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State Representative District 126
August 2023 Newsletter

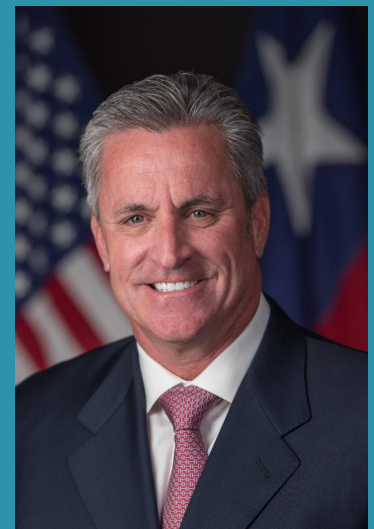


Texas House of Representatives



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House District
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News
and Information



2023 Constitutional Amendments Set

After final approval by the Legislature and the Governor, the ballot propositions order for amendments to the Texas Constitution on August 4th were set by the Secretary of State, Jane Nelson, and are ready to be placed before the voters for the November 7th, 2023 elections. These proposed amendments contain issues that will be important to all of us Texans and deserve your careful consideration.

The Texas House Research Organization has published a report that contains an explanation of the process by which constitutional amendments are adopted and information on the proposed 2023 amendments, including the background, analysis, and arguments made by supporters and critics on each proposal. The report also contains historic changes made to our Texas Constitution. A copy of the report may be found [here](#).



CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

ELECTION DAY:
NOV. 7, 2023

Proposition 1 recognizes the right to engage in farming, ranching, timber production, and wildlife management and enshrines it in the Texas Constitution.

Proposition 2 provides the option to local municipalities to exempt child-care facilities from property taxes within their jurisdiction.

Proposition 3 prohibits a net worth or wealth tax on individuals or business entities from ever being imposed in the state of Texas.

Proposition 4 delivers \$12 billion in property tax relief by increasing the homestead exemption to \$100,000, establishing a 20% cap on the taxable value of certain non-homestead properties, and creating elected positions on local appraisal boards.

Proposition 5 establishes the Texas University Fund to provide performance-based funding to Texas colleges so they can achieve national prominence as major research universities.

Proposition 6 creates the New Water Supply for Texas Fund, the statewide water public awareness account, and the Texas Water Fund to address critical water challenges across the state.

Proposition 7 creates the Texas Energy Fund for the development of reliable electric generating facilities across the state to provide energy security to all Texans.



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Proposition 8 creates the Broadband Infrastructure Fund to facilitate affordable and universal access to high-speed internet statewide.

Proposition 9 provides a cost-of-living adjustment for retired teachers in Texas. The amount of the COLA increase would be 2/4/6 percent depending on the member's retirement date.

Proposition 10 exempts medical or biomedical product manufacturer's equipment or inventory from ad valorem taxation to protect our healthcare network and strengthen our medical supply chain.

Proposition 11 permits conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds similar to other districts of similar size across the state.

Proposition 12 abolishes the office of county treasurer in Galveston County to provide for more government efficiency.

Proposition 13 increases the mandatory age of retirement for state-level justices and judges from age 75 to age 79.

Proposition 14 creates the centennial parks conservation fund for the creation and improvement of state parks.

Be Prepared To Vote

As we roll into the fall, it is time to make sure you, your friends, and family are ready and eligible to vote. To make sure your address change or renewals are up to date, visit the Harris County Voter Registration page and check out your information. <https://www.harrisvotes.com/Voter/Registration>

Name and Address Change

The Texas Secretary of State - <https://txapps.texas.gov/tolapp/sos/SOSACManager>

Harris County - <https://www.harrisvotes.com/Voter/Registration/Voter-Registration-Portal>

Public School Funding

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After several attempts to complete the 2024 Legislative Session with public school funding resolved, we ended with a number of questions. Neither of the two special sessions called so far this year have addressed the issues. A number have asked where we currently stand with public school funding and in order to address those questions, we provide this information from House Appropriations Chair Dr. Greg Bonnen.

