



# *Sam Harless*

**State Representative District 126**  
**December 2023 Newsletter**

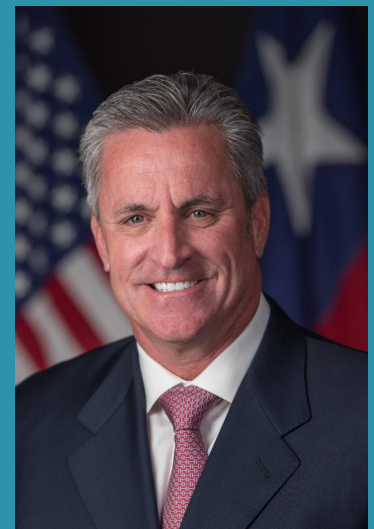


*Texas House of Representatives*



**Texas**  
**House District**  
**126**

**News**  
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## Special Session #4 Ends

The 4th called Special Session of the 88th Legislature opened under Governor Abbott's executive order on November 7th and ended midnight on December 6th. With a regular session and four special sessions this year, The Texas Legislature has been in session 246 days in 2023, more than any other year since Texas became a state in 1845.

From our information, a fifth special session hasn't been ruled out but is at least delayed, while school funding teacher pay raises, and "education savings accounts" remain unresolved.

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and that you had a wonderful holiday season. My fervent wish for your families for the coming year is for health and prosperity.

A total of 31 bills passed by the 88th Texas Legislature went into effect on January 1, 2024. Most of the new laws came from the regular legislative session that ended on May 29, 2023 and a number of them focused on franchise and property taxes and appraisals. To see the full list of bills, check out the Legislative Reference Library link [here](#):

Since December was a relatively quiet month, I thought we would spend a little time reviewing this year's accomplishments.

## 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. The bill was signed by the Governor and goes into effect March 5th 2024, with a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the legislation having already been filed by the ACLU, along with several other plaintiffs.

**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 bill was signed by the Governor and goes into effect March 5th 2024.

## 2024 Year In Review

The 88th Legislative Session had its own unique challenges, but working with our colleagues in the Texas House and Senate, I was able to pass significant legislation that benefits our community directly, as well as the State of Texas. In addition to our legislative package, I was chosen to Chair the prestigious Select Committee on Health Reform, tackling some of our State's largest public health issues.

**\$12 Million Flooding Appropriation**

Flooding along the Cypress Creek area has long been one of our community's top priorities and many continue to feel like our flood mitigation projects don't get the full funding and attention they deserve. To address some of those concerns, I went after a unique approach and obtained a first ever flood appropriation for District 126 for \$12 million dollars. Partnering 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. These dollars will flow through the Harris County Flood Control District.

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.

## Cypress Creek Drainage Improvement District

Part of the concern in addressing area flooding and mitigation projects was that our community did not have a strong voice in addressing projects for our watershed and I heard from a number of community groups that a Drainage District was needed that would include board members from those representative groups. Working with colleagues in the legislature, I was able to pass legislation under [House Bill 5334](#) that created the Cypress Creek Drainage Improvement District that would be authorized to seek out grants, gifts, or donations to fund mitigation projects.

After hearing loudly from my constituents that they wanted no new taxes , the District does not have the authority to levy a tax or issue bonds, the enabling legislation prevents that.

## George R. Brown Convention Center Renovation

One of our regions largest revenue generators in the George R. Brown Convention Center. It is over 35 years old and is in danger of no longer being competitive in the top tier convention market. Working with Senator, now Mayor John Whitmire, we passed [Senate Bill 1057](#) through both chambers to permit the City of Houston to use increases in the Hotel Occupancy Tax to pay for improvements to both the convention center and its surrounding infrastructure.

Revenue estimates from the improvements and increased attendance over the next 30 years are over \$90 billion. By expanding the general footprint of the convention center, it will allow for larger conventions and increase attendance by an estimated 400,000 per year. This project should continue to be a revenue generator for our region through jobs and contracts for many years to come.

