Buffalo Bills and Kansas City Chiefs meet for the first time since last January when they played perhaps one of the most exciting playoff games in NFL history. Patrick Mahomes and Co. pulled out a 42-36 win in overtime to advance to the AFC Championship game, where they ultimately lost at home to Cincinnati. Speaking of the Bengals, they head to New Orleans to take on a struggling Saints team. The Sunday Night Football crew has a good one as the Cowboys visit the Eagles in a key NFC East contest in prime time. Dallas entered last Sunday's game against the Rams riding a three-game winning streak thanks to a stifling defense and the steady play of backup QB Cooper Rush. Starter Dak Prescott could return for this game, but if he struggles, the Pokes can turn to Rush who has done a good job of making plays when they present themselves. He hasn't tried to play about his ability, which has been a key to Dallas' mini run.

In the NFL, there are two

marquee games this weekend

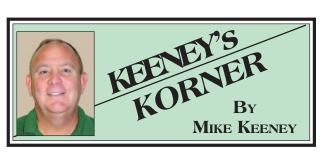
Before we take a look at this weekend's schedule, let's review last week's record. Another 6-6 week brought the season record to a less than inspiring 33-27 overall record (55%).

It's time to get things going!

## NCAA

Penn State at Michigan:
A big one in the Big 10 pits

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the No., 10-ranked Nittany Lions against the No. 4ranked Wolverines at the Big House in Ann Arbor. PSU has won its first five games of the season behind the play of QB Sean Clifford (1,030 yards, 9 TDs) and its two-headed running game featuring Nicholas Singletary (454 yards, 5 TDs) and Kaytron Allen (303 yards, 3 TDs). Penn State also has two capable receivers in wideout Parker Washington (20 receptions, 285 yards) and tight end Brenton Strange (15 receptions, 231 yards, 4 TDs). The PSU offense will get a stern test from a quick and fast Michigan defense. Jim Harbaugh also has a pretty solid offense led by QB J.J. McCarthy (848 yards, 6 TDS) and running back Blake Corum (611 yards, 10 TDs). Look for the Michigan defense to slow down the Penn State offense as the Wolverines remain undefeated. My pick, Michigan 23, Penn State 13

Alabama at Tennessee: Nick Saban's No. 1-ranked Crimson Tide face a stern test at No. 8 Tennessee on Saturday afternoon. Volunteer head coach Josh Heupel has turned things around quickly in Knoxville as the Vols were 4-0 heading into last Saturday's game against LSU. Tennessee has an explosive offense led by QB Hendon Hooker (1,193 yards, 8 TDs), running back Jaylen Wright (256 yards, 4 TDs) and wide receiver Jalin Hyatt (23 receptions, 325 yards, 3 TDs). Alabama has a pretty fair offense as well, but might be without starting quarterback and reigning Heisman Trophy winner Bryce Young (1,202 yards, 14 TDs). Young suffered a shoulder injury two weeks ago in the Tides' 49-23 win at Arkansas, but the 'Bama offense did not miss a beat when backup QR Jalen Milroe replaced him. Milroe passed for one touchdown and rushed for 91 yards and another TD. He also got a lot of help from running back Jahmry Gibbs (378 yards, 2 TDs), who rushed for  $206 \, \mathrm{yards}$  and two TDS in the win over the Razorbacks. If Young is out, look for Saban to give the Vols a steady does of his running game led by Milroe, Gibbs and Jase Mc-Clellan (256 yards, 3 TDs). If they are successful running the ball, that should open up the passing game for some down field strikes to wide receiver Traeshon Holden (17 receptions, 228 yards, 4 TDs). Look for the Alabama defense to be the difference maker in this one as edge rusher Will Anderson Jr., harasses Hooker all afternoon. My pick, Alabama 31, Tennessee 23

Oklahoma State at TCU: A big one in the Big 12. The winner of this one could be in the driver's seat to qualify for the league title game, while the loser will remain in the hunt. The No. 7-ranked Cowboys have perhaps the league's most experienced QB in Spencer Sanders (1,097 yards, 11 TDs). Mike Gundy's team also has a strong running back in Dominic Richardson (288 yards, 3 TDs) and a big-play wide receiver in Braydon Johnson (17 receptions, 360 yards, 3 TDs), while TCU has a pretty fair signal call as well in speedy Max Duggan (997 yards, 11 TDs). The Horned Frogs also have a strong running back in Kendee Miller (386 yards, 5 TDs) and two big-play wideouts in Taye Barber (11 receptions, 208 yards, 1 TDS) and Derius Davis (14 receptions, 158 yards, 2 TDs). TCU is tough to beat at home this year, which the Cowboys will discover come Saturday. My pick, TCU 36, Oklahoma State 33

