

Mistletoe Market approaches

The 22nd annual Mistletoe Market will be held Saturday, Oct. 3, at BellaVita, 1548 N. Riviera Circle in Pearland, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the BellaVita Belles, the holiday market will feature more than 70 local vendors selling jewelry, home decor, women's clothing, children's clothing and much more. Food and drink will be available for purchase. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Military Moms and Wives of Brazoria County.

For additional information, call 281-464-3150 or visit club-bellavita.org.

MUD trash times may vary

Due to a major county construction project, trash collection times may vary in the coming weeks. Residents should have trash curbside no later than 6 a.m. Monday and Thursday, as collection crews will be working in coordination with construction crews and may arrive earlier than before. All Texas Pride Disposal trucks have cameras for verification. This will continue until the project's completion.

A project of Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia, the massive undertaking will make street and traffic repairs to the majority of major roads in the Clear Brook City MUD. Work has already begun in the Sagemeadow, Highland Meadow and Wood Meadow subdivisions. Work will soon begin in the Sageglen subdivision.

Sagemont done for 2026

There will be no more Sagemont Civic Club meetings for the remainder of the year due to scheduling conflicts.

Typically held the first Tuesday of the month, the October civic club meeting coincides with the 2026 National Night Out event (see related story on this page). Civic club officials encourage residents to visit the annual Precinct 2 NNO event being held at the Scarsdale County Annex at 10851 Scarsdale at Beamer. The November civic club meeting date falls on Election Day. Civic club leaders encourage residents to exercise their right to vote. December's meeting has been canceled due to the Christmas holidays. Meetings will resume in 2027, with the first function taking place Tuesday, Jan. 5.

2026 Lariaettes set clinic

Join the Dobie Lariaettes at Dobie High School for their annual Lariaette dance clinic on Wednesday, Oct. 7. This fall clinic is open to students in kindergarten through eighth grades. For more information or registration for this event, visit <https://www.successfund.com/lariaettedanceclinic>.

Coffee with the Constable

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia will be at Donut Haven, 10802 Hughes Road at Beamer, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. each Thursday morning as part of the weekly Coffee with the Constable series.

For more information, call Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

Beltway closures planned

At least one northbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Spencer Highway to Greenshadow Drive continuously through 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31.

At least one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Pasadena Boulevard to Fairmont Parkway continuously through 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31.

The closures are associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes in each direction.

New Covenant feeds needy

Each month, New Covenant Christian Church, 10603 Blackhawk at Kirkfair, will have food distribution events the first and third Wednesday from Noon to 2 p.m. and the second and fourth Saturday of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or until supplies last. The purpose of the events is to provide food to people in need. For additional information, contact the church at 281-484-4230.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from SH 96/Calder/Brittany Bay in League City to FM 519/Main Street in La Marque daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. until further notice.

At least one northbound and one southbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from Deats Road in Dickinson to FM 2004/Camp Wallace Access in Texas City from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. until further notice.

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 519/Main Street in La Marque to Tiki Drive in Galveston daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. until further notice.

The closures are associated with an ongoing construction project to widen the freeway from three to five lanes in each direction and the frontage roads from two to three lanes in each direction.

CCISD students named National Merit Semifinalists

13 total CCISD students selected for prestigious honor; all 5 CCISD high schools represented

Academic excellence is taking center stage in Clear Creek ISD (CCISD) as 13 high school seniors have officially been named Semifinalists in the 72nd annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

The prestigious designation positions these elite students within the top 1 percent of high school seniors nationwide.

The distinguished pool of CCISD semifinalists will move forward to compete for roughly 6,930 National Merit Scholarships collectively worth nearly \$26 million, which will be awarded next spring.

The academically accomplished CCISD students recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) are distributed across each of the district's five comprehensive high school campuses:

- **Clear Brook High School:** Zaid Asad, Kara Pham
- **Clear Creek High School:** Charlie Funke
- **Clear Falls High School:** Paul Petrov, Sarah Walters
- **Clear Lake High School:** Vethmin DeZoy-sa, Samiksha Dhar Roy, Jason Dong, Brooklynn Mayo, Cathryn Wu, Raael Zhang

– **Clear Springs High School:** Pedro Alvarez Perez, Ben Watkins

"These students exemplify the academic excellence and dedication that define Clear Creek ISD," said a spokesperson for the district.

Clear Creek ISD's showing places it among the Houston area's most academically competitive districts. The recognition reinforces CCISD's long-standing reputation for rigorous academics and highlights the district's continued presence among top-performing Texas public schools.

History
Founded in 1955, the National Merit Scholarship Program is one of the country's oldest and most respected academic competitions.

"The National Merit Scholarship Program honors the nation's scholastic champions and encourages the pursuit of academic excellence," reads a statement on the group's website. "Semifinalists represent the top students in each state and are among the highest-scoring entrants in the country."

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Dobie crowns king, queen



Dobie High School crowned its 2026 homecoming king and queen at its varsity football game Thursday, Sept. 24, in a District 19-6A matchup against the Alvin Shadow Creek Sharks. Arianna Bermudez (left) was crowned queen, while Jayden Perdomo was crowned king. The game was one-sided, with the Longhorns losing to the Sharks. Homecoming events took place at Dobie throughout the week, with a parade on Wednesday and a dance concluding festivities on Saturday.

Photo by David Flickinger

National Night Out set for Oct. 6

Pct. 2 celebration planned for Scarsdale courthouse annex

Local events are taking shape for the 2026 National Night Out, set to take place Tuesday, Oct. 6. Now in its 42nd year, the annual event encourages residents to step outside, connect with neighbors and strengthen relationships with local law enforcement in a united stand against crime.

Precinct 2
Once again Harris County Precinct 2 officials are planning a parking lot party at the county courthouse annex located at Scarsdale and Beamer. The

NNO event will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The celebration will be hosted by Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia, Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia and Precinct 2, Place 1 Justice of the Peace Judge Jo Ann Delgado.

Also participating in the event will be the Harris County Sheriff's Office, Clear Brook City MUD, Harris County Clerk Tanesha Hudspeth and Harris County District Clerk Marilyn Burgess.

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Chamber to host Designer Purse Blingo

Oct. 8 event to combine games with high fashion

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce is inviting the community to a night of glamour and games with its upcoming Designer Purse Blingo event, set for Thursday, Oct. 8 at the Hope Village Event Center, 15403 Hope Village Road in Friendswood. Doors open at 5 p.m. for mingling, champagne and a preview of prizes, with bingo games beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Bingo meets fashion
Guests will play 20 rounds of bingo for the

chance to win one of 16 designer handbags or four signature jewelry pieces. The evening will feature "celebrity waiters" attending to guests, adding a touch of flair to the festivities.

Individual tickets are \$60 per person, which includes complimentary champagne, a boxed meal, three bingo cards per game and a dauber. Attendees can purchase additional sets of games, with options ranging from \$10 for an extra round

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Legislative candidate forum scheduled

BAHEP to host forum for candidates seeking HD 129 seat

Voters in Texas House District 129 will have a chance to hear directly from the two major-party candidates seeking to represent the district in the Nov. 3 midterm election.

The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP), in partnership with the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, will host a public candidate forum Wednesday, Oct. 7, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at BAHEP's offices, 1150 Gemini.

The seat is open this cycle due to a chain reaction of higher-office bids among prominent Texas Republicans. Current HD 129 Rep. Dennis Paul, who has represented the Clear Lake and Pasadena areas since 2015, is running for the open Senate District 11 seat. That vacancy was created when Sen. Mayes Middleton launched a campaign for Texas attorney general, following Attorney General Ken Paxton's decision to challenge U.S. Sen. John Cornyn in the 2026 GOP primary. The resulting domino effect has placed HD 129 in the spotlight.

Democratic nominee Albert Wittliff
Wittliff is a retired federal law-enforcement special agent with more than two decades of experience in national security, crisis response and protective operations. His career included service at the Pentagon, where he was present

during the 9/11 attack, followed by assignments with the U.S. State Department's Diplomatic Security Service and Homeland Security Investigations. He later worked in disaster-response leadership during hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria.

Wittliff's platform centers on fully funding public schools, opposing school vouchers, improving flood-control and energy-grid reliability, lowering homeowners' insurance costs and strengthening public-safety resources through training and accountability.

Republican nominee Scott Bowen
Bowen is a chemical engineer with a degree from Texas A&M University and an MBA from Rice University. He served six years on the Clear Creek ISD Board of Trustees, where he advocated for fiscal transparency, parental involvement and changes to standardized testing. Bowen has also held leadership roles within the Harris County Republican Party and the State Republican Executive Committee.

His stated priorities include enforcing immigration laws, expanding public safety measures, reducing property taxes, increasing parental rights in education and eliminating the STAAR testing system. Bowen also supports mandatory E-Verify and additional border-security initiatives.