## Stalking

During the 87th Session we created legislation that required computer entry for a number of violent offenses so that Texas peace officers as well as the victims would be made aware of bond conditions on the release of the defendant from jail. We heard from prosecutors and victims rights groups that stalking was not included in the original language and would need to be added, so [House Bill 767](#) was passed to add stalking to the list of offenses requiring TCIC entry.

## Judicial Accountability

Over the past couple of elections, a fair amount of attention and news has been dedicated to knowing what our courts are doing and how well they perform. Their lack of performance can be an attributing factor in overcrowding in our jails across the state. Unfortunately in the higher criminal courts, there was no reporting mechanism that permitted the public to review statistics by individual courts in Texas' large

no reporting mechanism that permitted the public to view statistics by individual courts in Texas large counties. [House Bill 1182](#) resolved that by requiring each court report their activity and that it be made available to the public via the internet.

## Preferential Scheduling for Murder Trials

With the overcrowding in our jails and overloaded packed court dockets, families of murder victims were made to wait for many years in Harris County to see justice for their lost loved ones. [Senate Bill 402](#) will help give our courts and prosecutors the ability to give scheduling preference to murder trials. Working with Senator Whitmire, I sponsored the bill in the House and garnered the support for passage to ensure that evidence and witness testimony won't be lost due to excessive delays of the past.

## Public Healthcare Reform Committee

After working on this issue during the last interim, I was appointed by the House Speaker to Chair the Public Healthcare Reform Committee during the regular session. We held a number of hearings and passed out a number of significant pieces of legislation like [House Bill 12](#) that increases the postpartum coverage to 12 months or [House Bill 617](#) which created a telemedicine program in rural areas of the state.

## Cypress Creek

## Drainage Improvement

## District



### December Update:

The official "swearing-in" ceremony and organizational meeting for the Cypress Creek Drainage Improvement District will take place on Wednesday January 31, 2004, at 3:00 pm at the George W. Bush Community Center, 6827 Cypresswood Drive, Spring Texas 77379. The public is invite.

Plans for 2024 include holding community workshops throughout the Cypress Creek Watershed to enlist public input and opinion on a comprehensive flood mitigation plan.

More information is contained on the Drainage District website:

<https://www.cypresscreekdid.org>

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

[cypresscreekflooding@gmail.com](mailto:cypresscreekflooding@gmail.com)

### **Directors:**

Dr. Calvin Cobb

Barbara Schattman

Barbara Schattman  
Joe Myers  
Mark Adam  
Clara Lewis

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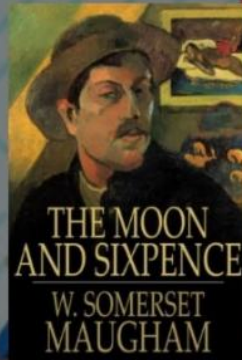


## Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts

Museum will be closed from January 8th to the 25th for exhibition changeover.  
Museum will open again on January 26th.

### The Pearl Book Club

The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts presents The Pearl Book Club. Our next meeting will be at the museum on January 27, 2024 to discuss *The Moon and Sixpence* written by W. Somerset Maugham.



Join us for an exciting book club event at the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts! Our monthly book selections are inspired by our museum's current art exhibitions. Get ready to dive into captivating stories, share your thoughts, and connect with fellow bookworms in an immersive world of art and literature. Whether you're a casual reader or a book aficionado, this in-person gathering is the perfect opportunity to indulge in your love for literature. Discover new authors, explore different genres, and expand your literary horizons. Let us journey together!

If registration is full but you are interested in attending, contact Samantha Aguilar at [samanthapfmfa@gmail.com](mailto:samanthapfmfa@gmail.com) or show up to a meeting.

