

Monthly PIP meeting moved

Due to conflicting schedules at Grace Church, this month's Positive Interaction Program from the Houston Police Department will take place at the Lone Star Flight Museum, 11551 Aerospace Ave. at Ellington Airport, Tuesday, Sept. 15, beginning at 6:30 p.m. This marked the third consecutive month the functions have not taken place at their traditional meeting spot at Grace Church, but HPD officials maintained that they had not permanently moved. This month, the Clear Lake Division will host the citywide PIP. Featured speaker will be Detective Nathaniel Waldie of the Family Violence Division.

Begin in 1983, HPD's PIP involves police and community members working together for safer neighborhoods. PIP meetings typically take place the third Monday of each month. Meetings will resume at Grace Church, 14505 Gulf Freeway, Classroom No. 103, next month. For additional information, contact Johanna McWilliams at 346-435-2262 or johanna.mcwilliams@houstontx.gov.

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.

Sageglen to meet Sept. 21

Sageglen Community Association will hold its bimonthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, at the Sageglen Community Building, 11610 Sageyork. Joshua Philbeck of Harris County Public Health Services will serve as guest speaker. All homeowners are encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served. For additional information, email sageglen@sageglen.com or call 281-481-2160.

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>.

CBCMUD to meet Sept. 16

Clear Brook City MUD will hold its regular monthly board meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, at the district office, 11911 Blackhawk near Scarsdale. For additional information, call 281-484-1562.

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.

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.

4 Pasadena ISD high schools nationally recognized

U.S. News & World Report recognizes Dobie, Memorial, Pasadena, Lewis CTHS

Four Pasadena ISD campuses have been named among the nation's Best High Schools in the 2025-2026 rankings released by U.S. News & World Report, placing the district among the top-performing large school systems in the Houston region.

Recognized were Dobie, Memorial, Pasadena and Lewis Career & Technical high schools.

The annual rankings evaluate nearly 17,660 public high schools across the country using a methodology that measures performance across six indicators: college readiness, breadth of curriculum, state assessment proficiency, state assessment performance, underserved student outcomes and graduation rates. Schools are ranked based on how effectively they serve all students – including those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds – and how well they prepare graduates for postsecondary success.

In announcing the 2025-2026 list, U.S. News Managing Editor of Education Anita Narayan said the rankings are designed to highlight schools that excel across multiple measures of achievement.

"The Best High Schools rankings offer a starting point for parents to understand a school's academic performance," said Narayan. "By focusing on factors like graduation rates and college readiness, we aim to shine a light on schools that are successfully supporting students and preparing them for the future."

Lewis Career & Technical

Lewis Career & Technical High School led Pasadena ISD's campuses in the rankings, placing No. 2,481 nationally and No. 289 in Texas. The school reported a 99 percent graduation rate, with nearly half of students taking at least one Advanced Placement exam.

Lewis' specialized focus on career pathways

and industry certifications continues to be a defining strength. The campus offers programs in fields such as health sciences, engineering, information technology and public service – areas that align with workforce needs across the Houston region.

Memorial

Pasadena Memorial High School ranked No. 3,970 nationally and No. 412 in Texas, supported by a 93 percent graduation rate and strong participation in AP coursework, with 37 percent of students taking at least one AP exam.

Memorial also posted solid proficiency scores – 64 percent in math, 60 percent in reading and 60 percent in science – and earned recognition as one of the top 100 high schools in the Houston metro area, according to U.S. News' regional breakdown.

Dobie

Dobie High School earned a spot at No. 5,445 nationally and No. 537 in Texas, with a 92 percent graduation rate. Roughly one-third of students took AP exams, and the school reported proficiency scores of 44 percent in math, 54 percent in reading and 61 percent in science.

Dobie's performance reflects steady gains in college readiness and academic growth across student groups. U.S. News noted that schools demonstrating strong outcomes for underserved populations receive additional credit in the rankings – an area where Dobie continues to show improvement.

Pasadena

Pasadena High School ranked No. 6,762 na-

tionally and No. 663 in Texas, with a graduation rate of 88 percent. Nearly half of students participated in AP coursework, and the school posted proficiency scores of 38 percent in math, 42 percent in reading and 48 percent in science.

Pasadena's AP participation rate remains one of its strongest indicators, reflecting the campus' emphasis on expanding access to advanced coursework.

District impact

Pasadena ISD officials noted that the recognition reflects the district's ongoing commitment to preparing students for postsecondary success. While the district did not issue a formal press release with quotes, it publicly acknowledged the rankings and emphasized that the results highlight how campuses are serving diverse student populations – with most schools reporting high percentages of economically disadvantaged students – while maintaining strong graduation rates and expanding college readiness opportunities.

The district's performance aligns with broader statewide trends highlighted by U.S. News, which noted that Texas continues to rank among the top states for high school achievement due to its emphasis on AP participation, accountability systems and college readiness metrics.

Narayan added that the rankings are intended to help families understand how schools compare across the country.

"Our goal is to provide data that helps parents make informed decisions and recognize schools that are excelling," she said.

PISD, SJC, UHCL share stage



Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. Toni Lopez (right) is shown above addressing education at a recent luncheon sponsored by the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce. Also on the panel were San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer (center) and UH-Clear Lake Professor Dr. Ann Theodori (left).

Luncheon focuses on education

PISD, SJC, UHCL leaders address chamber of commerce

The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual State of Education Membership Luncheon Aug. 20 at Phillips Field House, bringing together educators and business leaders to discuss how local institutions are preparing students for tomorrow's opportunities.

The panel featured Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. Toni Lopez, San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer and UH-Clear Lake Professor Dr. Ann Theodori, each offering insights into their institution's achievements and priorities.

Pasadena ISD

Lopez highlighted Pasadena ISD's record 92 percent graduation rate for the Class of 2025, noting that the district has expanded college and career pathways to ensure students are ready for both higher education and the workforce.

The superintendent emphasized investments in tutoring, intervention systems, and family engagement, while pointing to partnerships with higher education as key to sustaining the district's upward trajectory.

San Jacinto College

Hellyer focused on San Jacinto College's role in workforce training and its expanding dual-credit programs with Pasadena ISD. She explained how the college is aligning curriculum with high-demand industries such as healthcare, petrochemical and technology, giving students the chance to earn credentials while still in high school. Hellyer underscored that these partnerships are vital to meeting regional workforce needs and providing students with clear pathways to stable careers.

UH-Clear Lake

Theodori discussed UH-Clear Lake's mission in teacher preparation and its collaborations with local schools to strengthen STEM education. She emphasized UHCL's community engagement role, connecting higher education resources with K-12 classrooms to expand opportunities for students in the region. Theodori noted that preparing future teachers and supporting STEM initiatives are central to UHCL's contribution to the broader educational ecosystem.

Chamber to host Evening of Cuisine

25th annual event to take place at UHCL Sept. 17

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for a milestone celebration with its 25th Annual Evening of Cuisine: Tastes and Traditions to be held on Thursday, Sept. 17, from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

This year's event will move to a new location – the Bayou Building at the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

The popular event, long a favorite among food lovers and local businesses, marks a quarter-century of supporting the chamber's mission and bringing the community together.

Attendees will have the chance to sample a wide array of dishes, including returning favorites and newcomers. The offerings will range from appetizers and entrées to desserts and beverages, showcasing the region's culinary diversity.

A new feature for the anniversary year will be the introduction of Celebrity Food Judges, including community leaders and local personalities. Judges will sample offerings from each vendor and award prizes in categories such as Best Appetizer, Best Entrée, Best Dessert, Best

Adult Beverage and Best Decorated Booth. Organizers state the awards will spotlight the creativity and talent of participating businesses.

