



Sam Harless

State Representative District 126

February 2023 Newsletter



Texas House of Representatives



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88th Session

Committee Assignments Are Out

Select Committee on Public Health Care Reform

The Speaker was apparently pleased with the work and the progress of our interim committee from the 87th Legislative Session, as he decided to continue our work in the 88th Session, naming Sam Harless as Chairman of the Select Committee on Public Health Care Reform. Vice Chair for the committee is another experienced legislator and medical professional Donna Howard from Austin. Vice-chair Howard is new to the committee and has a Bachelor's degree in nursing and a Master's degree in health education. Continuing their service on the committee is Dr. Tom Oliverson, an anesthesiologist, and Dr. Greg Bonnen, a neurosurgeon. Stephanie Klick, who has a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing with decades of practical and consulting experience in the field, is also on the committee along with James Frank, a North Texas business owner who is Chairman of the Human Services Committee.

Many of these are senior legislative members who have, or currently are in leadership positions on other related committees. We are fortunate to have so many experienced members joining us as we continue this work on through the end of the 88th Session.

To see the complete list of committee members, follow bills assigned to the committee, or committee hearings [go here](#).

We have hired committee staff, with Greer Gregory joining us as our senior Committee Clerk. Greer has clerked in a committee previously and recently completed law school at the University of Texas before going to work for the Texas Health & Human Services Commission as a policy analyst in their government relations office.

Representative Harless was also assigned to the Homeland Security & Public Safety Committee again this year and Speaker Phelan also created a new Select Committee on Community Safety. This new committee was created to focus on legislation related to the possession, sale, and transfer of firearms and ammunition and the associated criminal offenses and penalties. Chairman Guillen., who also chairs the Homeland Security & Public Safety Committee, serves as Chairman on this committee and it contains many of the same members.

Representative Harless was also assigned to the Licensing and Administrative Procedures and House Administration Committees

If you would like to follow or research bills or legislative actions, please use the tools available at www.Texas.Capitol.Gov You can search bill language, follow, and track progress of bills as they proceed through committees and see which ones don't.

Clay Walker At The Capitol

We were privileged to honor the renowned country music star and recording artist Clay Walker with a Texas House of Representatives member resolution recognizing his tremendous musical achievements and his outstanding support of those affected by Multiple Sclerosis. Clay has raised millions in support of MS research and treatment. The multi-platinum album selling artist got a standing ovation for his charitable work and his career achievements. Clay has not allowed his disease to be an obstacle to his profession, continuing to record and tour across the country and raising a large family, with his 8th child on the way.



Housing Project In The District

Upcoming Oakwood Trails Apartment Project On Louetta

It seems that the developer (Lincoln Avenue Capitol) is still planning on moving forward with the housing project in the 4200 block of Louetta. We have confirmed this is a 4% tax credit application, which means that Rep. Harless doesn't have the ability to impact its approval of the application with TDHCA. State Representatives only have the ability to influence 9% tax credit applications.

However, during Representative Harless' multiple meetings with the developer he expressed the concerns that the community had in the location and design of the project. In good faith and out of respect for the community the developer notified us that they are making the following changes to the project:

- Restricting the property to seniors age 62 and over as opposed to 55 and over. All residents must be 62+ under the revised program.
- Removed a floor of apartments from each building, reducing the 4-story buildings in the east down to 3 stories and reducing the 3-story buildings in the west down to 2 stories, thus lowering sight lines into neighboring homes.
- In reducing the building heights, the overall number of apartment units was reduced from 254 down to 203.
- The reduction in units allowed for the removal of a row of parking along the western property line which will allow for additional existing trees to be retained, increasing the buffer between the neighborhood and subject property.
- The number of floors in the western portion of the site will be the same number of floors as the single-family homes in the community and the additional tree buffer should further assist in the effort to provide more privacy and improves the sight-line for homes of community residents on the West side of the project.
- Since the community meeting in August, the development team has met with the Harris County Flood Control District – Watershed Management Department and Harris County Floodplain Administrator to review the proposed plan and ensure the site has proper detention and floodplain mitigation.

I know that there is still a lot of community opposition to this project, but again due to the nature of their application there really isn't anything that Rep. Harless will be able to do to stop it. I do want to

emphasize though the importance of these changes being made by the developer. They were in no way obligated to make any changes to their project, but after listening to Rep. Harless' concerns and because of their desire to respect the community and wanting to be good neighbors they've decided to make these changes.

This property would be located across the street from the old gym and on the south side of the Louetta with construction planned for Summer 2023 and a two year completion timeline.

