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State Representative District 126
November 2023 Newsletter

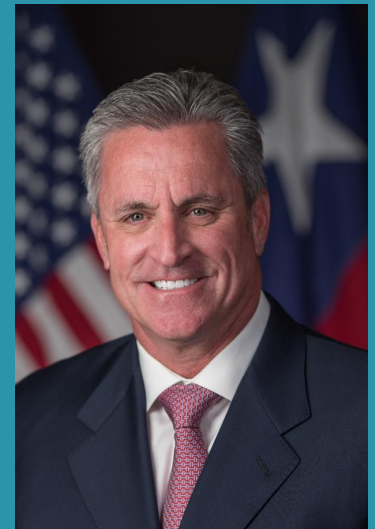


Texas House of Representatives



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News
and Information



Special Session #4 Called

The 4th called Special Session of the 88th Legislature opened under Governor Abbott's executive order on November 7th. The items included in the original call were:

- Legislation relating to primary and secondary education, including the establishment of an education savings account program, the certification, compensation, and health coverage of certain public school employees, the public school finance system, special education in public schools, measures to support the education of public school students that include certain educational grant programs, reading instruction, and early childhood education, the provision of virtual education, and public school accountability.
- Legislation related to school safety measures and related state funding mechanisms.
- Legislation to do more to reduce illegal immigration by creating criminal offenses for illegal entry into this state from a foreign nation and illegal reentry or presence following denial of admission, exclusion, deportation, or removal; authorizing the removal of illegal immigrants from Texas; and providing indemnification and immunity for public officials, employees, or contractors in connection with the foregoing.
- Legislation to impede illegal entry into Texas by providing more funding for the construction, operation, and maintenance of border barrier infrastructure, and additional funding for the Department of Public Safety for border security operations, including additional overtime expenses and costs due to an increased law enforcement presence to preserve public safety and security in the Colony Ridge development in Liberty County, Texas.

The Governor's full Proclamation for this called session can be found [here](#).

3rd Special Session Results

The results of the 3rd called Special Session were the passage of [Senate Bill 4](#) and [Senate Bill 7](#).

Senate Bill 4 related to the charge of Smuggling or Trafficking Persons in Texas illegally or Operating a Stash House. It increases the criminal penalties and establishes minimum sentences as a means to deter criminal activities and reduce the harmful effects on a vulnerable population. SB 4 was signed by the Governor and becomes effective on February 6, 2024.

Senate Bill 7 deals with prohibiting private employers from establishing a vaccine mandate on employees or for taking adverse action against an employee who refuses to be vaccinated against COVID-19 or any variant of the disease. SB 4 was signed by the Governor and becomes effective on February 6, 2024.

4th Special Session Results

While the House hasn't yet agreed with all of the Governor's requests, they have held hearings on and passed bills on a number of the charges for this fourth session.

[Senate Bill 4](#) establishes prohibitions on illegal entry into this state by an alien from a foreign nation and creates a criminal offense for violating the statute. S.B. 4 enhances the penalty for a subsequent conviction of the offense of illegal entry from a foreign nation to a state jail felony. The bill also establishes an affirmative defense to prosecution, such as acceptance of asylum requests or federal

government granting lawful presence status. Senate Bill 4 was sent to the Governor on November 27th for his consideration and signature.

Senate Bill 3 appropriates \$1,540,000,000 from the general revenue fund to the trustee programs within the governor's office for use during the two-year period beginning on the bill's effective date for the purpose of providing funding for border security operations and the construction, operation, and maintenance of border barrier infrastructure. \$40 million of that will be appropriated to the Department of Public Safety for border security operations, including paying for additional overtime expenses and costs due to an increased law enforcement presence to preserve public safety and security in the Colony Ridge development in Liberty County, Texas. The Senate agreed with the House on amendments made to the bill and S.B. 3 was signed in the House and Senate on December 1st and was then sent to the Texas Comptroller for implementation.

\$12 Million Flooding Appropriation

We continue to get great reviews and more articles about the \$12 million dollar appropriation for the T. C. Jester Detention Project. I partnered with Congressman Dan Crenshaw, who brought another \$9 million, and Pct. 3 Commissioner Tom Ramsey, who acquired a final \$27 million to increase funding for selected short term projects along Cypress Creek by an unprecedented \$50 million dollars. All of these dollars will flow through the Harris County Flood Control District who will coordinate the work and manage the projects. Dr. Tina Peterson from the Flood Control District has been a pleasure to work with and seems genuinely open to such partnerships in our community.

This effort coupled with the Drainage Improvement District created by legislation I filed last session should dramatically improve the input and voice our community has in the larger flood mitigation conversation across our county.