In addition to unlimited tastings, guests can mingle with friends, business leaders, and fellow food enthusiasts as they explore the event. Complimentary beer and wine will be provided, adding to the festive atmosphere. Raffle tickets, \$10 per person or three for \$25, will be available for several raffle packages, including a state of Texas rocking chair.

Free parking will be available, making it easier for attendees to enjoy the event.

Now in its 25th year, the Evening of Cuisine continues to celebrate the restaurants, caterers and businesses that make the South Belt-Ellington area unique. Organizers say the silver anniversary event will honor that legacy while creating new memories for everyone involved.

Organizers encourage the community to join the festivities and celebrate 25 years of Tastes and Traditions. Tickets are on sale through the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce website at southbeltchamber.com.

Officials promote prostate screening

September marks Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

As September marks Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, Harris County Public Health wants to raise awareness about prevention to reduce the impact of this prevalent disease.

Prostate cancer is one of the most common cancers among men, but the risk can be significantly reduced through early detection and informed lifestyle choices.

Prostate cancer affects the prostate gland, a small organ located below the bladder in men. The prostate gland produces fluid that nourishes

and transports sperm, making it an essential part of the male reproductive system. When the cells in the prostate gland start to grow uncontrolled, a tumor can form, leading to prostate cancer. This type of cancer usually progresses slowly and may not produce noticeable symptoms during its initial stages.

The American Cancer Society estimates that about 333,830 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and approximately 36,320

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Man killed after jumping from vehicle

Driver fails to stop and render aid, sought by police

A man was killed in a hit-and-run accident around 2:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, on the Gulf Freeway near Scarsdale after jumping out of a moving vehicle during an argument with his sister, Houston police said.

The 26-year-old male is identified as Cristian Chicas Gongora.

According to Houston Police Department officials, a man was traveling north at the above address in a pickup truck, driving home from the Whiskey River nightclub in Webster with his girlfriend in the passenger seat and his girlfriend's brother in the back seat.

A fight between the two siblings escalated into a physical altercation when the brother punched his sister from behind. Investigators said the brother then attempted to jump out of the window of the truck. When this was unsuccessful, the man then opened the door of truck and jumped onto the freeway, as the vehicle was

traveling approximately 60 mph.

The man's sister and her boyfriend attempted to stop him from jumping but were not able to do so.

According to a witness, after the male fell onto the main lanes of traffic, he was struck by a white Chevrolet Camaro. The driver of the Camaro did not stop to provide assistance, police said.

Houston Fire Department paramedics responded to the incident and pronounced Gongora dead the scene.

The inbound lanes of traffic on the Gulf Freeway remained closed until around 6:45 a.m.

The investigation was ongoing at press time. Anyone with information on the driver or the vehicle in this case is urged to contact the HPD Hit and Run Unit at 713-247-4065 or speak anonymously to Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).



Garcia addresses luncheon

Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia delivers the keynote address at his annual State of the Precinct luncheon, held Thursday, Sept. 3, at the Pasadena Convention Center. Hosted by multiple area chambers of commerce, the event looked back on progress achieved by the precinct this past year, while also looking ahead to the future. See related photos on Page 3.

Photo by Bruce Summers

Deaths

Dennis Charles Johnson



Dennis Charles Johnson, age 66, died peacefully at his Sagement home on Aug. 22, surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife, Andrea Johnson; their children

Missy Mullins, her husband Keith, Dennis "Lil D" Johnson, their mother Elizabeth Johnson, Justin Barras, his wife Becki; Kaitie Barczak, her husband Chris, her mother Belinda Johnson, 10 grandchildren and many kids that called him "Dad." He is survived by his sister Rhonda Lott. He is preceded in death by his parents Jerry and Mina Selvidge and his sister Carrie Johnson Allen. Dennis was many things to many people and everything to his family. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Coast Guard. He was a member of the Patriot Guard and participated in many escorts of fallen heroes. He was an avid FFA Dad, loved barbecuing and attending events for his grandchildren. His home, his family and

Joseph Mykal Le

Joseph Mykal Le, 54, of Houston, passed away on Aug. 13, 2026, in Houston. Born on Nov. 29, 1971, in



Vietnam to Oanh Dinh Le and Don Thi Nguyen. Joseph was a lifelong resident of Houston.

He graduated in 1989 from J. Frank Dobie High School with honors and went on to obtain a master's degree in sociology from the University of Houston-Clear Lake. He built a career as an outreach coordinator and licensed master social worker for Harris County. His specialties were in policy, programs, community outreach, engagement, and volunteer management and was known by his colleagues for his dedication and commitment. He spent 27 years working with inner city youth programs as a liaison between Harris County and city of Houston. Prior to that, he worked for the Corporation for National Service (AmeriCorps *National Civilian Community Corps and AmeriCorps VISTA).

Joseph had a tremendous zest for life. His extensive

talents ranged from being a very talented mixologist to a fanatic fisherman, an avid golfer and poker player. He could always be counted on for anything.

He was the fourth of six siblings. He was a loyal son, a dedicated brother and a loving uncle. Not only did he have his immediate family, he was a part of all the relatives' family, as a loving first, second and third cousin. He was a constant source of laughter, guidance, protection and support for everyone. Joseph leaves behind countless cherished memories and will be missed for his endless laughter and generosity.

Visitation was held at Peevey Funeral Home, Thursday, Aug. 20, 2026. Mass was celebrated Friday, Aug. 21, at Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church, followed by Interment at Forest Park East Cemetery.

Connie Higgins



Connie Higgins, born Oct. 16, 1944, in Houston, passed away peacefully on Sept. 3, 2026, surrounded by her loved ones. She leaves behind a legacy of devotion, fierce loyalty and unforgettable joy.

Connie grew up with a vibrant spirit that carried throughout her life. She was a proud 1962 graduate of Austin High School. Following school, Connie dedicated over 30 years of her professional life to the trucking industry, spending the majority of her career as a steadfast employee at Clark Freight.

Faith and community were central to Connie's life. A devoted member of Sagement Church for over 55 years, she found deep fellowship and lifelong friendships within her Widow Sunday School group, which she actively participated in since 1998. Connie was also an endowed member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Park Place Chapter #731 in Houston, recently celebrating 41 years of service. She served as worthy matron in 1989 and later held the role of treasurer for many years.

Connie shared 26 years of marriage with her husband, Charlie Higgins. Together, they enjoyed barbecue cook-offs, close friends and beers at their favorite ice houses. After Charlie's passing, Connie continued the cook-off tradition alongside her dear friends, Kay and Danny Speigelhauer.

To know Connie was to know her love for simple pleasures and shared experiences; she never wanted to miss a good time, especially if it involved margaritas and Mexican food. She adored the beach, whether she was walking along the shore with her lifelong friend, Bert Flanagan, searching for shells or casting a fishing line. A die-hard Houston sports fan, she never missed an Astros Opening Day and cherished the memories of attending Texans games with her brother Bob Simmons, and sister-in-law, Marilyn. She also loved cruising the open seas with her siblings, listening to her favorite music, and hitting the dance floor. Above all, Connie was loving, kind, faithful and feisty — famous among family and friends for having the absolute best facial expressions.

Connie was preceded in death by her parents, Pat and Lucille Simmons; her husband, Charlie Higgins; and her brother, Bob Simmons.

She leaves behind a family who adored her: children Debra Golden (husband, Gerald) and Lisa Keane (husband, Patrick); grandchildren Courtney, Christina (wife, Sydney) and great-grandson Ryder and Corynne Golden and Trajan, Duncan and Maxwell Keane; siblings Patty Stuart (late husband, Gary), Richard Simmons (wife, Carol), sister-in-law Marilyn Simmons (late husband Bob) and Pat Simmons (wife, Shirley); as well as many cherished nieces and nephews.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to Magnolia Hospice Care for the compassionate and care they provided Connie.