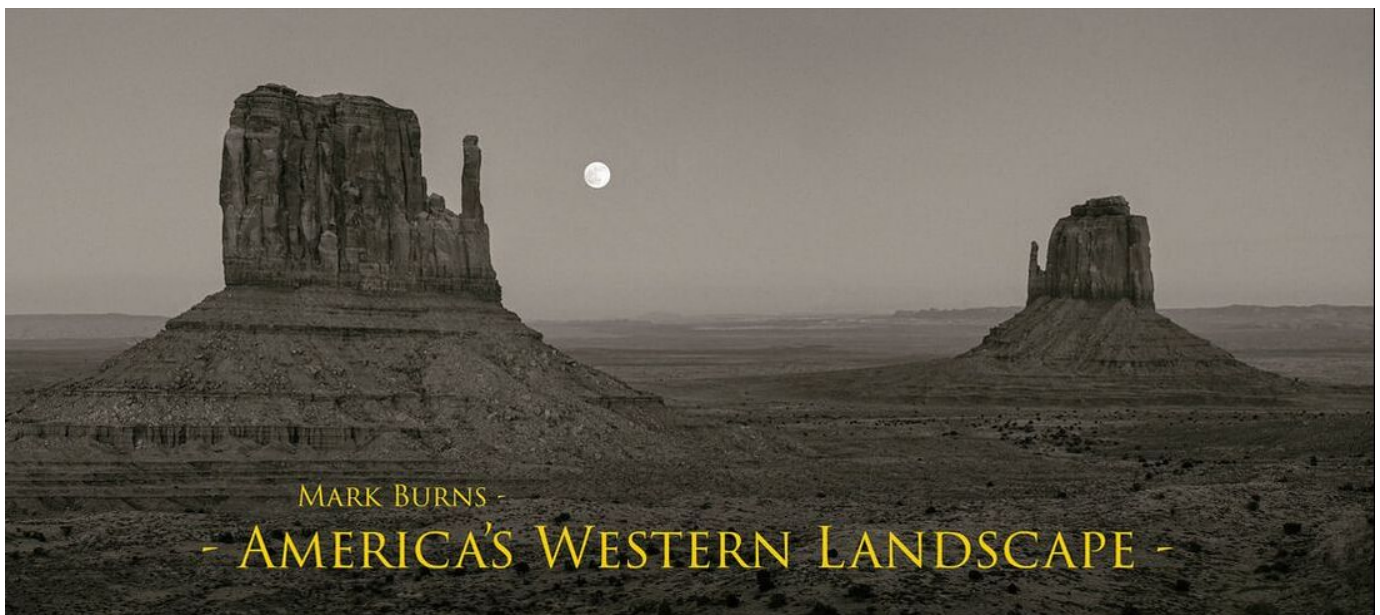
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Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts



Artist Lecture: Mark Burns Photography

March 10th at 6:00pm

Location: Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts- 6815 Cypresswood Dr. Spring, TX 77379

Cost: Free

Description:

Visit The Pearl Fincher Museum for an artist lecture by photographer Mark Burns. Mark Burns began working as a professional photographer in 1978. In this lecture, Burns will discuss his large format photography and traditional silver gelatin and platinum printmaking techniques. He combines his traditional photography background and expertise with modern digital equipment in his work. The exhibition America's Western Landscape will be on view for the first time in the museum main gallery.

Register For Mark Burns Event

YOUTH ART CLASSES

Wearing a mask in the museum is optional.

All classes are limited in size and offered in a socially distanced setting.

When children get a chance to express their creativity and dive into art, they develop confidence, increase their empathy, and discover how to look at the world from different perspectives. All those skills help prepare students to take on the world with passion and creativity.

Treat your child, grandchild, or friend to a gift of art!

The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free!

Register for Art Classes

Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts

Ceramics Art Class!



Ages 6-10 and 11-15

All materials included!



Preview of some class projects below!



Plates, cups, vases, animals and more! Learn how to hand-build, design and glaze your pieces in our upcoming ceramics classes.

Tuesdays at 4:30pm-6:00pm, Ages 6-10

Thursdays at 5:00pm-6:30pm, Ages 11-15

7 week class starting 1/10/23

All skill levels welcome!

Ceramics Class Registration

Visit the Pearl Fincher Museum Website

Cypress Creek F.A.C.E.

Foundation for the Arts and Community Enrichment



Cypress Creek FACE has begun the fall series.

Star-Lit Series Concerts

Stepcrew – 8pm, Saturday, March 25, 2023

Michael Cavanaugh -- The Music of Elton John and/or Billy Joel – 8pm, Saturday, May 20, 2023

Promenade Series Concerts

Hope Cowan, harp & Zachary Montasser, violin – March 14, 2023

Monarch Chamber Players – April 11, 2023

Matthew Roitstein, flute – May 9, 2023

Star-Lit Series Season Ticket Order Form

Promenade Series Season Tickets



Join Hope Cowan, harp, and Zachary Montasser, violin, as they explore works of introspection, reflection, and creativity for harp and violin from across cultures and genres. Musical selections will include Irish folk songs, classical favorites by Massenet and Faure, and pop standards. About Hope Cowan...