Recent Articles:

Community Impact News

<https://communityimpact.com/houston/cy-fair/government/2023/10/31/cypress-creek-drainage-improvement-district-aims-to-create-master-drainage-plan-by-2024-25/>

Houston Chronicle

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/neighborhood/spring-klein/article/harris-county-tc-jester-detention-basins-funding-18386813.php#photo-24272817>

Reduce Flooding Now:

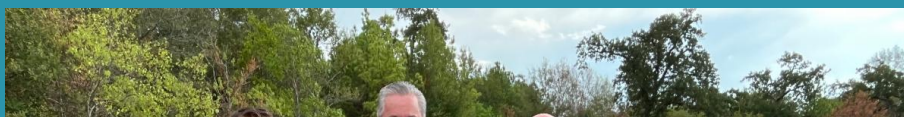
<https://reduceflooding.com/2023/09/25/funding-announced-for-massive-detention-basin-complex-on-cypress-creek/>

Community Impact News

<https://communityimpact.com/houston/spring-klein/development/2023/09/29/50m-in-state-federal-funds-will-go-to-flood-prevention-in-cypress-creek/>

Tomball Potpourri

50M Harris County flood control project approved





Cypress Creek Drainage Improvement District



November Update:

During the Town Hall meetings, Larry Dunbar, PE, an expert in flood control analysis and strategies, presented a review of the past studies on Cypress Creek. He concluded his presentation with potential future strategies for flood mitigation.

The presentation and video provide insights into these future strategies. Larry's presentation and video, can be accessed on the District website:

<https://www.cypresscreekdid.org>

To communicate with the Drainage District, please E-Mail to:

cypresscreekflooding@gmail.com

Directors:

Dr. Calvin Cobb
Barbara Schattman
Joe Myers
Mark Adam
Clara Lewis

This QR code will also take you to the website





Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts





Winter Wonderland Family Day

Saturday, December 9
Free Family Event
10am-2pm

Story time with cookies, hot cocoa & Mrs. Claus | create ornaments & crafts | Marionette Holiday Performance | Family Photo Ops | & More!

See event schedule and
register to attend at
pearlmfa.org

Welcome to Winter Family Day!

Join us on Saturday, December 9, 2023 for a day filled with fun and excitement for the whole family. Winter Family Day is the perfect opportunity to visit The Pearl Fincher Museum for free performances and art activities celebrating the Winter Holiday season.

Starting at 10:00 AM, our event will offer a wide range of activities such as ornament making, story time, scavenger hunt, marionette show and more!

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10:30am join our guest reader Mrs. Claus for a cozy story time with cookies and hot cocoa. Bring a non-perishable canned or boxed food item for donation and receive a free lullaby book. All food will be donated to the Houston food bank.

11:30am see an enchanting marionette play of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas with a singalong to classic holiday songs like Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer.

Wander down to the elf's workshop and create ornaments and holiday crafts!

Don't forget to capture the special moment at our Winter Wonderland photo opp, where you can strike a pose with your family. Share your pictures on social media using the hashtag #PearlFamilyDay to join the online community.

We look forward to seeing you there!

All donations help us continue to host these free family events for our community.

Tickets & More Info

Visit the Pearl Fincher Museum Website

Cypress Creek F.A.C.E. Foundation for the Arts and Community Enrichment



Cypress Creek Foundation for Arts and Community Enrichment (F.A.C.E.) is opening their fall concert series.

2023-2024 Star-Lit! Series

When You Wish Upon A Star: A Jazz Tribute to 100 Years of Disney – 7:30pm, Saturday, November 11, 2023 at the Geiger PAC

One Night in Memphis – 7:30pm, Sunday, December 31, 2023 at The Centrum

The Greatest Love of All: A Tribute to Whitney Houston starring Belinda Davis – 7:30pm Saturday

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tenThing Brass Ensemble – 7:30pm, Saturday, March 9, 2024 at The Centrum

Jackie Evancho – 7:30pm, Saturday, April 20, 2024 at The Centrum

Hotel California: A Salute to the Eagles – 7:30pm, Saturday, May 18, 2024 at the Geiger PAC

2023-2024 Promenade Series (2:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, Sept. – May)

AURORA Trio (harp, flute & violin) – November 14, 2023

Axiom String Quartet – December 12, 2023

Alejandro Montiel, Classical Guitar – January 9, 2024

Rob Landes, piano – February 13, 2024

ArtBeat: Violin & Bass – March 12, 2024

James Chamberlain, tenor – April 9, 2024

Houston Brass Quintet – May 14, 2024

Performance Location: The Centrum, 6823 Cypresswood Dr., Spring 77379

Day & Time: 2:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from September 2023 to May 2024

Tickets: \$15 Adult, \$12 Senior, \$10 Child/Student, \$10 Groups of 6 or more

Season Ticket Sales: On Sale Now

Single Ticket Sales: 9am, Monday, July 31, 2023

All tickets go on sale Monday, July 31, 2023.