Visitation will be Thursday, Sept. 10, from 5–8 p.m. with funeral service Friday, Sept. 11, at 2 p.m. at Forest Park Lawndale Funeral Home, 6900 Lawndale St.

Corey Frank McClure



Corey Frank McClure, 49, of Dickinson, passed away on Aug. 30, 2026. Born on Sept. 30, 1976, in Pasadena, Corey grew up in the Sagement area and graduated from Dobie High School in 1995.

Corey was the son of Tim McClure and Debi Hummel and brother to Ami Jones and Joshua Hummel.

Corey built a life centered around the people he loved. He was the husband of Kim Genarie McClure and the proud father of Maddison, Timothy and Kailey McClure.

Corey loved deeply and was loyal to the people he cared about. He had a big heart and showed it by taking care of others, always wanting to help when he could or

Sincerely,
Fred Flickinger
Council Member District E

find a way to make someone happy. Quick-witted and rarely without a joke, Corey had a way of bringing humor into just about any situation. He was also resourceful, the kind of guy who could MacGyver a solution to almost any problem. Life handed Corey way more than his fair share of challenges, but he was resilient, determined, and always found a way to keep moving forward.

More than anything, Corey loved his children. Maddison, Timothy, and Kailey were the center of his universe, and there was nothing more important to him than being their dad. He lived for them, loved them beyond measure, and found some of his greatest joy in the time they spent together.

Corey also found joy in the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing. One of his happiest places was casting a line at Lake Timpson, where life seemed a little simpler and worries could be left behind. Even better was getting to share that love with his children, creating memories with them doing something that brought him so much happiness.

Throughout his life, Corey's faith in the Lord was a source of strength and comfort. Today, his family holds tightly to that same faith, finding peace in knowing that the pain he carried in this life is gone and that Corey is now at peace in the presence of the Lord.

Corey is survived by his wife; his children; his mother and stepfather, Debi and Roger Hummel; his sister and brother-in-law, Ami and Tom Jones; his brother, Joshua Hummel; his niece, Reese Jones; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Monica and Phil Genarie; his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Kevin and Stella Genarie; his brother-in-law, Kyle Genarie; and his nephews, Landyn and Hayden Genarie.

He was preceded in death by his father, Tim McClure; his stepmother, Janice McClure; and his niece, Morgan Jones.

Family and friends are invited to gather in remembrance of Corey on Friday, Sept. 11, at Peevey Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer Road. Visitation will begin at 2 p.m., followed by a memorial service at 3 p.m.

Casual attire is welcomed to come together to remember Corey.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes memorial contributions to MoJo's Miracle at MoJo's Miracle www.mojosmiracle.com/donate or Breakthrough T1D at Breakthrough T1D www.breakthrought1d.org; two causes meaningful to Corey and his family.

Charles Jordan



Charles Jordan, born Aug. 19, 1950, has come to the end of his earthly journey, and surrounded by his family was ushered into his heavenly home on Sept. 5.

He was a hardworking, family-first man who spent his life providing for and taking care of those he loved. He had a long career with Southwestern Bell and AT&T, always working hard to make sure his family had more than they needed.

After retirement, his greatest joy was his family. He loved having the kids and grandkids gathered at the house and would often look around the room and say, "Look at all the generations here in this room."

That was his greatest legacy: his family.

Today, his place in that room feels empty, but the family finds comfort knowing he left this earthly life surrounded by the people he loved most.

One of the more memorable moments of his life, was saving local resident Monica Garza, of an attack by pit-bulls in March 2014. This act earned him recognition from Gov. Greg Abbott and a Carnegie Hero award and more importantly to him, formed a friendship between the two families that would last a lifetime.

Charles is preceded in death by his parents, his sister, one of his granddaughters and son-in-law. He is survived by his wife, Sharon, of 57 years, his daughters, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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In My Opinion

Public facts needed to exercise free speech

It takes time and energy to keep a close watch on our government, but it's our right as citizens. Really, it's a duty. Transparency laws along with liberties granted by the U.S. Constitution help us do the job.

Access to public information and free speech go hand in hand. We can't effectively speak to and about our government without knowing the facts.

Yet freedom of speech and one of the state's main transparency laws, the Texas Public Information Act, are in the spotlight amid concerns they are being eroded. The Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas will explore these topics at its state conference "Tracking the Truth, Safeguarding First Amendment Rights" on Sept. 18 in Austin.

Free expression on college campuses is the focus of the conference's opening session, featuring former KUT News general manager Debbie Hiott, whose recent firing by the University of Texas at Austin ignited a free speech and transparency controversy. The conference will also include First Amendment experts; a look at access to immigration enforcement information; a keynote address by Garrett Haake, chief White House correspondent for NBC News; and a session on using the Texas Public Information Act.

Despite a weakening of the Public Information Act over the years, the 53-year-old law still allows light to shine on government to answer essential questions about how taxpayer money is spent and how government officials make decisions. At its core, as it was written and intended, the law is strong and protects citizens' right to know. That's because government information is presumed to be open, unless a legal

exemption to disclosure exists.

This structure gives power to the people by requiring a governmental body that seeks to withhold information to argue why it should be permitted to do so. In most cases, it must seek a ruling from the Texas Attorney General's Office.

That means the attorney general fulfills a vital oversight role. It's a much better system than letting government officials make those decisions themselves, something the opening words of the Public Information Act warn against.

"The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know," the law states.

But there are problems with the act we cannot ignore.

Some governments abuse the law by delaying information releases. They unnecessarily seek attorney general rulings when information is clearly public or give requesters unfair expensive cost estimates for obtaining records. Some misuse the attorney-client privilege and litigation exceptions and others try to block disclosure of information.

The act needs stronger enforcement measures. This can take several forms. One method is to ensure that records requestors who must go to court to force the release of information can recover their legal fees from that government. Currently, this isn't a given in Texas.

The state Legislature should address these areas in its 2027 session. We need a back-to-basics approach to the Public Information Act to remain true to its intent of helping citizens watch over their public servants and tax dollars. Our information rights give us the ability to track the truth as we use our free speech rights to make our voices heard.

Kelley Shannon

St. Luke the Evangelist Church hosts vaccination clinic

Walgreens will sponsor a vaccination clinic at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church from 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 13 in the Social Hall, 11011 Hall Road.

Flu, COVID-19 and Tdap (tetanus and whooping cough) vaccines will be provided. Free vaccine vouchers are available for uninsured individuals ages 64 and younger. For more information, visit <https://stlukesatholic.com/events/2026-st-luke-vaccination-clinic>.

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, Sept. 10, 4 – 5 p.m. Lego club. Registration required. Saturday, Sept. 12, 2 – 4 p.m. Saturdays at HPL. Registration required. Monday, Sept. 14, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Bring family to storytime. Registration required. Tuesday, Sept. 15, 4 – 5 p.m. Family craft adventure. Registration required. Wednesday, Sept. 16, 5 – 7 p.m. Teen movie time. 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, Sept. 10, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Toddler time. Friday, Sept. 11, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Pokemon club. Saturday, Sept. 12, 10 a.m. – noon. Tai Chi. Sunday, Sept. 12, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Painting flowers with Malu (18+). Registration required.

Saturday, Sept. 12, 1 – 2:30 p.m. Korean language music class. Registration required. Monday, Sept. 14, 1 – 2:30 p.m. Basic computer classes with Harris County universal services. Registration required.

Monday, Sept. 14, 1 – 2 p.m. ESL conversation club (various levels). Monday, Sept. 14, 6 – 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi. Tuesday, Sept. 15, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Babies and books. Wednesday, Sept. 16, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Moon festival and lantern craft. Wednesday, Sept. 16, 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.

