

Mistletoe Market approaches

The 21st annual Mistletoe Market will be held Saturday, Oct. 4, at the BellaVita clubhouse, 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.

Beverly Hills to meet Oct. 3

Beverly Hills Civic Club will host a meeting Friday, Oct. 3, at the Beverly Hills Park community center, located at 10201 Kingspoint, from 10 to 11 a.m. All Beverly Hills residents are welcome to attend.

Coffee with the Constable

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia will be at Donut Haven, located at 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 additional information, call Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

Sagemont to meet Oct. 7

The Sagemont Civic Club will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer at Hughes. All Sagemont residents/homeowners are invited to attend. The meetings typically take place the first Tuesday of each month. For additional information, call Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

Pop-Up Market set for Oct. 5

A Pop-Up Market will take place Sunday, Oct. 5, at The Gardens Houston, 12001 Beamer at Hughes Road, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will feature local vendors selling crafts, jams and jellies, clothing, jewelry and other handmade items. Food vendors will also be on site, selling barbecue, tacos, cakes and other sweets. For more information, contact Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

Hughes/Sabo closures set

At least one southbound lane on Hughes/Sabo will be closed continuously at Beltway 8 until further notice due to a city water repair. Westbound Beltway 8 frontage roads may also be intermittently closed at Hughes/Sabo until further notice.

Ongoing construction has also caused the partial closure of nearby Sageglen Drive between Hughes and Sagedowne.

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.

Ellington eRecycling set

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event will take place Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Neighborhood Recycling Center at Ellington Airport from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Recycling electronics keeps potentially harmful materials, such as mercury, cadmium, lead and cathode ray tubes out of the waste stream and the environment.

Items accepted are PCs, servers, keyboards, mice, laptops, game consoles, monitors, small kitchen appliances, memory chips, hubs and routers, printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, projectors, rechargeable batteries, cable boxes, car batteries, telephones, cellphones, PDAs, tape drives, hard drives, cords, cables and cameras.

The collection events take place the second Saturday of each month. For additional information, visit www.houstonsolidwaste.org or call 311.

Beltway closures planned

Two northbound and two southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lanes will be closed at Fairmont Parkway daily from 4 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, March 31. Significant delays are expected.

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

SJC opens new biotech workforce training center

A partnership with Eli Lilly, new facility praised by Abbott, Garcia, Ellis

San Jacinto College on Friday, Sept. 26, officially opened its state-of-the-art Center for Biotechnology Friday, Sept. 26, at its Generation Park campus, marking a major milestone in Houston's emergence as a national hub for pharmaceutical manufacturing.

The new facility, developed in partnership with McCord Development and the National Institute for Bioprocessing Research and Training (NIBRT), will provide hands-

on training in simulated good manufacturing practices (GMP) environments. It offers associate degrees and short-term credentials tailored for post-graduate learners, making it the only NIBRT-licensed training provider in the southern United States.

"The San Jacinto College Center for Biotechnology will play a vital role in meeting the growing demand for skilled professionals in the region's biotechnology sector," said SJC Chan-

cellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer. "We are committed to equipping our students and industry partners with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in the dynamic pharmaceutical therapies industry."

The opening follows a high-profile press conference earlier in the week where Gov. Greg Abbott, U.S. Rep. Sylvia Garcia and Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis joined Eli Lilly and Company Chair and CEO David Ricks to celebrate the college's partnership with Lilly and the announcement of a \$6.5 billion pharmaceutical manufacturing facility being constructed just minutes away at Generation Park.

"Texas is stepping up to ensure that we do our part and expand biomedical manufacturing right here in our great state," said Abbott, highlighting the state's investment through the Texas Jobs, Energy, Technology, and Innovation program and a \$5.5 million Texas Enterprise Fund grant.

Garcia praised the collaboration as a win for Houston's workforce.

"This partnership between San Jacinto College and Eli Lilly is a game changer for our community," said Garcia. "It means good-paying jobs, cutting-edge training, and a stronger future for our families."

Ellis echoed the sentiment, emphasizing the broader impact on equity and opportunity.

"Lilly's decision to invest more than \$6.5 billion in Harris County is a powerful testament to the strength of our community and its ability to support lifesaving work in the life sciences and create living wage jobs and equitable economic opportunities for working families in Harris County," said Ellis.

With the Center for Biotechnology now open, San Jacinto College is poised to become a key pipeline for talent feeding into Houston's rapidly expanding biotech sector.

Prospective students can explore programs, admissions and financial aid options, by visiting San Jacinto College's biotechnology page at <https://www.sanjac.edu/programs/areas-of-study/stem/biomanufacturing-tech/>.

SJC opens new biotech facility



On Friday, Sept. 26, San Jacinto College opened its new Center for Biotechnology at its Generation Park campus. Earlier in the week, Gov. Greg Abbott (left) joined Eli Lilly CEO David Ricks to announce the construction a \$6.5 billion manufacturing facility to also be located at Generation Park. The college will collaborate with Lilly to train the necessary workforce.

Dobie seeks Hall of Honor nominees

Deadline to nominate potential inductee is Friday, Oct. 17

J. Frank Dobie High School is currently seeking nominations for its 2026 class of Hall of Honor inductees. The deadline to nominate an inductee is Friday, Oct. 17.