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Former Rep. Garnet Coleman dies at 65

Longtime Democrat served 30+ years in Legislature

Former state Rep. Garnet Coleman – a longtime Democrat who once represented much of the South Belt community – has died at the age of 65 after serving more than 30 years in the Legislature. His family attributed the death to natural causes.

Coleman represented Houston's House District 147 from 1991 until his retirement in 2022. Across more than three de-



Garnet Coleman

cades in the Texas House, he worked to expand access to healthcare, strengthen mental health services, advance criminal justice reform and invest in the communities and institutions he served.

His legislative work helped establish Children's Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program in Texas and sustained their funding. As the Texas House's lead writer of the health and human services portion of the state budget during four legislative sessions, he secured major increases for health coverage, mental health care and HIV/AIDS services. He later helped develop the state's Medicaid 1115 Transformation Waiver, bringing substantial federal support to Texas

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Flickinger to host town hall meetings

City Council member to host 2 separate South Belt functions

Houston City Council Member Fred Flickinger will host a pair of upcoming town hall meetings in the South Belt portion of District E.

A previous town hall function was already held in the Kingwood portion of the district.

– **Clear Lake:** Thursday, Oct. 8, at Space Center Houston, 1601 E. NASA Parkway, from 5 to 8 p.m.

– **Edgebrook:** Tuesday, Oct. 20, at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 5560 Laurel Creek Way, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Presentations from each of the following groups will be delivered at the meetings:

- **Houston Public Works**
- **Houston Police Department**
- **Houston Fire Department**
- **Solid Waste Management Department**
- **Houston Airport System**
- **Department of Neighborhoods**

Doors will open at 5 p.m. for each of the events, with representatives from several city departments on hand to field questions from attendees. The main town hall events will start promptly at 6 p.m.

Residents will have the opportunity to submit questions, which will be read aloud during the town hall. Resident feedback is a vital part of the discussion and plays a key role in shaping the future of the community.

Flickinger encourages all residents to actively participate. Resident questions, concerns and ideas are invaluable in guiding the decisions that impact area neighborhoods and quality of life.

To submit questions or concerns, visit www.houstontx.gov/council/e.

For additional information, contact the District E office at 832-393-3008 or via email at districte@houstontx.gov.

Voter registration deadline approaches

Oct. 5 marks deadline to vote in upcoming Nov. 3 election

With the Nov. 3 election approaching, local officials remind potential voters that the deadline to register to vote in this year's contest is Monday, Oct. 5. While Texas law requires voters to be registered at least 30 days before Election Day, Oct. 3 falls on a weekend this year, bumping the deadline to the following Monday.

Registration requirements

- Texas voters must meet the following criteria:
- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be at least 18 years of age on Election Day
- Must not be a felon
- Must not be deemed mentally incapacitated
- Must be a resident of the county in which application for registration is made

Confirm registration status
Residents may confirm their registration status by visiting the Texas Secretary of State's Am I Registered? portal at Texas.gov.

Where to get applications
Applications are available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Chinese. They can be obtained through the following channels:

- Harris County Tax Office locations during business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)
- Download and print from the Texas Secretary of State's website at www.sos.state.tx.us
- Request online from the Secretary of State
- Request by email from the Harris County

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Scarsdale work underway



A county crew is shown above making street repairs on Scarsdale near Sagewind in the Sageglen subdivision. The project is just one of multiple road repair endeavors currently underway simultaneously in the area. The street improvements are part of a plan launched by Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia to make repairs to damaged panels along thoroughfares on roadways in unincorporated parts of the South Belt community.

Photo by James Bolen

In My Opinion

Jacobson supports Talarico

U.S. Senate candidate James Talarico offers a refreshing alternative for common-sense South Belt area conservatives. As a loyal Republican for 35 years, I am one of those traditional conservatives desperately seeking a change from the chaos and extremism that has taken over the GOP.

The stakes have never been higher. How Texans vote will very likely determine control of the U.S. Senate and whether that body will finally exercise its constitutional role as a check on the executive branch.

The GOP-controlled Senate serves at the pleasure of Donald Trump and is accountable only to him. That blind loyalty to an unrestrained president leaves us with the sobering reality of today's America: An ill-conceived war with no end in sight. Senseless tariffs that defy economic logic. Persistent inflation. Almost \$4 trillion added to the national debt. Ill-trained ICE agents chasing down "illegal" women and children. Federal agents using deadly force on protesters. Blatant corruption that netted the Trump family an estimated \$4 billion in one year. A constant stream of unhinged presidential tweets. A severely tarnished global image. And perhaps saddest of all, a culture that increasingly normalizes bullying, lying, corruption, and vulgarity. A far cry from the conservative values I grew up with in this area.

Ken Paxton is devoted to this warped view of "conservatism" in America. Fawning over Trump at the RNC mid-term convention, Paxton assured the party faithful that the president has "delivered more for this country than any one before." Trump's super PAC and GOP groups are pouring money into Texas to rescue Paxton -- committing over \$140 million so far. Trump will demand a return on his investment, and Paxton will deliver. In 2020 he pushed Trump's "stolen election" narrative and sued four other states to throw out their certified election results. If elected, Ken Paxton's allegiance will not be to Texans, but solely to Donald Trump.

We don't have to speculate whether Paxton would use his position as a senator to line his own pockets. The receipts are in. His long history of scandal and corruption is not the stuff of a "political witch hunt" as Paxton claims. Eight senior members of his OWN staff reported his corrupt activities to feder-

al authorities in 2020. Then in 2023 his OWN Republican colleagues in the Texas House voted overwhelmingly to impeach him. Meanwhile, Paxton's wealth has soared to an estimated \$13 million or more during his years of public service. Not bad for a guy in a position that pays \$153,750 a year!

In stark contrast, James Talarico represents energetic new leadership to replace the old establishment - a much-needed voice of reason, moderation, and common sense. His priorities include taking on corruption and super PACs, ending Trump's trade wars and nonsensical tariffs, providing an affordable not-for-profit healthcare option, and an immigration policy that secures our border and enhances public safety without terrorizing families. Talarico has a track record of working across the aisle and bringing civility to policy debates. He's also not afraid to call out Democrats for their failures - including the Biden administration's abject failure to secure the border.

Wealthy MAGA megadonors are pouring millions into ads intended to paint Talarico as an extremist. Check the facts. Talarico - a Presbyterian seminarian - does not "hate Christianity." Listen to the full interview - he was condemning the twisting of biblical teachings to justify hate and greed. Nor does he want to "dismantle capitalism." Those words were in reference to political cronyism - the type reflected in the funding of these very ads! Talarico also did not allow "Chinese communists" to buy up our land. He did oppose the final version of a bill granting the governor sweeping powers to select who is subject to ownership prohibitions. Again, political cronyism. And yes, he opposes trans athletes in girls' sports when safety or fairness is at stake, but without further marginalizing a handful of vulnerable kids. Finally, Talarico supports the Second Amendment, along with common-sense gun safety laws such as universal background checks - just like most Texans.

Moderate conservatives will decide this election. We make up an estimated 9-12% of Texas voters - far more than the likely margin by which this election will be determined. I realize the South Belt area is deeply red and for many of us, voting for a Democrat was once unthinkable. But now is the time for us to reject corruption and extremism by electing James Talarico to the U.S. Senate. It's truly the conservative thing to do.

-Malcolm Jacobson

Friends of PWBL seeks donations

The Friends of Parker Williams Branch Library would like to thank the South Belt community for their continuing support. The library is currently in need of new or gently used children's books, adult paperback novels (both fiction and nonfiction) and DVDs and CDs. Donations can be made during open hours at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., suite 501.

Dobie Class of '71 hosts 55th reunion

The Dobie High School Class of 1971 invites former classmates to celebrate 55 years of memories and friendship on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2026, from 6 to 10 p.m. at Golfcrest Country Club.

Tickets are \$40 per person, including a Mexican buffet, desserts and beverages. For information, contact committee members Debbie Englehart Hughes at dhughes533@aol.com, Ron Williams at ronwilliams49@yahoo.com, Diane West Lister at dianel10@comcast.net or Brenda Mackebon Keener at keenersrus@comcast.net.

Pasadena Convention Center hosts Repticon

Repticon is coming to Pasadena with a family-friendly expo featuring reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates, arachnids and other small exotic animals. Visitors can shop for pets, cages, supplies and feeders while getting expert advice from breeders and vendors.

The event will be held Saturday, Oct. 3, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pasadena Convention Center and Fairgrounds, Campbell Hall, 7601 Red Bluff, Pasadena.

Admission is \$15 for a Super Ticket valid both days, \$12 for a single-day ticket, \$10 for Saturday admission after 1 p.m., and \$6 for children ages 5-12. Children 4 and younger are admitted free.

Tickets are sold online only. For tickets and more information, visit repticon.com/texas/houston/.

Local library events set

In case of storms or adverse weather, refer to library website for details.