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David Flickinger, owner

Elected officials share their words

Letter from Fred Flickinger

Dear District E Residents,

We've hit the ground running with the start of the school year and are already gearing up for National Night Out on Tuesday, October 6th. Since its founding in 1984, National Night Out has served as a national crime-prevention initiative aimed at furthering police-community partnerships, fostering neighborhood camaraderie, and deterring criminal activity. I'm looking forward to this year's National Night Out, visiting as many neighborhoods as possible and interacting with the community. I encourage all to take the opportunity to participate in these events by reaching out to one's local community or homeowner's association, to make sure we have one's event on our radar please visit this link.

With public safety being a priority heading into fall, I wanted to share how my Council District Service Fund is being utilized this fiscal year. At the beginning of each fiscal year, July, I submit projects for approval to the Mayor's Office and City Legal Department. These projects are based on the District E Case Work, which is derived from phone calls and emails from District E residents. Council District Service Funds are provided to each District Council Member through the City's General Fund and separated into two buckets. One bucket is for infrastructure-related projects used in District E mostly for panel replacements while the other is utilized for more diverse district needs like supporting police overtime.

Those submittals include our monthly weekend electronic recycling events, mowing across District E, removal of dead and dangerous trees along major thoroughfares, and over \$120,000 dedicated to increasing public safety for District E through Houston Police Department Overtime Initiatives and Houston Fire Department equipment. Each project was carefully selected to meet the needs of all District E residents. The infrastructure projects have also been approved, and we expect them to begin

before the end of the year. The infrastructure projects include panel replacements on Bay Area Blvd, Space Center Blvd, and Kingwood Drive. We look forward to working with our City Departments to start these projects before the end of the year.

Finally, I want District E residents to save the date for upcoming town hall meetings in September and October. Doors will open for browsing booths at 5 p.m., and the presentations will start at 6 p.m.

Kingwood/Lake Houston

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 5 to 8 p.m.

Kingwood Community Center
4102 Rustic Woods Drive
Kingwood, Texas 77345

Clear Lake

Thursday, Oct. 8, 5 to 8 p.m.

Space Center Houston
1601 E NASA Pkwy
Houston, Texas 77058

Southeast

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 5 to 8 p.m.

St. Augustine Catholic Church
5560 Laurel Creek Way
Houston, Texas 77017

I have also extended invitations to several city departments, including Houston Public Works and Houston Parks and Recreation, as well as a range of community speakers and elected officials. In addition to various information tables for residents to peruse before the meetings begin. I look forward to everyone hearing these updates and addressing community questions, comments, and concerns. If one has a question one would like to ask, click here. This is the perfect opportunity to engage with one's community and have questions answered. We hope everyone will join us. Feel free to invite a neighbor, friend, or colleague! Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sincerely,
Fred Flickinger
Council Member District E

Pct. 2 promotes Britt, Suarez



Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia (shown left and below) recently hosted a promotion ceremony to celebrate the promotions of two longtime members of the Precinct 2 force. Former Deputy Monica Suarez is shown below being promoted to corporal. Former Corporal Vance Britt is shown to the left being promoted to sergeant. "Today, we proudly recognized two members of our team for their dedication, hard work and commitment to serving our community," a post on Garcia's Facebook page read. "Congratulations!"

Photos courtesy of Precinct 2



Pasadena ISD fine arts sets dates

Pasadena ISD has announced dates for its September – October fine arts performances.

Pasadena Memorial High School Broadway Nights – Sept. 25 – 26, 7:30 – 10 p.m., at PMHS dining hall. Admission is \$15.

PMHS The Play That Goes Wrong (fall play) – Oct. 1, 7 – 9 p.m., Oct. 2, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. and 7 – 9 p.m., Oct. 3, 7 – 9 p.m., at PMHS auditorium. Admission for adults \$8 and stu-

dents \$5.

UIL Region marching contest (all high schools) – Oct. 17, 6 – 9:45 p.m., at Channelview High School. Admission is \$5.

Fred Roberts Middle School fall concert – Oct. 22, 6 – 7 p.m., at Fred Roberts cafeteria.

Thompson Intermediate fall concert – Oct. 22, 7 – 8 p.m., at Thompson cafeteria.

PMHS fall orchestra concert – Oct. 27, 6 – 7 p.m., at PMHS auditorium.



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Thompson cheer celebrates Red and White Weekend

Thompson Intermediate School recently held their annual Red and White Weekend event as students and their families gathered to support the football and volleyball teams. The event included food trucks, a book fair and performances by the students.



Left to right, are Thompson cheerleaders (front row) Arianna Molina, Demi Gaitan-Williams, Capt. Nathalia Blanc-Candelaria, Aubrey Barajas, Soraya Shah, Emilie Umanzor, Jazlynn Sanchez, (back row) Marilyn Basurto, Taryn Beason, Presley McMurry, Gabriella Christensen, Sofia Nava, Olivia Cavazos, Melanie Charles and coach Meagan Wisniewski.

AARP Webster sets September meeting

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 is welcoming one to join them at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 10, 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 at 9:30 a.m. 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 program will be a fire safety presentation by a member of the League City Fire Department.

AARP Chapter 199 is hosting a bus trip on Tuesday, Sept. 22. They will tour Chappell Hill Lavender Fields in Brenham. Trip price is \$5, plus lunch. One may register for this trip at the Sept. 10 AARP meeting. One must be a member of Chapter 199 to participate in the chapter's 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_stfrd46@yahoo.

PPL holds free Hispanic Heritage Month celebration

Pasadena Public Library invites the community to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at Viva la Biblioteca on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fairmont Library, 4330 Fairmont Parkway.

The free event will bring families and neighbors together for an afternoon of live music, dance, art, children's activities and community resources while celebrating Hispanic culture and traditions. Families may enter their names for a chance to win door prizes. The event is open to all ages, and no registration is required. The day's performances will include Sam Rayburn High School Mariachi Los Tejanos, the Salsa Teen Team from Salsa y Bachata Pasadena and South Theatre from San Jacinto College. The event will also feature an art exhibition by local artist Victoria Armenta. For more information, visit PasadenaLibrary.org or contact Jonathan Hua at jhua@pasadenatx.gov or 713-475-7008.

Hometown Heroes Park hosts free ballroom dance

A free ballroom dance is held every Wednesday from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 East League City Parkway, League City. Everyone is welcome regardless of skill level.

The dance is casual dress, and the purpose is to have fun, get some mental and physical exercise and make friends. A variety of rhythms are provided by Neva and Bill Schroder, including foxtrot, waltz, rumba, cha-cha, tango, Viennese waltz, swing, West Coast swing and several popular Latin dances. Several dancers have attended regularly since the dance began in 2012. Lasting friendship is a bonus of this weekly event. Walk-ins are welcome to share in the fun.

The ballroom has a large floating hardwood floor and natural light from many windows and a wall of mirrors. While this regular dance is provided free by volunteers, there is a fee for age-dependent nonresidents and nonsenior residents. The fees are handled entirely by the front office at Hometown Heroes Park. Information is available by calling 281-554-1185.

Pct. 2's Garcia holds annual State of the Precinct luncheon



Dozens of elected officials and community leaders attended the annual State of the Precinct luncheon, hosted by Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia. Shown above at the event are, left to right, Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia; Chris Clark, Clear Brook City MUD board; state Rep. Dennis Paul,

HD 129; Cecelia Gange, Clear Brook City MUD general manager; Kendra Green, Clear Brook City MUD office manager; and Karen Richard McMullan, Clear Brook City MUD board. See related photo on Page 1.