Now in its 14th year, the Hall of Honor recognizes Dobie alumni who have distinguished themselves following graduation. Also recognized are community volunteers, fallen heroes and faculty/staff members who have gone above and beyond the call of duty.

According to school officials, nominees should have demonstrated "exceptionally mer-

itorious service to the community in a duty of great responsibility. The performance must be such as to merit recognition that is clearly exceptional and reflects positively on J. Frank Dobie High School."

Inductees will be formally recognized later in the school year at the 2026 Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony, traditionally held at the area high school in early spring.

To nominate someone for this year's class of Hall of Honor inductees, visit tinyurl.com/DobieHallOfHonorNominationForm.

Pct. 2 deputies arrest armed juveniles

Pair of teens accused of breaking into vehicles

Two armed juveniles were arrested around 11:35 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, after allegedly attempting to break into vehicles in the 10900 block of Canarywood Drive in the Highland Meadow Village subdivision.

According to officials with Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office, deputies responded to a call from an affected homeowner who said the teens were trying to break into his car. The resident said he has surveillance footage of the incident that showed one of the two suspects had a handgun. After searching the area, deputies located the suspects just a few houses away. Upon detaining the two males, it was determined that they were both juveniles.

During the arrest, deputies recovered two firearms, ammunition, THC vape pens, a scale and a

large amount of cash.

Despite the recovery of these items, when the Harris County District Attorney's Office was contacted, it chose to accept only the charge of unlawful carry of a weapon charge.

Both juveniles were transported to the Harris County Juvenile Detention Center.

Garcia's office encouraged residents to speak out if they witness suspicious activity.

"Remember, if you see something, say something," a post on the constable's Facebook page read. "To report suspicious activity, please contact our dispatch at 7130-477-4070. Harris County Constable Garcia's office remains committed to protecting our neighborhoods and holding individuals accountable who threaten the safety of our community."

County advances 2018 bond measures

Commissioners Court prioritizes Flood Control projects

Harris County Commissioners Court has unanimously advanced the 2018 Harris County Flood Control District Bond Program into a new era of transparency, accountability and measurable progress.

What began as a list of conceptual projects has now been grounded in reality through engineering analysis, prioritization and \$2.7 billion in partnerships.

Born from Harvey

Hurricane Harvey devastated Harris County in 2017, flooding 600,000 vehicles, damaging 154,000 structures, and dropping more than one trillion gallons of rain. In direct response, voters approved the 2018 Bond Program with \$2.5 billion in local funding, to fund a project list that totaled more than \$5 billion.

While nothing can solve all flooding challenges, the program is an unprecedented effort to reduce flood risk in Harris County.

Measurable benefits

To date, \$1.5 billion has been invested, delivering the following results:

- 16,000 acre-feet of stormwater detention, which is 42 NRG Stadiums full of water.
- 46,000 linear feet of channel improvements

(the distance from Houston to Galveston).

— 5,800 acres of preserved land.

More than 3,100 families relocated from harm's way through voluntary buyouts.

Thousands of homes protected during Hurricane Beryl thanks to completed projects.

From the outset, the 2018 Bond Program was built on partnerships. The Flood Control District has worked with 27 local, state and federal partners, more than doubling the community's original investment.

Hard but necessary choices

Rising costs, inflation and pandemic-driven construction challenges have reshaped what is financially possible. After a detailed review, projects are now organized into the following categories:

- **Active:** 75 bond IDs moving forward with clear scope and funding.
- **Completed:** 54 bond IDs delivered.
- **Paused:** 26 bond IDs awaiting future funding.
- **Closing:** 15 bond IDs determined not technically feasible.

"These are engineering realities, not politics,"

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National Night Out set for Oct. 7

Pct. 2 celebration planned for Scarsdale courthouse annex

Local events are taking shape for the 2025 National Night Out, set to take place Tuesday, Oct. 7.

Now in its 41st 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, Sagemont Civic Club, Harris County Clerk Tanesha Hudspeth and Harris County District Clerk Marilyn Burgess.

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, which has become one of the costliest crimes in the country.

HPD, HCSO

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 2025 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. The department emphasizes that National Night Out is more than a celebration – it's a chance to build trust and foster safer communities.

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.

Wings Over Houston coming Oct. 18-19

USAF Thunderbirds return to headline annual airshow

The Wings Over Houston Airshow (WOHA), one of Houston's largest annual events, will return to Ellington Airport Oct. 18-19, 2025.

Celebrating its 41st consecutive year, the show will include headline performances by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds.

"As we celebrate the 41st anniversary of Wings Over Houston, we're humbled by the vibrant community we've built," said Bill Roach, executive director of WOHA. "This airshow is a tribute to the incredible support and enthusiasm of our guests and performers, as well as our thousands of volunteers who show up each year, dedicated to ensuring a not-to-be-missed event."

The event will offer guests hours of aerial

performances, displays of vintage aviation, interactive areas for children and adults, opportunities for guests to give back to the community and more. Other special elements of this year's airshow include the Legends & Heroes tent and a drive-in style show viewing on Friday, Oct. 17.

In addition to the Thunderbirds, the event will include performances from the C-17 Demo Team, John and Shane McGillis Aerobatics, the U.S. Coast Guard search and rescue demonstration and a warbird flying tribute to the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II.