The following is a statewide overview, and I am happy to work with you to provide district-specific information and analysis.

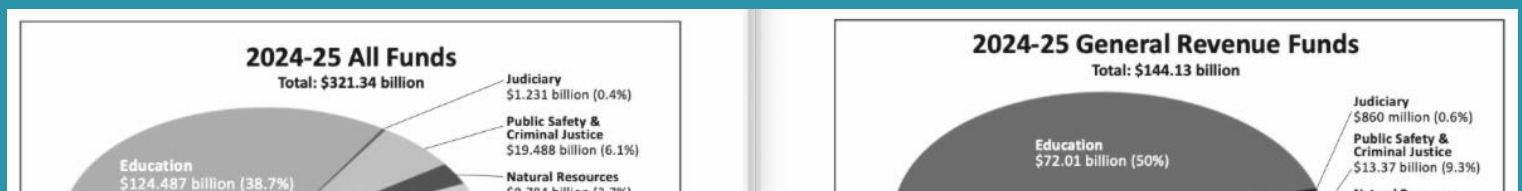
For the upcoming biennium, fiscal years 2024 and 2025, funding for public education totals just over \$93.6 billion. This includes an increase of over \$30.3 billion in state General Revenue accounted for in the General Appropriations Act and Supplemental Appropriations Act. Of the increase, \$12.6 billion is new funding to compress the maintenance and operations tax rate, plus \$5.4 billion to increase the homestead exemption. These allocations of state revenue will replace local tax collections in the school finance system, which results in the state's share of public education funding exceeding 50% for the first time in decades and reduces recapture by \$5.5 billion. An additional \$12.39 billion is allocated to school districts in the strategies listed below. The following has already been passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor:

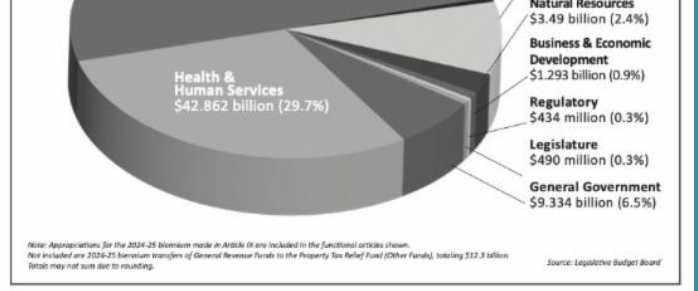
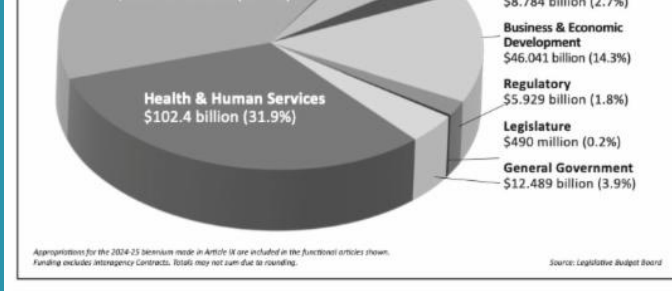
1. \$3.2 billion to fully fund projected enrollment growth.
2. \$2.4 billion to fund the increase in the golden penny yield.
3. \$1.4 billion in new funding for school safety measures. This includes \$300 million in the school safety allotment (an increase from \$100 million in the previous biennium) and \$1.1 billion in school safety grants. An additional \$400 million in school safety funding was provided through a budget execution in the fall of 2022, totaling \$1.8 billion in new funding for school safety overall.
4. \$500.0 million in additional state aid under the Foundation School Program, which provides a new source of state aid to each district to support the evaluation, adoption, or use of instructional materials approved by the State Board of Education. The funding will also be used to expand access to open education resource instructional materials.
5. \$589 million to mitigate the increase of health insurance premiums for teachers participating in TRS ActiveCare.
6. \$307 million in funding increases for technology and instructional materials; and
7. \$60 million for the new Instructional Materials Allotment.

