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July 2023 Newsletter

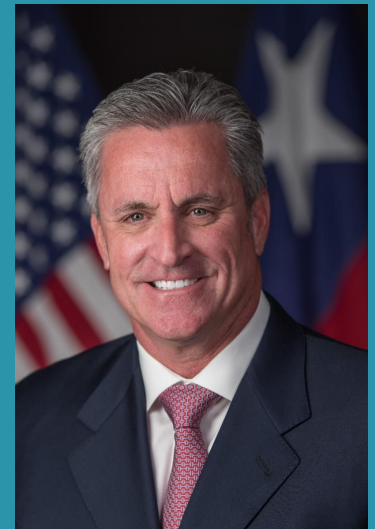


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News
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Special Session #2 Yields Results!

The 2nd called Special Session of the Texas Legislature produced significant results in fulfilling the Governor's request for lasting property tax relief for Texas taxpayers.

This session focused on the more narrow issue of School Maintenance & Operation Taxes. Specifically the special session called for legislation to:

LASTING PROPERTY TAX RATE CUTS:

Legislation to cut property tax rates solely by reducing the school district maximum compressed tax rate in order to provide lasting property-tax relief for Texas taxpayers.

ELIMINATING A PROPERTY TAX IN TEXAS:

Legislation to put Texas on a pathway to eliminate school district maintenance and operations property taxes.

To see the full Governor's Proclamation [go here](#)

Legislation passed to achieve property tax relief in this session came from [House Joint Resolution 2](#), which is the constitutional amendment required to pass voter approval in November, [Senate Bill 2](#) and [Senate Bill 3](#). SB 3 sets up the increase in franchise tax exemption. Senate Bill 2 is the primary enabling legislation for the House Joint Resolution and contains the specific stipulations and provisions for tax relief as well as requirement for voter approval.

Including \$5.3 billion approved four years ago, the legislation allocates a total of \$12.6 billion to reduce the school property tax rate by 10.7 cents per \$100 valuation for homeowners and business properties. It also includes an increase to the state's homestead exemption from \$40,000 to \$100,000 at an estimated cost of \$5.3 billion, and some extra relief for seniors and property owners with disabilities, averaging about \$170 more per year.

Important Points:

Increases the homestead exemption amount to \$100,000.

Provide 10.7 cents of additional ISD tax rate reduction through the maximum compressed rate.

Create a pilot program circuit breaker 20 percent limitation on appraised value increases for non-homestead real property valued less than \$5 million, indexed to inflation. The circuit breaker will sunset on December 31, 2026.

Creates three new elected positions for appraisal district boards of directors in counties with population of 75,000 or more.

Prohibit local taxing units from reducing or eliminating an existing local option homestead exemption for four years following the increase to the homestead exemption.

Removes the requirement to file a "no-tax due" return on franchise taxes.

Doubles the amount of a taxable entity's total revenue that is exempted from the franchise tax from \$1.235 million to \$2.47 million, which will remove 67,000 small to medium-sized business from paying the franchise tax.

SB 2 & HJR 2

\$18 billion in property tax relief when combined with the state budget

LARGEST PROPERTY TAX CUT IN TEXAS HISTORY

- ✓ \$12+ billion to reduce the school property tax rate
- ✓ Homestead exemption increase to \$100,000
- ✓ Non-homesteaded residential and commercial properties, valued at \$5 million and under, will receive a 20% circuit breaker on appraised values as a 3-year pilot project
- ✓ Create newly elected positions on local appraisal boards and provides a petition option for appraisal board candidates instead of filing fee

SB3

BUSINESS TAX RELIEF

Doubles the current franchise tax exemption to \$2.47 million and removes the requirement to file a no-tax due franchise tax return.



Eliminating Property Taxes

The Texas Legislature has yet to find a workable solution to putting the state on a path to eliminating property taxes. Property taxes remain one of the largest contributors to funding schools and local government services and since the Texas Legislature has "outlawed" an income tax, the options for replacing property taxes get pretty narrow.

In his last Biennial Property Tax Report in December 2021, Comptroller Glenn Hegar indicated over \$73 Billion in property taxes was collected through local appraisal districts. That \$73 Billion accounts for 51% of the state's revenue with state sales taxes coming in a distant 2nd place at just under 25%.