Visit the Pearl Fincher Museum Website

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



Whitney’s musical legacy is brought to life in this critically acclaimed stage show described as “mind-blowingly spot on”.

Be stunned by the breathtaking vocals of Belinda Davids – a RiSA chart-topping artist in her home country of South Africa – who has performed alongside the likes of Keri Hilson, Keyshia Cole and Monica. With the accompaniment of a five-piece live band, two backing vocalists and four choreographed dancers, plus state-of-the-art sound, lighting, vision and theatrical effects, this is a beautifully crafted tribute to one of the world’s most revered singers.

The two-hour production will fill you with joy, nostalgia and wonderment as it takes you on a heartfelt journey through Houston’s greatest hits including ‘I Will Always Love You’, ‘I Wanna Dance With Somebody’, ‘How Will I Know’, ‘One Moment in Time’, ‘I Have Nothing’, ‘Run to You’, ‘Didn’t We Almost Have It All’, ‘Greatest Love of All’, ‘I’m Every Woman’, ‘Queen of the Night’, ‘Exhale (Shoop Shoop)’, ‘Million Dollar Bill’ and more.

The Greatest Love of All starring Belinda Davids: A Tribute to Whitney Houston has already wowed audiences across the UK, Europe, North America, South Africa, Asia, UAE, Australia and New Zealand and continues to gather glowing reviews worldwide.

This special once-in-a-lifetime concert event will leave patrons wanting more and talking about it for years to come. Don’t miss the chance to experience it for yourself.

- “A creative triumph on every level” – Theatre People
- “Davids stuns the audience in not just vocal ability but star power” – Arts hub
- “She feels every song, resulting in a spirited performance” – ToNight
- “A show that simply cannot be missed” – TheCitizen
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Proudly Presented by Showtime Australia. Not associated with the Estate of Whitney Houston.

Performance Location: Geiger Performing Arts Center, 16713 Ella Blvd., Houston 77090

Date & Time: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, February 3, 2024

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Tickets: \$45, \$55, \$65 & \$75

Season Ticket Sales: On Sale Now

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

Valet Parking: \$15/car. Pre-order online with credit card or pay cash the night of the event.

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

### 2023-2024 Star-Lit! Series

The Greatest Love of All: A Tribute to Whitney Houston starring Belinda Davids – 7:30pm, Saturday, February 3, 2024 at the Geiger PAC

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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# TEXAS MASTER CHORALE

2023-2024 Concert Season

[Online Ticket Purchase](#)

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

Tickets: <https://www.texasmasterchorale.org/tickets.html>

General Admission—\$25.00 each

Season Subscription—\$75.00

Students with ID—Free Admission

Texas Master Chorale Spring Auditions

Monday, 15 January

John Wesley Methodist Church, 5830 Bermuda Dunes Drive, Houston, TX, USA

Audition info:

<https://www.texasmasterchorale.org/auditions.html>

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](mailto:eddie.cruz@cyfairfd.org)

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

December:

EMS 2803

FIRE 612

2023 Run Totals for the Cy-Fair Fire Department

EMS 31,289

FIRE 7,258



The Cy-Fair Fire Department hopes that everyone had a great Holiday Season. As the New Year kicks in, we hope that safety is at the forefront of everyone's thoughts and if you have a church group, an HOA, Mother's Day Out group, Boy/Girl Scout Pack or school classroom that you would like us to come out and do a Safety Presentation for, please contact us via our website at [www.cyfairfd.org](http://www.cyfairfd.org) and fill out the form. We hope to make 2024 one of the safest years possible by educating as many of our community members as possible.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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](mailto: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.





What a wonderful and exciting year it has been, and it has been an honor to serve the district. We thank everyone for the opportunity to work with you and improve the community as it grows. Harris County ESD 11 Mobile Healthcare wishes everyone a happy and healthy 2024!