The remaining \$4 billion in new state General Revenue is appropriated in the General Appropriations Act and will be used to implement new strategies as determined by the Legislature in a special session, likely.

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

Texas 2024-2025 Budget





Cypress Creek Drainage Improvement District



AUGUST PROGRESS REPORT

The Cypress Creek Drainage Improvement District will be hosting three Town Hall meetings in October 2023, from 6pm to 8pm at the Coles Crossing Community Center (west), October 25, George H.W. Bush Community Center (central), October 5, and Timber Lane Community Center (east), October 11.

Please mark your calendars to attend these very important and informative meetings pertaining to the Cypress Creek Watershed, our drainage issues, and funding status.

The objectives of the District are to prepare a comprehensive flood mitigation strategy and a companion funding plan.

Agenda for these meetings:

- Introductions
- Comprehensive Planning/Dunbar/Bedient Study Review of Results of 14 previous studies on the Cypress Creek Watershed
- Harris County Flood Control District - Cypress Creek Implementation Plan status
- Cypress Creek Drainage Improvement District creation
- Timeline and Goals moving forward
- Questions

Additional public workshop 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

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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.

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Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts

Youth & Adult
Classes!

2023 FALL

Art Classes

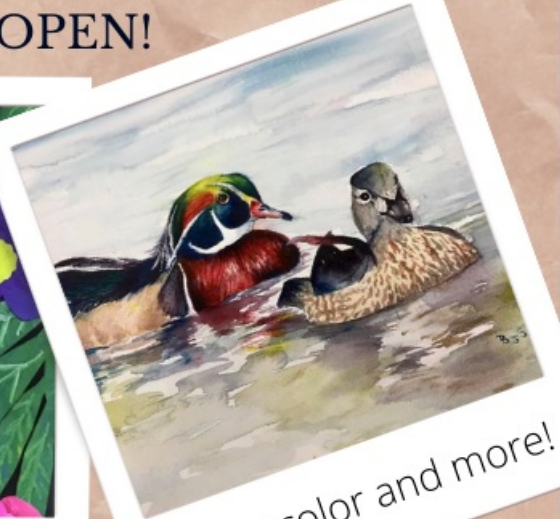
REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



Ceramics



Mixed Media



Watercolor and more!

Fall Art Class Registration

Adult Art Classes

Session 1: Full Session 7 Weeks, 9/11/23 Through 10/27/23

OUR MISSION:

- To foster an atmosphere where the unique talents and perspectives of individual students can develop and flourish in our art classes and workshops.
- To create a student centered environment where artists of all skill levels can gain knowledge and self confidence.
- To expand and nurture the talents of active and creative minds through the introduction of diverse styles and various mediums.
- To inspire students to enjoy art classes and have fun learning practical and relevant skills.

The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts School of Art is dedicated to nurturing artistic spirit through quality art instruction, providing a space for students to enhance their visual awareness and improve their technical skills as a means for creative expression and community engagement.

Small classes increase student interactions with talented faculty members. A distinguishing feature of the art classes at the Pearl School of Art is ready access to works of original art on exhibition at the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts.

Art Class Registration

YOUTH ART CLASSES

Fall 2023 Semester: Session 1 Full 7 Weeks, 9/11/23 Through 10/27/23

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 Youth 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](#)

**NASA's High School Aerospace Scholars
Applications are now open!**





Applications are now open for NASA's Texas High School Aerospace Scholars (HAS) program!

HAS is a unique, learning experience for Texas high school juniors to engage with NASA's missions and become the next generation of explorers. Like-minded students complete an online curriculum in exploration and discovery. All students passing the online course are invited to team-based five-day virtual Moonshot summer experience where they are mentored by NASA scientists and engineers, many of whom are HAS alumni, to plan a mission to the Moon and Mars.

Both online and virtual portions of the program are free to students, and completing HAS makes students eligible for a high school science elective credit, and scholarship and internship opportunities.

If your child is interested in applying for the HAS program, more information and applications can be found at www.nasa.gov/has.