Photos by Bruce Summers



Shown left to right are Benjamin DeLeon, Government Relations at Memorial Hermann Health System, government relations manager; Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto

College, chancellor; Ezreal Garcia, San Jacinto College Foundation, treasurer; and Christian Bionat, San Jacinto College, vice chancellor external relations.



Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin (left) and San Jacinto College board member Larry Wilson attend luncheon.



Shown, left to right, are Sarah Ferguson, HomeBank, partnership development officer; Kristi Konkaba, South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, chair; Kenny Konkaba, Frost Bank, senior vice presi-

dent; Wendy Drapela, One Stop Tents & Events, director of sales; and Stephanie Clawson, Houston Methodist Clear Lake Hospital, community outreach specialist.

Evening of Cuisine 25 Years of Tastes & Traditions



Thursday, September 17, 2026, 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
University of Houston Clear Lake - Bayou Building



Advance tickets \$40. \$45 at the door.
Kids 4-12 are \$10.
Kids under 4 years old are free.
Scan the QR code for more information.



Lariaette of the Week, Sept. 4



The J. Frank Dobie Lariaette of the Week of Sept. 4 is sophomore Ava Orellana, a first-year member.

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Vehicle strikes Sageglen sign



The welcome sign to the Sageglen subdivision on Scarsdale near Beamer was recently struck by a vehicle, causing it to topple. While the sign itself was largely undamaged, the attached plaque was shattered.

Clear Brook Speech and Debate takes on a new season

On Sept. 4 and 5, Clear Brook Speech and Debate roared into the new season close to home at Clear Lake High School in pursuit of TFA state qualifications. The World Schools debate teams went to battle with teams from Clear Springs and Elkins regarding the correct form of funding in democratic elections as well as whether to allow the romanticization of toxic relationships in fictional media. After two days,

two of our teams made their way to finals and closed out for Clear Brook first and second place finishes. The team that placed first was comprised of Jackson Barnett, Hania Khan, Jaza Sheikh and Alaina Van, who earned six TFA state points each. The second place team consisted of Lydia Hartless, Zaahid Mansoor and Tay Vo, who received four state points each. On the speech side, the Wolverines showcased their creative talent with Sara Sijo and Sophia Merchant breaking to finals in Dramatic Interpretation, with Sijo placing first and Merchant placing fourth. This puts them at six and two TFA points respectively. In addition, first-time Informative speakers Amberly Huynh and Ricki Fort also made their way to finals, with Huynh placing fourth and Fort placing fifth, putting them at two and one state points respectively. This

puts the team's state point total at 47 for this season so far – after only one tournament. Furthermore, Zaahid Mansoor also broke to semifinals in Foreign Extemporaneous Speaking but missed the final round by only three ranks. All in all, Wolverine Speech and Debate had a winning start to the year and looks forward to a showing in two weeks at the Memorial/Spring Woods Swing, and a memorable season overall.



Clear Brook Speech and Debate members shown above are, left to right, (front row) Tay Vo, Lydia Hartless, Zaahid Mansoor, (middle row) Katherine Abbott, Cole Nickelson, Jenna Joshy, Sophia Moradi, (back row) Hania Khan, Jaza Sheikh, Jackson Barnett and Alaina Van.

New Choate Road signal appears



A new traffic signal was recently erected and activated on FM-1959/Dixie Farm Road at Choate Road near the Gulf Freeway. The signal is presumably to accommodate the incoming Quick Trip truckstop, which appears to be opening soon following months of

construction. Longtime South Belt residents may remember that Choate Road was formerly the name of Dixie Farm Road before the area thoroughfare changed its name in the 1980s.

Photo by James Bolen

Cowgirls of the week



The Sagemont Cowboys recently announced the Cowgirls of the week. Left to right, are Mini of the Week Nyah Burke, Cheerleader of the Week Mia Morales and Dancer of the Week Jayla Jackson.

County promotes prostate screening

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will die from the disease in 2026. About 1 in 8 men (12.5 percent) will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during their lifetime.

The following factors can increase chances of getting the disease:

- Age (Almost all prostate cancer occurs in men 50 and over.)
- Race (Black men have a higher risk of being diagnosed.)
- Family history (One is at a higher risk if a close relative had prostate cancer as well as breast, ovarian, or pancreatic cancer.)
- Genetics (Certain gene mutations such as BRCA1 and BRCA2 might play a role.)
- Diet (Eating large amounts of red meat and processed foods can increase the risk.)

Prostate cancer symptoms differ between persons. Most men do not have symptoms at all. Although some of these symptoms may be caused by conditions other than prostate cancer, one should see their doctor right away if they have any of the following:

- Difficulty starting urination
- Weak or interrupted flow of urine
- Urinating often, especially at night
- Trouble emptying the bladder completely

– Pain or burning during urination

– Blood in the urine or semen

– Pain in the back, hips, or pelvis that doesn't go away

– Painful ejaculation

Screening for prostate cancer aims to find the cancer early enough to treat and cure it. The two most common methods of detecting prostate cancer are a blood test called the prostate-specific antigen test and a physical examination known as a digital rectal exam. If the results from either test are concerning, one's doctor may recommend a biopsy to confirm a diagnosis of prostate cancer.

Taking care of one's health can lower the chances of developing prostate cancer. This involves adopting healthy habits, such as eating a balanced diet with plenty of fruits, vegetables and whole grains. One should also stay physically active and limit the amount of processed foods and red meat one consumes.

Additionally, one should talk with their doctor to determine if screening is right for them. Scheduling routine checkups and screenings with one's healthcare provider is important to stay on top of their health. Early detection saves lives.

For more information, visit the CDC's Prostate Cancer page at www.cdc.gov/cancer/prostate/index.htm.

Remember When

50 years ago (1976)

A 100-ton bulldozer traveled approximately a quarter of a mile unattended in Kirkwood South. It was apparently started by vandals who fled. It demolished two homes then crashed into a third. It stopped after coming within four feet of 7-year-old Sharon Boggan who escaped uninjured.

Local politicians including Tom Bass, Shell Martin, James Wells, and a representative for Bill Caraway were featured speakers at the Beverly Hills Civic Club meeting.

Several Kirkwood South residents attended a meeting regarding the organization of a civic club for the subdivision. Craig Myers was chosen as acting president, Roy Behrens as acting vice president and Glenn Harris as acting treasurer.

During the first eight months of 1976, the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department had made more responses than in all of 1975.

45 years ago (1981)

Houston mayoral candidates Louis Macey and Kathy Whitmire visited the Sagemont Civic Club.

Burglars attempted to steal a 2,000-pound safe from the Safeway grocery store on Hughes at the South Belt. Police theorized that the burglars broke into the store and carried the safe to the rear of the store on a dolly where they loaded it onto a stolen U-Haul truck. However, when the truck pulled away from the bay, the safe slid out of the truck and was apparently too heavy to lift back.

40 years ago (1986)

Dobie graduate John W. Sencay, 23, was killed near Baybrook Mall after the car in which he was riding was hit broadside by a pick-up truck.

A Texas Education Agency hearings examiner recommended to State Education Commissioner W. N. Kirby that the Green Tee Terrace subdivision be allowed to detach from the Clear Creek

school district and be annexed by the Pearland school district.

35 years ago (1991)

A man reported to be in his mid-20s removed a window pane in a Rainbow Valley home. He then entered the room, put his hand over a 10-year-old girl's mouth, grabbed her and carried her from her bed. She fought him as he took her outside. She managed to slip out of her nightshirt and get away from the man and seek help from her father.

The arrest of two men in a rent-by-the-week motel in the 6700 block of Telephone Road was expected to clear up as many as 60 burglaries,

14 of them in the South Belt area.