Download Season Ticket order form [here](#).

Promenade Performances & Tickets

Star-Lit Series Season Tickets

Texas Master Chorale

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2023-2024 Concert Season

Online Ticket Purchase

The Texas Master Chorale is proud to announce their 2024 Concert Series lineup.

Music of Peace, Love, and Joy
Songs and Sounds of Christmas

Featuring "Glad Tidings" by Randol Alan Bass for narrator, soloists, choir and orchestra
Special Guest Narrator, the Honorable Judge R. Jack Cagle
Special Guest Choir, Klein Collins High School Chorale, Elizabeth Marks, Director
Saturday, December 16, 2023 7:30 PM

Tickets:

General Admission—\$25.00 each
Season Subscription—\$75.00
Students with ID—Free Admission
Sales begin August 15, 2023

Be sure and check out their community musical events calendar [here](#). They have concerts and musical events calendared for every group in our area.

Visit Texas Master Chorale Website

ESD 9 Monthly News



Eddie Cruz, Public Information Officer

Cy-Fair Fire Department
281-656-3420 Office
346-306-6165 Cell
eddie.cruz@cyfairfd.org

November Totals:

Here are the run totals for Cy-Fair FD and well wishes for the new year.

EMS = 2519
FIRE = 202

The Cy-Fair Fire Department wants to wish everyone a safe and very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Did you know? Nearly half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source. It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

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- o Inspect holiday lights each year before you put them up. Throw light strands with frayed or pinched wires.
- o Water your Christmas tree every day. A dry tree is dangerous because it can catch on fire easily.
- o Consider using battery-operated flameless candles, which can look, smell and feel like real candles.
- o If you do use lit candles, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be knocked down easily.

ESD 9 - Cy-Fair Fire Dept

ESD 11 Monthly News



ESD 11 Update **By - Brian Piatkowski** **Experience Coordinator**

Brian Piatowski has been assigned the responsibilities for monthly updates for ESD 11. His Contact Information is :
Phone 281-524-7667
Email: brian.piatkowski@esd11.com

Our response time performance remains exceptional and may be found with other critical information on our website at <https://esd11.com/transparency/>. The data is updated monthly after each regularly scheduled Board meeting, on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

New Medical Director

November has been an exciting month of growth, encouragement and celebration for ESD 11!

We are pleased to announce Dr. Sarah Frances McClure as our new Medical Director. She embraces her role as an EMS physician and is committed to building a system that identifies and bridges gaps in community health resources and provides excellent out-of-hospital health care to the whole community.





Chief Operating Officer

Kevin Nutt has been appointed Chief Operating Officer.

He has been a staple in the operations and evolution of the system and brings experience from both the public and private side of EMS.

New Field Supervisor

Darren Wojcik is our newest Field Supervisor. He has held the role of In-Charge Paramedic and Field Training Officer for ESD 11 and has proven to be an asset and well suited for his new role in our organization.



New Clinical Practice Manager

Pandora Peckne, who has been working in the Clinical Department since Go-Live September 2021, has been promoted to Clinical Practice Manager.



With November brings the Texas EMS Conference and this year we were proud to highlight the innovative supply chain management system that our Logistics department uses. Through the speed loading bins, RFID tags, and use of the Operative IQ platform for inventory management, efficiency is created and improves the functionality of our organization.





Thanksgiving Holidays

It is difficult to work on holidays and be away from family and loved ones. We were fortunate to host a wonderful Thanksgiving lunch for all employees that were on duty. It was a great time to come together for community and a tasty meal to celebrate and give thanks! A big shout out and Thanks to Methodist Willowbrook Hospital for bringing by some pies for our crews to enjoy!

ESD 11 is a Toys for Tots donation site! New, unwrapped toys can be donated at our administration building, located at 18334 Stuebner Airline Rd, during business hours.

Happy Holidays to our community and those we have the honor of serving!

If you are interested in learning more about ESD11, please visit <https://esd11.com/> or join us on Facebook. If you would like to schedule a standby or community event, please visit <https://esd11.com/outreach/> to --schedule or contact Brian Piatkowski, Experience Coordinator at 281-524-7667 or brian.piatkowski@esd11.com



TOY DRIVE

ACCEPTING DONATIONS THROUGH
**FRIDAY
DECEMBER 8th**

Help donate to give children a better Holiday season! Please donate new, unwrapped toys to the administration building at Harris County ESD 11. We're open Monday through Friday between the times of 8am-5pm.