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



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

2023-2024 Star-Lit! Series

GENTRI: The Gentlemen Trio – 7:30pm, Saturday, October 7, 2023 at The Centrum

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

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

The Greatest Love of All: A Tribute to Whitney Houston starring Belinda 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

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

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

Chelsea de Souza, piano – September 12, 2023

University of Houston Concert Chorale – October 10, 2023

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



Online Ticket Purchase

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

Peace

Featuring "Requiem" by Maurice Duruflé for choir and orchestra
Saturday, October 21, 2023, 7:30 PM

Love

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

Joy

Featuring "Jubilate" by Dan Forrest for choir and orchestra
Saturday, April 27, 2024, 7:30 PM

Tickets:

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

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

August 2023

Cy-Fair Fire Department Run Totals for August 2023

EMS 2641
Fire 257

Total = 2,898

"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

ESD 9 - Cy-Fair Fire Dept



**CY-FAIR FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

FIRE FEST

2023

Join us for our annual Fire Festival that provides education and life-saving tips to all members of the community with live demonstrations and family fun!

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 7TH



10AM TO 2PM



Meet Firefighters



See Fire Trucks & Equipment Up-Close



Kidz Zone & Smoke House



Local Vendors & Food Trucks

Live Fire Demonstration Schedule*

- ▶ 10:30A & 12:00P Kitchen Fire Demo
- ▶ 11:00 AM Rappelling
- ▶ 11:30 AM Life Flight On-Site
- ▶ 12:30 PM Vehicle Rescue Demo
- ▶ 1:00 PM Car Fire Demo

* Schedule Subject to Change

Cy-Fair Station 11 - 18132 West Road, Cypress



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 website at <https://esu11.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**

Harris County ESD11 Mobile Health Care has been recognized by The International Academies of Emergency Dispatch® (IAEDTM) as an Accredited Center of Excellence (ACE) for emergency medical dispatching. Harris County ESD11 Mobile Health Care is the 321st Medical ACE in the world. IAED is the standard-setting organization for emergency dispatch services worldwide. Accreditation (and subsequent re-accreditation) from the IAED is the highest distinction given to emergency communication centers, certifying that the center is performing at or above the established standards for the industry. Centers who earn ACE status are the embodiment of dispatch done right, and have demonstrated strong local oversight, rigorous quality processes, and a commitment to data-driven continuous improvement. IAED Accreditation is the culmination of a lengthy, arduous process that includes the completion of the 20 Points of Accreditation, a detailed evaluation of performance by industry experts, and a final review and ruling by IAED.

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

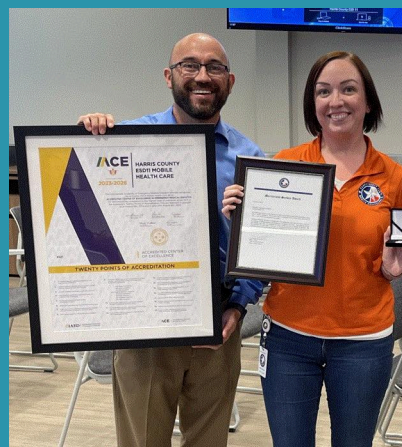


ESD 11's New Chief Quality Officer

We are pleased to publicly announce the appointment of Jordan Anderson as our new Chief Quality Officer. Jordan has been with ESD 11 since day 1 and has been a driving force in our clinical department. Along with 20 years of experience in EMS, his excellent forethought and progressive insight will undoubtedly lead the way we educate and provide patient care. Congratulations Jordan!

Communications Coordinator

We are so proud of our Communications team for making this incredible achievement possible! Stephanie Michalski, recently promoted to Communications Coordinator, has been an incredibly valuable member of the ESD11 team and leader. Recently, she was presented the Meritorious Award for her efforts in ESD 11 achieving ACE accreditation. We are extremely proud to have her on our team.



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.

SAFETY MESSAGE: September is National Preparedness Month! The Ready.gov 2023 Preparedness campaign is centered around Older Adults. Join us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cypresscreekfire as we share preparedness tips for you and your family every Friday in September!