Originally from La Crosse, Wisconsin, Ms. Cowan relocated to Houston, Texas in 2009 to pursue her music education. She has a Master's of Music degree from Rice University and a Bachelor's of Music from the University of Houston, both under the instruction of Paula Page.

As an orchestral musician, Ms. Cowan is the principal harpist of the Symphony of Southeast Texas and the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra. Formerly, she was the principal harpist of the El Paso Symphony Orchestra. She has served as a guest musician with various symphonies including the Milwaukee, Victoria,

San Antonio, Brazos Valley, Lake Charles, and Corpus Christi Symphonies. She has also been a guest musician with the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra, Opera in the Heights, and Mercury Chamber Orchestra. About Zachary Montasser...

Violinist, Zachary Montasser, earned his Bachelor and Master of Music degrees in 2011 from University of Houston's Moore School of Music, and then went on to receive a Performance Certificate with a focus on violin performance in 2013 from DePaul University in Chicago studying with renowned American violinist, Janet Sung.

An avid chamber musician, Zachary was the founding member of two classical string quartets, the Clark Street Quartet and the Fusion String Quartet, which was featured in the prestigious Hot Spring Music Festival, the House of Blues, and toured throughout the US. He was a featured violinist in the Tikvah Company of Artists, where he accompanied live contemporary dance. He has also performed in the Oistrakh Symphony Orchestra, the 42nd Parallel and has played in the orchestra for Broadway show including Oliver!, My Son Pinocchio, Cinderella, and others.

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

Date & Time: 3:00 p.m. March 14, 2023

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, August 2, 2021

More Info on Cowen-Montasser Duo

Texas Master Chorale

Master Chorale Webpage

Founded in 1986, the Texas Master Chorale is a mixed choral ensemble of 100 auditioned singers. Their sponsors and fundraisers support choir activities throughout the community. We strive for excellence in performing a variety of choral masterworks from classical to contemporary and from sacred to secular.

NEXT CONCERT

On April 1, 2023, Texas Master Chorale will perform "FOR LOVE OF COUNTRY", where the chorus and orchestra will celebrate America in a patriotic musical tribute. Tickets are available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/417251288837> or by contacting the FACE Box Office at 281.440.4850.

Concert Tickets

**TEXAS
MASTER CHORALE**

**FOR LOVE OF
COUNTRY**

Saturday, April 1, 2023

7:30 PM
John Wesley
Methodist Church

TICKETS: TexasMasterChorale.org | 281.440.4850 OR AT THE DOOR

Concert generously sponsored by:

HOUSTON
Methodist
WILLOWBROOK HOSPITAL

Texas
Commission
on the Arts



Master Chorale Facebook Page

**TEXAS
MASTER CHORALE**

5th Annual Benefit
Golf Tournament

Saturday, March 4, 2023
Gleannloch Pines Golf Club

For details and to register, visit
TexasMasterChorale.org

ESD 9 Monthly News



February 2023

EMS Run Totals – 2237

Fire Run Totals – 493

Total Runs = 273

With Spring Break approaching, the Cy-Fair Fire Department wants you to have an enjoyable, but safe break. Here are a few safety tips to consider, since the chances for drownings and car accidents increase during this time.

Spring Break Safety Tips:

- Never leave children unattended near any body of water.
- If your child does not know how to swim, make sure they wear an approved life vest.
- Even if a lifeguard is present, keep an eye on your child.
- Have a whistle and a cell phone handy in case it is needed to call for help.
- Enroll your child in a swim class prior to the break.
- Learn CPR
- If swimming in the ocean or a lake, be aware of rip currents.

If traveling during Spring Break:

- Make sure everyone is wearing their seatbelt or is in the appropriate child car seat.
- DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE.
- Drive defensively.
- Wear sunscreen to avoid sunburn.
- Consume water to avoid dehydration.
- Pack everyone's medications.

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ESD 9 - Cy-Fair Fire Dept

ESD 11 Monthly News



ESD 11 Update - By Michelle Prescott, Professional Development Manager

Michelle Prescott has been assigned the responsibilities for monthly updates for ESD 11. Her Contact Information is :
 Phone 281-524-7657
 Email: michelle.prescott@esd11.com

Response Times From February Meeting

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.

ESD 11 Board Names Permanent CEO

The Board of Directors named Jamie Chebra as Chief Executive Officer. Jamie has been serving as interim CEO since September of 2022.