[Comptroller Report Link](#)

2021 Tax Revenue by Source

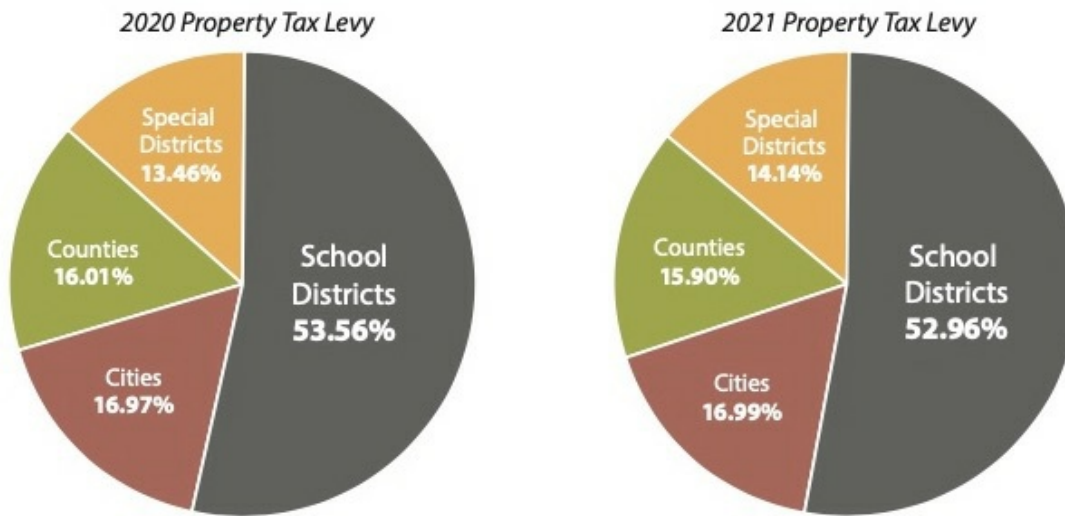


	2020 Number of Units	2020 Tax Levy	2020 Percent of Levy	2021 Number of Units	2021 Tax Levy	2021 Percent of Levy	Change from 2020 to 2021
School Districts	1,015	\$37,759,657,465	53.56%	1,015	\$38,946,142,782	52.96%	3.14%
Cities	1,089	\$11,963,476,245	16.97%	1,084	\$12,495,940,682	16.99%	4.45%
Counties	254	\$11,290,528,493	16.01%	254	\$11,694,130,764	15.90%	3.57%
Special Districts	2,063	\$9,486,152,671	13.46%	2,092	\$10,400,963,921	14.14%	9.64%
TOTAL	4,421	\$70,499,814,874	100.00%	4,445	\$73,537,178,149	100.00%	4.31%

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

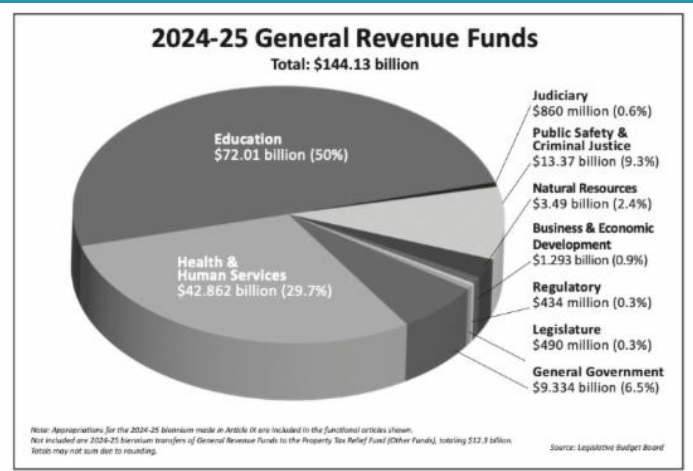
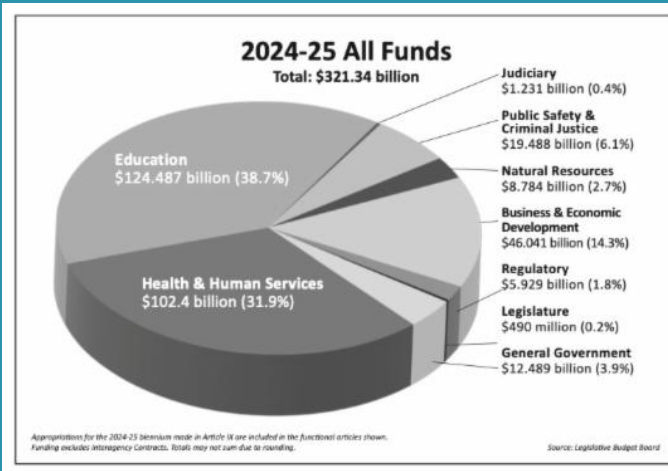
Unlike other taxing units, which can also collect sales taxes and fees, school districts' only source of tax revenue is property tax. In 2021, the state's 1,015 school districts levied almost \$39 billion in property taxes, or 52.96 percent of all property taxes levied by local taxing units in the state (Exhibit 10).