## NFL

Cincinnati at New Orleans: After losing their first two games of the season, the Bengals won two straight as QB Joe Burrow (1,099 yards, 8 TDs) has started making plays downfield to WRs Tee Higgins (20 receptions, 315 yards, 2 TDs) and Ja'Marr Chase (25 receptions, 293 yards, 2 TDs). The Saints dropped three of their first four games as QB Jameis Winston (858 yards, 4 TDs/5 interceptions) has struggled to stay healthy. Look for the Bengals to win a tough road game as they begin to build momentum for the remainder of the season. My pick, Cincinnati 26, New Orleans 23

**Buffalo at Kansas City:** 

Sequels rarely live up to the hype (except Godfather II), but if this game is half as good as last year's AFC Division playoff game, then we should expect a real barnburner in KC on Sunday when the Bills visit the Chiefs. Both teams are loaded on offense and this game will feature two of the best young QBs in the NFL when Josh Allen (1,k227 passing yards, 10 TDs/183 rushing yards, 2 TDs) and Patrick Mahomes (1,106 yards, 11 TDs) meet once again in Arrowhead Stadium. Two weeks ago, the Bills overcame the rain and a 17-point deficit at Baltimore to rally to a 23-20 win behind Allen's arm and legs, while Mahomes led the Chiefs to a 41-31 win over Tom Brady and Tampa Bay in Tampa. KC controlled that game from start to finish and was up 21 points in the third quarter before Brady made the final score look close with a couple of TD passes late in the game. Allen will look to make plays with speedy wideout Stefon Diggs (31 receptions, 406 yards, 4 TDs), while Mahomes will once again look for his main man, tight end Travis Kelce (26 receptions, 322 vards, 3 TDs), but head coach Andy Reid has surrounded Mahomes and Kelce with a host of talented receivers and running backs for Mahomes to spread the wealth to. Buffalo has the better defense, but don't forget what Mahomes did to a pretty good TB defense two weeks ago (249 yards, 3 TDs, 41 points). Look for Mahomes to make one more play than Allen will as the Chiefs look to let the rest of the AFC know that the road to the conference title still runs through KC. My pick, Kansas City 34, Buffalo 31

Dallas at Philadelphia: The Cowboys and Eagles meet on Sunday Night Football in the first of two meetings this season. The Eagles entered last week's game at Arizona as the league's only undefeated team. Dallas entered last Sunday's game against the Rams winners of three straight behind backup QB Cooper Rush (737 yards, 4 TDs) and a sack-happy defense (15 sacks in first four games). Philly has been getting it done behind dual threat QB Jalen Hurts (1,120 passing yards, 4 TDs/205 rushing yards, 4 TDs), running back Miles Sanders (356 yards, 3 TDs) and wideouts A.J. Brown (25 receptions, 404 yards, 1 TD) and DeVonta Smith (18 receptions, 266 yards, 1 TD). If Dak Prescott returns for this game, he may have to work through some rust, which could hamper the Dallas offense. If running back Ezekiel Elliott (227 yards, 1 TD) can get off to a good start running the football, then that should open up the passing game Prescott or Rush to makes plays downfield to CeeDee Lamb (23 receptions, 288 yards, 1TD) and Noah Brown (18 receptions, 274 yards, 1 TD). I think playing at home will be a huge advantage for the Eagles and the Cowboys will return the favor when these two meet again on Christmas Eve in Arlington. My pick, Philadel-

phia 24, Dallas 20

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#### **Early Voting**

Early voting will begin on Monday, October 24, 2022, and continue through Friday, November 4, 2022 and will be held at the following times:

#### **Early Voting Times**

Monday, October 24 - Saturday, October 29:	7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sunday, October 30:	12:00 pm - 7:00 pm
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Additional early voting locations may be found on the Harris County website at www.harrisvotes.com or the Crosby ISD website at www.crosbyisd.org

### **Election Day**

Election Day is November 8, 2022. Voting will be held from 7am-7pm on November 8, 2022 at the following locations:

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Thứ Sáu, ngày 4 tháng Mười Một:	7 giờ sáng - 7 giờ tối

## Các Địa Điểm Bỏ Phiếu Sớm

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## Ngày Bầu Cử

Ngày Bầu Cử là ngày 8 tháng Mười Một, 2022. Thủ tục bỏ phiếu sẽ được tổ chức từ 7 giờ sáng đến 7 giờ tối ngày 8 tháng Mười Một, 2022 tại cái địa điểm sau đây:

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## Voting By Mail / Votación por correo / Bo Phiếu qua Thư / 郵遞投票