**Harris County
ESD 11**
18334 Stuebner Airline Rd
Spring, TX 77379

[ESD 11 Website](#)

ESD 13 Fire Service Monthly Update

Cypress Creek Fire Department

Julia Peterson

Public Information Officer



[ESD 13 Website](#)

ABOUT US: Cypress Creek Fire Department is the operating name for Harris County Emergency Services District 13, a political division of the State of Texas. Cypress Creek Fire Department provides fire suppression & rescue first response services to our 25 square mile district and to the greater FM1960 area in conjunction with our automatic aid departments.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE:

October 2023:

Fire: 106

EMS: 105

Total: 211

Average Response Time: 05:58

2023 Year to Date: (01/01/2023 – 10/31/2023)

Fire: 1288

EMS: 1119

Total: 2407

Average Response Time: 05:51

SAFETY MESSAGE:

Remember to keep burning candles away from curtains, lampshades, blankets, and other flammable objects around your home. Always keep a three-foot minimum zone around space heaters clear and free from flammable objects. Never leave a fireplace unattended.

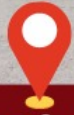
PUBLIC OUTREACH:

Our Child Passenger Safety Technicians are located at Station 22 on Cypress N. Houston Rd. and are ready to help you ensure your child's safety by providing free Child Passenger Safety inspections. CCFD offers free Home Safety Consultations to all residents in our territory. This includes a walk-through and assessment of your home. Our Firefighters will identify any potential fire hazards and give you a copy of their report so that you can correct these hazards before they become a serious problem.

For more information, please contact Julia Peterson at (281) 894-0151.

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Cypress Creek FD
Station 22

has arrived!

ESD 16 Fire Service Monthly News



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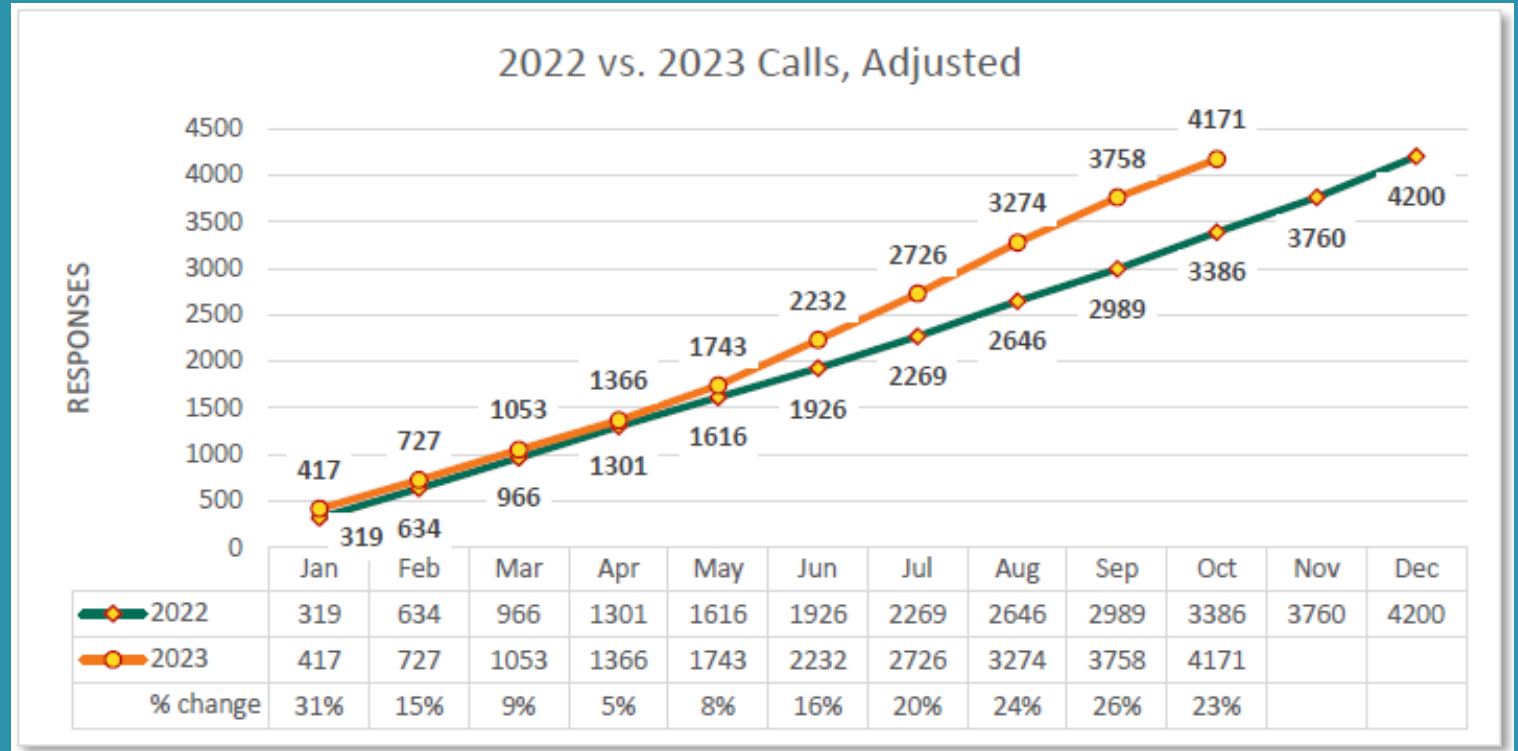
EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT



Harris County ESD 16 is the direct service provider for fire protection and rescue services in the Klein area, operating as Klein Fire Department.