WHAT'S NEW?: Harris County ESD #13 recently welcomed a new apparatus to our fleet – Ladder Truck 23 is currently being outfitted before it will go into service at Station 23.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE:

July 2023:

Fire: 134

EMS: 149

Total: 283

Average Response Time: 05:43

2023 Year to Date: (01/01/2023 – 07/31/2023) Fire: 899

EMS: 707

Total: 1606

Average Response Time: 05:55

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

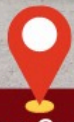
Our Child Passenger Safety Technicians are located at Station 22 on Cypress N. Houston Rd. and are ready to help you ensure your child's safety by providing free Child Passenger Safety inspections. CCFD offers free Home Safety Consultations to all residents in our territory. This includes a walk-through 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.

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

LADDER 23





Cypress Creek FD
Station 22

has arrived!

ESD 16 Fire Service Monthly News



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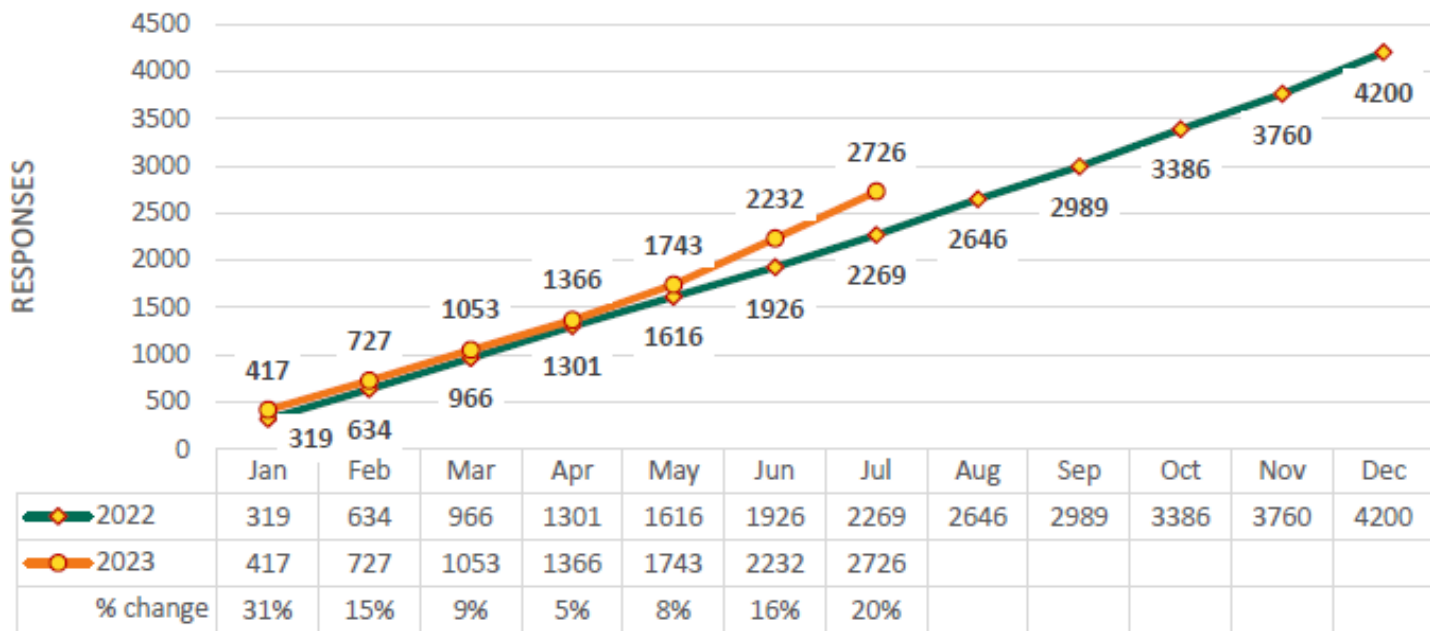
EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT



Harris County ESD 16 is the direct service provider for fire protection and rescue services in the Houston area.