Bracewell Branch Library

Bracewell Library is at 9002 Kingspoint. Customers are encouraged to visit the building to browse, check out and return materials, use the computers and Wi-Fi, and check out holds. For information, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/> or call 832-393-2580. Hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon - 8 p.m.; Fridays, 1 - 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Bracewell is closed Sundays.

The following events are scheduled for Bracewell Library:
Thursday, Oct. 1, 11 a.m. - noon. Senior social hall. Registration required.
Thursday, Oct. 1, 4 - 5 p.m. Family STEM adventure. Registration required.
Saturday, Oct. 3, 2 - 4 p.m. Saturdays at HPL. Registration required.
Monday, Oct. 5, 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Bring family to storytime. Registration required.
Visit <https://houstonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events> for more library events.

Book drop

The book drop is open. Library materials can be returned. The library continues to provide online resources to enjoy the library virtually. Large items such as FLIP kits or laptops should not be placed in the book drop, but taken inside.

Parker Williams Library

Parker Williams Library is at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Customers are encouraged to visit the building to browse, check out and return materials, use the computers and Wi-Fi, and check out holds. Hours are Monday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for more information. One can also visit social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

The following events are scheduled for Parker Williams Library:
Thursday, Oct. 1, 11 a.m. - noon. DACAMERA presents 'Mariachi: Music and patterns.'
Friday, Oct. 2, 1 - 3 p.m. Genealogy.
Friday, Oct. 2, 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. Lego club.
Saturday, Oct. 3, 10 a.m. - noon. Tai Chi.
Saturday, Oct. 3, 1 - 2:30 p.m. Korean language music class. Registration required.
Monday, Oct. 5, Noon - 6 p.m. Harris County public health mobile vaccination clinic.
Monday, Oct. 5, 1 - 2 p.m. ESL classes (various levels).
Monday, Oct. 5, 1 - 2:30 p.m. Basic computer classes with Harris County universal services. Registration required.

Monday, Oct. 5, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi.
Tuesday, Oct. 6, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Babies and books.
Tuesday, Oct. 6, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. National night out, Harris County Pct. 2.
Wednesday, Oct. 7, 4 - 5 p.m. 3D printer orientation. Registration required.
Wednesday, Oct. 7, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Pathway to citizenship. Registration required.

Online services

- Use HCPL Wi-Fi service with HCPL's drive-up Wi-Fi.
- Download e-books and audiobooks, stream movies, research and learn at www.hcpl.net.
- Attend an HCPL program or story time online through Facebook or YouTube.
- Check an account to renew loans or request books, e-books, comics or graphic novels.
- Stream classic films, indie cinema and award-winning documentaries on Kanopy.
- Listen to audiobooks through RBDigital or OverDrive.
- Read along and play with picture books on TumbleBooks.

Don't have an HCPL library card? Instant access can be obtained to all HCPL's digital materials and research tools with an iKnow Digital Access Card. Apply at <https://www.hcpl.net/services/iknow-card> for a HCPL card.

For additional information, visit www.hcpl.net.

BHI, Thompson Intermediate participate at Dobie/Rayburn football game

Intermediate cheer and dance teams performed for versus Rayburn High School game played at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium. Dobie defeated Rayburn 42-7.



Left to right, are BHI cheer and dance team members (front row) Delilah Bosler, Nevaeha Reyna, Giselle Solares, Madeline Martinez, (middle row) Isabella Rodriguez, Aubrey Veal, Sofia Guzman, Sophie Guzman, Dalilah Rios, Liliana Bonilla, Daiera Brown, Alayah Holmes, (back row) Isabella Villalobos, Emily Garza, Alaina King, Alayna Rice, Valerie Hernandez and Arleth Garcia.



Pictured are Thompson dance team members, left to right, (front row) Madilyn Brioso, Emma Villa, Camila Munoz, Isabella Covarrubias, Emma Rios, Alessandra Torres, (middle row) Zoe Ramos, Adalynn McMullin, Alyssa Reyes, Essence Jones, Maribel Gonzales, Ximena Mesta, Cielo Del Rio, (back row) Ava Ahmad, Saniya Lungs, Soraya Lungs, Zoey Rodriguez, Kelsie Snook-Bolling and Arianna Gomez.

Death

Rodolfo "Rudy" Rodriguez



Rodolfo "Rudy" Rodriguez, lovingly known as "Moe," passed away on Sept. 6, 2026, at the age of 80. Rudy was a beloved husband, brother, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend. He was deeply loved by his wife, Dolores Rodriguez, and his three children, Ann Marie Rodriguez, Moses Rodriguez and Rodolfo Rodriguez Jr. His love extended to all his grandchildren, great-grandchildren and his entire family, who will forever cherish the memories they shared with him.

He is survived by numerous friends and family from the South Belt area.

Rudy found joy in the simple things in life, especially spending time with the people he loved. One

of his favorite pastimes was watching his beloved western shows, where he could sit back and enjoy the stories. He also loved gathering with family for a good barbecue, sharing laughter and playing dominoes with his friends.

Rudy's love for his family and the memories he created with them will always hold a special place in their hearts. His presence brought love, laughter and togetherness, and he will be deeply missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

His memory will live on through his wife, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and the many lives he touched.

May he rest in eternal peace.

A memorial service was held on Sept. 26.

Leader obituary policy

Obituaries submitted to the *Leader* are published free of charge. There must be a South Belt connection. Obituaries are edited to the *Leader* style.

Lariaette of the Week, Sept. 24



The J. Frank Dobie Lariaette of the week of Sept. 24 is senior Zoe Castelan, a second-year member.

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	5:30 p.m.
Sunday	8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Sunday	12:30 p.m. Misa en Español
Monday, Wednesday & Friday	9 a.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	7 p.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)	
Thursday 7:45 to 8:30 p.m.	Saturday 4 to 5 p.m.

Parish Office: 281-481-6816

All are welcome to come to worship and serve the Lord in a spirit of love, sharing, and hope.

New Covenant Christian Church Day Care

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ELECTION DAY: NOVEMBER 3

Polls Open From: 7 AM - 7 PM

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MORE INFORMATION AT: VoteHouston.org, HarrisVotes.com, & FortBendCountyTX.gov

National Night Out 2026 scheduled to take place Oct. 6

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The event will feature free popcorn and hot dogs while supplies last.
This year's function will also feature free document shredding. Shredding documents such as tax returns and financial records is helpful in preventing identity theft,

Voter registration deadline nears

Oct. 5 marks last day to register to vote in November

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Voter Registration Office at voters@tax.hctx.net
– Call the county's multi-lingual voter assistance line at 713-274-VOTE (8683)
– Pick up at local government offices, libraries, high schools, DPS sites or U.S. Postal Service locations
Where to return completed applications
Once filled out and signed, applications must be submitted through the following methods:
– Mail to the Harris County voter registrar, postmarked on or before Oct. 5, at the following address:
Annette Ramirez
Tax assessor-collector and voter registrar
P.O. Box 3527
Houston, Texas 77253-3527
– In person at any Harris County Tax Office location during business hours
Registration updates
Those who have moved into Harris County from another county must register locally by the deadline to vote in Harris County elections.
Texans who have recently changed their name or moved may update their voter registration online through Texas.gov. A completed application is required for any change.

USPS postmark advisory
The Texas Secretary of State notes that recent USPS operational adjustments may delay postmarking. Some mail may not receive a postmark on the day it is dropped off. To ensure the correct date appears, voters submitting applications by mail may request a manual local postmark at any USPS retail counter at no cost.
Officials recommend submitting applications as early as possible to avoid any postmark issues.
For additional information on registering to vote, visit www.votetexas.gov/register-to-vote.

tional Night Out event at the Golfcrest Country Club, located at 2509 Country Club Drive in Pearland.
HPD, HCSO, Precinct 8
The Houston Police Department and Harris County Sheriff's Office are actively promoting the event, which will feature block parties, cookouts and community gatherings throughout the region.
"We are committed to participate in Houston/Harris County National Night Out by organizing an activity or event," said Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez. "This

will help promote crime prevention and create a better Police/Community relationship."
HPD is encouraging neighborhoods to register with their local police stations to ensure officer participation and support. To contact Houston police about NNO 2026 activities, visit www.houstontx.gov/police/nno/index.htm.
Harris County Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin's office is also expected to once again take part in the effort.
Originally launched in 1984, National Night Out

has grown into a nationwide movement involving millions of residents in thousands of cities. The event aims to heighten crime prevention awareness, generate support for anti-crime programs and send a clear message that communities are organized and vigilant.
Local law enforcement agencies will be out in full force, visiting neighborhoods, engaging with families and sharing safety tips. Residents are encouraged to turn on their porch lights, host outdoor events and take part in the evening's festivities.