Đơn xin lá phiếu bầu bằng thư phải gửi qua đường bưu điện đến: Mr. Clifford Tatum, Harris County Elections Administrator, P.O. Box 1148, Houston, TX, 77251-1148 bằng thư thông thường, hoặc bằng dịch vụ chuyển phát nhanh theo hợp đồng thông thường. Xin lưu ý, luật đã thay đổi. Để có hiệu lực, đơn xin bỏ phiếu bằng thư từ được nộp lên bằng cách Fax hoặc Email cũng phải được gửi qua đường bưu điện và được Thư ký Phụ Trách Bỏ phiếu Sớm nhận không muộn hơn ngày làm việc thứ tư sau khi nhận được fax hoặc email (TEC 84.007). Email: vbm@HarrisVotes.com. Fax: 713-755-4983 hoặc 713-437-8683. Quý vị cũng có thể liên hệ với Văn Phòng Quản Trị Viên Bầu Cử Quận Harris qua số điện thoại 713-755-6965. Mẫu đơn có thể được tải về từ trang mạng của Quận Harris tại https://www.harrisvotes.com/Voter/Vote-by-Mail. Đơn xin Lá Phiếu Bầu Qua Thư (ABBMs) phải nhận được trễ nhất là cuối giờ làm việc ngày 28 tháng Mười, 2022. Các đơn gửi qua Đường Bưu điện Liên bang (viết tất tiếng Anh là FPCA) phải nhận được trễ nhất là cuối giờ làm việc ngày 28 tháng Mười, 2022.

### 普通選舉通知

#### CROSBY獨立學區

#### 2022年11月8日

茲定於2022年11月8日上午7:00至晚上7:00,在Crosby獨立學區範圍內舉行普通選舉,藉此為1號、2號、3號、4號、5號、6號 (不分區)及7號理事席位選出七位理事。

#### 提前投票

提前投票將從2022年10月24日(週一)起持續至2022年11月4日(週五),在下列時間舉行:

#### 提前投票時間

10月24日(週一)至10月29日(週六)	上午7:00至晚上7:00
10月30日(週日)	中午12:00至晚上7:00
10月31日(週一)至11月2日(週三)	上午7:00至晚上7:00
11月3日(週四)	上午7:00 - 晚上10:00
11月4日(週五)	上午7:00至晚上7:00

#### 提前投票地點

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Harris縣網站(www. harrisvotes. com)或Crosby ISD網站(www. crosbyisd. org)上可查詢其他提前投票地點。

#### 選舉日

選舉日是2022年11月8日。投票將於2022年11月8日上午7:00至晚上7:00在以下地點舉行:

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#### 郵遞投票

郵遞選票申請應該經由普通郵件或者普通速遞或合約速遞寄至下列地址:Mr. Clifford Tatum, Harris County Elections Administrator, P.O. Box 1148, Houston, TX, 77251-1148。請注意、相關法律已更改。通過傳真或電子郵件提交的郵遞選票申請若要生效、必須另外通過郵寄方式提交、並且必須在傳真或電子郵件收妥後的四(4)個工作日內,送達提前投票書記官(Texas州選舉法第84.007節)。電子郵件:vbm@HarrisVotes.com。傳真:713-755-4983或713-437-8683。亦可致電713-755-6965聯繫Harris縣選舉行政官辦公室。申請表格可從Harris縣網站下載、網址為:https://www.harrisvotes.com/Voter/Vote-by-Mail。郵遞選票申請(ABBM)必須在2022年10月28日辦公結束前寄達。聯邦明信片申請(FPCA)必須在2022年10月28日辦公結束前寄達。

# AVISO DE ELECCIÓN GENERAL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE CROSBY

## 8 de noviembre de 2022

Se celebrará una elección general para el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Crosby y dentro del mismo el 8 de noviembre de 2022 de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m., para el propósito de elegir a siete síndicos para términos en las Posiciones 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (General) y 7.

## Votación anticipada

La votación anticipada comenzará el lunes 24 de octubre de 2022 y continuará hasta el viernes 4 de noviembre de 2022, inclusive, y se llevará a cabo en los siguientes horarios:

## Horarios de Votación Anticipada

Lunes 24 de octubre al sábado 29 de octubre:	7:00 a.m 7:00 p.m.
Domingo 30 de octubre:	12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Lunes 31 de octubre al miércoles 2 de noviembre:	7:00 a.m 7:00 p.m.
Jueves 3 de noviembre:	7:00 a.m 10:00 p.m
Viernes 4 de noviembre:	7:00 a.m 7:00 p.m.

## Lugares de votación anticipada

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Se pueden consultar más lugares de votación anticipada en el sitio web del Condado de Harris en www.harrisvotes.com o en el sitio web del Crosby ISD en www.crosbyisd.org.