To learn more about the 2025 Wings Over Houston Airshow or ticket options, visit www.wingsoverhouston.com.



SoHo crowns king, queen

South Houston High School named its 2025 homecoming king and queen at the varsity football game against Alvin High School Thursday, Sept. 25, at Pasadena Memorial Stadium. Roy Gomez was crowned king, and Isabel Vasquez was crowned queen. The Trojans were defeated in the game, losing to Alvin 38-6.

Photo by David Flickinger

In My Opinion

King: plan to implement 2018 flood bond program

In 2018, in the wake of the devastating Harvey flooding, Harris County residents voted by a wide margin to approve \$2.5 billion in bonds for flood improvements throughout the County. It was expected that the bond funds would be used to match another \$2.7 billion in grants from other governmental agencies, primarily the federal government. The result would be an investment of over \$5 billion in flood control improvements, more than had been spent in the entire history of the County.

However, since 2018, the implementation of the bond program has proceeded at a slower pace than most county residents expected. Last week, Commissioners' Court adopted a new framework that promises to get it back on track.

The bond referendum was unusual in that it very specifically laid out how the bond funds would be used. The bond documents included a list of 237 projects to be constructed. It showed the cost of each project, how it was to be funded, and the expected benefits. I have never seen a bond proposal with this level of specificity.

Unfortunately, Ed Emmett, who was the architect of the plan, was unexpectedly defeated shortly after voters passed the bond in the last straight-party voting election in Texas. Lina Hidalgo, a 27-year-old political neophyte with zero management or flood experience, was elected in his place to be what is effectively the CEO for Harris County.

For the first two years, the bond plan mostly proceeded as expected. Spending quickly picked up as the District began acquiring rights-of-way for projects and completing the necessary engineering.

But in 2021, the long-time and widely respected executive director of the District, Russ Poppe, abruptly resigned. Several other members of the leadership team left shortly thereafter. At the time, the Houston Chronicle reported that tensions between Poppe's team and some commissioners over the prioritization of projects played a part in the departures. Since then, the imple-

mentation of the plan has languished, as evidenced by the District's website, which reports total spending on flood projects: (see graph below)

There are several reasons that the flood work stalled. There was a leadership vacuum as Hidalgo showed little interest in flood control and struggled with her personal issues. The major staff turnover at the District did not help. It went six months without a permanent director. Also, as costs rose, a food fight broke out between commissioners over which projects should be funded and in what order.

Fortunately, however, two weeks ago, the Commissioners' Court made a breakthrough by adopting a comprehensive plan to complete the 2018 program. Commissioner Ramsey played a critical role in building a coalition with Commissioners Garcia and Briones to break the deadlock on prioritization. It was particularly critical that this plan was adopted because much of the grant money that Harris County has secured to fund the projects has specific deadlines. Few believe that the Trump administration would be inclined to extend those deadlines, so the County was at serious risk of losing a large portion of the funding to complete the 2018 program if it continued to dawdle.

Under the new framework, 15 projects will be cancelled, and 26 projects will be paused, pending the securing of additional funding. The District reports that 54 projects have been completed. The original bond proposal set aside about \$900 million for projects that have been cancelled or paused.

The District is still projecting that over \$5 billion in flood control projects will be completed as part of the new framework over the next 4-5 years. That is about the same as initially expected. However, that money will not go as far due to inflation over the last seven years.

Had Emmett been re-elected, we would likely have avoided the dysfunction at Commissioners' Court and the turmoil caused by the change in leadership of the Flood Control District. That would have saved us time and money by allowing us to complete more projects. Nonetheless, if the Ramsey-Garcia-Briones framework can be executed, it will mark a long-overdue breakthrough in flood control and a big win for Harris County residents.

Bill King

Knight shares awareness on bullying/suicide

October is National Bullying Prevention Month, and its goal is to raise awareness about the serious and lasting impacts of bullying in schools. This year's theme is "Power for Good," emphasizing the importance of using personal strengths and influence to speak up against bullying and support positive change in both online and in-person environments. Some of the important days during the month are World Day of Bullying Prevention on Oct. 6, and Unity Day on Oct. 22. Everyone is encouraged to wear blue on Oct. 6.

According to the website stompoutbullying.org bullying comes in various forms:

- Physical - kicking, hitting, biting, and making threats.
- Verbal - name calling, spreading rumors, and persistent teasing.
- Racist - making racial slurs, spray painting graffiti, and mocking a person's culture.
- Sexual - unwanted physical contact or abusive comments.
- Cyberbullying - using electronic means via computers and phones, web sites, chat rooms, instant messaging to torment, threaten, harass, humiliate, or target another child.

The CDC released a report entitled "The Relationship Between Bullying and Suicide: What We know and What

it Means for Schools." Bullying has serious and lasting negative effects on the mental health and overall well-being of youth involved in bullying in any way including those who bully others, youth who are bullied, as well as those youth who have observed bullying. Negative outcomes include depression, anxiety, substance abuse, poor school performance, and poor attendance. Both the bully and the person being bullied are at an increased risk for suicide-related behavior. In the report, the CDC says that bullying behavior and suicide-related behavior are closely related. Bullying may not be a direct cause of someone attempting suicide but sometimes combined with other risk factors such as emotional distress, family conflict, relationship problems, and alcohol and drug use will increase the risk of suicide among youth.