Chamber to host Blingo event

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to \$100 for four full sets.
Sponsorships and perks
The chamber is offering sponsorship packages with names like Diamond Daubers, Platinum Patterns and Golden Cards, each providing reserved seating, charcuterie boards, designer bag sponsorships and recognition in the program. Higher-tier sponsors receive extras such as wine service, raffle tickets for a Louis Vuitton bag and opportunities to address the audience.
All sponsorships include game cards, meals and daubers, ensuring participants can fully enjoy the evening while supporting the chamber's work in the South Belt community.
Chamber leaders describe the night as "bingo, bags and bubbly," designed to bring neighbors together while raising funds for programs that strengthen the area's business and civic life. Proceeds benefit the chamber's local initiatives, blending entertainment with community support.
The event is licensed by the Texas Lottery Commission and restricted to guests 21 and older.
For additional information or to purchase tickets, visit www.southbeltchamber.com/designer-purse-blingo or call 281-481-5516. See ad on Page 7

SoHo crowns king, queen



Seniors Isaac Martinez (left) and Leia Rodriguez were crowned homecoming king and queen for the 2026-2027 school year at the Sept. 25 South Houston High School vs. Friendswood High School football game.

Former Rep. Coleman dies at 65

Longtime legislator served 30+ years in office

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healthcare providers. President Barack Obama selected him to serve in a working group of state legislators on health reform.
Coleman also passed Texas' mental health parity legislation, helped establish crisis intervention training for peace officers and passed the Sandra Bland Act. In Houston, he championed neighborhood development and advocated relentlessly for Texas Southern University, Prairie View A&M University and the University of Houston. He served as past chairman of the Texas Legislative Study Group House Caucus and the Texas Legislative Black Caucus. His work reflected a sustained commitment to people too often left without access to care or opportunity.
Beyond the Capitol, Coleman was a familiar face in the South Belt community. He regularly participated in the annual South Belt Fourth of July Parade, underscoring his ties to the neighborhoods he represented.
Tributes poured in from colleagues across party lines. "Garnet was a passionate advocate for Houston and a champion of the underserved," Republican House Speaker Dade Phelan said in a statement. "His legacy will endure in the lives he touched and the reforms he fought for."

Thompson honors Sawyer



Tanis Griffin, principal of Thompson Intermediate (left), recently presented coach Doug Sawyer with the Teacher of the Month award for September. Sawyer was chosen for his unwavering support, leadership, sense of humor and willingness to lend a helping hand whenever needed. His colleagues describe Sawyer as a dedicated educator, mentor, coach and advocate who consistently goes above and beyond for students, staff and the entire school community.

AARP Webster sets October meeting

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 is welcoming one to join them at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8 at the House of Prayer Lutheran Church, 14045 Space Center Blvd., Houston, TX 77062. One is invited to come to meetings and to enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m. Each month there is entertainment or a speaker on various topics of interest to seniors, followed by a social activity.
The October program will be a presentation on brain health by Dr. Agenor Limon from the University of Texas Medical Branch who is an associate professor and vice chair for research in neurology and director of the Mitchell Center for Neurodegenerative Diseases. He will discuss Alzheimer's disease in honor of Brain Awareness Month. After the talk there will be an Alzheimer's walk at the church building.
Saturday, Oct. 17, Chapter 199 will participate in the 2026 Walk to End Alzheimer's at Stewart Beach (201 Seawall Blvd.) in Galveston. The event will start at 8 a.m., with an opening ceremony at 8:45 a.m. and the 3-mile walk beginning at 9 a.m. Registration is free. Contact Veronica Stanford, at 409-256-1195, regarding transportation to Galveston.
AARP Chapter 199 is hosting a bus trip on Tuesday, Oct. 20 to tour River Rendezview Paddle Boat in Brazoria. Lunch will be held off the boat. One may register for this trip at the Oct. 8 Chapter meeting. One must be a member of our local chapter to participate in our bus trips.
If one is interested in joining AARP Chapter 199, annual dues are \$8 per year per person. However, one must be a member of national AARP and show one's current national membership card to join any local chapter. AARP chapters are separately incorporated affiliates of AARP. For more information, contact President Veronica Stanford at 409-256-1195 or at veronica_sftrd46@yahoo.



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CB Speech and Debate excel in competition

Clear Brook speakers continued their run of great form Sept. 25-26 at the Memorial/Spring Woods Swing. Competitors took part in two tournaments in one weekend; one on Friday (Mustang), and one on Saturday (Tiger). The creative speakers of Clear Brook showed their talent and ingenuity by fighting their way to finals and earning state points.

In particular, Sara Sijo took home finalist finishes in Dramatic Interpretation

on both sides of the swing, placing third on the Mustang side and first on the Tiger side overall. The nine points that came from these wins catapulted her TFA state point total to 15, meaning Clear Brook has its first TFA State qualifier. Sijo's fellow DI teammate Sophia Merchant also made her way to finals on the Tiger side of the swing, placing fourth to add two state points to her cumulative total of four.

In addition, Surabhi Kashyap placed fourth in Informative Speaking finals on the

Mustang side and seventh on the Tiger side, bringing her total to three TFA state points for the season. Lydia Hartless also followed suit with a seventh place finish on the Tiger side, just missing out on state points. A number of speakers also made it to the semifinals of their respective events. Amberly Huynh and Advika Sharma did so in Informative Speaking, only missing finals by two ranks, and they were joined by Alishba Khan in Original Oratory on the same day, who

missed finals by four ranks. Zaahid Mansoor also earned a cumulative rank of five in his two preliminary rounds, where he missed out on finals by only one rank. Overall, Clear Brook Speech and Debate walked away from this tournament with 16 TFA state points, putting the total for the season at 61, a state qualifier, and numerous finalists and semifinalists, and will return to competition Oct. 2-3 at the Bellaire High School tournament.



Left to right, are Clear Brook Speech and Debate members Lydia Hartless, Sara Sijo, Surabhi Kashyap and Sophia Merchant. The team added 16 TFA points at recent tournaments to bring the earned total to 61.

13 CCISD students named National Merit Semifinalists

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More than 1.2 million juniors enter each year by taking the PSAT/NMSQT, but only the top 1 percent of scorers in each state qualify as semifinalists. The exam serves as the initial screening pool, evaluating critical reading, writing/language and math skills. Only the highest-scoring participants in each state are selected to continue.

While being named a Semifinalist is a monumental

achievement, the journey does not end here. To advance to the Finalist level, students must meet several rigorous academic and application requirements. Semifinalists must present an exemplary academic record throughout high school, write a compelling personal essay, and earn an official endorsement and recommendation from a high school official. Additionally, they must secure a confirming score on the SAT or ACT to validate their initial

PSAT performance. The standards are high, but history is on their side. About 95 percent of Semifinalists are expected to successfully attain Finalist status. From that pool, approximately half will ultimately earn a corporate-sponsored, college-sponsored, or NMSC National Merit Scholarship, securing the coveted, official "Merit Scholar" title next spring. Over the last seven decades, approximately 395,000 distinguished young individuals

have earned the Merit Scholar title. Pasadena ISD A review of the official Texas semifinalist list reveals that

led by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation shows no Pasadena ISD students among the 2027 semifinalists.

BAHEP to host forum

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District overview HD 129 includes much of the South Belt community and key portions of Harris County's northern Bay Area, including Seabrook, Webster and parts of Houston, Friendswood and League City. With the seat open for the first time in more than a decade, the race has drawn heightened interest from residents and business leaders.

Event format The forum will begin with a networking social from 4:30 to 5 p.m., followed by a moderated Q&A session from 5 to 6 p.m.

Organizers say the event is intended to give residents and business owners a clearer understanding of each candidate's priorities on economic growth, infrastructure and community development. The event is free and open to the public, but attendees are asked to RSVP in advance. For additional information, visit southbeltchamber.com/chamber-calendar/details/teas-house-district-129-candidates-forum-1904392.

Cowgirls of the week selected



The SageMont Cowboys recently announced the Cowgirls of the week. Left to right, are Mini of the Week Sariyah Gibson, Cheerleader of the Week Layla Alvarez and Dancer of the Week Ja'Mari Shelvin.

Remember When

50 years ago (1976) Kim Schubert became head drum major of the Thompson Intermediate band. Theresa Halata became assistant drum major. Both were Sagemont residents.

Bob Gammage outlined reasons for retention of Ellington Air Force Base including the defense of the Texas Gulf Coast and NASA's usage of the base.

The Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees were still seeking input from community members whether artificial turf should be placed at Memorial Stadium. At the time, only about 20 games were being played per season so as to preserve as much grass as possible for varsity competition. Superintendent Dr. C. Lee Meyer supported the placement of the turf by saying the artificial surface would allow as many as 140 games to be played during a season.

45 years ago (1981) A total of 363 Pasadena district high school students were denied admission to school because they lacked required immunizations.

A 2,000-pound safe was stolen from the Safeway on Hughes Road. A police spokesman said it was likely connected to an earlier attempt.

A petition with more than 350 signatures was presented to Houston City Council to deny permits to developers Astro Homes and Suburban Homes. The petition said downstream flooding would occur if the homes were built in the proposed Kingspoint/Fuqua area.