EXHIBIT 10 Property Taxes Reported by Taxing Unit Type



10 — Biennial Property Tax Report – Tax Years 2020 and 2021

Texas 2024-2025 Budget



A look at the next fiscal budget and how its expenditures are categorized, demonstrates how much of our state and federal revenues are committed to public education.

Cypress Creek Drainage Improvement District



PROGRESS REPORT

With the Texas Legislature establishing the Cypress Creek Drainage Improvement District on July 19, 2023, the Directors have begun to establish the District and initiate its activities.

The first activity has been to develop a list of Supporters in the Cypress Creek Watershed community. Currently there are 65 non-profit organizations, businesses, individuals, elected officials, churches, hospitals, MUD districts, and others on the Supporter list. This represents a wide range of support for the new District and the desire of the community to participate in flood control future planning.

The objectives of the District are to prepare a comprehensive flood mitigation strategy and a companion funding plan. The flood mitigation strategy will be based on existing engineering studies that have been the basis for current projects being installed by Harris County Flood Control District, studies currently underway by several Houston-area organizations, and updated studies commissioned by the Drainage District. Public meetings are being planned to solicit input from Cypress Creek Watershed constituents in the planning.

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

WHY DO WE NEED A DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR THE CYPRESS CREEK WATERSHED?

CYPRESS CREEK'S NEEDS WERE NOT ADEQUATELY ADDRESSED IN 2018 BOND...
...therefore a solution was needed to protect property in the watershed.



On June 19, 2023 the Texas Legislature approved the creation of Cypress Creek Drainage Improvement District (CCDID), a public entity to represent the 500,000+ citizens in the Cypress Creek watershed.

This special purpose district gives the community a united voice in future flood prevention—which we have not had before—and creates the ability to seek federal and state funding. The district was created through the leadership of State Representative Sam Harless who filed and sponsored the bill in the House, and Senator Paul Bettencourt who sponsored the bill in the Senate. Both houses overwhelmingly approved the bill.

We must actively pursue alternative solutions for funding flood mitigation in the Cypress Creek Watershed!

There is not enough money at the County level for funding all that must be done to adequately meet the needs for flood mitigation on Cypress Creek. The creation of a Special District encompassing the Cypress Creek Watershed allows us to: Gain access to Federal and State Funding, Participate in State Flood Planning, and to Develop and Activate practical plans for Cypress Creek flooding mitigation.

IF WE DO NOTHING...

- Unchecked flooding will continue.
- Homeowners and businesses will leave. Hewlett-Packard left after being flooded twice.
- We risk losing community resources such as the Cultural District.
- The area will deteriorate and property values decrease.



Approximate Boundaries: West—Eastern Waller County (SH362); North—Grand Parkway 99; South—FM1960/SH529; East—Junction of Cypress Creek and Spring Creek (Lee Road)

OUR OPTIONS...

- Wait for a County Bond Election and hope for an allocation of funds to Cypress Creek (5-10 years? or more?)
- Wait for long-term solutions such as a Tunnel to Lake Houston, a project that will require County and Corps of Engineers co-participation (a 30-year project).

OR—Control Our Own Destiny Through Our United Voice!



THE PROCESS

- Legislatively the Special District has been created by the Texas State Legislature and a Temporary District Board appointed.
- The Board will investigate flooding mitigation options throughout the Watershed, and develop a comprehensive plan and costs.
- Powers of taxation are not a part of the current bill approved by the Texas Legislature; the Board must go to a future session of the Legislature to seek such powers.

QUESTIONS

- Will the District have the power of Eminent Domain? No.
- Will the District have powers of taxation? No, not without voter approval.
- Who will comprise the Board: Temporary Board Members are representatives from the area organizations that have worked for the creation of the District and reside within the Cypress Creek Watershed. Permanent directors elected by the voters will include representatives from each of 5 voting districts within the watershed.

email: cypresscreekflooding@gmail.com

Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts

Pearl Fincher Museum



Summer Wrap Up!



Family Day
Free Event
10 am to 2 pm

Saturday, August 26th

Join us for free family fun as we wrap up our summer exhibitions!

10:00am Storytime & Craft

10:30am Bubble Show

12:00pm Puppet Show

11:00am-2:00pm Balloon Animals

10am-2pm Uncle Louie G's Italian Ice

10am-2pm Art Activities



Register to attend at
pearlmfa.org
6815 Cypresswood Dr.
Spring, TX 77379



Summer Wrap-Up

Come to The Pearl Fincher Museum for an end of Summer celebration with an outdoor Bubble Station, Puppet Show, Balloon Animals and more! This event is free and open to the whole family! This is also one of the last weekends to see our summer exhibitions before they close: Elephant and Piggie in We Are Art! A Mo Willems Exhibition

Keittoodles by Beth Brubaker, Enter a World of Color and Imagination

Event Schedule:

- 10:00am-10:30am Storytime and Craft in the Front Lobby
- 10:30am-11:30am Bubble Master Show in the Museum Parking Lot
- 12:00pm- 1:00pm- Puppet Show in the Museum Main Gallery
- 11:00am-2:00pm- Free Balloon Animals
- 10:00am-2:00pm- Free Face Painting
- 10:00am-2:00pm- Uncle Louie G's Itallian Ice
- 10:00am-2:00pm- Free Art Activities

Visit their webpage for more information

[Summer Wrap Info & Registration](#)

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](#)

Art History for Pre-Schoolers. Each we will learn about a new artist and create fun projects inspired by them.