The Jason Foundation is a valuable resource if you feel that a friend or loved one is struggling with their mental health. JFI is dedicated to the awareness and prevention of suicide through educational programs that equip youth, parents, educators, and the community with the tools and resources to identify and assist those who may be struggling mentally. Currently, suicide is the third leading cause of death for children ages 12-18. Visit www.jasonfoundation.com to learn how to make a difference.

Scott Knight
Senior Division Director at The Jason Foundation

Trunk or Treat at St. Luke

Life Teen and Youth ministry will host this year's Trunk or Treat at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church Friday, Oct. 24, at 6:30 p.m., at 11011 Hall Road. Join them for a fun-filled evening of costumes, decorated trunks, and plenty of treats for the whole family.

Want to participate? Sign up now to be one of the trunk hosts. One can decorate their vehicle and hand out candy in a safe and family-friendly environment. Sign up at stluke.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/32/responses/new.

Candy donations are needed. The group is accepting candy donations now through Oct. 20. Drop-off bins are located in the narthex and education building. The South Belt Leader will also collect candy at its office at 11555 Beamer Road for Trunk or Treat.

Come in costume, bring your friends, and enjoy a night of sweet community fun.

7MHD searches for volunteers

The 7 Marines Honor Detail (7MHD) is a nonprofit organization of Marines who serve veterans of all branches in the United States military. The group provides casket guard, rifle salute, taps, folding of the flag, color guards, local parades, Houston National Cemetery functions, Honor Flight receptions, VA hospital events and more.

The group is seeking fellow Marines to join their team in providing final honors salutes for veterans' families. They outfit any Marine with a uniform and welcome both men and women, as well as associates who wish to help. For more information about volunteering, call 832-329-7250 or 281-793-9811 and leave name and return number.

Melillo celebrates Hello Week



Melillo Middle School's Mighty Mustangs wore green to show their commitment to friendship during Hello Week. Fifth-grader Rhett Sullivan was recognized as a Melillo spotlight student during the week-long event.

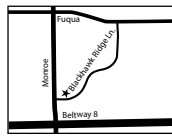
Dobie cheer visits Thompson



Dobie varsity cheerleaders, along with school mascot Louie the Longhorn, visited Thompson Intermediate Sept. 26 to take part in the campus's weekly Hi Five Friday event. Dobie seniors shown who visited the school are Linnea Fonseca and Lexie Martinez (as Louie the Longhorn).

Durham Park Community Garage Sale

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8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
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WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The **HARRIS COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1** will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2025 on October 21, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at 1550 Lamar Street, Suite 2000, Houston, Texas 77010 and via teleconference at 1-346-248-7799, Meeting ID: 938 6868 6034. 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: David A. Flickinger, Mike Daugherty and John Bechtle, Jr.
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.

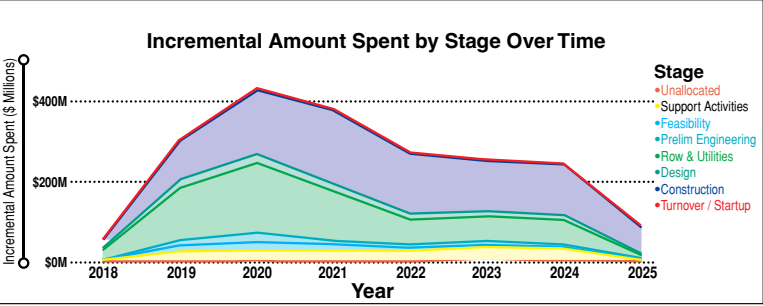
	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$.22000/\$100 Adopted	\$.20000/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$ -0.02000/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-9.09%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 316,336	\$ 323,664
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 316,336	\$ 323,664
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 695.93	\$ 647.32

Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) \$ -48.61
and percentage of increase (+/-) -6.98%

NOTICE OF VOTE ON 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 3.5 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23602, Water Code. An election is not required if the adopted tax rate is less than or equal to the voter-approval tax rate.

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.



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/>. For online learning, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/online-learning-7556> 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.

Thursday, Oct. 2, 4 – 5:30 p.m. Weekly English language classes. Registration required.

Monday, Oct. 6, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Toddler playtime. Registration required.
Monday, Oct. 6, 11 a.m. – noon. Open lab computer help. Registration required.
Tuesday, Oct. 7, 4 – 5 p.m. Get creative at Craft Lab. Registration required.
Tuesday, Oct. 7, 4 – 5 p.m. Board games at the library. Registration required
Wednesday, Oct. 8, 6 – 7 p.m. Pajama 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 open. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/reopening> for reopening information or the main website at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library>. The library will follow state and county guidelines for mask and social distancing.