Clear Creek Independent School District director of facilities Frank Barzilla told trustees that the district could expect to spend up to half a million dollars more for electricity during the next year.

The *Leader* published a crime victim questionnaire in order to ascertain what makes

a home a potential target for burglars.

40 years ago (1986) Jerry Speer was named principal of Dobie High School by the Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees. Speer had been in education 25 years and at PISD since 1977.

Henry Malone, 29, a former security guard, was arrested and charged with aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon at the Alameda Mall JC Penney. Malone entered the store through the roof after hiding and waiting silently for several hours.

Only a week after its grand opening, the Jack in the Box restaurant on Scarsdale was robbed at gunpoint.

After 25 years of operating as a seven-member board, the San Jacinto College District board of regents agreed to expand to a nine-member board. Cheerleaders at Beverly Hills Intermediate celebrated '50s day by wearing poodle skirts.

Members of the King of Glory Lutheran Church were preparing for a groundbreaking ceremony for a new 5,000-square-foot worship facility at its location on Fuqua.

35 years ago (1991) Groundbreaking for a \$55 million, two-year modernization project at Hobby Airport began at the 50-year-old facility.

A record 101 members joined the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce during a five-day membership campaign, bringing membership to a record 400.

30 years ago (1996) Dobie senior Kasey Nichols was crowned homecoming queen while Anthony Carr was named king.

Houston Police Officer and 1984 Dobie graduate Gary D. Johnson died after his pickup truck collided with a tractor-trailer.

25 years ago (2001) Bill Smith, 73, the first prin-

cipal to serve Beverly Hills Intermediate School, died while in Arkansas.

According to the 12th class day enrollment figures, which are numbers reported by the state, a record 22,786 students enrolled in all three campuses at San Jacinto College for the fall semester.

20 years ago (2006) Two former Dobie students were sentenced for their part in the February 2005 shooting death of fellow student Luan Cong Pham.

Neighbors being alert combined with the perseverance of Precinct 2 deputy constables helped a Clear Brook Meadows senior citizen return home safely. The man had become disoriented while walking through the neighborhood. Neighbors and Sgt. Zerick Guinn knocked on nearby doors and found the man's son, who had been asleep when the father wandered away.

The Clear Creek Education Foundation announced that Dr. Glenn B. Freedman was the recipient of the George Carlisle Distinguished Service Award.

Houston Fire Department arson investigators arrested a suspect for allegedly starting a fire in a residence in the 10600 block of Kirkshire.

The Sept. 21 shooting death of Houston Police Officer Rodney Johnson at the hands of an immigrant lacking permanent legal status raised questions about whether or not his death could have been prevented. Controversy erupted which challenged the city's so-called "sanctuary" policy whereby officers are not allowed to ask a person's immigration status unless he or she is arrested for a Class B or greater offense.

15 years ago (2011) Jeremy Cantrell, 26, died in a motorcycle accident in the 14500 block of Beamer Road about 2:15 p.m. According to witnesses, Cantrell was traveling north on Beamer on a red Kawasaki EX-650 motorcycle at a high rate of speed, driving

around other vehicles and doing wheelies. At some point, he lost control of the motorcycle and laid it down in a culvert adjacent to the roadway. Emergency personnel from the Houston Fire Department responded to the accident and attempted to revive Cantrell, but he died at the scene.

Houston police recovered several stolen vehicles from a retention pond in the 10000 block of Windmill Lakes Boulevard. The cars became visible due to receding water levels caused by the drought conditions.

10 years ago (2016) After multiple setbacks, the Beamer Road extension to Bay Area Boulevard finally opened to through traffic. A joint project between Harris County and the Texas Department of Transportation, the \$10.3 million endeavor extended Beamer roughly one mile. In addition to installing a new four-lane road, complete with curbs and gutters, crews also installed a new detention pond south of El Dorado to help with storm water drainage.

Houston City Council Member Mike Sullivan candidate hosted a forum and town hall meeting at the University of Houston-Clear Lake in the Garden Room of the Bayou Building. Representatives from City of Houston departments presented updates on District E projects and answered questions from community members.

With the election for the District E seat drawing near, Sullivan invited all three candidates to participate in the forum. Candidates running for the position were Lonnie W. Allsbrosks, David P. Martin and Elizabeth C. Perez.

Sullivan and The Boeing Company have invited the Texas Alliance for Minorities in Engineering (TAME) Trailblazer to the town hall meeting. The Trailblazer is a 40-foot exhibit trailer that houses a variety of engineering and

science exhibits targeted at students in third-seventh grades. The Trailblazer is the only interactive science and engineering museum-on-wheels in Texas. The Trailblazer engages students, teachers and parents through hands-on activities and exhibits that highlight fundamental concepts in science and engineering. Sullivan urged citizens of all ages to come out and participate.

Sullivan tendered his resignation from the City Council in July, effective Jan. 2, to run for the position of Harris County tax assessor-collector. Sullivan said he submitted his resignation early so that the city does not have to call a special election to replace him but can put the District E race on November's presidential election ballot.

5 years ago (2021) A pedestrian was killed in a bizarre hit-and-run accident around 3 a.m. Monday, Sept. 27, at the intersection of Hughes Road and Blackhawk. According to investigators, an adult white male, believed to have been homeless, entered into the intersection and laid down on his stomach. An unknown make and model white pickup truck was captured on a nearby homeowner's surveillance system traveling north on Blackhawk before striking the pedestrian and continuing north on the street. The man remained underneath the pickup and was dragged approximately 385 feet before separating from it. The male was found with no signs of life. Paramedics pronounced him dead at the scene. His identity was not immediately determined.

1 year ago (2025) A pedestrian was killed in an accident around 3:40 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, after being struck by a vehicle in the 15400 block of the Gulf Freeway service road at Dixie Farm Road/FM 1959.

The identity of the male victim was pending verification by the Harris County In-

stitute of Forensic Sciences at press time.

According to Houston Police Department officials, the driver of a black Ford Fusion was traveling south on the frontage road at the above address when they struck the male pedestrian who was reportedly walking in a moving lane of traffic.

The driver pulled over,

called 911 and attempted CPR on the male. Houston Fire Department paramedics responded to the incident and pronounced the male dead at the scene.

The driver of the Ford remained at the scene, did not show signs of intoxication and was questioned and released.

HPD's investigation was ongoing at press time.

WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The KIRKMONT MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2026 on October 21, 2026 at 6:30 PM at 10102 Blackhawk Blvd., Houston, Texas 77089. 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](https://www.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: Carlos Lopez, Deborah Carroll, Jean Ann Williams, Lonnie Piquet and Michael Grizzaffi
AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: None

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

	Last Year Adopted	This Year Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$ 0.498000 / \$100	\$0.492000 / \$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-\$0.006000 / \$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-1.204819%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 214,713	\$ 224,787
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 214,713	\$ 224,787
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,069.27	\$ 1,105.95
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		+ \$ 36.68 +3.430377%

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 eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

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.

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Over The Back Fence by Nicole

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MOSES! Happy birthday greetings are sent to **Moses Rodriguez** on Oct. 3. Moses is wished a great day by his wife **Josselyn**; children **Sean-Paul Muniz**, **Leader** staffer **Nicole**, **Thomas** and **Vincent Rodriguez**. **STACEY CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY!** **Stacey (Hayes) Flowers** enjoys a birthday Oct. 6. Wishes for a wonderful day are sent from husband **Stephen**, daughters **Kennedy** and **Evie** and son **Owen**; parents and former longtime South Belt residents **Jannie** and **Robert Scarberry**; sister **Jenny (Hayes)** and husband **Josh Laney** and children **Brayden**, **Baylee** and **Olivia**; brother **Joey Hayes**; brother **Austin Scarberry** and daughters **Jade** and **Lily**; and brother **Tyler Scarberry**. **Stacey** and her siblings are all Dobie High School graduates.

SCHOOL DAZE The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Oct. 1 through Oct. 7.

Atkinson Elementary Send a birthday greeting to **Nicole McHugh** Oct. 4.

Burnett Elementary **Anna Cantu** celebrates a birthday Oct. 6.

Bush Elementary **Brenda Vazquez** marks a birthday Oct. 6. **Jessica Benavides** enjoys a birthday

Oct. 7. **Frazier Elementary** Send a special birthday greeting Oct. 3 to **Chris Baldauf**.

Genoa Elementary Share a slice of birthday cake Oct. 2 with **Hana Khan**.

Hancock Elementary Sing a happy birthday song to **Tiffany Means** Oct. 2. Send a humorous birthday card Oct. 3 to **Maria Chapa**.

Moore Elementary The day for a special birthday cake for **Jennifer Dowell** is Oct. 2. Remember to wish **Lourdes Guenard** a happy birthday Oct. 4. Oct. 6 is a day of celebration for **Christina Le-Tran** for her birthday.