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

2022 vs. 2023 Calls, Adjusted



Emergency Response – July 2023

Fire-related: 49 Other[†]: 152
 Rescue/ EMS: 223 False Alarms: 70
TOTAL: 494

2023 Year-to-date (January 2023 – July 2023)
2,726 responses

Top 3 response areas by KFD Station:

1. Station 33 86 incidents 17%
2. Station 32 82 incidents 16%
3. Station 34 75 incidents 14%

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

HCESD 16 News

KFD – SFFMA Poster Contest

Klein Fire Department is participating in the SFFMA (State Firefighter’s and Fire Marshal’s Association) annual Fire Prevention Poster Contest. Students in grades Pre-K through 12 are welcome to submit their original, individual work that represents any area of fire prevention and/or fire safety. The posters (14 inches by 24 inches) may use any art medium the student artist chooses, including painting, acrylic, cut-outs, pen and ink, crayon, chalk, pencil, and computer graphics.

We will be taking submissions from Klein-area schools (public, private, charter, parochial, or home) during and after Fire Prevention Week 2023 – October 8th through the 21st. A panel from the Klein Fire Department will choose the top 3 submissions per division to send to the SFFMA Station Convention. For more information, including the grade breakdown of the divisions, please visit www.hcesd16.org or email community@kleinfire.org



Community Events

Upcoming Community & Outreach Events

Tunnel to Towers 5k Run and Walk

September 9 | 8:15 a.m.

9950 Hockley Rd, Cypress 77493

Chick-fil-A Family Night with KFD Station No. 38

September 14 | 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

8510 Spring Cypress Rd, Spring 77379

Child Passenger Safety Week

September 17-23

Schedule an appointment to have your child passenger seat checked or installed!

KFD September Blood Drive

September 22 | 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Station No. 34 (16810 Squyres Rd, Klein 77379)

Girl Scouts Safety First Day

September 23 | 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

KFD Volunteer and Support Services

The Klein Fire Department has a long and proud history of volunteer service to the community from

members within Klein. Our Volunteer Program supports the needs of the District and is a vital part of KFD. Volunteers may lend their skills and expertise in the areas of Emergency Response, Response Support, Community Outreach, and Administrative Support. ESD 16 supplies the necessary resources and applicable training for the successful and competent carrying out of the District's mission to protect and serve our community by minimizing the loss of life or property from fire, medical, and other emergencies.

Emergency Response
Volunteers in ER respond to emergency situations requiring immediate attention, staffing an apparatus at a station during a scheduled shift. KFD provides training, PPE, and support to meet the standards for this classification.

Response Support

Volunteers with RS provide support level services to ER personnel such as rehydration to firefighters and emergency responders, filling SCBA cylinders, radio and communications, Chaplin and emotional support services, or translation/interpretation.

Community Outreach

Volunteers in CO assist with outreach presentations to schools, organizations, places of worship, and civic groups. The CO team connects with members and leaders of the Klein Community doing public relations events aimed at fire safety education.

Administrative Support

Volunteers with AS provide professional and administrative services in support of normal operations and during times of emergencies. These supports can look like Information Technology, special events coordination, Training Division adjunct faculty, department librarian, a/v support, or clerical work.