30 years ago (1996)

At the annual South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce banquet, Billy Burge of the Ayrshire Corporation was named Citizen of the Year.

No Brio contaminants showed up in underground water which was tested up to 2 miles from the superfund site.

25 years ago (2001)

Due to the terrorist attacks on Tuesday, Sept. 11, between one-fourth and one-half of students were taken out of local schools before the end of the day.

An F-16, similar to those

which left Ellington Field to accompany President George W. Bush's flight on Sept. 11, was on display at the entrance to the Texas Air National Guard section of Ellington Field. The 147th guarded Air Force One as it was thought to be a target of terrorists.

A total of three shootings were reported in the South Belt community over a four-day period.

20 years ago (2006)

Deputies from Constable Gary Freeman's office received several calls regarding family disturbances and assaults.

Michelle Reynolds was named assistant principal at Thompson Intermediate.

The Lockheed Martin Corporation was awarded the contract to develop and design the next space vehicle to succeed the shuttle – the Crew Exploration Vehicle (CEV).

15 years ago (2011)

The City of Houston released the results of a violation sweep in the Sagemont subdivision, with a total of 180 citations being issued.

The block-by-block campaign was done at the behest of the Sagemont Civic Club. The civic organization initially requested that the city enforce its heavy-trash regulations, but officials responded with a comprehensive sweep that found violators of multi-

ple city codes and ordinances. Of the 180 citations issued, 49 were for heavy-trash violations, 20 were for junk motor vehicles and the remaining 111 were for minimum standard violations, such as high grass, peeling paint and trash on property. Violators were subject to fines ranging from \$50 to \$2,000.

10 years ago (2016)

A home on Corkwood near Grapewood was destroyed by fire Tuesday, Sept. 6. The fire was electrical in nature. No one was injured in the fire.

5 years ago (2021)

At least four former Dobie students died within three days of each other from com-

plications associated with COVID-19. William Wendell Prevost, 59, died Sept. 2; Thuy Epperson (Class of 1989), 50, died Sept. 1; Linda Jackson Salas (Class of 1984), 55, died Sept. 3; and Sam Eaves (Class of 1979) died Sept. 2; all died from problems related to the disease. The deaths came as the number of COVID-19 cases continued to grow nationwide with the advent of the novel Delta variant. At least one of the victims had not been vaccinated. At least one was also suffering from underlying conditions.

1 year ago (2025)

A group of Pasadena ISD staff members had the honor of hearing from former astronaut Fred Haise, Apollo 13 lunar module pilot and a part of one of NASA's most historic missions.



Over The Back Fence by Nicole

SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY SUMMER GRADUATES

Congratulations to the following area students who received degrees during the 2026 summer semester at Sam Houston State University: **Kayleen Leal**, Bachelor of Science, criminal justice; and **Jocelyn Villarreal**, Master of Arts, higher education administration.

DAVID ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY

Former South Belt resident **David Griffin**, is wished a happy birthday Sept. 13 from his wife **Angela**; sons **Robert** and **Kenney Griffin**; sister **Tracy** and husband **Jim Giles**; sons **Cody Giles Aaron** and wife **Ashley Giles** and children **Jaxson** and **Jace**; daughter **Kristen**; and friends in the South Belt area.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Sept. 10 through Sept. 16.

Atkinson Elementary

Send a birthday greeting Sept. 12 to **Claudia Hernandez**.

Burnett Elementary

Sing a happy birthday song to **Marlene Balderas** Sept. 11. Remember to wish **Kathy Monford** a happy birthday Sept. 16.

Frazier Elementary

Light the birthday candles for **Olga Uresti** Sept. 16.

Genoa Elementary

Send a birthday greeting Sept. 10 to **Brenda Valenzuela**. Light the birthday candles Sept. 15 for **Amy Shaw**.

Moore Elementary

Sept. 10 is the day for **Maria Molina** to enjoy cake and ice cream. The day for a birthday gift for **Adelita Moreno** is Sept. 15.

South Belt Elementary

Break out the balloons and birthday cake Sept. 14 for **Maryann Albert** and **Traci Medina**.

Stuchbery Elementary

The day for birthday cake and ice cream for **Lauren Keith** is Sept. 12.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

Break out the balloons and the birthday cake Sept. 10 for **America Mendoza**. Blow out the birthday candles for **Jennifer Ciurca** Sept. 11.

Thompson Intermediate

Birthday greetings go out to **Arianna Ibarra** Sept. 14.

Dobie High

Celebrating a special birthday Sept. 10 is **Mildred Mathews**. Break out the birthday balloons and party favors Sept. 11 for **Shenitra Glosson**. Light the birthday candles on Sept. 13 for **Jennifer Bland**, **Erika Garcia** and **Gloria Cortez**. Blow out the birthday candles for a celebration Sept. 14 for **Rodney Pannell**. Birthday greetings go out to **Ryan Peel** Sept. 15. **Daisy**

Rodriguez celebrates a birthday Sept. 16.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

Thursday, Sept. 10: **Shellie Ortiz**, **Veronica Adame**, **Robert Resendez**, **Emily Auffarber**, **Suzy Krienitz**, **Diane Hall**, **Christy Cobb** and **Charles Monty**; Friday, Sept. 11: **Kyle Patterson**, **Amber Edwards**, **Sherrie Hosek-Vandament**, **Phillip Ford** and **Dan Sciba**. Saturday, Sept. 12: **Tracy Cavazos-Garcia**, **Rhoda Mohr**, **Christian Muñoz** and **Jessica Moore**; Sunday, Sept. 13: **Matthew Koska**, **Michelle Perez**, **Holly Kopoulos**, **Lisa Clinton**, **Joe Sanchez** and **Kathryn Nguyen-Maldonado**; Monday, Sept. 14: **Michele Guerrero**, **Eric Brown**, **Elaine Baker**, **Jacob Lacadou**, **Julie Lakota**, **Tom Gollightly**, **Michael York**, **Dolph Larson**, **Kristi Okwuonu** and **Mark Husband**; Tuesday, Sept. 15: **Dawnella Woods**, **Jackie Williams**, **Patricia Jones**, **Crystal McGoldrich**, **Kristi Ortiz**, **David Young**, **Shawn Black** and **Michelle Poole**; and Wednesday, Sept. 16: **Peter Hoth**, **Kairy Barkley**, **Jorge Sanchez**, **Mark Wilson**, **Brandy Rogers**, **Claude Van Court**, **Angela Starr**, **Anna Aranova** and **Melissa Norman**.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Longhorns to host Oilers to open 19-6A action

Through the pure luck of the draw, Dobie will open the District 19-6A varsity football race to the playoffs by hosting defending league champion Pearland Sept. 10, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

The Longhorns will be looking to quickly shake off any effects remaining from a 47-30 loss to Alief Taylor on the road Sept. 4 at Crump Stadium.

Taylor quarterback Nick Congolo passed for 344 yards and three touchdowns to keep his team undefeated at 2-0, while the Longhorns saw their record even at 1-1 despite a furious late rally in the game.

Now it's on to league play as two teams with designs on making their way to the 6A Division 1 postseason bracket will go head-to-head.

The Oilers, aiming to repeat as league champions, have had little trouble in getting off to a 2-0 start following a 49-3 victory over Clear Falls on opening night, followed by a 38-14 hammering of Katy Paetow in Week 2.

The Longhorn defense, which saw Alief Taylor do plenty of damage through the air, will now have to deal with a potent rushing attack from the Oilers.

Junior tailback Royce

JFD football hosts Pearland Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m. PISD Veterans

Swan went for more than 200 yards in the season opener, and senior Ryan Miller has also been effective in the run game while backing up Swan.

The Pearland offensive line, anchored by Roy Swan, has allowed the Oilers to put up plenty of points through two games.