Melillo Middle School Blow out the birthday candles for **Kellie Bishop**, **LaTilda Thomas** and **Heather Kaboutari** Oct. 1. Light the candles Oct. 2 for **Shannon Martinez**. Send a birthday greeting to **Rianne Howell** Oct. 3. Best wishes for a special birthday Oct. 4 are sent to **Tyler Oakes**. Send a humorous birthday card Oct. 7 to **Dawn Nichols**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate Light the birthday candles Oct. 7 for **Brian Thompson**.

Thompson Intermediate Send a birthday greeting Oct. 3 to **Jacob**

Arnold. **Dobie High** A double-fun day is planned Oct. 1 for **Gabriel Munoz** and **Miguel Torres**. October 5 is the day for a party for **Denise Sanders**. Oct. 6 is the day to break out the balloons ad party favors for **Greg Reyes**. **FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS** Thursday, Oct. 1: **Amy Malone**, **Jeffrey Restrepo**, **Wendy Sattiewhite**, **Linda Garie**, **Cindy Que**, **Cyndee Davila**, **Dena Roessler**, **Yvonne Mintz** and **Rebekka Barker**; Friday, Oct. 2: **Racquel Rojas**, **Tomeka Anderson**, **Diana Holbrook**, **Paula Smith** and **Lori Pytka**; Saturday, Oct. 3: **Amanda Gonzales**, **Thomas Chapa**, **Roberto Trevino** and **Yvonne Mooror**; Sunday, Oct. 4: **Malcomb Chambers**, **Audry Williamson** and **Michelle Almaguer-Saenz**; Monday, Oct. 5: **Deborah Helm**, **Nicole Nalepa** and **Robin McDaniel**; Tuesday, Oct. 6: **Jennifer Garcia**, **Stacey Flowers**, **Theresa Theroux**, **Rick Wright** and **Marta Nelson**; and Wednesday, Oct. 7: **Jeanette Allen**, **Paul Grizzle** and **Marcus Lerma**. **LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS** Email birthday, anniversary, congratulations, etc., to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Dobie team tennis makes postseason

The reward for making the postseason will be a matchup against state-ranked Houston Memorial Oct. 5 at Memorial, but that will do nothing to take away from the accomplishments the Dobie team tennis program has delivered this season.

Despite a tough 10-8 loss to Pearland that the locals felt as though they could have ultimately turned in their favor, the Longhorns rallied for several big victories down the stretch to claim the fourth and final seed in the postseason out of District 19-6A at 5-3 overall.

Dobie and Manvel met in a head-to-head matchup that ultimately decided the winner of the final postseason seed, and the Longhorns emphatically came away with a 14-5 victory in that one.

"I'm not one who likes to settle for anything less than first place, but we certainly understand the overall strength of our district this season and what it was going to take to try to qualify for the postseason," Longhorn head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. said.

"I'm just so proud of the kids. It hasn't been an easy season in several areas, but these kids have come out here each and every day and have given it their all to reach this point. We still have not lost a match to a Pasadena ISD program since 2012, and that's something to also be very proud of."

The girls' side of the draw played a big role in the overall success of the program throughout the regular season.

In that girls' lineup, Mia Nguyen ultimately ascended to the top spot, with Marina Kostikoglou at No. 2. Vivian Hang has played at No. 3, with Michelle Medrano fourth and Trien Nguyen fifth. Aminh Nguyen has also excelled in the sixth spot.

For the boys, Adrian Garza has played in the top spot with a good bit of success, and Brayden Rojas in the second spot. Andres Franco and Noah Serna have also anchored spots at No. 3 and No. 4 with Alejandro Grafias also playing well. Moreno also says that Christian Garza, having played near the bottom of the top six for the Longhorns this season, has a tremendously bright future in front of him.

"We have had kids who have been forced into bigger roles than perhaps they have been accustomed to before now, but we are not afforded some of the same experience across the board coming into a program as maybe some of the other programs," Moreno said.

"Our kids come in here relatively inexperienced and have to put in the hard work to get the results they want. That's what makes me so proud of this team. They play to make their school and their community proud, and I certainly believe that they have done that this season."

Longhorns travel to face Brazoswood football

A pair of varsity football programs looking to stay within arm's length of the leaders in the District 19-6A race will go head-to-head as the Dobie Longhorns travel to Lake Jackson to take on the Brazoswood Buccaneers Oct. 2 at Hopper Stadium.

Visiting Dobie at 2-3 overall and 1-2 within district action, will be aiming to quickly bounce back from a 67-2 loss to Shadow Creek during homecoming week at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

The Buccaneers, meanwhile, will take the field against the Longhorns after having enjoyed a bye in the schedule. To this point, Brazoswood is 2-2 overall and 1-1 in district play.

Given the overall strength of the district at the top with Pearland and Manvel both unbeaten to this point in the season and Shadow Creek certainly looking as talented as any program in the league. Both the Longhorns and Buccaneers know that the time to see positive results is now.

The Longhorns' Adrian Taylor has continued to deliver on his end of the bargain as he is second among all rushers within the district with 580 yards and six touchdowns; Junior teammate Tyler Owens has collected 187 yards on 27 totes. Dobie as a team has rushed for more than 1,000 yards through the first five games of the season but has been able to muster very little in the passing game.

At Brazoswood, the

Buccaneers have been led by junior running back Denzel Jackson, who has rushed for just a tick under 300 yards and has scored four touchdowns. Quarterback Jonus Edwards, meanwhile, has completed 45 of 81 overall throws through four games for 610 yards and eight touchdowns.



At right, the Longhorns' Ja'Veon Polidore (3) makes his way upfield on a kickoff return during action against Shadow Creek Sept. 25 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. The Longhorns will now travel to Brazoswood Oct. 2. Photo by Gloria Wallace

Brazoswood has had a couple of key players in the passing game, including Jackson and Nick Darthard, who has 10 receptions for 185 yards to go with Jackson, who has 217 yards on 14 catches.

While JFD would certainly love to be in a better spot within the standings, going against Pearland and Shadow Creek early on in the league race is tough for any program. But the Longhorns have surrendered quite a few big plays in their three losses and would welcome an outstanding defensive effort against the Bucs while staying in contention for a playoff spot.

The Longhorns very well could turn to its own passing game against the Bucs as senior Oscar Hernandez has weapons on the outside, including senior Nolen Thomas and others. As usual, the game might very well boil down to playing clean football, limiting turnovers and making a few big plays when it matters the most.

JFD athletes make court



Dobie standout student athletes Kendrick Ramos (left) and Aracely Alvarado were part of the 2026 homecoming court and were honored during halftime of the school's matchup against Shadow Creek. Ramos, a frequent sports photography contributor to the *Leader* this year, is a pole vaulter on the varsity track and field team. Alvarado is the leader of the varsity girls' cross-country program who has been one of the school's top distance runners since her arrival on campus four years ago.

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JFD cross-country continues late-season run with impressive results

The Dobie varsity boys' cross-country "Big Three" of Cruz Jasso, Jordan Roman and Robert Pheister stepped up their competition level as they participated in the varsity elite division at the Nike South Invitational.

In that 5,000-meter event, Roman, the district champion from 2025, was the Longhorns' top finisher as he made his way to the line 16 minutes, 07.4 seconds. It was a personal best for Roman.

Jasso was not far behind as his time of 16:11.5 was 48th best in the event. Pheister also ran well for Dobie as his time at 17:09.5 placed the sophomore 130th.

Senior Aracely Alvarado of Dobie competed in the 5,000-meter varsity elite division on the girls' side of things and placed 55th-best with a clocking of 19:40. Freshman Sofia Charles also competed for the Longhorns as her time was 20:21.7, placing her 104th overall.

The Longhorns also had competitors taking part in the 5,000-meter varsity boys' division, with Jorge Rodriguez 68th in a time of 17:37.9.

Teammate Jaden Moron was 105th with his time of 17:59.9, and Angel Montiel came up with a time of 18:21.4 for 142nd place. Senior Matthew Dunn was 148th with a clocking of

18:27.0.

In the 5,000-meter varsity girls' race, the Longhorns were paced by Maria Arredondo, whose time of 23:42.5 was 159th best. Sophomore Esmeralda Martinez also completed the event of 24:41.9 for 184th place.

The Dobie girls were the junior varsity team champions a day earlier at the South Houston tune-up 3,200-meter event, with six runners finishing in the top 11 spots.

A pair of freshmen, Cecilia Bogany (13:59.78) and Marley Manriquez (14:20.00) were the top two finishers in the event. Sophomore Mia Chavez clocked in at 14:36.60 for fourth

place, while junior Destiny Sidiropoulos was seventh in the time of 15:01.26. Junior Mikayla Rodriguez put together a time of 15:14.58 for ninth place, and 11th place and a time of 15:22.10 went to Andrea Arredondo of Dobie.

Others competing for the Longhorns included junior Aliscia Garza-Becerra, whose time of 15:33.23 placed her 14th.