The book drop is open. Social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

The following events are scheduled for Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:

Thursday, Oct. 2, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Toddler time.
Friday, Oct. 3, 1 – 3 p.m. Genealogy.
Friday, Oct. 3, 1 – 2:30 p.m. Paper alebrije craft.
Saturday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m. – noon. Tai Chi.
Saturday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m. – noon. Mid-Autumn moon festival.
Monday, Oct. 6, 1 – 2:30 p.m. ESL conversation club. Registration required.
Monday, Oct. 6, 4 – 5:30 p.m. Laser cutter orientation.
Monday, Oct. 6, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi.
Tuesday, Oct. 7, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Babies 'n' books.
Tuesday, Oct. 7, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. National night out, Harris County Pct. 2.

Parker Williams "No-Contact Curbside Holds Pick-Up"

- After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.
- Have a library card number and PIN handy.
- A pickup time and instructions will be given.
- Upon arriving, park in one of the two parking spots reserved for curbside holds.
- Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.

Hours are Monday, 11 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 details.

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.
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CBHS Speech and Debate compete



Clear Brook High School Speech and Debate team attended Elkins High School's annual individual qualifying tournament after which the team has the distinction of being able to claim CCISD's first Texas Forensics Association's state qualifier. Emily Joseph who walked away with a first-place finish in Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking and her sister, Elaina Joseph accomplished the same feat, placing first in Foreign Extemporaneous Speaking. Additional speakers in these events include Khang Ngo and Kendrick Toennies who both placed fourth in Domestic and Foreign Extemporaneous, Kelyn Tran placed fourth in Informative Speaking, while Sara Sijo and Sophia Merchant placed fourth and sixth in Dramatic Interpretation. Pictured above, left to right, are (front row) Emily Joseph and Elaina Joseph, (back row) Merchant, Sijo, Tran, Toennies and Ngo.

South Belt Elementary names August Super Steers



South Belt Elementary Super Steers for the month of August were selected by their teachers for demonstrating kindness. Shown above are, left to right, (front row) Mila Montes, Valentina Sanchez, Ruth Zachariah, Harper Bermudez, Lucas Castellanos, Hidayah Bandeali, Achilles Gonzales, Valerie Perez, Rewin Gautam, (middle row) Analia Posadas, Jazleen Lopez, Jazlyn Pecina, Sofia Flores, Lucia Maldonado Partidas, An Lam, Alexandra Vega, Cori Campos, Makenzie Aguillard, Alfonso Vega, (back row) Abby Doan, Lathen Picquet, Abraham Ortiz, Andrea Herrera, Yamilith Davila, Ava Granados, Ava Miller, Jaylynn Heredia, Ashlyn Segovia and Bao Sally Tran. Not pictured, are Andre Acosta, Dominic Gonzales, Juliana Gonzales and Rayyan Jafri.

Photo by Lakitha Thomas (counselor)

Gutierrez places 1st in PLSR



Officials at Moore Elementary congratulate fourth-grader Noelia Gutierrez (left) for placing first in the second- through fourth-grade division of the Pasadena Livestock Show & Rodeo. Her artwork will be on display at Campbell Hall through the duration of the rodeo. Pictured next to Gutierrez is Moore Elementary art teacher Guadalupe Hudson.



Joneses place in PLSR rabbit show

At right, Dobie FFA student, Kaleb Jones (right) participated in the Pasadena Livestock & Rodeo rabbit show and placed third. Pictured next to Jones is his mother, Stephanie Jones.

Pictured below with Kaleb's sister, Reserve Grand Champion Rabbit winner Sadie Jones, are their parents, Curt and Stephanie Jones.



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Dobie's Rashaud Howard (7) and Christopher Flint (22) combined for the stop of Memorial's Arturo Aguilar during the Longhorns' 41-21 victory Sept. 26 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. It was the Longhorns' eighth consecutive victory in the Battle of the Beltway series.

Photos by Gloria Wallace

22-6A Football Standings

Pearland	3-0
Dawson	3-0
Shadow Creek	2-1
Dobie	1-1
Rayburn	1-1
Manvel	1-2
Alvin	1-2
South Houston	0-2
Memorial	0-3

Dobie hosts Shadow Creek Oct. 2, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium

Shadow Creek (3-2, 2-1) The Sharks are the defending district champions and had collected 10 consecutive league victories prior to a 30-27 loss to Dawson last week. Jaylen Addai, Bryce Coleman and Aden Starling are all targets for quarterback Tavis Coleman, who is the leading passer in the district. The Sharks, despite the loss to Dawson, are also exceptional on the defensive side of the football.

Dobie (2-2, 1-1) The Longhorns are coming off their most impressive offensive performance of the season as senior running back Da'Marcus Hodges scored five touchdowns in all and rushed for 250 yards in a 41-21 victory over Pasadena Memorial. It was Dobie's eighth consecutive victory in the annual Battle of the Beltway series between the two programs. The Longhorns will now turn their attention to the Sharks, who will be trying to bounce back from a double overtime loss to Dawson.

Longhorns take down Memorial 41-21

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

The Battle of the Beltway trophy safely in-house for another year, the Dobie varsity football team can now turn its attention to the remainder of the District 22-6A race as defending league champion Shadow Creek will visit the Longhorns Oct. 2 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

Dobie, now 2-2 over-

all this season and 1-1 in league play after defeating the Mavericks 41-21 Sept. 26 for the eighth consecutive time in the Battle of the Beltway series, will face a Shark squad that will be looking to bounce back from a 30-27 loss to Dawson, also Sept. 26. Shadow Creek defeated Dobie 56-15 last season at Freedom Field.