To this point in the season, the usual suspects have performed exceptionally well for their teams through the first two weeks and other players have emerged.

For the undefeated Oilers, Royce Swan leads the league in rushing with 362 yards and four touchdowns, while Adrian Taylor of Dobie picked up 169 and a pair of touchdowns against Taylor to give him 283 overall on 39 carries with three scores.

Tracey Gosh of Alvin is third in The district in rushing with 264 yards on 30 carries.

Quarterback Brayden Tuiasasopo of Manvel has led the Mavericks to a 2-0

start as he has averaged 11 yards per carry, going for 220 on just 20 carries at this point.

Noah Rosas of Sam Rayburn has also averaged more than 11 yards per carry as he has gained 203 yards on just 18 carries, while Manvel's Kenneth Malone-Hays has rushed for 191 yards on just 17 carries.

Dobie will be looking to score its first victory over the Oilers in the Class 6A division.

Both programs will be headed to the Division 1 playoff bracket when the postseason begins in November, and the Longhorns are intent on making a return after missing out last season.

Dobie's rushing attack appears to be in great shape with Taylor and Tyler Owens coming through in a big way.

It's very possible that the game boils down to the Longhorns being able to hold Royce Swan in check in the trenches.



Dobie defensive back Victor Alaniz goes high in the air to break up a two-point conversion attempt by Alief Taylor during the action between the two programs Sept. 4 at Crump Stadium. Photo by Kendrick Ramos

Dobie boys' runners compete at Region 3 Preview invite

Focused on getting a look at how the competition will stack up in just a few short weeks at regionals, the Dobie varsity boys' team ran at the University Interscholastic League Region 3 Cross-Country Preview at Kate Barr Ross Memorial Park in Huntsville.

Ryan Beken of College Park was the overall gold medalist in the Orange 5,000-meter division as he completed the event at 15 minutes, 14.90 seconds.

As for the Longhorns, junior Cruz Jasso was 15th overall as he finished with

a time of 16:06.20. Next up for the Longhorns was junior Jordan Roman, whose time of 16:53.80 was 45th overall.

Jorge Rodriguez of Dobie produced a time of 18:05.20 for 145th place, and teammate Mathew Dunn was 154th as he was in at 18:34.80. The Longhorns' Ruben Flores placed 159th after he made his way to the finish line in a time of 18:44.00.

Jaden Moron of Dobie, a sophomore, was 167th as his official time was 18:58.90.

In the varsity girls' 5,000-meter Orange divi-

CCISD Athletic Hall of Honor holds 2026 ceremony Sept. 19

The Clear Brook Wolverines will once again be featured prominently as the Clear Creek ISD Athletic Hall of Honor will host its 2026 induction ceremony Sept. 19. Among the 2026 class is former Clear Creek ISD three-sport standout Meredith Phillips Thompson, who has been Brook's head volleyball coach for many seasons.

Also representing Clear Brook will be 1999 graduate Deryell Patterson, who excelled on the football field as well as in track and field.

The other individual athlete inductees include Annette Karley Propp of Clear Lake High School, a 1988 graduate who was a four-sport star in volleyball, basketball, golf and track and field.

Brian Williams was a member of the 1989 Clear Lake High School State Championship boys' basketball team and also competed in track and field before graduating in 1990.

Lauren Vie was a state level golfer and graduated in 2007 from Clear Lake High School.

Brooke McCarty-Williams was one of the orig-

Clear Brook inductees Meredith Phillips Thompson Wolverine volleyball head coach

Deryell Patterson Class of 1999

Ceremony at Challenger Columbia Field house, 11:30 a.m.

inal varsity girls' basketball stars at Clear Springs High School before her graduation in 2014.

Landon Etzel, a 2016 graduate of Clear Creek High School, was a three-sport star in football, baseball and track and field.

The coaching inductees for 2026 include a pair of illustrious leaders from Clear Lake High School. Carolyn Criado led the Falcons' varsity girls' golf program from 2004 through 2023.

Thomas Landgraf guided the Falcons' swimming and diving program as well as its standout water polo program from 1992 through 2011.

Water polo unfortunately has not been considered by the Hall of Honor com-

mittee to this point as it was not an official UIL sport until this decade.

Among the team inductees for 2026 are the 1964 Clear Creek varsity girls' basketball state runner-up, the 1988 Clear Lake girls' cross-country state champions and the 2007 Clear Lake girls' golf state champions.

The induction ceremony will take place Sept. 19 at the Clear Creek ISD Challenger Columbia Field House.

The Clear Creek ISD Athletic Hall of Honor committee each school year honors some of the top athletes and coaches from the long history of the school district. This is the 10th year for Hall of Honor inductions.

JFD tennis program plans Remembering Ike

The 16th annual Remembering Ike invitational tennis tournament is coming Sept. 11-12 as the Longhorns will join Clear Springs, Fort Bend Austin, Fort Bend Ridge Point, Dickinson, Friendswood, Galveston Ball and La Porte in a battle for the 2026 championship.

Dickinson at Friendswood
Fort Bend Austin at Ball
(at Galveston)

Ridge Point at Dobie

La Porte at Clear Springs
First round Sept. 11, 2:30 p.m.

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Junior Cruz Jasso has competed at a high level throughout the cross-country season to this point and has positioned himself for a possible regional invitation in a few weeks. The Longhorns will also automatically qualify for regionals as a team with a top two finish at the district championships. Photos by Kendrick Ramos



A regional qualifier last season, Longhorn senior Aracely Alvarado has certainly again been at her best in 2026 and could very well be in line for a repeat trip to the Region 3 championships. Photos by Kendrick Ramos

Dobie hosts Longhorn Stampede

Sept. 17, 7 a.m.

at Dobie main

Dobie at South Houston Tune-Up

Sept. 25, 7:15 a.m.

Crenshaw Park



The Dobie varsity boys' cross-country team turned in an exceptional performance at the UIL Region 3 Preview meet in Huntsville Sept. 5 and should ride into the postseason in just a few weeks with plenty of confidence while trying to

recapture the district championship. Members of the team with coach Stephen Cross are, left to right, Jordan Roman, Ruben Flores, Wilfredo Chinchilla, Jaden Moron, Jorge Rodriguez, Cruz Jasso and Matthew Dunn.

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BAFL Weekly Standings

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

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

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

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

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

BAFL Week 4

Cowboys' PW 24
Sharks 6

Cowboys' Fr. 13
Sharks 0

Cowboys' Soph. 0
Sharks 40

Cowboys' Jrs. 44
Sharks 0

Cowboys' Srs. 6
Sharks 22

BAFL Week 5

Cowboys' Peewee
host Chargers, 8
a.m.

Cowboys' Freshmen
host Chargers,
9:30 a.m.

Cowboys'
Sophomores
host Chargers,
11:30 a.m.

Cowboys' Juniors
host Chargers,
1:30 p.m.

Cowboys' Seniors
host Chargers, 3:30
p.m.