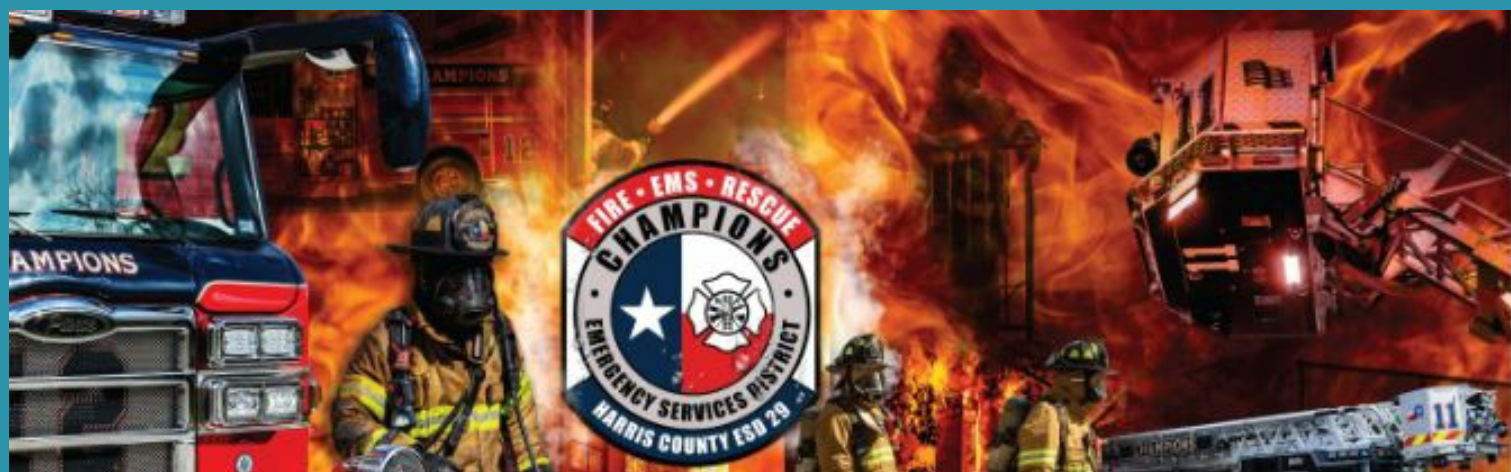
Contact recruiting@kleinfire.org for more information.

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](#)



- Wear loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing
- Wear sunscreen. Sunburn affects your body's ability to cool down and can make you dehydrated. Look for sunscreens that say "broad spectrum" or "UVA/UVB protection" on their labels- these products work best.
- Stay in air-conditioned buildings as much as possible
- Do not rely on a fan as your primary cooling device during an extreme heat event
- Drink plenty of water, and **don't wait** until you're thirsty
- Check on a friend or neighbor who may need assistance
- Call 9-1-1 if you see the signs of a heat-related emergency:

- o Muscle Cramps
- o Headaches
- o Nausea
- o Vomiting

Never leave infants, children, or pets in a parked car.

For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/extremeheat

www.championsfire.org

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

Average response time for June 2023 – 5 Minutes

JULY 2023 MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	14	11.2%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overhear - no fire	1	0.8%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	55	44%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	6	4.8%
Service Call	5	4%

Service Call	5	4%
Good Intent Call	22	17.6%
False Alarm & False Call	22	17.6%
TOTAL	125	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



Bringing Out the Best in 2023-2024

- Posted by Dr. Mark Henry, Ed.D. on 8/24/2023 12:00:00 PM
- Dear CFISD Community,
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- The start of the 2023-2024 school year is upon us! Many students will be returning to newly renovated campuses, part of our ongoing effort to provide the highest-quality and safest facilities for everyone throughout the district. Other renovation and expansion projects will still be ongoing, so please excuse our dust as we continue to make improvements. I am so appreciative of our facilities, operations and maintenance teams that have worked hard to prepare campuses for students on the first day of school, Monday, Aug 28.
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- We are thrilled to open two new schools this fall—Sprague Middle School (#20) in the Bridgeland community, part of the Bridgeland High School and Wells Elementary School educational village; and Brosnahan Elementary School (#58) at Clay Road and Westfield Village Drive. Both campuses look incredible, and I look forward to seeing students enjoying these fresh new learning environments on Monday.
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- Additionally, our Visual and Performing Arts Center will open in 2023-2024 on the property next to our new administration building on Matzke Road. Following some finishing touches by our contractor, this will be the preeminent facility of its kind in Harris County.
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- As more vehicles including school buses are on the roadways this month, I ask that you please show patience with the increased traffic as we make sure students are delivered safely to and from school. Similarly, I ask for your courtesy to our school staff as they institute back-to-school procedures for campus visitors.
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- It is going to be a great school year. Thank you for joining us in Bringing Out the Best in nearly 119,000 students as we kick off 2023-2024.