Parents and guardians will work with children and learn how they strengthen and develop their skills with these projects. Each week they get a project to take home with a designed curriculum guide on what they learned.

[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.) closes for the summer and will re-open with the next season after the summer. Look forward to announcements for the 2023-2024 season coming soon.

[Star-Lit Series Season Ticket Order Form](#)

[Promenade Series Season Tickets](#)

Texas Master Chorale



Vegas Revue



Vince King

Award-Winning Tribute Artist

Performing music by
Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin,
Tom Jones & Elvis Presley
(with all the moves)

Friday, August 4, 2023
6:00 to 9:00 PM

Tickets \$75 per person
(Includes Dinner, Beverages & Show)

Vegas Revue Tickets

The Texas Master Chorale will be holding auditions on August 13th & 14th. If you are interested, please check out their calendar here:

<https://www.texasmasterchorale.org/community-calendar.html>

Or to apply for auditions, use the link [here](#)

Visit Texas Master Chorale Website

ESD 9 Monthly News



June 2023
EMS 2561
FIRE 698
Total = 3259

"Back to School Safety"

DRIVING:

- Never pass a school bus when red lights are flashing.
- Obey School Zone speed limits.
- Slow down and stay alert.
- Reverse with care.
- Look for crosswalks and prepare to stop.
- Avoid distractions.

WALKERS:

- Walk on the sidewalk, if one is available; when on a street with no sidewalk, walk facing the traffic
- Before you cross the street, stop and look left, right and left again to see if cars are coming
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing and always cross streets at crosswalks or intersections
- Stay alert and avoid distracted walking

BUS RIDERS:

- Go to the bus stop with your child to teach them the proper way to get on and off the bus
- Teach your children to stand 6 feet (or three giant steps) away from the curb
- If your child must cross the street in front of the bus, teach him or her to walk on the side of the road until they are 10 feet ahead of the bus; your child and the bus driver should always be able to see each other

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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.

ESD 11 Blood Drive
at HCESD 11 Mobile Healthcare
August 10, 2023

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Harris County Emergency



Services District 11- EMS

**Thursday, August 10
8:00 AM- 12:00 PM
Donor Coach**

**ALL DONORS WILL RECEIVE:
voucher for FREE pint of Blue Bell,
voucher for FREE short stack of IHOP
pancakes!**

**Scan Below for Appointments:
sponsor code: EM11**



Connor, blood recipient



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**THE BEST WAY
TO FIND A
BLOOD DRIVE
AND SCHEDULE
YOUR
DONATION!**



BLOOD DRIVE

Harris County ESD 11 Mobile Healthcare is proud to be partnered with the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center and host blood drives on our campus. On July 20th, we had the first of two drives which was a complete success that exceeded our goal for donations. On August 10th, ESD 11 is hosting a second blood drive that is open to the public so that we, as a community, can work together to save lives. There is no substitute for blood. It must be voluntarily donated by one person to be given to another. The need for different blood components – like red blood cells, platelets, plasma, and source plasma is constant. For a whole blood donation, about one pint of blood is donated and separated into its components and the value of that donation is that you help save three lives. We encourage and welcome all to join the efforts of saving lives and donate blood during our next blood drive. Please go to the donor signup link and register. We look forward to seeing you!

<https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/driveschedule/369099>

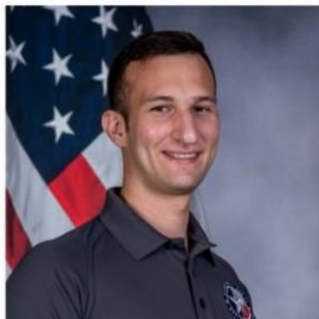
B2P Program

Our organization is built on the foundation of having an employee eccentric environment and consider it a privilege to assist them in their intellectual growth. We have teamed with SETBAC and The School of EMS to

privilege to assist them in their intellectual growth. We have teamed with SEPRAC and The School of EMS to offer a "Basic to Paramedic" program that will do just that. The selection process was directed by Dustin Yates, our Professional Development Manager, and 12 candidates were chosen. During the 10 months of becoming a paramedic, each person will have a new modified weekly schedule of two 14-hour shifts on a BLS ambulance and a 12-hour day for study and review time. We are all very excited for them and support them every step of the way!