Through the first three weeks of the 22-

6A season, Dawson and Pearland, both Pearland ISD programs, have jumped to the front with identical 3-0 starts. Shadow Creek is 2-1, while the Longhorns are tied with Rayburn at 1-1.

Da'Marcus Hodges came up with a career performance against the Mavericks in the Longhorns' victory this time around, scoring five touchdowns in all while rushing for 250 yards.

Hodges has now tallied 12 touchdowns through four games.

Both offenses struck for early scores on their opening drives as Hodges avoided a tackler near the line of scrimmage then dashed down the left sideline for a 47-yard scoring run at the 10 minute, 11 second mark.

The conversion kick was wide right but the Longhorns led 6-0.

Memorial, hoping to avoid a 0-3 league start, took a 7-6 lead on its first offensive play of the night as Alvaro Perez found Delton Branch down the seam near mid-field with a pass, and Branch proceeded to outrace the JFD defense to the end zone for a touchdown as the Mavs went up 7-6.

Sophomore Adrian Taylor added an 18-yard scoring run for the Longhorns midway through the first quarter and Hodges delivered the two-point conversion run as Dobie went ahead 14-7 at the 6-minute mark of the opening quarter.

But back came the Mavericks as Perez found Alex Flores for 17 yards and a touchdown on the

opening play of the second quarter as the game was tied at 14-14.

From there, the Longhorns took a 28-14 lead into halftime courtesy of Hodges as he had short touchdown runs of eight and six yards to extend his team's advantage.

Hodges turned in another highlight reel play with just over eight minutes to go in the third quarter as he took a swing pass from quarterback Jalen Miles, hurdled a Memorial defender at the 10-yard line and went into the end zone from 19 yards out as the Longhorns went up 35-14.

Hodges' one-yard plunge into the end zone with just over a minute to go in the third quarter pushed Dobie's edge to 41-14 as the Battle of the Beltway trophy was secured yet again.

Fitzmorris way back in the offseason professed Hodges would be the offensive force for the Longhorns, and the third-year varsity performer has not disappointed.

Following his huge night against the Mavericks, Hodges has now

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Senior running back Da'Marcus Hodges (1), here outracing Maverick linebacker Evan Cooper early on during the annual Battle of the Beltway match up between Dobie and Memorial, put together a career night during Dobie's 41-21 victory with 250 yards rushing and five total touchdowns.



Dobie varsity runners excel during Memorial's Stampede

The Dobie varsity boys' and girls' cross-country teams delivered a pair of third-place finishes at the Pasadena Memorial Stampede as programs from across the state continue to prepare for the upcoming district competitions.

At Memorial, Deer Park was the easy winner of the team championship in the varsity boys' division, scoring a low of 34 points as junior Evan Melendez was second overall in a time of 16 minutes, 25.03 seconds.

Teammate Joaquin Escobar placed fourth in a time of 16:38.09. The

Longhorns were third behind Clear Falls as Johan Villavicencio came up with a season best of 16:44.86 for sixth place, and Jordan Roman was eighth as he finished at 16:53.80.

Freshman Robert Pheister was 10th with his time of 17:03.20, while sophomore Jorge Rodriguez finished 18th in a time of 17:34.45. Dobie's fifth official scorer was sophomore Gevin Vega as he clocked in at 18:16.77 for 37th place. Magnolia brought just one runner to the event, but Parker Starnes was the overall top medalist as the junior finished with a time of 16:01.95.

The Dobie girls were also third as a team as they collected 77 points.

Junior Aracely Alvarado was fourth and she clocked in at 19:13.74, and Isaura Correa, a senior, placed 17th with her time of 20:30.31. Junior Aliyah Sanchez was 23rd with a time of 21:07.25,

and sophomore Mikayla Rodriguez finished 32nd in a time of 22:02.07. Destiny Sidiropoulos was in at 22:52.50 for 43rd place.

The Dobie boys have navigated the back end of the schedule without the services of defending district champion Cruz Jasso, who is unlikely to return this season due to injury. In the sophomore's absence, head coach Stephen Cross and the team have turned to others with the opportunity to contribute to a program that will be seeking a fourth consecutive regional berth.

On the girls' side, the Longhorns have gotten consistent performances from several athletes as the program has reloaded this season in large part after a lengthy run of team success. How things play out in the team competition at district remains to be seen, but the locals certainly have several individuals who could factor into the top rung within the leaders.

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Longhorns continue recent string of outstanding volleyball play



Junior Allison Walker (6) and her Dobie teammates climbed into fifth place with a 4-5 record within the 22-6A standings, but the locals still have some catching up to do to reach the postseason leaders.



Dobie junior hitter Mahoganii Davis (10) plays a ball across the net during a recent district match and she and her Longhorn teammates put together a string of wins to get back into the 22-6A race. As of press time, the Longhorns were in fifth place.