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

Cy-Fair ISD Website

Klein ISD News





Klein ISD Outperforms State, Region in Redesigned STAAR Exams

"Our students and teachers have demonstrated unwavering determination in adapting to the numerous changes in the state's STAAR redesign," Dr. McGown said. "Our goal is always to ensure every student learns at high levels, and we will continue to work in partnership with our parents to provide the support our students need to excel at their highest potential."

The 2023 STAAR redesign brought several changes, including administering tests almost exclusively online for all grade levels and increasing the rigor of all assessments. Despite these changes made by the state, Stacy Kindsfather, Klein ISD's Executive Director of Assessment, Accountability, and Research, confirmed that Klein ISD has continued to thrive.

"Klein ISD continues to outperform the state and the region in STAAR scores in nearly every subject and grade level," Kindsfather said. "We are so proud of our Klein ISD students and teachers' hard work." STAAR scores, which factor heavily into how the State rates schools and districts, are under extra scrutiny this year due to recent test changes and comments from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) highlighting the complexity of the state accountability system and STAAR scores.

"Because of the Texas Education Agency's new accountability rules, the Texas Education Agency itself says that it is possible that students may perform better in 2023 academically, yet their school and district could receive a lower rating than they did in 2022," Chief Academic Officer Dr. Anthony Indelicato said. "Given the complexity of the State accountability system and the ever-changing rules that have yet to be finalized by TEA, we are unable to use 2023 results to predict our district and campus A-F accountability ratings at this time."

Klein ISD recognizes the importance of continuous improvement, and all our teachers and staff are committed to using the results to identify areas of success and growth.

Read the full article [here](#).

Klein ISD Website

Tomball ISD News





Tomball ISD Recognized as a Model Professional Learning Community at Work® School District by Solution Tree

TOMBALL - Dr. Kelly Marchiando, Principal of Tomball Star Academy, has been named the new Principal of Tomball Intermediate School for the 2023-2024 school year. She will replace Samora Davis who is leaving for another professional opportunity.

Dr. Marchiando joined Tomball ISD as Principal of Tomball Star Academy in 2020 and brings over 16 years of invaluable experience in education, 10 as an administrator and seven as a classroom teacher at the secondary level.

Over the last 2.5 years, Dr. Marchiando has successfully led Tomball Star Academy, played an integral role in the future opening of Tomball ISD's P-TECH, and most recently celebrated with the Tomball Star Academy campus staff as a PLC Model School.

Prior to joining Tomball ISD, she spent time in Conroe ISD where she served that district as the Associate Principal for Curriculum and Instruction at The Woodlands High School.

Before her latest stint in Conroe ISD, Dr. Marchiando served as the Gifted and Talented Coordinator in Humble ISD during two different stints (2015-16, 2013-14). Between the two, she was the Assistant Principal at the Conroe 9th Grade Campus in Conroe ISD (2014-15).

Dr. Marchiando spent the previous seven years in Humble ISD as a campus administrator, specifically as an Assistant Principal at both Summer Creek High School (2009-12) and Kingwood High School (2012-13).

Her education career began back in 2002 as a 7th grade ELA teacher at Dulles Middle School in Sugar Land before joining Humble ISD in 2004 where she served as an 8th grade RELA GT teacher at Creekwood Middle School until 2009.

She holds a Bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University, a Master's degree in Education Administration from Sam Houston State University and a Doctorate of Education in Professional Leadership from the University of Houston.



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

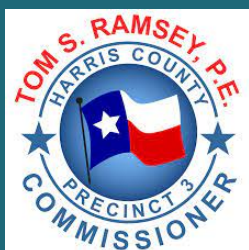
CDC- Center for Disease Control: [CDC Coronavirus](#)

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.harriscountytx.gov/servicereques>

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

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



[Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce](#)

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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