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](mailto:brian.piatkowski@esd11.com)

[ESD 11 Website](https://esd11.com/)

## ESD 13 Fire Service Monthly Update



### Cypress Creek Fire Department

Julia Peterson  
Public Information Officer

[ESD 13 Website](#)

#### MONTHLY REPORT

**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:

November 2023:

Fire: 113

EMS: 123

Total: 236

Total: 236  
Average Response Time: 05:49

December 2023:

Fire: 108  
EMS: 112  
Total: 220  
Average Response Time: 05:41

2023: (01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023)

Fire: 1509  
EMS: 1354  
Total: 2863  
Average Response Time: 05:50

**SAFETY MESSAGE:**

From the NFPA: "Nearly half of home heating equipment fires are reported during the months of December, January & February. Stay safe: [Home Heating Fires](#)"

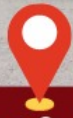
**PUBLIC OUTREACH:**

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



# HARRIS ★ COUNTY

## 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](mailto:jlomas@hcesd16.org)

### December Responses for ESD 16

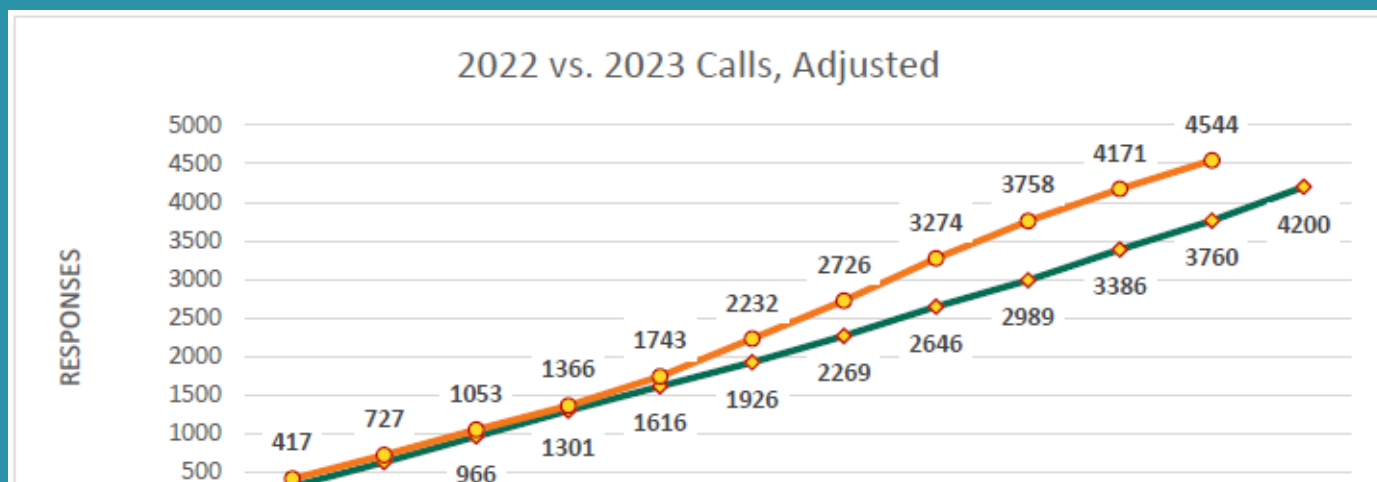
Fire-related: 27                      Other<sup>†</sup>: 134  
Rescue/ EMS: 188                  False Alarms: 47  
TOTAL: 418

2023 Year-to-date (January 2023 – November 2023)  
4,567 responses

Top 3 response areas by KFD Station:

- 1. Station 32            76 incidents            19%
- 2. Station 33            69 incidents            17%
- 3. Station 36            52 incidents            13%

<sup>†</sup> *Service, Good Intent, Hazardous Conditions, Special Incidents*



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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2022	319	634	966	1301	1616	1926	2269	2646	2989	3386	3760	4200
2023	417	727	1053	1366	1743	2232	2726	3274	3758	4171	4544	
% change	31%	15%	9%	5%	8%	16%	20%	24%	26%	23%	21%	