Ja'Milla Lomas - Public Information Officer

Klein Fire Department - Email: jlomas@hcesd16.org



Fire-related: 37

Other[†]: 117

Rescue/ EMS: 220

False Alarms: 44

TOTAL: 418

2023 Year-to-date (January 2023 – October 2023)

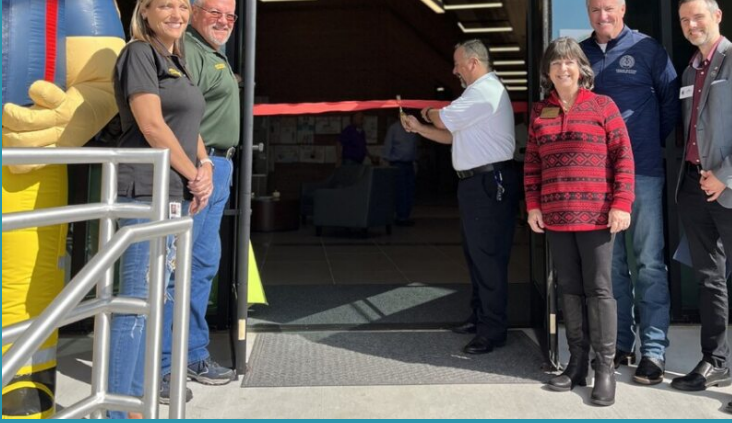
4,171 responses

Top 3 response areas by KFD Station:

1. Station 32 89 incidents 18%
2. Station 36 69 incidents 15%
3. Station 33 68 incidents 14%

[†] *Service, Good Intent, Hazardous Conditions, Special Incidents*





KFD Open House of new Administration Building

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The Klein Fire Department hosted our official Grand Opening festivities at our new HCESD 16/ Klein Fire Department Administration Building on Saturday, November 18, 2023. What fun we had! With a dunk tank, bouncy house, obstacle course, our ginormous friend, Fireman Freddy, and our friend The Cow from Chick-fil-A, it was a blast! Residents of our area from near and far came to see our new digs and all the things the facility has to offer. We have one large conference room that can be split into two smaller meeting rooms, available to rent by Klein community members and civic groups. Attached to it is a gourmet kitchen where meals may be prepped and served through the pass-through into the conference room. (Administration staff may or may not make their lunches in there from time to time.)

A special thank you to State Representative Sam Harless, State Representative Valoree Swanson, and Kent Clingerman on behalf of Precinct 3 Commissioner Tom S. Ramsey for being our biggest supporters. A huge appreciation to our fellow first responders who came out – HCFMO HazMat and Harris County ESD 11 Mobile Care. And another big thanks to our community partners for their continued support, including McDonalds Gleannloch Farms, Chick-fil-A Gleannloch, Smallcakes Tomball, Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center, City-Wide Party Rentals, and Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

Upcoming Community & Outreach Events

Islamic Arts Festival

December 9 | 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Champions Mosque (16700 Old Louetta, Spring 77379)

HCESD 16 Board of Commissioners Meeting

December 11 | 4:00 p.m.

ESD 16/ KFD Admin Building (18606 Stuebner Airline Rd, Klein 77379)

KFD December Blood Drive

December 15 | 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

KFD Station No. 37 (19302 T.C. Jester Blvd, Spring 77379)

Willow Creek Elementary Caroling

December 15 | 11:30 a.m.

KFD Station No. 36 (18822 N Eldridge Pkwy, Spring 77379)

A Santa Christmas with KFD at Station No. 33

December 16 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

KFD Station No. 33 (9755 Landry Blvd, Spring 77379)

COME EAT COOKIES WITH SANTA! ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Santa Parades

December 2 | 9:00 a.m.

Spring Creek Forest HOA

December 9 | 8:45 a.m.
Spring Creek Oaks HOA

December 9 | 1:00 p.m.
Senterra Lakes HOA

December 11 | 5:00 p.m.
Willow Dell HOA & Schultz Elementary School

If you have questions or wish to learn more about the Klein Fire Department, please visit our online homes:
www.HCESD16.org | [KFD Facebook](#) | [KFD Instagram](#) | [KFD Twitter](#) | [KFD Threads](#)





The Klein Fire Department is rated ISO Class 2 and provides Fire Suppression, Rescue, and Medical Emergency Assistance to a resident population of 173,549 residents covering the Spring/Klein area and encompassing approximately 49 square miles.