James "Jamie" Chebra has been involved in EMS for more than 20 years. Prior to serving Harris County ESD11 he served as the Executive Director Jersey City Medical Center EMS, a dynamic resource deployed service providing Advanced, Basic and Specialty Care transfer services to the City of Jersey City and the surrounding communities. Prior to Jersey City, Jamie had the opportunity to lead JFK EMS in Edison New Jersey from a small fly car service to a full-service EMS system providing advanced Life, Basic Life support, Interfacility transfers, integrated community paramedics to include nurse call line, ACO integration, Lyft integration into mobile healthcare. Jamie earned his Master of Emergency Health Science Degree from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County and holds a graduate certificate in Emergency Management. He is actively working on his Doctor of Healthcare Administration and is a Fellow of the Advisory Board Company and a Certified Emergency Manager CEM. Jamie serves as a board member for the National EMS Management Association (NEMSMA).

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 33 square mile district and to the greater FM1960 area in conjunction with our automatic aid departments.

WE ARE HIRING: We are currently accepting applications for open Captain and Engineer Operator positions. You can find the full job descriptions on the homepage of our website at www.cypresscreekfire.com. **EMERGENCY RESPONSE:** January 2023: Fire: 108 EMS: 103 Total: 211 Average Response Time: 05:55 **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 Inspections 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.

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Year To Date 2023: *Scheduled Events*

Car Seat Inspections: 4

Safety Presentations: 10

Home Safety Inspections: 1

Other: 1

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

We Are HIRING:

CAPTAIN THREE (3) OPEN NEWLY CREATED POSITIONS, AND FUTURE HIRING LIST



POSTING DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2023

POSITION: CAPTAIN

STATUS: FULL-TIME SALARIED

SALARY: STARTING \$77,112/YR.

ON AVERAGE, THE POTENTIAL ANNUAL EARNINGS COULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$89,870.73 AFTER FLSA OVERTIME SALARIED NON-EXEMPT (FLSA OVERTIME AFTER 106 HOURS IN A 14-DAY WORK PERIOD).

SHIFT SCHEDULE: THREE SHIFTS, 48/96 HR

(AFTER 1-WEEK ORIENTATION) 106 HOUR PAY PERIOD BI-WEEKLY

START DATE: AUGUST 7, 2023

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION:

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2023,

NO LATER THAN 16:00 HOURS

CCFD BENEFITS:

- TCDRS RETIREMENT, 7% EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS, 2:1 EMPLOYER MATCH, 5-YEAR VESTING.
- OPTIONAL 457B RETIREMENT PLAN
- HEALTH INSURANCE, 100% EMPLOYEE COVERAGE, 80% DEPENDENT COVERAGE.
- FIRST \$25,000 OF EMPLOYEE LIFE AND AD&D COVERAGE IS COVERED BY ESD, ADDITIONAL LIFE, SPOUSE, AND DEPENDENT COVERAGE AVAILABLE.
- VISION, DENTAL, AND OPTIONAL LIFE COVERAGE ARE AVAILABLE AT EMPLOYEE EXPENSE.
- AFLAC IS AVAILABLE. FIRST \$100 IS PAID BY ESD, AND THE EMPLOYEE SELECTS PLANS AND COVERAGE.
- TASC FLEX SPENDING ACCOUNT AVAILABLE.
- CERTIFICATION PAY UP TO \$250 PER MONTH.
- VACATION AND SICK TIME WITH STEP INCREASES.
- LONGEVITY PAY

WWW.CYPRESSCREEKFIRE.COM

APPLY NOW

JOB REQUIREMENTS AND TESTING INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND BY VISITING THE JOB POSTING ON CYPRESSCREEKFIRE.COM

TESTING SCHEDULE:

APPLICATION DUE: 03-24-2023

WRITTEN EXAM: 05-26-2023

P. A. TEST : 05-26-2023

ASSESSMENT: 06-01-2023

INTERVIEW: 06-05&06-2023

We Are HIRING:



ENGINEER OPERATOR*

POSTING DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2023

POSITION: ENGINEER OPERATOR

STATUS: FULL-TIME SALARIED

SALARY: STARTING \$65,772/YR.

ON AVERAGE, THE POTENTIAL ANNUAL EARNINGS COULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$76,654.75 AFTER FLSA OVERTIME SALARIED NON-EXEMPT (FLSA OVERTIME AFTER 106 HOURS IN A 14-DAY WORK PERIOD).