## *Christmas with Santa with KFD at Station No. 33*



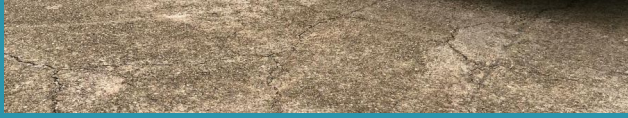


The Klein Fire Department hosted our annual Christmas with Santa event at Station 3 on Saturday, December 16, 2023, a tradition that goes back more than 20 years. Our engine, tower and tanker crews stopped in throughout the morning as neighbors lined up to take photos with Chief Santa Claus! The station was festive, the hot cocoa and wassail stations hit the right spot on a chilly morning, and the beautiful holiday cake gifted to us by our community partners at H-E-B, thanks to Christal Humphrey, was the perfect pairing to the holiday cookies.

Children big and small, young and old, sat with Chief Santa to tell him their Christmas wishes. Families also brought toys, books, and non-perishable food items to contribute to our holiday giving drives; namely Toys for Tots, Read to Lead's Reading Reindeers, and Adventure Preschool at Windwood Presbyterian Church food drive for TEAM's Food Pantry (Tomball Emergency Assistance Ministries). To top off the weekend of giving, we hosted our monthly blood drive benefitting the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center.

Klein Fire looks forward to hosting more events in the new year that bring our Klein Community together. No matter how long residents call our area home, be it 2 months or 40 years, we want them all to feel a sense of belonging and that their fire department is a part of the community.





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](mailto:info@HCESD16.org) or visit [www.HCESD16.org](http://www.HCESD16.org) / [www.KleinFire.org](http://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



Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter, be fire smart!



**Half of all home heating fires** occur in December, January and February.

**1 in every 7** home fires and **1 in every 5** home fire deaths involves heating equipment.

Keep anything that can burn **at least 3 feet** from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.

Keep portable generators **outside, away from windows, and as far away from your home as possible.**

Install and test carbon monoxide alarms **at least once a month.**

Plug only **1 heat-producing appliance** (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.

Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents **every year.**

Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it **outside at least 10 feet** from your home and any nearby buildings.

FEMA | U.S. Fire Administration | The U.S. Firefighters' Age | NFPA

For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit [www.usfa.fema.gov/winter](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/winter) and [www.nfpa.org/winter](http://www.nfpa.org/winter).

### 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](http://www.championsfire.org)

## November Average Response Time 4:54

NOV 2023 MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	14	14.58%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	36	37.5%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	5	5.21%
Service Call	1	1.04%
Good Intent Call	27	28.12%
False Alarm & False Call	13	13.54%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>100%</b>

## 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



Dec. 21, 2023—Twenty CFISD athletes signed letters of intent to play collegiate athletics or were honored for

inking their letters during early signing periods on National Signing Day, Dec. 20.

For Division I football, the early period for students enrolling at their respective colleges and universities for the 2024-2025 school year began Dec. 20 and runs through Dec. 22. The signing period for Division I basketball (early) and all other Division I and Division II sports began Nov. 8.

For more information and to read the full article, go [here](#):



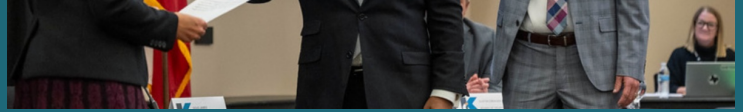
Cy-Fair ISD Website



Board Members

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## Klein ISD News

As a result of the November 2023 election, new Board member Mr. Dustin Qualls took the oath of office for Position 1, and returning Board member Mr. Doug James took the oath of office for Position 2. Additionally, Board members elected new officers for the upcoming year, with Cathy Arellano as President, Dustin Creager as Vice President, and Doug James as Secretary. Ms. Cathy Arellano was also presented with a service pin for serving Klein ISD as an employee and trustee for a combined 35 years. Mr. Doug James and Mr. Chris Todd also received 5-year service pins.