If you have questions about the transition or wish to learn more about Klein Fire Department, please contact the ESD at info@HCEsd16.org or visit www.HCEsd16.org / www.KleinFire.org

ESD 16 Website

ESD 29 - Champions Fire Department Monthly Update





ESD 29 / Champions Fire Department

Our service area includes Greenwood Forest, Huntwick, Champions and other communities in the immediate area. Generally, the boundaries run from Cypress Creek on the North to Bourgeois on the South and Stuebner Airline over to Cutten Rd.

[Service Area Map](#)



Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.

Picking the tree

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

Placing the tree

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk and add water to the stand daily.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, space heaters, candles, or incandescent lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Keep your real tree watered daily.

Lighting the tree

- Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use and never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read the manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

After Christmas

- Get rid of the tree after Christmas. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Check with your local community to find a recycling program.

FACTS

- Nearly one of every three home Christmas tree fires is caused by electrical problems.
- Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- A heat source too close to the tree causes roughly one in every four of the fires.

YOUTUBE Video: [Christmas Tree Fire: Watered Tree vs. Dry Tree](#)

www.championsfire.org

Get a CO Detector

Like working smoke detectors, every home with any gas appliance must have a CO detector on each floor of the house. <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Staying-safe/Safety-equipment/Carbon-monoxide>

www.championsfire.org

Average response time for October 2023 – 5.38 Minutes

OCTOBER 2023 MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	15	14.15%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat - no fire	1	0.94%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	48	45.28%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	1	0.94%
Service Call	5	4.72%
Good Intent Call	24	22.64%
False Alarm & False Call	12	11.32%
TOTAL	106	100%

Schools In Our District



Klein ISD
Website

Klein ISD will resume school for the 2023-2024 session on August 9th and run through May 24th. To see the Klein ISD Calendar of important dates, go to their website [here](#).



Tomball ISD Website

Tomball ISD will resume school for the 2023-2024 session on August 15th and run through May 23rd. To see the Tomball ISD Calendar of important dates, go to their website [here](#).



CyFair ISD Website

Cypress Fairbanks ISD will resume school for the 2023-2024 session on August 28th and run through May 31st. To see the CyFair ISD Calendar of important dates, go to their website [here](#).

Cy-Fair ISD News



BOARD APPROVES LONE FINALIST FOR NEW SUPERINTENDENT

DR. DOUGLAS KILLIAN



Dr. Killian brings 20 years of superintendent experience to Cypress-Fairbanks ISD. He is currently the superintendent of schools at Pflugerville ISD, where he has served since 2017. A Texas Superintendent of the Year finalist in 2022, Dr. Killian helped the district pass a \$370 million bond package, a voter-approved tax rate election (VATRE) and an attendance credit election (ACE) on the same date. He also oversaw completion of a \$280 million bond project, and presented a balanced budget with the highest

staff raises in decades while lowering the tax rate.

Prior to Pflugerville ISD, Dr. Killian served as the superintendent of schools in Hutto ISD (2010-2017), Huffman ISD (2006-2010) and Poteet ISD (2004-2006). He worked as an assistant superintendent in Poteet ISD from 2001-2004, and was the interim superintendent of schools from 2003-2004 before taking over the full-time position. He began his educational career in United ISD as a first grade teacher. Dr. Killian received his Doctor of Philosophy in educational administration from Texas A&M University, his Master of Science in educational administration from Texas A&M International University and his Bachelor of Arts in political science from Southwest Texas State University (now Texas State University). He served and graduated from both the United States Marine Corps boot camp in San Diego, California, and the Air Force Officers Training Corps at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio before being honorably discharged.

Dr. Killian is married to Lorie Killian, a Registered Nurse, and the Killians have three children: Jackson, Joshua and Jacob.

"I am excited to join an exceptional district in Cypress-Fairbanks ISD, and plan to draw from my experience and dedication to continue adding to the successes of the district and its students," Dr. Killian said. "I believe in leading with honesty and integrity, setting high expectations, striving for continual growth and treating all students the same. I look forward to working with the district and community to develop CFISD students into the burgeoning leaders of tomorrow."

Following a 21-day waiting period, Dr. Killian will begin his role as CFISD superintendent on Jan. 1, 2024. "The CFISD Board of Trustees is thrilled to announce Dr. Killian as our lone finalist for superintendent of schools," said Tom Jackson, Board president. "His remarkably rich and varied background is an asset to the school district. He is a sound, resourceful decision maker with excellent communication skills who brings an impressive résumé as an educational leader throughout the state to CFISD."