SHIFT SCHEDULE: THREE SHIFTS, 48/96 HR

(AFTER 1-WEEK ORIENTATION) 106 HOUR PAY PERIOD BI-WEEKLY

START DATE: AUGUST 7, 2023

*TWO (2) OPEN NEWLY CREATED POSITIONS, AND FUTURE HIRING LIST



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WRITTEN EXAM: 06-28-2023
P. A. TEST : 06-28-2023
ASSESSMENT: 07-05&06-2023
INTERVIEW: 07-10&11-2023

ESD 16 Fire Service Monthly News



HARRIS ★ COUNTY

EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT



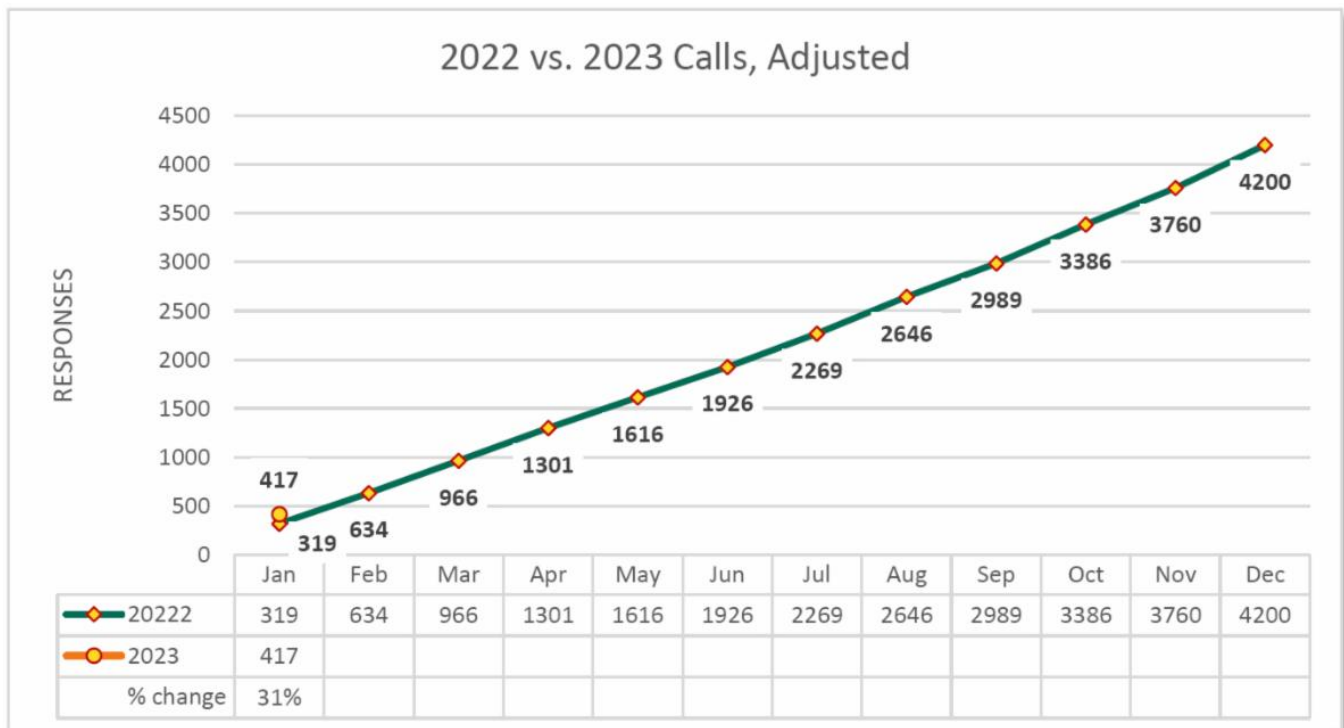


Harris County ESD 16 is the direct service provider for fire protection and rescue services in the Klein area, operating as Klein Fire Department.

Matt Pentifallo - Public Information Officer
 Klein Fire Department - Email: Mpentifallo@kleinfire.org

HCESD 16 News

Klein Fire Department has started 2023 with a 31% increase of incident responses over 2022. In December, we responded to 5 structure fires in our territory and 6 additional structure fires as mutual aid with six of our neighboring departments. The number of medical responses continue to set record levels month over month.