Klein, TX — Kendra Scott, a renowned entrepreneur and jewelry design magnate, stepped into the halls of Klein High School for the first time in 31 years. This household name and Bearkat gem graduated in 1992 and was given a warm welcome home by our Klein High students and staff.

As part of her visit, Kendra Scott visited our Fashion Design and Entrepreneurship classes and gave business advice to 60 of our young aspiring creators and innovators.

“The Houston community, especially the beloved Klein High School community, holds a special place in my heart and has played a crucial role in shaping my journey,” Kendra Scott said. “I made the move to Houston at the age of 16 and proudly graduated from Klein High School. Back then, I was a young dreamer with big ambitions of someday establishing my own business. The dedicated teachers and supportive faculty at Klein played a significant role in nurturing those dreams, and returning to the area that contributed to my growth is truly meaningful.”

For more information on this and other articles, check out the Newsroom at this link:  
<https://www.kleinisd.net/news>

## Tomball ISD News



### Dr. Salazar-Zamora Named AASA National Superintendent of the Year Finalist

In addition to her recent accolades in Texas, Dr. Salazar-Zamora's prominence has now reached national recognition.

ALEXANDRIA, VA. – AASA, The School Superintendents Association, is pleased to announce Tomball ISD Superintendent of Schools Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora as a finalist for the 2024 National Superintendent of the Year®. This distinction honors school system leaders throughout the country who are making a positive difference in the lives of the students they serve, in addition to ensuring the safety and wellness of their school communities.

Joining Dr. Salazar-Zamora as one of four finalists for the 2024 National Superintendent of the Year® are:

- Martha Salazar-Zamora, Tomball Independent School District, Tomball, TX
- Joe Gothard, Saint Paul Public Schools, Saint Paul, MN
- Kimberly Rizzo Saunders, Contoocook Valley School District, Peterborough, NH
- Fredrick Williams, Dublin City Schools, Dublin, GA

In September 2023, following Dr. Salazar-Zamora's selection as Region 4 Superintendent of the Year, the Texas Association of School Boards named her the 2023 Texas Superintendent of the Year. She is the first Hispanic female to receive the honor. The Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) named Dr. Salazar-Zamora a state nominee for AASA National Superintendent of the Year.

Read the full article [here](#):



[Tomball ISD Website](#)

## 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

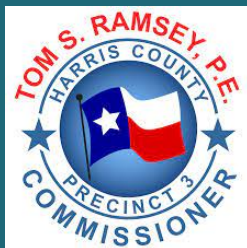
CDC- Center for Disease Control: [CDC Coronavirus](#)

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 3Request 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



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](#)

[Community Assistance 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](#)



### Transportation and Mobility Committee

2nd Tuesday of each month

Meeting Location:

29201 Quinn Rd.

Tomball, Texas 77375

Upstairs Conference Room

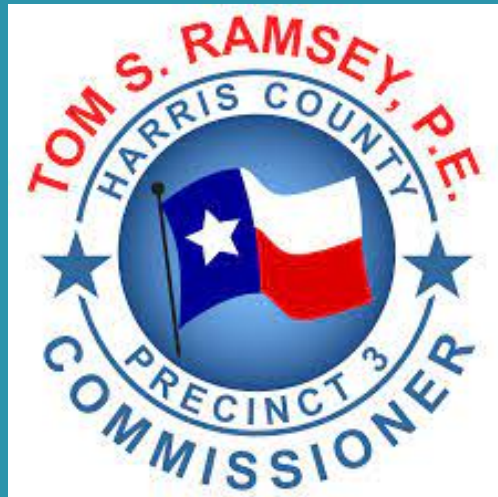
Tomball Government Affairs Committee

### 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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