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BAFL Weekly Standings

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

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

Sophomore Division			
Team	W	L	T
Manvel Texans	7	0	0
Buccaneers	6	0	0
Cowboys	6	0	0
Red raiders	4	2	0
Stingrays	4	2	0
49ers	3	3	0
Cardinals	3	3	0
Patriots	3	3	0
Gators	3	4	0
Wildcats	3	4	0
Sharks	2	3	1
Eagles	2	4	0
LP Texans	2	4	0
Braves	2	5	0
Pearland Texans	1	4	1
Longhorns	1	5	1
Panthers	0	6	0

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

Senior Division			
Team	W	L	T
Buccaneers	6	0	0
LP Texans	6	0	0
Red Raiders	5	1	0
Gators	5	2	0
Wildcats	5	2	0
Cardinals	4	1	0
Sharks	4	1	0
Cowboys	3	3	0
Pearland Texans	3	3	0
49ers	3	3	0
Manvel Texans	2	4	0
Eagles	2	4	0
Longhorn	1	5	0
Panthers	1	5	0
Patriots	1	5	0
Stingrays	0	4	0
Braves	0	7	0

BAFL Week 7	
Red Raiders 32	Cowboys PW 12
Red Raiders 32	Cowboys Fr. 0
Cowboys' Soph. 22	Red Raiders 14
Red Raiders 19	Cowboys Jrs. 8
Red Raiders 27	Cowboys Srs. 24
BAFL Week 8	
Homecoming	
Cowboys' Peewee	host MP Sharks, 8 a.m.
Cowboys' Freshmen	host MP Sharks, 9 a.m.
Cowboys' Sophs. host	MP Sharks, 11 a.m.
Cowboys' Juniors	host MP Sharks, 1 p.m.
Cowboys' Seniors	host MP Sharks, 3 p.m.

South Belt football predictions					
					
John Bechtle	Emory Gadd	Troy Leland	Stephen Sutton	Debbie Vaughn	
Dobie hosts Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Dobie	Shadow creek	Dobie	Shadow Creek
Clear Brook at Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park
Pearland vs Dawson	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland
Rayburn at Alvin	Rayburn	Alvin	Alvin	Rayburn	Rayburn
Atascocita vs Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita
Humble at Channelview	Humble	Humble	Humble	Humble	Humble
CE King at Goose Creek Memorial	CEK	CE King	King	CE King	CEK
La Porte at Kingwood Park	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte
Kingwood at North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	N. Shore	North Shore	North Shore
Clear Creek vs. Clear Falls	Falls	Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Falls
Last Week's Results	6-4	7-3	8-2	7-3	6-4
Season record	35-15	33-17	34-16	35-15	36-14

Dobie victory is eighth straight

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rushed for 514 yards and 10 rushing touchdowns, and has caught a pair of touchdowns.

He has two 2-point conversions for a total of 76 points scored.

Miles, a junior, has settled in nicely as the Longhorns' starter at quarterback, and Taylor has

come through big time in his limited opportunities while running the football.

In today's social media frenzy of a world, there are no secrets. The folks at Shadow Creek no doubt understand that slowing jersey No. 1 will be the top priority come Oct. 2.

Winning the Battle of

the Beltway trophy for another season is nice and all, but the Longhorns will now focus their attention on trying to secure an eighth consecutive playoff berth.

It all starts with a home game against Shadow Creek before the Longhorns head over to Pearland to take on the

Oilers in what will be another tough test for the locals.

Dobie is winless against Shadow Creek but has played the Sharks just once in the series. Dobie will also look for its first ever win against Pearland. The bottom line is getting to the regular season finale at Manvel with a chance

to return to the postseason.

In many respects, the Longhorns' current season is playing out much like the one from a season ago. The locals would love to secure their postseason invitation much earlier this go around, and it all starts with a home game against Shadow Creek.



Dobie offensive lineman Camron Robertson (55) went head-to-head against the Mavericks' Nathan Alveranga (98) in the trenches as the Longhorns consistently controlled things inside during a 20-point win.



Jalen Miles (12), a junior, has settled in nicely as the Longhorns' starter at quarterback, and he also had a big night against Memorial.

Photos by Gloria Wallace

Trojans' 1975 undefeated Junkyard Dogs honored at Veterans Stadium



South Houston High's 1975 "Junkyard Dogs," the winningest football team in school history, were honored during the 50th anniversary of their milestone season during homecoming activities. Fifty years ago this fall, coach Ray Cleckler's Junkyard Dogs became the first team in Pasadena ISD history to win all 10 of its regular-season games. That 10-0

distinction remained unmatched among district schools until Dobie High went 10-0 in 1999. among those honored pregame at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena were, left to right, Joe Nance, Jay Dale, Bill Williams, Bobby Pilling, Bill Newcomb (head coach), Perry Watson, Steve Dixon, Bob Birkhead, Joe Gallardo and Cliff Wiebusch.

Cowboys battle HRR



Sagemont Cowboys senior running back Brian Martinez (14) broke off a long run for a touchdown against the Hitchcock Red Raiders Sept. 27 at El Franco Lee Park, but the Red Raiders held on for a 27-24 victory.