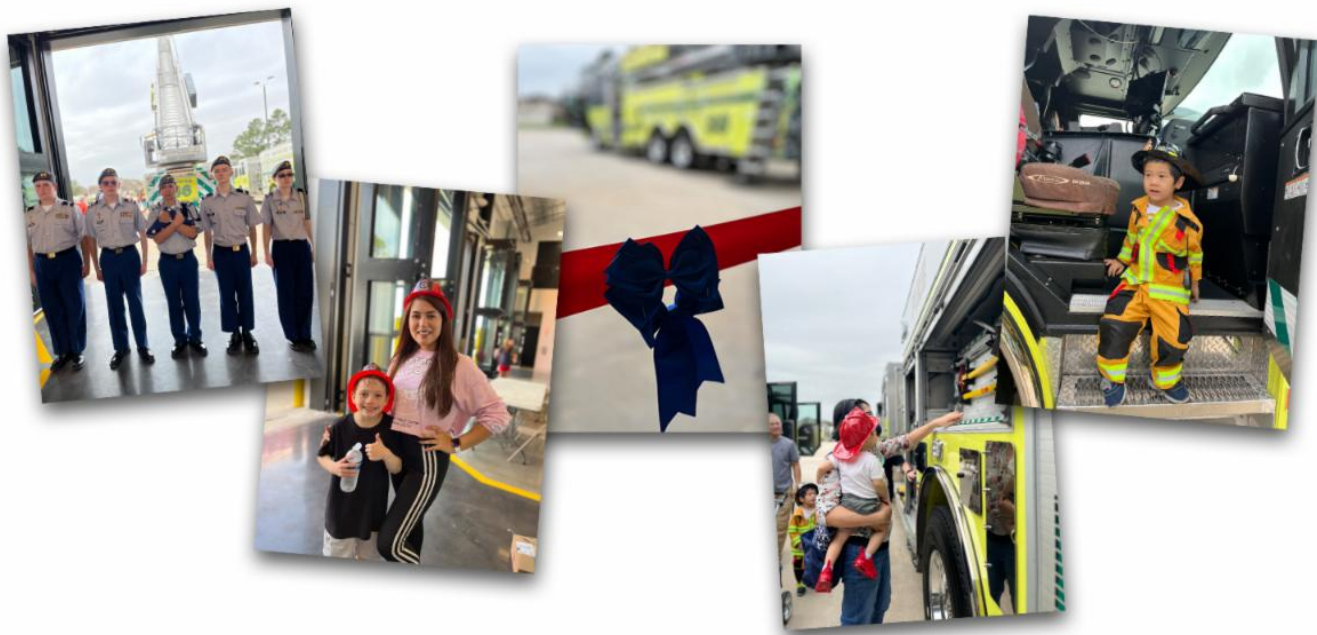




Cardiac arrest occurs when the heart stops pumping blood around the body. When someone has a cardiac arrest, the earlier they are defibrillated the better the chance of survival. Once the heart stops beating effectively the flow of oxygenated blood around the body reduces and eventually stops. Vital organs will start to die when they lose their supply of oxygen rich blood. The brain for example will start to die within minutes. Early CPR and early defibrillation are extremely important following a cardiac arrest. The earlier effective CPR and defibrillation is received, the higher the chance of survival.

Klein Fire Department assists Harris County ESD 11 Mobile Healthcare as a medical first responder when seconds count. Last calendar year, our mutual aid resulted in 20 ROSC's of the total 78 cardiac arrests we responded to in 2022. Return Of Spontaneous Circulation (ROSC) is the resumption of a sustained heart rhythm that perfuses the body after cardiac arrest and for the 28.6% of our patients who have survived a cardiac arrest, is a celebratory term.

While we always strive to improve response times, the community can also assist in greatly increasing the chance for ROSC. The first way to assist is the early recognition of cardiac arrest, as this is a key step in initiating early treatment. The second way is having regular recertification in bystander CPR. Lastly, access to an AED and the ability to use it properly are critical - for each minute defibrillation is delayed, the odds of survival are reduced by approximately 10 percent.



Klein Fire Department celebrated the Grand Opening of Station No. 6 on February 25th. We would like to thank the following people who helped make it special; The Honorable Sam Harless for his opening remarks, Klein Cain ROTC Cadets under the Command of Cadet Sergeant Major Ean Beretta for our flag raising ceremony, Klein Cain senior Jordan Harrold for his rendition of our National Anthem, and all the members and families who turned out to celebrate.

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

Harris County ESD No. 29 Receives Top ISO Rating

Harris County ESD No. 29 (Champions) is excited to announce that the District's Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating has improved to a **Class 1** effective September 1, 2022. Previously, ESD 29 was classified as an ISO Class 2/6. Class 2 in areas with fire hydrants, and class 6 in areas without fire hydrants. ISO creates Public Protection Classification ratings (PPC) for communities to evaluate how well-equipped fire departments are to put out fires.

The best rating from ISO is a 1, while the lowest is a 10. The fire department score makes up 60% of the rating. The remaining 40%, and the most challenging portion of the rating to improve, is the available water supply. Typically, the water used to combat a fire comes from fire hydrants. In 2017, to assist with water supply in areas void of fire hydrants, ESD 29 purchased a 3,000-gallon water tanker truck. Additionally, ESD 29 receives water tanker aid from neighboring fire departments. With these improvements and the opening of Fire Station 12 on Cutten Rd in 2020, ISO re-evaluated ESD 29's PPC rating.