[Cy-Fair ISD Website](#)

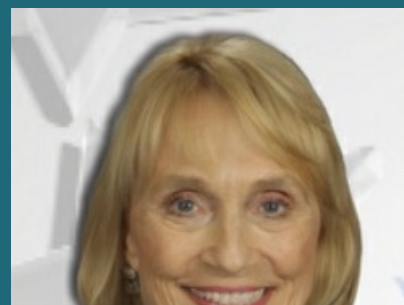
Klein ISD News



After 18 Years

Georgan Reitmeier

Announces Retirement



from Klein ISD Board of Trustees



After 18 years of service, distinguished Klein ISD Trustee Georgan Reitmeier has announced her retirement from the Klein ISD Board of Trustees at the end of her elected term this November, 2023. Georgan Reitmeier has been an integral part of the Klein ISD family for over 30 years, beginning her years of service as a parent volunteer, then as an Early Childhood Interventionist, and later as a School Board member since her first elected term as a trustee in 2005. She has tirelessly advocated for public education, earning a Master Trustee certification.

"It has been my honor to work alongside Trustee Reitmeier, and Klein ISD undoubtedly has benefited in countless ways from her faithful service to our district," said Dr. Jenny McGown, Klein ISD Superintendent. "We have been incredibly blessed by her remarkable leadership and guidance, steadfast commitment to our students, families, and staff members, and devoted care for our Klein Family. She is a woman marked by strength, dignity, and grace, and we are all better for having served under her leadership."

The public is cordially invited to attend the event to honor Ms. Reitmeier's years of dedicated service to the Klein ISD community.

"Georgan Reitmeier has been an exemplary board member for 18 years, setting a high standard of leadership and community engagement," said Rob Ellis, Klein ISD Board President. "She will be deeply missed, but her impact on our district will be felt for years to come."

To read the full article, go [here](#).

Klein ISD Website

Tomball ISD News





Tomball ISD Superintendent Salazar-Zamora Named Texas Nominee for 2024 National Superintendent of the Year

We add our Congratulations to Tomball ISD Superintendent Martha Salazar-Zamora, Ed.D., who has recently been selected by TASA as Texas' nominee for 2024 National Superintendent of the Year, an award given by AASA, The School Superintendents Association. This comes in addition to her recognition as Texas Superintendent of the Year as well. We are so fortunate to have her in Tomball.

Salazar-Zamora has served as superintendent of Tomball ISD, a fast-growing district of more than 22,000 students northwest of Houston, since 2017, when she became the first female and the first Hispanic to hold the position in the district's history. Prior to that, she served as the district's chief academic officer for three years.

Salazar-Zamora says what makes her most proud of Tomball is the staff's dedication to students and commitment to working as a team to the benefit of everyone in the district. She works to cultivate "Team Tomball," a sense of community and teamwork and a culture of learning in the district that helps benefit individual learners day in and day out.



TWC Unemployment Resources

TWC Website to Apply for Benefits: [TWC Unemployment Benefits](#)

Texas Workforce TeleCenter - 800-939-6631

TWC has a new Chat service on their website in the bottom right of the screen, called "Chat With Us". This new function will be able to answer most general questions from individual. <https://www.twc.texas.gov>

Harris County Resources

ReadyHarris Website: <https://www.readyharris.org/#resources>

Harris County Fire Marshal hotline to report businesses who are in violation of the County and State health and safety policies - 832-839-6941

Precinct 3 Commissioner Community Assistance - [Pct 3 Community Assistance](#)

Precinct 4 Commissioner Community Assistance - [Pct 4 Community Assistance](#)

People can sign up to receive emergency alerts from Harris County at: [Ready Harris Alert Signup](#).

Also, 2-1-1 is a resource hotline set up by Harris County. If someone is in need of resources fast they can call that number and they will be connected to resources in their community. They can also text

CV19 to 888-777. This hotline is available 24/7.

City of Houston

Houston Public Health Dept - <https://houstonemergency.org/covid19/>

Ready Harris Accessible Alerts

The Harris County Office of Homeland Security& Emergency Management has launched the new Ready Harris Accessible Alerts (RHAA). This new system is providing access to alerts, warnings, and preparedness information to persons who are Deaf, Blind, Hard-of-Hearing, Deaf-Blind, or have low-vision through a new one-stop-website. To sign up, we encourage members of the community to visit <https://hct.ahasalerts.com>.

Community members can also text AHAS to (281) 609-9093 to sign up.

The system will send our Ready Harris Alerts with sign language interpreting along with voice and closed captioning in English and Spanish before, during and after an emergency. The RHAA is compatible with video capable devices such as computers, tablets, cell phones and wireless Braille readers. With this new resource, HCOHSEM will also be able to reach individuals with low literacy in English and Spanish. This is HCOHSEM's latest effort to reach the whole community.