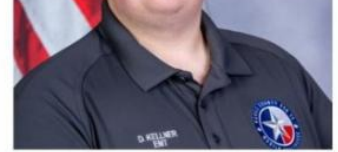
If you are interested in learning more about ESD11, please visit <https://esd11.com/> or join us on Facebook.

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



Congratulations





BZP Students!



[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

SAFETY MESSAGE: With Summer in full swing, CCFD would like to remind you to stay hydrated, cool, and safe during these hot months. It is NEVER acceptable to leave a child, pet, or older/disabled adult in the car. If you *SEE* something- *SAY* something.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE:

June 2023:

Fire: 259

EMS: 100

Total: 359

Average Response Time: 06:17

2023 Year to Date: (01/01/2023 – 06/30/2023) Fire: 765

EMS: 558

Total: 1323

Average Response Time: 05:58

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.

CCFD is looking forward to participating in Cypress Assistance Ministries' Back to School Jam! Find out more information about the event at <https://www.cypressassistance.org/>

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

ESD 16 Fire Service Monthly News



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EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT

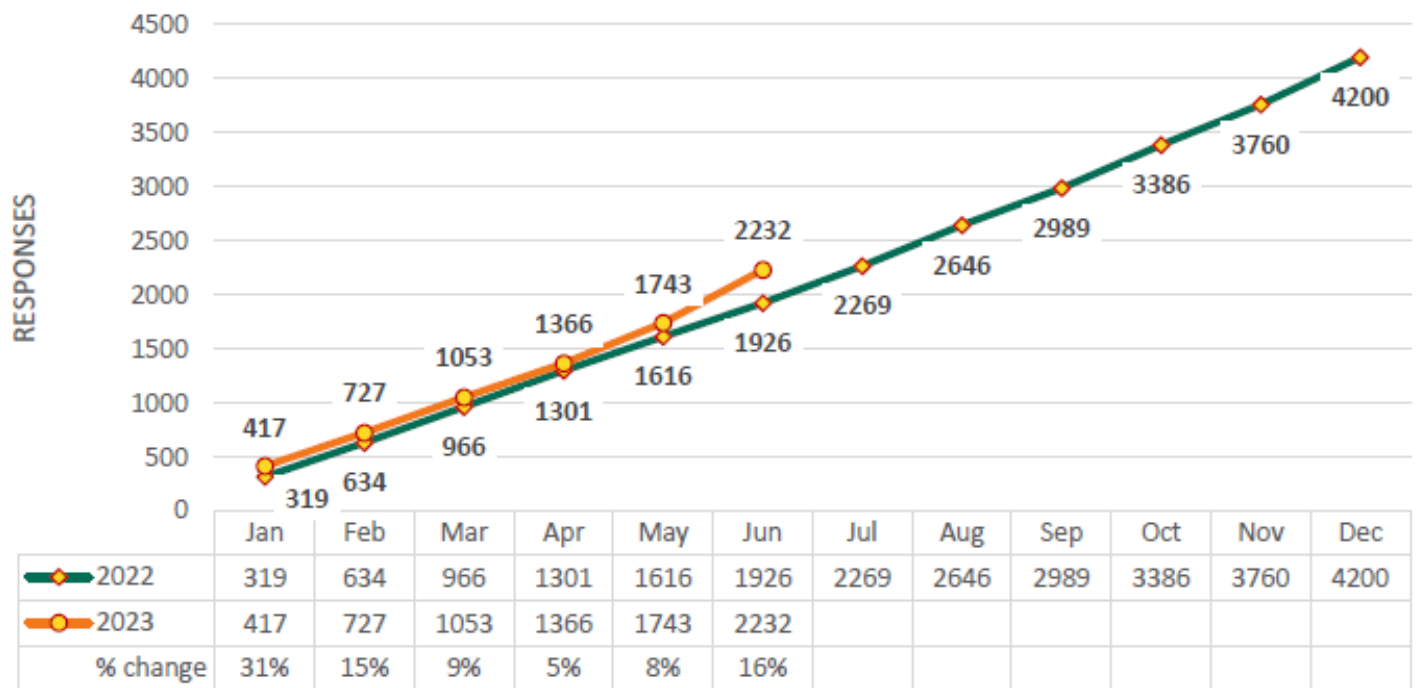




Harris County ESD 16 is the direct service provider for fire protection and rescue services in the Klein area, operating as Klein Fire Department.