ISO provides PPC ratings to insurance companies to help set property insurance premiums. Many insurance companies utilize the ISO ratings, but some do not. You should contact your insurance company to make them aware of this improvement to ESD 29's PPC rating. Please remember taking the extra steps to fireproof your home or business is still important. Installing smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors and keeping portable fire extinguishers ready is a significant first step. For more information regarding the ISO PPC rating system, go to <https://championsfire.org/iso>.

ESD 29 / Champions Fire has an informative website, which you can find here: <https://championsfire.org>

To see their incident response chart, go here: <https://championsfire.org/incident-data>



Fire Department Update

Champions ESD receives Class 1 insurance certification



championsfire.org

Average Emergency Calls response time: 5 minutes, 24 seconds

JANUARY 2023 MAJOR INCIDENT TYPES	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	6	4.8%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	56	44.8%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	8	6.4%
Service Call	13	10.4%
Good Intent Call	32	25.6%
False Alarm & False Call	10	8%
TOTAL	125	100%

Schools In Our District



Klein ISD Website



Tomball ISD Website



CyFair ISD Website

Cy-Fair ISD News



CFISD FOOTBALL STANDOUTS, COACH HONORED AS TD CLUB AWARD FINALISTS

Feb. 23, 2023—Representatives from The Met Church’s The HUB and Cy-Fair Christian Church visited the staff at the Leonard Brautigam Center on Feb. 20 to officially announce their Adopt-a-School partnerships with the campus.

CFISD’s Adopt-a-School program pairs schools with community organizations and business partners to utilize resources of the community to strengthen and enrich the quality of education for students. The moment was even more special for Martha Strother, Brautigam Center principal, and her staff, as the campus was not only adopted by one community partner, but two.

Brautigam Center Principal Martha Strother, third from right, and campus namesake Leonard Brautigam, fourth from right, hold commemorative Adopt-a-School certificates after the school formally entered an adoption partnership with The Met Church’s The HUB and Cy-Fair Christian Church on Feb. 20. They were joined by CFISD Director of Community Engagement Dawn Tryon, left, and representatives from both faith-based organizations.

Read the full article on CyFair's website [here](#).



Cy-Fair ISD Website

Klein ISD News





Outstanding Early Childhood Educators Selected as 2023-2024 Model Teachers

We are pleased to introduce our 2023-2024 Model Teachers for Early Childhood through 2nd Grade! These outstanding teachers underwent an application process, observation, and interview before being selected by the Early Learning Team for this honor.

"There are many positive words that come to mind when I think of our Pre-K-2 Model Teachers, but the one that stands out the most is dedication," Instructional Officer for Early Childhood Emily Puentes said. "The dedication these teachers portray to our students and families is impeccable. I am grateful for the love, time, and attention they pour into their job each and every day. To them, it is not just a job but a calling. Klein ISD is truly blessed with the BEST!"

2023-2024 Model Teachers

Claudia Fossati, Pre-K Brill Elementary
 Martha Papcostas, Pre-K Ehrhardt Elementary
 LeAnn Barnes, Kindergarten Mahaffey Elementary
 Beverly Keck, Kindergarten Bernshausen Elementary
 Holly Hayner, 1st Grade Haude Elementary
 Jafitza Sander, 1st Grade McDougale Elementary
 Allison Stoll, 1st Grade Fox Elementary
 Monika Messerly, 2nd Grade Fox Elementary
 Kristie Moore, 2nd Grade Fox Elementary
 Leticia Ocana, 2nd Grade McDougale Elementary

Each selected Model Teacher promotes excellence and demonstrates instruction that is aligned with Klein ISD's High-Quality Teaching standards. They believe in collaboration, self-reflection, and engaging themselves in continuous growth opportunities.

Our littlest learners are so lucky to have such amazing teachers. We thank them for their unwavering commitment to helping our students have a wonderful learning experience as they enter our Klein schools.

Read the full article by Lindsey Yancey at **Klein ISD**

Klein ISD Website

Tomball ISD News



Tomball ISD Students Shine at District Academic UIL Competition

TOMBALL - Tomball ISD students, grades second through eighth, showcased their academic knowledge and skills as they took part in the annual District UIL Academic Competition on Saturday, February 25. The District contest was broken down into an Elementary Division (2nd-4th), a 5th Grade Intermediate Division, a 6th Grade Intermediate Division, and a Junior High Division (7th-8th).