Freshman Evelyn Arzate was one spot back and she was 15th with a time of 15:41.82. JFD junior Sophia Torres finished at 15:58.54 for 21st place, and freshman Allesandra Levairolevario was 26th

with a time of 16:16.07.

In the official team standings, Dobie finished with a low of 22 points, with Clear Springs a distant second at 51 points.

Also in the varsity division for the boys at South Houston, the Longhorns' Gevin Vega, a junior, was 18th at 17:27.48, with teammate Josue Rodriguez, a sophomore, in at 17:43.62 for 22nd place.

Wilfredo Chinchilla, a sophomore, clocked in at 18:32.57 for 39th place, and junior Bernardo Perez was 41st as he finished in a time of 18:44.44.

See related photos on page 6.



JFD varsity boys' cross-country runners, from left, Cruz Jasso, Jordan Roman and Robert Pheister gathered prior to the start of the Nike South Invitational. Roman delivered a personal best effort to lead the Longhorns with his 43rd place finish. Jasso placed 48th in the 5,000-meter varsity elite division, with Pheister 130th.



Senior Aracely Alvarado of Dobie competed in the 5,000-meter varsity elite division on the girls' side of things and placed 55th-best with a clocking of 19 minutes, 40 seconds.



Freshman Sofia Charles competed for the Longhorns at the Nike event as her time of 20 minutes, 21.7 seconds placed her 104th overall.

Longhorns sit 5th in District 19-6A volleyball standings



Dobie junior middle blocker Kailani Rudd (20) plays a volley at the net with teammate Brianna Huesca (8) at left. The Longhorns went into a match against Sam Rayburn after press time looking to get back to 500 overall for the season and in district play.

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Junior setter Riese Rackley (15) has performed exceptionally well in all phases of the game and leads the team in assists from her position as she has played a key role in the team's overall success to this point in the season.

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Peewee Division			
Team	W	L	T
Hurricanes	7	0	0
Wildcats	6	0	0
Red Raiders	5	1	0
Braves	5	2	0
Manvel Texans	5	2	0
Pearland Texans	4	2	1
Chargers	4	2	0
Panthers	4	3	0
Buccaneers	3	3	0
Gators	3	4	0
Cowboys	2	3	1
Patriots	2	4	0
49ers	2	4	0
Stingrays	2	4	0
Sharks	1	5	0
La Porte Texans	1	5	0
Longhorns	1	6	0
Eagles	0	7	0

Freshman Division			
Team	W	L	T
49ers	6	0	0
Manvel Texans	6	1	0
Red Raiders	5	1	0
Stingrays	5	1	0
Wildcats	5	1	0
Hurricanes	5	2	0
Pearland Texans	5	2	0
Patriots	4	2	0
Eagles	4	3	0
Panthers	3	4	0
Buccaneers	2	4	0
Cowboys	2	4	0
Chargers	2	4	0
Sharks	2	4	0
Gators	1	6	0
Longhorns	1	6	0
La Porte Texans	0	6	0
Braves	0	7	0

Sophomore Division			
Team	W	L	T
Red Raiders	6	0	0
Manvel Texans	6	1	0
Panthers	5	1	1
49ers	5	1	0
Wildcats	5	1	0
Chargers	5	2	0
Gators	5	2	0
Stingrays	4	1	1
Hurricanes	4	3	0
Pearland Texans	4	3	0
Eagles	3	4	0
Sharks	3	3	0
Buccaneers	1	5	0
Patriots	1	5	0
Braves	1	6	0
Cowboys	0	6	0
La Porte Texans	0	6	0
Longhorns	0	7	0

Junior Division			
Team	W	L	T
Manvel Texans	7	0	0
Buccaneers	6	0	0
Cowboys	5	1	0
Stingrays	5	1	0
49ers	4	2	0
Chargers	4	2	0
Red Raiders	4	2	0
Gators	4	3	0
Panthers	4	3	0
Braves	3	4	0
Hurricanes	3	4	0
Sharks	2	4	0
Wildcats	2	4	0
Eagles	2	5	0
Pearland Texans	2	5	0
Patriots	1	5	0
La Porte Texans	0	6	0
Longhorns	0	7	0

Senior Division			
Team	W	L	T
Pearland Texans	7	0	0
La Porte Texans	6	0	0
Gators	6	1	0
49ers	5	1	0
Buccaneers	4	2	0
Sharks	4	2	0
Wildcats	4	2	0
Hurricanes	4	3	0
Manvel Texans	4	3	0
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BAFL Week 7

Cowboys’ PW 6
Red Raiders 18

Cowboys’ Fr. 0
Red Raiders 45

Cowboys’ Soph. 0
Red Raiders 37

Cowboys’ Jrs. 16
Red Raiders 19

Cowboys’ Srs. 0
Red Raiders 37

BAFL Week 8

Cowboys’ Peewee
hosts East End, 8
a.m.

Cowboys’ Freshmen
hosts East End,
9:30 a.m.

Cowboys’
Sophomores hosts
East End, 11:30 a.m.

Cowboys’ Juniors
hosts East End,
1:30 p.m.

Cowboys’ Seniors
hosts East End,
3:30 p.m.

At right, Dobie freshman cross-country runner Cecilia Bogany has simply been outstanding this season for the Longhorns as she has certainly proven that she will be a huge part of the overall success within the program not only the remainder of this season but well into the future. Bogany wound up as the overall gold medalist at the South Houston Tune-Up event. In the 3,200-meter junior varsity division, Bogany was first to the finish line in a time of 13 minutes, 59.78 seconds.



At left, the future of the Dobie girls’ cross-country program is certainly bright with Marley Manriquez (shown) and others proving that they certainly have what it takes to produce big results moving forward. Manriquez has had an outstanding overall first season with the Longhorns and should be in position to finish strong. At the South Houston Tune-Up junior varsity 3,200-meter event, Manriquez with second overall in a time of 14 minutes, 20 seconds.

At right, Longhorn sophomore Mia Chavez is yet another of the young crop of Dobie varsity girls’ cross-country runners who should lead the way both later this season and into the future for the program. Already having a fine season before the turn of the month, Chavez was tremendous at the South Houston Tune-Up event in the 3,200 meter junior varsity division as she was fourth overall with a time of 14 minutes, 36.60 seconds.



At left, there are other runners within the program who get plenty of the headlines, but Jaden Moron has been pushing hard all season as a depth contributor for the Longhorn varsity boys’ team. Competing in the 5,000-meter varsity boys’ division at the Nike Invitational, Moron posted a time of 17 minutes, 59.9 seconds to place 105th. As the Longhorns look to recapture the district championship later this month on their home course at Dobie main, runners such as Moron could very well play big roles.

South Belt football predictions	
CE King at Atascocita	CE King
Barbers Hill at Clear Brook	Barbers Hill
Clear Springs at Deer Park	Deer Park
Dobie at Brazoswood	Dobie
Dawson at Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek
Manvel at Pearland	Manvel
Iowa Colony at Friendswood	Iowa Colony
Lutheran South at St. Thomas	Lutheran South
Clear Falls at Clear Lake	Clear Falls
Pasadena Memorial at Sam Rayburn	Pasadena Memorial
Last Week’s Results	10-0
Season record	40-10

 John Bechtle	 Emory Gadd	 Stephen Sutton	 Debbie Vaughn
CE King	CE King	Atascocita	CE King
Barbers Hill	Barbers Hill	Barbers Hill	Barbers Hill
Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park
Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie
Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek
Manvel	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland
Iowa Colony	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood
Lutheran South	Lutheran South	Lutheran South	Lutheran South
Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Clear Falls
Pasadena Memorial	Pasadena Memorial	Pasadena Memorial	Pasadena Memorial
10-0	9-1	8-2	8-2
40-10	41-9	36-14	36-14

Barbers Hill, Deer Park still unbeaten in 18-6A

Granted, five weeks remain in the District 18-6A varsity football race, but it is already shaping up to be a three-program race to the district championship as the second half push takes shape.

Dickinson opened the season with consecutive losses to three perennial playoff powers but has since rebounded as the district race unfolds.

Going against Clear Springs in a matchup featuring two programs that are almost always in the postseason mix, the Gators left no stone unturned at home Sept. 25 as they crushed Clear Springs 59-7.

With the victory, Dickinson has improved to 2-0 in district action and looks

very much like a team that is intent on repeating as league champion.

Dickinson senior quarterback Lorenzo Aguirre has stepped up his game in league play to this point. He was 16 for 19, throwing for five touchdowns and 313 yards while receiver Ja’ Marion Payne had nine receptions for 168 yards and three touchdowns to dominate the Chargers.

Dickinson simply outplayed Clear Springs throughout the game, creating 629 yards of total offense to just 185 for the Chargers.

Dickinson (2-3, 2-0) will now take on Clear Creek Oct. 2 at Veterans Stadium in League City.

Meanwhile, Clear Springs will look to get back on track in what should be a challenging effort on the road against unbeaten Deer Park.