Ja'Milla Lomas - Public Information Officer
 Klein Fire Department - Email: jlomas@hcesd16.org

2022 vs. 2023 Calls, Adjusted



Emergency Response – June 2023

Fire-related: 40
 Rescue/ EMS: 174
 TOTAL: 493
 Other[†]: 195
 False Alarms: 85

2023 Year-to-date (January 2023 – June 2023)
 2,232 responses

Top 3 response areas by KFD Station:

1. Station 33 83 incidents 17%
2. Station 32 70 incidents 14%
3. Station 37 69 incidents 14%

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

Back to School Safety Tips

The countdown to the start of school is underway and the Klein Fire Department has a few tips for families as they get their littles ready for the new school year.

WALKING TO SCHOOL:

- Stay on the sidewalk if one is available.
- If there is no sidewalk on the street, walk facing traffic.
- Cross the street within a crosswalk if one is available.
- If there is no crosswalk, cross at a stop sign or stop light where cars must stop. Never cross in the middle of the street.
- Stop and look both ways (left, then right, then left again) before crossing.
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing.
- *Walk the route with your child(ren) to familiarize them and review your family's safety rules.*

RIDING A BIKE TO SCHOOL:

- Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, and in single file.
- Walk bikes across the street, using the same rules as if you were walking.
- Stay alert and avoid distracted riding.
- Make sure your child(ren) always wears a properly fitted helmet and bright clothing or backpack.
- *Practice riding the bike route to school with your child(ren).*

RIDING THE BUS TO SCHOOL:

- Teach your child(ren) to stand 6 feet (or three giant steps) away from the curb.
- If your child(ren) must cross the street in front of the bus, teach them to walk on the side of the road until they are 10 feet ahead of the bus; your child(ren) and the bus driver should always be able to see each other.
- *Go to the bus stop with your child(ren) to teach them the proper way to get on and off the bus.*

FOR DRIVERS:

- Use extra caution and pay attention.
- School zones will be active so obey speed limits.
- No distracted driving – please stay off cell phones.
- Stop at crosswalks and make eye contact with children who are crossing the street.
- Never pass a bus that is loading or unloading children. Watch both sides of the road; children dart across streets!

Source: National Safety Council

KFD Car Seat Installation Station

Keeping our children safe is a high priority for us. One method to do that is by providing proper car seat safety education to area residents. Our nationally Certified Child Passenger Technician will work one-on-one with caregivers, practicing proper harnessing and installation to ensure child passengers are riding in vehicles safely. While having a car seat for the session (whether it is a simple check-up or installation) is necessary, the presence of the child is not. We have dolls that will assist us in practicing proper harnessing. Please contact us [here](#) to schedule your car seat inspection session.

Volunteers Needed

We need help! Our brand-new administration building is starting to really bustle as we continue to break it in ahead of our grand opening in November. Our reception area is seeking a volunteer receptionist or few! The hours are flexible between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. For the right 1 to 3-person team, we could figure out a workable rotating schedule. Light duties will include answering and directing phone calls and in-person visits, building tours, and calendar scheduling. There is plenty of coffee, drinks, and snacks to be had! Please call (281) 607-4660 or email rholak@kleinfire.org to express your interest. We can't wait to greet you!

Community Events

KFD August Blood Drive
Friday, August 25, 2023

Friday, August 25, 2018
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Station 33 Mtg Rm
9755 Landry Blvd, Spring 77379

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Klein Fire Department Station 33



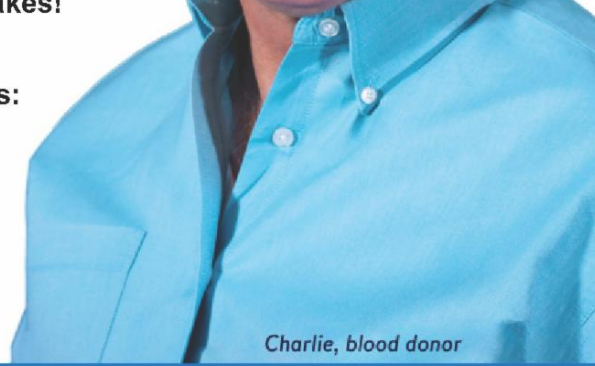
Friday, August 25
9:00 AM- 1:00 PM
Meeting Room



ALL DONORS WILL RECEIVE:
\$20 eGift Card, voucher for FREE pint
of Blue Bell Ice Cream, and voucher for
FREE short stack of IHOP pancakes

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Scan Below for Appointments:
sponsor code: 1507ST33



Charlie, blood donor



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donation story



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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.



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



BATTERY SAFETY

Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices, including smartphones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. If not used correctly or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode.

The problem

- These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space.
- Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; batteries not designed for specific use can be dangerous.
- Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

Safety Tips

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Put batteries in the device the right way.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

Signs of a Problem

Stop using the battery if you notice these problems:

- odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises.
- If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire.
- Call 9-1-1.