## Día de Elección

El Día de Elección es el 8 de noviembre de 2022. La votación se llevará a cabo de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. el 8 de noviembre de 2022 en los siguientes lugares:

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## Votación por correo

Las solicitudes de boletas de votación para votar por correo deberán ser enviadas por correo a: Mr. Clifford Tatum, Harris County Elections Administrator, P.O. Box 1148, Houston, TX, 77251-1148 por correo regular mail o mensajería común contratada. Adviértase que cambió la ley. Para tener validez, una solicitud de boleta de votación para votar por correo enviada por Fax o Correo electrónico también debe enviarse por correo postal y el oficial de votación anticipada debe recibirla a más tardar el cuarto (4.0) día laborable después de recibir la transmisión por fax o correo electrónico o fax (TEC 84.007). Correo electrónico: vbm@HarrisVotes.com Fax: 713-755-4983 o 713-437-8683 También se puede comunicar por teléfono con la Oficina del Administrador de Elecciones del Condado de Harris a través del 713-755-6965. Se puede descargar la forma de la solicitud en el sitio web del Condado de Harris en https://www.harrisvotes.com/Voter/Vote-by-Mail. Las solicitudes de boletas de votación para votar por correo (ABBM) deben recibirse a más tardar al cierre del horario de atención del 28 de octubre de 2022. Las solicitudes de tarjeta postal federal (FPCA) deben recibirse a más tardar al cierre del horario de atención del 28 de octubre de 2022.

# Area residents enjoy National Night Out

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EMT ambulance staff, and

other first responders. Also present at the event were a number of local businesses and organizations that wanted to meet the public and share information about their activities. This included the Harris County Public Library, Highlands Rotary Club, Highlands/Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce, Harris County Fire Marshal's office, deputies from Constable Sherman Eagleton's office, and deputies from the Sheriff's office. The Water District, ESD#14 Emergency Service District, insurance company, and others were present in the community center.

Each community center throughout Harris County held some type of event to encourage public participation and engagement. In our area, NNO events were held at Crosby and Huffman Community Center, and in Channelview at Flukinger and Baldree centers. At Flukinger there was a disc jockey, and adults and children were dancing to various types of music.

Some of the NNO events were quite elaborate, and in Aldine and Greenspoint families and kids got to see horses, power boats, helicopters, and life saving demonstrations by EMS and FD units.

In Highlands, the atmosphere was festive, but not quite so dramatic. However, most people that attended felt that the evening was quite worthwhile, with a lot of interaction with public safety persons, and information shared both to and from these personnel.

Upcoming Pct. 3 events at the Community Center will include a Halloween Bash on Monday, Oct. 31 with games, prizes, and snacks; a Thanksgiving "Pie-Give-Away" on Friday, Nov. 18th, and Cookies and Pictures with Santa, Thursday Dec. 8th.



Highlands Volunteer Fire Department had one of their Fire Engines present, and kids and adults got to sit in the firemen's seats and see and explore the equipment they use for fires and rescues.



Harris County Public Library, Stratfore Branch, had a unique booth which allowed you to sign up for a new library card, and check out a book to take home and read. Libraryian Mandy Sheffield was present to offiers some advice on the best read.



Teapot Depot has a reputation for dellicious and special foods, as well as a homelike atmosphere in their restaurant in Highlands. At the National Night Out, they were serving a delicious Banana Bread that made you want to go back for more, or perhaps to the restaurant.



Highlands Rotary Club members Weston Cotten, president Andy Scott, Patricia Scott, and Denise Smith were on hand to invite interested persons to attend a Rotary luncheon and learn about Rotary service and projects. New members are always welcome.



A number of public safety agencies with booths were present, including this information booth from Pct. 3 Constable Sherman Eagleton, with some of his staff to get to know the community folks better.



Eddie and Ramonia Williams had information about their social service agency, Marcelous-Williams Resource Center and the services they provide to the needy in the community.

# Sylvia Garcia hosts Get Out the Vote Party

By Allan Jamail

Saturday, October 8, 2022 Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia hosted at her home a community awareness luncheon about the November 8th General Election.

Approximately 200 citizens gathered to hear elected officials stress the importance of voter participation and the need to, Get Out The Vote (GOTV).

Some of the elected officials at Garcia's included Houston's Mayor Sylvester Turner, Senator Carol Alvarado, State Rep. Christina Morales, County Commissioners Adrian Garcia, Rodney Ellis,



Harris County's elected officials at Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia's "get out the vote rally"

L –R: Councilman Robert Gallegos, Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia, County Commissioners Adrian Garcia, Rodney Ellis, State Rep. Christina Morales, State Senator Carol Alvarado, Mayor Sylvester Turner & County School Trustee Amy Hinojosa. (Photo By Allan Jamail)

Councilman Robert Gallegos, Amy Hinojosa and others.

Political activists were served delicious buffet style Mexican food and refreshments from Houston's popular Doña Maria Mexican Café (2601 Navigation). After eating and listening to GOTV messages from elected officials they headed-off to knock neighborhood doors to stress the importance for voting.

Congresswoman Garcia will be hosting several similar events the next few weeks. Her next event will be Saturday, October 15th at 11am at 6503 Pinehurst Drive, Houston 77023.