Speaking of unbeaten, the Deer Park Deer had absolutely no issues while crushing Clear Lake by a 62-7 count.

The Deer have simply rolled out to an impressive unbeaten start, outscoring its five foes by a combined 237-38.

Senior quarterback Haden LaFrenz has been as impressive as any offensive player in the district as he has led a powerful Deer Park offense to the 5-0 start.

While Deer Park has certainly been one of the surprise programs of the first half of the season across the Houston area, Barbers Hill counts as another that has had little trouble making the jump to the Class 6A ranks.

To this point in the season, the Eagles have had little trouble while producing a perfect 5-0 record.

Running back Miles Warlock rushed for three touchdowns and quarterback Luke Babin threw for three scores as the Eagles crushed Clear Creek 65-13 at Veterans Memorial Stadium in League City.

Barbers Hill, looking to eventually reach the 6A Division 2 playoff bracket, scored on each of its seven drives in the first half to build a 53-6 edge over the Wildcats.

Given the outcome of the second week of 18-6A action, one might be wise to consider Deer Park and Barbers Hill as surefire postseason participants, with Dickinson clearly in the mix.

At this point, about the only thing to be decided is the second playoffs seed in the Division 2 bracket.

Of those in the running for the spot, Clear Falls and Clear Springs would appear to have the best chance.

Barbers Hill, a Class 5A Division 1 state quarter finalist a season ago, came into the game averaging nearly 42 points per game and clearly extended that scoring average with its victory over the Wildcats.

From a statistical standpoint in the district, Barbers Hill, Deer Park and Dickinson are each averaging better than 400 yards of offense per game. The Eagles have been tremendously balanced through five games with 1,144 rushing yards to go with 1,158 passing yards.

Defensively, Deer Park is allowing only 225.4 yards per game, while Barbers Hill has surrendered just 251.8 yards per game.

In the rushing department, Sean Rowe of Clear Lake leads the way with 610 yards and five touchdowns, while Miles Spurlock of Barbers Hill is second with 496 yards and eight touchdowns.

The district has proven to be quite past happy as Lorenzo Aguirre is the leader in total yards by a slim margin with 1,123 yards to go with 11 touchdown passes. Reid Jeffrey of Clear Falls has thrown for 1,105 yards and 13 touchdowns, while Babin of Barbers Hill has thrown for 924 yards and 13 scores. LaFrenz has thrown for 749 yards and nine touchdowns.

Kaegan Morton of Barbers Hill is the leading receiver in the district with 620 yards and a total of nine touchdowns. Ja’ Marion Payne of Dickinson is second with 565 yards and six touchdowns, while Chace Rieman of Clear Falls as 497 yards and six touchdown receptions.

District 18-6A Week 3 Action

Deer Park hosts Clear Springs
Oct. 2, 7 p.m.
at Abshier Stadium

Clear Falls vs. Clear Lake
Oct. 2, 7 p.m.
Challenger Columbia

Clear Creek hosts Dickinson
Oct. 2, 7 p.m.
CCISD Veterans

Clear Brook hosts Barbers Hill
Oct. 1, 6:30 p.m.
Challenger Columbia

LSA varsity boys’ golf second in match play



The Lutheran South Academy varsity boys’ golf team captured second place at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools match play championship. Members of the team are, left to right, Max Milton, Landon Loring, Jarrett King Solver, Jason Tackley-Goodman and Garrett Waddell.

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7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Check website for time and location https://pearlandrotary.com/events/calendar or call 832-293-9860.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Open Tues. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call Karen Hollon at 713-472-0565 for appointment. Tours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** See Thursday's notice.
Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - **Imperfect Nooners Group**, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300 for more information. Meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/. Meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.
8 p.m. **Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.
8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.
8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3
7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
8 a.m./10:15 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - has worship Tuesday at 11:30

a.m., Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Bible study, Book of Revelation, at 6 p.m.) and Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., 11456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of a medical/retail community). For details, call 281-479-7285 and leave a message, or stop by.
5:30 p.m. **Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 5125 Preston Ave. Pasadena, TX 77505. Call 713-419-2635 for details.
8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** See Friday's notice.
8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - See Friday's notice.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5
5 p.m. **New Directions** - Age 55 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at 600 Hobbs Road, League City, TX 77573, (community room). For further information, call Jill at 646-489-4367.
6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at Denny's, 19212 Gulf Freeway. Join the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Email huff_reunion@juno.com for info.
7 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - St. Luke's Group, 12-Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7 p.m. in the Education Bldg. in room 6, at 11011 Hall Road, 77089. For details, call Rita at 281-309-2801.
7 p.m. **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at the Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose at 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourteau at 713-875-8820.
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Southeast Houston Toastmasters** - The Southeast Houston Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets virtually with the exception of the second and fourth Tuesdays (hybrid meeting) at sehouston.toastmastersclubs.org. In-person address 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. (SB Chamber of Commerce). Visit the website or call Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 for information.
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** -

See Friday's notice.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
Carmelites - a nondenominational senior citizen social group meeting at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real, in Clear Lake on the first and third Wednesdays for a time filled with fun, fellowship, lending library with books and puzzles, coffee and bingo. The meetings are open to those ages 55 and older, with no dues. Day trips and extended trips available. Deposits are now being taken for Poland. For details, call Marilyn at 713-444-6744.
Noon **AA - Imperfect Nooners**. See Friday's notice.
Noon **Ballroom Dancing** - casual ballroom dance, open to the public, held every Wednesday afternoon from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 East League City Parkway, League City. Everyone is welcome to come with or without a partner. The dance itself is free as music is provided by volunteer, Neva Schroder. The city requires an activity card for participants in all of the city's many activities. Call the park office 281-554-1180 for answers to any questions regarding the activity card. Visitors are welcome to walk in to observe or participate.
7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.
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Bears grab Athlete of the Week honors



The Beverly Hills Intermediate eighth-grade boys' athletics Athlete of the Week for the week ending Sept. 25 was Kenneth Oliver.



The Beverly Hills Intermediate eighth-grade girls' athletics Athlete of the Week for the week ending Sept. 25 was Genesis Gonzales.



The Beverly Hills Intermediate seventh-grade boys' athletics Athlete of the Week for the week ending Sept. 25 was Deontre Copeland.



The Beverly Hills Intermediate seventh-grade girls' athletics Athlete of the Week for the week ending Sept. 25 was Ahni Godoy.

NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.154615 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of San Jacinto Community College District.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.154615 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.157264 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.168507 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2026 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for San Jacinto Community College District from the same properties in both the 2025 tax year and the 2026 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that San Jacinto Community College District may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that San Jacinto Community College District is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2026 tax year.

A PUBLIC MEETING TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON 10/12/2026 AT 7:00 PM AT District Administration Building RM 104, 4624 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Texas 77504.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, San Jacinto Community College District is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Board of Trustees of San Jacinto Community College District at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount= (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

FOR the proposal: Chair Dan Mims Member Judy Harrison Vice Chair Michelle Cantú -Wilson Member Larry Wilson Assistant Secretary Erica Davis Rouse

AGAINST the proposal: N/A

PRESENT and not voting: N/A

ABSENT: Secretary Keith Sinor Member Chad Burke

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.

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.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by San Jacinto Community College District last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by San Jacinto Community College District this year.

	2025	2026	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.154615	\$0.154615	increase of 0.000000 per \$100, or 0.00%
Average homestead taxable value	\$187,695	\$178,867	decrease of -4.70%
Tax on average homestead	\$290.20	\$276.56	decrease of \$-13.64, or -4.70%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$136,507,813	\$133,934,800	decrease of \$-2,573,013, or -1.88%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for San Jacinto Community College District at 713 274 8000 or tax.office@tax.hctx.net, or visit www.hctx.net for more information.

Beverly Hills Intermediate volleyball takes on Miller



Beverly Hills Intermediate eighth-grade A division volleyball player Paige McMullen (5) passes the ball ahead during the Bears' battle against the Miller Falcons.



Daniella Valdez (18) of the Beverly Hills Intermediate eighth- grade A division volleyball squad attempts a kill in match action against the Miller Falcons. Photos by Donna Alsdorf



Elliana Hurts (1), a standout volleyball player on the Beverly Hills Intermediate B division squad, sends a volley across the net during action against the Miller Falcons in Pasadena ISD competition.

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WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The CLEAR BROOK CITY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2026 on October 21, 2026, at 7:30 P.M. at 11911 Blackhawk Boulevard, Houston, TX 77089. 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.

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FOR the proposal: Chuck Tylka, Chris Clark, David Flickinger, Karen Richard McMillan and Yen Huyn Rabe

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

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

	Last Year Adopted	This Year Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$.49000/\$100	\$.49000/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$ 0.00000/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		0.00%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 337,696	\$ 333,669
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 67,539	\$ 66,734
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 270,157	\$ 266,935
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,323.76	\$ 1,307.98
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$ -15.78 -1.19%

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 eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

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.