South Belt
football
predictions

			
John Bechtle	Emory Gadd	Stephen Sutton	Debbie Vaughn
Dobie hosts Pearland	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie
Pearland			
Clear Creek at Channelview	Channelview	Channelview	Channelview
Channelview			
Clear Falls hosts Elkins	Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Elkins
Elkins			
Dickinson hosts Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita
Atascocita			
Deer Park at Kingwood	Kingwood	Deer Park	Deer Park
Deer Park			
Barbers Hill at Dayton	Barbers Hill	Barbers Hill	Barbers Hill
Barbers Hill			
Clear Brook hosts Cypress Ridge	Cypress Ridge	Cypress Ridge	Cypress Ridge
Cypress Ridge			
Clear Springs at George Ranch	George Ranch	George Ranch	George Ranch
George Ranch			
North Shore vs. Dallas South Oak Cliff	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore
Dallas South Oak Cliff			
Summer Creek at North Crowley	North Crowley	North Crowley	North Crowley
North Crowley			
Last Week's Results	6-4	8-2	7-3
7-3			
Season record	13-7	14-6	12-8
12-8			
			13-7

Lexie leads Lamar



Lamar University junior Lexie Gonzalez and her teammates with the Cardinal women's volleyball program have started a bit slowly this season at 0-5 prior to a road match at Houston Sept. 8 after press time. The Cardinals will look to get things rolling as they compete in the Southern Miss Invitational Sept. 11-13. Gonzalez collected a team-high 77 assists through the first five matches of the 2026 season and will soon eclipse 2,000 career assists.

SBGSA honors longtime contributor Ramirez



Officials with the South Belt Girls Softball Association highlighted the opening of the 2026 fall season by honoring longtime contributor Robert Ramirez, a former board member within the league and still a frequent field maintenance specialist. Ramirez is a Houston firefighter who has been a part

of Station 70, otherwise known as the Beamer House. Those helping Ramirez celebrate during his special day included, left to right, Diamond Grote, Angeles Nunez, Rick Villanueva, Ramirez, Adrian De La Fuente, Maria Salinas and Cecilia Forero.

Deer Park, Barbers Hill emerge in 18-6A football pack

One would be foolish to judge the eventual outcome of a Region 3 high school football race based on the results of the first two weeks of the season. Strength of schedule must

certainly be considered when judging just how a race may shake out down the line.

With that said, there's no doubt that Deer Park and 6A newcomer Barbers

Hill have turned heads within the newly formed 18-6A ranks as both teams are out to perfect 2-0 starts following, quite honestly, very solid performances against the opposition.

Deer Park, which certainly will eventually battle Dickinson for the top spot in the Division 1 post-season bracket, has cruised out to a 2-0 start and will play at Kingwood, also 2-0, Sept. 10 at Turner Stadium in Humble.

The Deer Park/Kingwood matchup should really tell the tale of just where both programs are headed. Deer Park opened the season by blanking Dawson 35-0 at The Rig, then followed that up with a 41-17 home win over La

Porte, which a bit surprisingly has opened its season at 0-2.

With returning quarterback Haden Laffrenz leading the offense, Deer Park has produced 76 points in two weeks as head coach Austin Flynn's group has certainly set itself up for a solid run at things this season.

Similarly, Barbers Hill handled Aldine Nimitz rather easily in the first week of action and then came away with a 45-20 victory at home over Cros-

by Sept. 4.

With a road game at Dayton Sept. 11 prior to the start of district play, the Eagles should also head into the district race which begins Sept. 18 with plenty of confidence.

Elsewhere in the district, the Dickinson Gators have started the season winless following tough losses to bonafide playoff contenders Ridge Point and Katy. The Gators had the turnover bug hit them against Katy Sept. 4 in a 42-24 loss to the Tigers.

Katy produced four first-half interceptions, including three by David Olotu-Judah, and turned those big plays into a 28-14 half-time advantage on the way to victory.

The thrill of a final-play field goal victory opening night quickly dissipated for the Clear Brook Wolverines, who gave up tons of points in a 71-11 loss to Friendswood as the Mustangs improved to 2-0 following victories over Clear Creek and the Wolverines to open the season.

Clear Springs was looking for a rebound effort after a 17-15 loss to Dobie to open the season and got just that as Clayton Smith's 20-yard field goal on the final play of the game gave the Chargers a 30-27 victory over Houston Heights Sept. 4 at Challenger Columbia Stadium.

Houston Heights scored 20 unanswered points at one point to lead 20-15 at halftime, but Clear Springs used a safety and Smith's 46-yard field goal to tie the game at 20-20. The game was tied once again after the two teams traded touchdowns before Smith's last-play heroics.

Clear Falls fell to Kingwood by a 42-31 count at Turner Stadium in Humble Sept. 3 as the Knights saw themselves slip to 0-2 to open the season. Clear Creek has produced just 12 points overall in losses to Kingwood and Houston Memorial to begin this season, and Clear Lake is 1-1 after the Falcons defeated Kingwood Park 42-35.

Aguirre leads Pasadena



Pasadena quarterback Shaun Aguirre (4) has gotten off to a terrific start to the 2026 varsity football season as he currently ranks No. 1 in the state among Class 5A players in rushing with 578 yards through a pair of games. The Eagles defeated rival Sam Rayburn during second week action and are 2-0 to this point in the season.

Photo by Donna Alsdorf

Clear Brook hosts Cypress Ridge
Sept. 11, 7 p.m.
CCISD Veterans

Clear Falls hosts Fort Bend Elkins
Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m.
Challenger Columbia

Pasadena Memorial hosts Manvel
Sept. 12, 6 p.m.
Pasadena ISD Veterans

South Houston hosts Katy Freeman
Sept. 11, 7 p.m.
Pasadena ISD Veterans

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
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, SEPTEMBER 11
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/imperfectnooners>. 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, SEPTEMBER 12
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, SEPTEMBER 13
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, SEPTEMBER 14
Noon **AA - Imperfect Nooners**. See Friday's notice.
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.
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.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
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.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
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**. See Friday's notice.
Noon **Ballroom Dancing** - A ballroom dance group welcomes visitors every Wednesday to enjoy free dancing from noon 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, ask at the front desk or call 281-554-1180.
6 p.m./7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)**. See Friday's notice.
7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous**. See Friday's notice.
8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA**. See Friday's notice.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
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/>.
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BHI serves up 2026 season



Beverly Hills Intermediate hosted Community Day late last month to formally kick off the fall athletics season for the Bears in the Pasadena ISD. During the afternoon, the Bears' football and volleyball programs participated in scrimmage action. Above, Lisamarie Cardenas (23), a seventh-grade volleyball player, hits a serve to begin a rally. The Bears have already kicked off the Pasadena ISD season on the court and have gotten off to a strong start.



The Beverly Hills Intermediate football program scrimmaged during Community Day in front of plenty of supportive fans. On this play, Adrian Aguirre (6) reels in the pass with Tommy Nguyen (14) looking to set a block ahead. Also in on the play defensively is Oscar Barrera (9).



Above, Beverly Hills' seventh-grade player De 'Ahnrie Godoy (4) returns a serve during the action.

Photos by David Flickinger

JFD runners pick up speed at Region 3 Preview in Huntsville



The Longhorns' Ruben Flores has played a key role in the team's lineup thus far this season and will definitely be counted on to be at his best as the locals chase a District 19-6A crown in the coming weeks.



Junior Destiny Sidiropoulos continues to contribute to the Dobie varsity girls' cross-country lineup and no doubt will be counted on to score well for the team when the 19-6A championships arrive.



Matthew Dunn of Dobie has been turning in solid times so far during the 2026 cross-country season. He and the Longhorns believe they have what it takes to recapture the league title championship.

Photos by Kendrick Ramos



David Harris picked up one of the player of the week accolades for his performance against Alief Taylor in Week 2 action and continues to stand out for the Longhorns from his defensive secondary spot.



Dobie junior Adrian Taylor has come through in a big way for the Longhorns through the first two weeks of the regular season as he currently ranks second in the district in rushing as the offensive front has provided plenty of openings.



Thompson quarterback Ace Rodriguez tosses a pass during the school's annual Community Day late last month as the Lions' athletic programs participated in scrimmage action. At left is Thompson head coach Doug Sawyer.



R.J. Robinson has had a terrific start to the 2026 season for the Longhorns as he is second in the district in quarterback pressures and has been a constant threat up front for his team.

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