Jaiden Jackson (19) the Cowboys' junior division team had an excellent day of running a football despite the locals dropping a 19-8 loss to the Hitchcock Red Raiders.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m., Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/>.
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 3
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 4
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 5
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 6
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 IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Join in the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Email huffreunion@juno.com for details.
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.
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 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.
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 seahouston.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.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - See Friday's notice.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8
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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 **Ballroom Dancing** - A ballroom dance group welcomes visitors every Wednesday to enjoy free dancing from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park Ballroom, 1001 East League City Parkway, League City. Everyone is welcome to enjoy dancing to a selection of CD music provided by DJ Neva Schroder and guest DJs. This weekly dance does not include lessons. Free lessons are taught by Jerry Sanford at the same location on Mondays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. While these opportunities are free and provided by volunteers, the park system requires participants to register and get an activity card for all park activities. For more information about the activity card, one may ask at the front desk or call 281-554-1180.
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Clear Brook Varsity Girls' Hoops 2025-2026 Schedule

Nov. 1	at Crawford's scrimmage	TBA
Nov. 4	at Bridgeland scrimmage	TBA
Nov. 8	Barbers Hill	1 p.m.
Nov. 11	at Fulshear	7 p.m.
Nov. 13-15	Peggy Whitley Classic	TBA
Nov. 18	at Pearland	7 p.m.
Nov. 24	at South Houston	1 p.m.
Nov. 26	at Thanksgiving Showcase Yates High School	TBA
Nov. 29	at Lake Creek	11:30 a.m.
Dec. 5	Humble	7 p.m.
Dec. 9	Foster	7 p.m.
Dec. 16	*at Clear Springs	7 p.m.
Dec. 19	*Dickinson	3:30 p.m.
Dec. 29-30	at Fort Bend ISD Showcase	TBA
Jan. 3	*Deer Park	1 p.m.
Jan. 7	*at Clear Creek	7 p.m.
Jan. 10	*Clear Falls	1 p.m.
Jan. 14	*Clear Lake	7 p.m.
Jan. 17	*at Brazoswood	1 p.m.
Jan. 21	*Clear Springs	7 p.m.
Jan. 24	*at Dickinson	1 p.m.
Jan. 27	*at Deer Park	7 p.m.
Jan. 30	*Clear Creek	7 p.m.
Feb. 3	*at Clear Falls	7 p.m.
Feb. 6	*at Clear Lake	7 p.m.
Feb. 10	*Brazoswood	7 p.m.
*District 24-6A games		

2024 tri-champions once again top 24-6A FB

As much as things change, they seem to stay the same within the District 24-6A varsity football hierarchy as the three tri-league champions from 2024 are again off to identical 2-0 starts.

Dickinson, which has delivered one of the most impressive starts on the offensive side of the football anywhere in the Houston area, is halfway home this season with a perfect 5-0 record. Deer Park went 0-2 to open its season but has suddenly won three consecutive games, including an impressive victory over Clear Falls at home. Not to be outdone is Clear Springs, which at 4-0 overall is also undefeated in league play.

Dickinson certainly has offensive weapons across the board, but 2024 League Most Valuable Player Malachi Gamble is among the elite as he once again leads all rushers with 561 yards to go with six touchdowns on the ground.

Daran Bolden of Clear Springs has burst on the scene as he has rushed for just over 500 yards and four touchdowns as he pursues Gamble among the league leaders. Deer Park quarterback Haden Lafrenz, a sophomore, has given the Deer a dual threat at the position as he has rushed for 271 yards and three touchdowns.

Lafrenz has also thrown for more than 1,000 yards and 12 touchdowns this season, but Clear Springs signal caller Kyden Barker has thrown for 1,600 yards and 14 touchdowns. Dickinson's Lorenzo Aguirre has collected 1,254 yards through the air and leads the league with 15 scoring tosses.

Zach Greer of Clear Falls is having one of the most impressive seasons across the area among receivers as he has reeled in 44 passes for 792 yards and eight touchdowns. Kaileb Peterson has been the favorite target of Aguirre as he also has more than 700 yards receiving and eight touchdowns.

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The Thompson Intermediate eighth-grade A-division volleyball team gathered for a team shot following their match against Beverly Hills at Dobie main. Members of the team included, left to right, Zylah Vargas (22), Sofia Charles (23), Viviana Salazar (2), Jada Haywood (31), Emily Martinez (32), Abigail De Hoyos (10), Cecilia Bogany (11), Jazlynn Reyes (28), Blakely Chavez (7) and coach Amanda Anderson.



Neriah LeBlanc (28) of Beverly Hills plays a volley to a teammate during the Bears' eighth-grade A match against the Thompson Lions.



Beverly Hills libero Skylar Glayzer (5) awaits a serve from Thompson during the eighth-grade A match featuring The Bears against the Lions in the annual South Belt area Intermediate volleyball matches at Dobie main.



Beverly Hills' eighth grade A volleyball standout Miia Soto (17) serves against Thompson as the two programs battled for South Belt area bragging rights while getting a chance to compete at Dobie main, the future home high school court for many of these players.



Thompson libero Viviana Salazar (2) plays a shot back toward the Beverly Hills side of the net as the two programs went head-to-head at Dobie main.



The Lions' Blakely Chavez (7) went all out to play a volley during the Lions' annual neighborhood tussle with Beverly Hills as the two programs continued to vie for supremacy within the Pasadena ISD Intermediate volleyball ranks. The Lions' Jada Haywood (31) was also in on the play.



Thompson's Abigail De Hoyos (10) plays a shot back over the net during the Lions' eighth-grade A division match against Beverly Hills as the two programs visited Dobie main.