Battery Disposal

- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash.
- Recycling is always the best option.
- Take them to a battery recycling location or business ([Google: Battery Disposal near me](#)).
- Do not put discarded batteries in piles.

Visit <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Lithium-Ion-Battery-Safety> for more

for more information. <https://www.kleinisd.org/Community/Community-Engagement/Community-Engagement-Events/Community-Engagement-Events-2023>

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

Average response time for June 2023 – 5 Minutes

JUNE 2023 MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	10	6.58%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	45	29.61%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	27	17.76%
Service Call	14	9.21%
Good Intent Call	33	21.71%
False Alarm & False Call	17	11.18%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	5	3.29%
Special Incident Type	1	0.66%
TOTAL	152	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

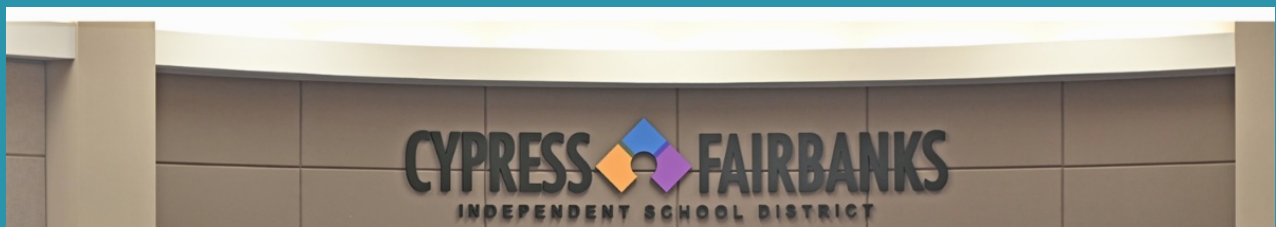
Tomball ISD will resume school for the 2023-2024 session on August 15th and run through May 23rd. To see the Tomball ISD Calendar of important dates, go to their website [here](#).



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





Excellence in All We Do - Cy-Fair Air Force JROTC Units Are Nationally Recognized

Cy-Fair High School Air Force JROTC Unit TX-20057 joined four CFISD units and hundreds across the United States and globally to receive the 2022-2023 Distinguished Unit Award. The awards by the Department of the Air Force recognize units and cadets who have distinguished themselves among their peers through achievements and contributions to their communities. Cy-Fair earned the award for the sixth consecutive time.

July 31, 2023—The Air Force JROTC units from Cypress Springs (TX-20016), Cypress Ridge (TX-20028), Cy-Fair (TX-20057), Langham Creek (TX-20061) and Cypress Creek (TX-20102) high schools were among units across the United States to receive the 2022-2023 Distinguished Unit Award, as announced by the AFJROTC Headquarters.

In addition, units at Cypress Falls (TX-20003), Jersey Village (TX-20017) and Cypress Woods (TX-20091) high schools earned an Outstanding Organization Award.

These annual awards given by the Department of the Air Force recognize units and cadets who have distinguished themselves among their peers through achievements and contributions to their communities.

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





Cy-Fair ISD Website

Klein ISD News





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Klein ISD Transportation Services Department was recently named one of the Top Transportation Teams in North America by Transfinder Corporation, a leader in logistics software. This honor reflects the department's commitment to providing efficient and reliable transportation services. It acknowledges the efforts put into ensuring the safety and satisfaction of passengers, optimizing routes, managing logistics, and maintaining a high level of professionalism while safely transporting students to and from school on a daily basis.

Klein ISD Board Notes

July 10, 2023 Regular Meeting

The Klein Independent School District Board of Trustees met Monday, July 10, 2023, for their regular monthly meeting.

President Rob Ellis • Vice President Cathy Arellano • Secretary Dustin Creager
Ronnie Anderson • Doug James • Georgan Reitmeier • Chris Todd

Report: Legislative Priorities & Session Update

The Board received a Legislative Priorities Update from Dr. Anthony Indelicato, Chief Academic Officer. The update reviewed specifically the board-adopted legislative priority of Accountability. Key takeaways from the report include:

- The Texas Education Agency (TEA) refresh for the state's A-F accountability system is nearing completion, several months after students completed STAAR testing and the school year has ended.
- Students and teachers are being graded by accountability rules not clearly communicated to educators before the 2022-2023 school year began.
- Some rules will use data from students who graduated in the 2021-2022 school year.
- Some rules will use data from students taking the tests in the 2022-2023 school year.
- As a result of changes to the accountability system, many schools and districts will be negatively impacted by the new rules.
- For high schools to receive an A rating, TEA's new rules require a 47% increase in performance of the students who graduated in 2021-2022.
- This creates the misconception that high-performing high schools are drastically declining, even if their performance actually improved.
- TEA won't release scores for elementary and middle school students until Aug. 16, later than normal, because the STAAR test underwent major revisions in the spring.
- Students took the test entirely online this spring.
- 25% of the test items are not traditional multiple-choice questions.
- Dr. Indelicato shared, "Because of the Texas Education Agency's new accountability rules, it is possible that students may perform better in 2023 academically, yet their school could receive a lower rating than they did in 2022."