Federal Resources / Websites

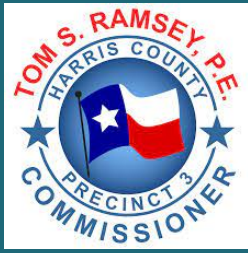
CDC- Center for Disease Control: [CDC Coronavirus](#)

Small Business Administration: SBA

SBA Paycheck Protection Program - [Paycheck Protection Loans](#)

An SBA loan that helps businesses keep their workforce employed (during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis.)

FEMA Corona Response: [FEMA CoronaVirus](#)



Precinct 3 Commissioner Tom Ramsey Capitol Project Update

[Visit Precinct 3 Website](#)

[Pct 3 Request for Service](#)

Harris County Precinct 3 Road and Bridge

Harris County Precinct 3 maintains the highest level of standards in maintaining over 6,600 lane miles of roadway and associated bridges throughout the area. Maintenance includes road reconstruction, storm debris removal, sign installation, right of way mowing, and more.

Please see the list below for projects that are currently under construction that are in or affect our area, including projects transferred due to redistricting. For questions or comments, [click here](#). To follow their current capitol projects list, click the button below.

[Pct 3 Capitol Improvement Projects](#)



Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner Lesley Briones

Precinct 4's Infrastructure Division

The Infrastructure Division administers and manages Precinct 4's Capital Improvement Projects Program. The CIP program includes road expansion projects, traffic signals and intersection improvements, and traffic management systems designed to improve mobility and air quality.

The Infrastructure Division also oversees the Child Safety Fund which is used to provide warranted school zone flashing warning signals in compliance with Precinct 4's criteria, the installation of a warranted traffic signal system facilitating the movement of traffic around a school facility to promote student safety. To find out if your area meets the criteria of the flashing warning signal, please click [Flashing Warning Signals](#).

Community Assistance Department

Serving Precinct 4 constituents is our number one goal. With that in mind we have one stop, one phone number, one e-mail address for you to find a solution to any need you might have in Harris County. Tell us what's needed and we do the work! Whether it is a street or a stop sign to be replaced, a road or sinkhole repaired, or questions or comments about Precinct 4 services, CAD can assist.

The staff researches and responds to thousands of calls, letters, and e-mails each year concerning road and bridge maintenance and various issues throughout Harris County and Precinct 4.

In addition to processing requests for maintenance, CAD seeks to have a presence and be available to our community by attending a variety of community events and liaising with various agencies within Harris County and Precinct 4.

Precinct 4 Commissioner
Website

Pct 4 Capitol Improvement
Projects

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Department Page

Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce

Representing the business and community interests in the Cypress Creek/North Harris County area since 1974, the Houston Northwest Chamber is actively engaged as a liaison with state, local, and federal leadership to promote the area on a variety of issues.



Houston Northwest Chamber
of Commerce

Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce



Transportation and Mobility Committee

2nd Tuesday of each month
Meeting Location:
29201 Quinn Rd.
Tomball, Texas 77375
Upstairs Conference Room

Tomball Government Affairs Committee

Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce Transportation\Government Affairs Committee

The committee meets the 1st Thursday of each month to discuss governmental issues that confront their Cy-Fair area. They meet at the Chamber offices located at 8711 Highway 6 North, Ste. 120 Houston, TX 77095.



Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce





Harris County Pct 3 Public Safety Forum

Meets at:

Glorious Way Church
11611 Champions Forest Dr
Houston, TX 77066

Local representatives from criminal justice and government agencies make presentations and discuss issues important to the community.

The button below provides a link to sign up for our alerts and lists.

[Public Safety Forum Signup](#)

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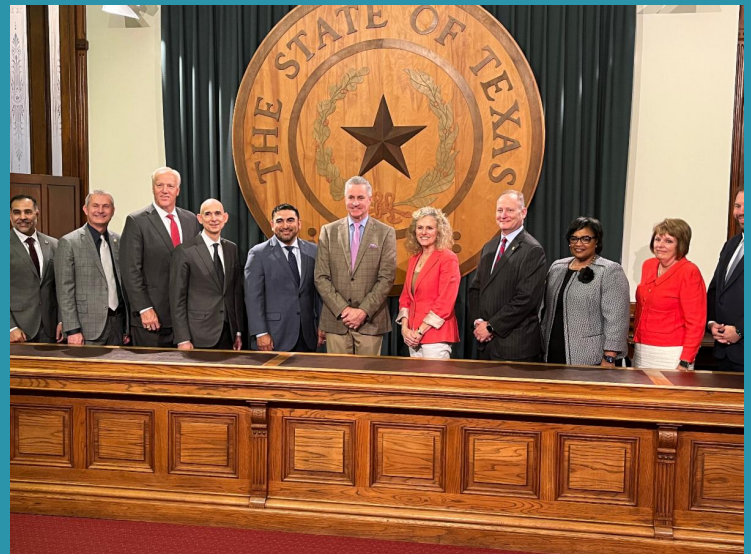
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