In the Elementary Division, students took part in creative writing, story telling, chess, spelling, ready writing, oral reading, and number sense. In the Intermediate Division, students participated in spelling, ready writing, oral reading, number sense, math, calculator, maps, graphs, and charts, social studies, and chess puzzle solving. In the Junior High Division, students took part in spelling, ready writing, oral reading, number sense, math, calculator, maps, graphs, and charts, social studies, and science.

The top six places were awarded in each category and each place was awarded a designated number of points. Judges then tallied the scores throughout all events in the grade bands represented and the schools are ranked by those points, which awards the Sweepstakes Award (1st-3rd) to campuses in each Division.



Tomball ISD Website

COVID Stats & Info For Harris County

COVID has been a part of all our of lives for over two years now and is a regular part of almost every news broadcast. As such, we will be discontinuing routine coverage in this newsletter unless the threat remerges at a later date.

Charts and more information on Covid can be found on the Harris County COVID Dashboard at www.readyharris.org

COVID-19 Resources

Texas Workforce Commission

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) continues to explore options to keep the 2021 tax rates as low as possible for Texas employers as Texas and the entire nation continue to deal with the economic disruptions of the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more about 2021 tax rates in the press release.](#)

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 COVID-19 health and safety policies - 832-839-6941

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

Precinct 3 Service Request Link

<https://webapps2.harriscountytexas.gov/servicerequestform/pct-form?pct3=>

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 here**.

Area Projects in Construction

Cypress Creek Greenway Phases 1 & 2

Project Scope: Construct under crossings along Cypress Creek at Highway 249(North and South Side) and construct pedestrian trails and boardwalks.

Benefits: Help connect portions of the Cypress Creek Greenway together and provide access to the Kickerillo-Mischer Preserve

Phase: Construction

Estimated Construction Cost: \$3.7 million

Estimated Completion: First Quarter of 2023

Flashing School Zone – Phase II

Project Scope: Construction of new school zone flashers for schools in Cy-Fair ISD

Benefits: Provides increased safety elements within the school zone

Phase: Construction

Estimated Construction Cost: \$1.1 million

Estimated Completion: Fourth Quarter of 2022

George Bush Community Center

Project Scope: Construction of a new 2-story community center next to Cypresswood Drive

Benefits: Provide community with a center that will include multiple classrooms, gathering spaces, as well as a large community hall that will be reservable by the public

Phase: Construction

Estimated Construction Cost: \$4.5 million

Estimated Completion: First Quarter of 2023

Gosling Road Bridge over Spring Creek

Project Scope: 2,100' long concrete twin bridge to tie into the 4-lane concrete boulevard to the north and south

Benefits: Improve safety and traffic flow by providing 2 lanes for southbound traffic and completing the mobility connection between Harris and Montgomery Counties

Phase: Construction

Estimated Construction Cost: \$9,377,674

Estimated Completion: First Quarter of 2023

Telge Road Reconstruction – Phase 1 from Tuckerton Drive to Moray View Drive

Project Scope: Reconstruct existing 4-lane concrete roadway, driveway reconstruction and new roadway signage.

Benefits: Increase roadway safety

Phase: Construction

Estimated Construction Cost: \$2 million

Estimated Completion: Third Quarter of 2022

Telge Road Reconstruction – Phase 2 from Moray View Drive Drive to Wyman Gordon Way
 Project Scope: Reconstruct existing 4-lane concrete roadway, driveway reconstruction and new roadway signage

Benefits: Increase roadway safety

Phase: Construction

Estimated Construction Cost: \$2.6 million

Estimated Completion: First Quarter of 2023

Tall Pines Subdivision Recovery and Resiliency Improvement Project

Project Scope: Improve roadside drainage and pavement throughout the subdivision

Benefits: Provides improved drainage throughout the subdivision to reduce flooding and improve road quality for safety

Phase: Construction

Estimated Construction Cost: \$3,583,622

Estimated Completion: Fourth Quarter of 2022

Jones Road at Charles Road Traffic Signal

Project Scope: Construction of a new mast-arm traffic signal with related pedestrian facilities

Benefits: Improved driver safety

Phase: Construction

Estimated Construction Cost: \$470,000

Estimated Completion: Fourth Quarter of 2022

PROJECTS IN DESIGN

Cypress North Houston Road from Perry Road to Jones Road

Project Scope: Replace existing 2-lane asphalt road and roadside ditches with a 4-lane concrete boulevard with raised median and underground storm sewer system, including new or upgraded traffic signals at Autumn Mills Road, Misty Moss Lane, and Jones Road

Benefits: Better traffic throughput, less congestion, more functional drainage, and the clear safety improvements of converting to four lanes

Phase: Design

Estimated Construction Cost: \$7.5 million

Estimated Completion: TBD



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



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

Visit our House of Representatives Website

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