Report: Audit Committee

Key takeaways from the report include:

- The external audit firm of Whitley Penn provided an update on the 2023-2024 external audit plans for the district

- Klein ISD's internal auditor shared internal audit plans. Klein ISD is not required to have an internal auditor but chooses to have one on staff to internally review the district's systems.

In other action, the Board:

- Approved Project Initiation for the 2023 Safety Project for all Klein ISD schools
- Approved Cost Sharing Agreement with Champion Forest Baptist Church
- Approved Budget Review #1
- Approved Student Code of Conduct for the 2023-2024 School Year
- Approved contingent fee contract with Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins and Mott, LLP pursuant to Section 6.30 of the Tax Code, said contract being for the collection of delinquent government receivables owed to KleinIndependent School District

[Klein ISD Website](#)

Tomball ISD News



Tomball ISD Recognized as a Model Professional Learning Community

at Work® School District by Solution Tree

TOMBALL – Tomball ISD has placed a continued focus on supporting a collaborative culture and for that effort, Solution Tree recently recognized TISD as a Model Professional Learning Community at Work® School District for its sustained success in raising student achievement. The district's successful implementation of the Professional Learning Communities at Work® process has significantly contributed to the improved achievement of its students.

Tomball ISD becomes just the fourth district in Texas and 32nd district nationwide to receive this impressive distinction.

"We are honored to receive the Model PLC district designation," said Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora, Tomball ISD Superintendent of Schools. "The hard work along with the collaborative culture our schools have created is a testament to their dedication to student achievement and high-quality instruction. Our teachers and staff are committed to the PLC process, and this honor validates the amazing work and strategic planning they implement on a daily basis."

PLCs are schools and districts in which educators recognize the key to improved learning for students is ongoing, job-embedded learning for the adults who serve those students.



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 reemerges 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

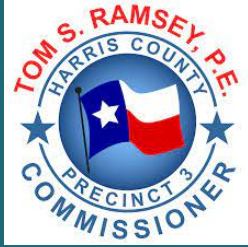
CDC- Center for Disease Control: [CDC Coronavirus](#)

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](#).

Precinct 3 Bus Program

Created in 1989 with a single 15-passenger van, Precinct 3's Bus Program has grown to a fleet of 19 buses that provides opportunities for senior organizations and community groups to travel and enjoy Harris County and the surrounding areas for free!

Join us for a scheduled bus trip or volunteer trip:

Commissioner Tom S. Ramsey is pleased to offer day trips to Precinct 3 residents ages 50 and older. Specially equipped buses that accommodate wheelchairs and passengers with limited mobility make it possible for all bus trip participants to travel and participate in a variety of events and activities! Participants receive a detailed itinerary when boarding the bus. A 10-person minimum is required to avoid cancellation of a trip. Lunch stops and restroom breaks are included. Call 832-927-6820 or email transportation@pct3.hctx.net for assistance with registration.

Schedule your own group trip:

We accept reservations from any Harris County Precinct 3 organization looking to take a group trip. Church groups, assisted-living communities, the Red Hat Society, and other organizations serving individuals 50 and older can call to schedule a group bus. Reservations are currently being accepted through December 2023. On Tuesday, October 10, 2023, we will begin to take reservations for January through June 2024.

Not part of a group but want to take a trip? Call one of our community centers! Trips include attending Astros games, the Kemah Boardwalk, and seasonal/holiday attractions, just to name a few! Trips may vary from half a day to an all-day excursion.

Please call 832-927-6820 for more information. We would love to serve you!



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

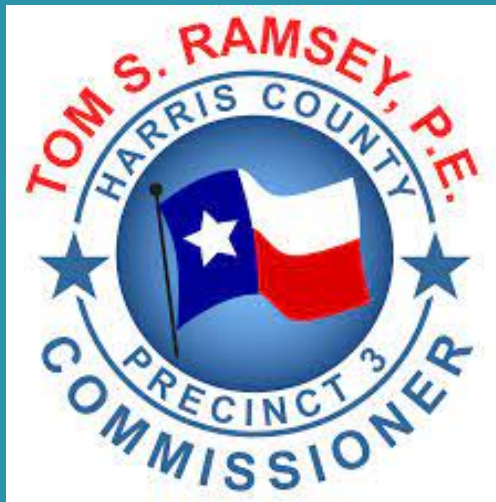
[Tomball Government Affairs Committee](#)

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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