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State Representative District 126
September 2023 Newsletter

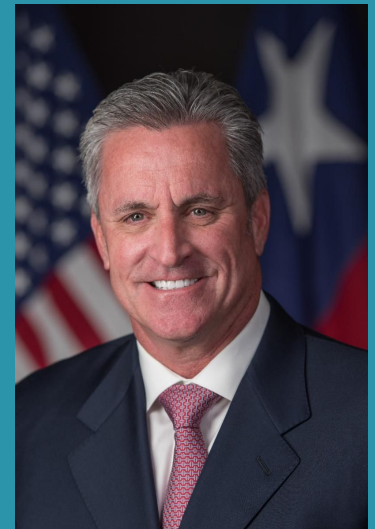


Texas House of Representatives



Texas
House District
126

News
and Information



Special Session #3 Coming

While we have not received the details of the third called special session of the 88th Texas Legislature, we have learned that it will begin on October 9th. The Governor has previously announced his interest to call this session and sent a letter to legislative leaders giving notice of the start date. The Governor's statements to date have indicated his intention to address school funding, public education in general, and more specifically vouchers. There is speculation that other areas of focus may be included, such as border security related items, but we will not know until the actual call for the session has been delivered.

Reminder - November 7th 2023 Election

There are 14 Constitutional Amendments on the ballot in November for your consideration. While all are important, several are worthy of special attention.

Proposition 9 would provide a cost of living adjustment for retired teachers who have not had one since 2013, and that was for teachers who retired prior to August 2004. **Proposition 12** affirms the property tax relief package that was passed in this last legislative session and **Proposition 6** establishes a Texas Water fund to address the critical water challenges Texas will face in the future.

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](#). A similar report completed by the Texas Legislative Council offers a summary of the proposed amendments [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.



CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

ELECTION DAY:
NOV. 7, 2023

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>

T. C. Jester Flood Detention Basin Project Appropriation

After an already active legislative session was in full swing, I was so proud to learn that my requested

After an already active legislative session was in full swing, I was so proud to learn that my requested appropriation for funds to address flood mitigation was approved as a part of the next state budget cycle. We submitted requests for funding for three different projects in the Cypress Creek Watershed, but were only approved for one project. We dedicated the \$12 million towards the T. C. Jester Detention Basin Project because it was a shovel ready project.

On Monday, September 25th we held a press conference with the Harris County Flood Control District and Congressman Dan Crenshaw to emphasize the efforts of your local legislators to create partnerships between our state and federal offices with our local Flood Control District to get much needed funding for flood projects.

Commissioner Tom Ramsey joined in to offer an additional \$27 million in funds that Harris County received from the Texas General Land Office to go towards projects in the area.

Dr. Tina Peterson from the Flood Control District gave a brief description and status of the projects. The overall project includes three stormwater detention basins within a broader footprint. Two basin compartments are on the east side of T.C. Jester Boulevard and another is on the west side.

The T. C. Jester area at Cypresswood Drive has a well known history for being flood prone and just last year, Congressman Dan Crenshaw was able to obtain a federal appropriation for just under \$10 million, which addressed much of the work on the East side of T. C. Jester, South of Cypresswood, but the project on the West side, though designed and engineered, did not have funding to complete construction.

There is excavation work underway in the area and this project should be completed within the next twelve months.

Community Impact Ness Article [here.](#)

Houston Chronicle Article [here.](#)

Reduce Flooding Now! Article [here.](#)







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
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

Youth & Adult
classes!

2023 FALL

Art Classes

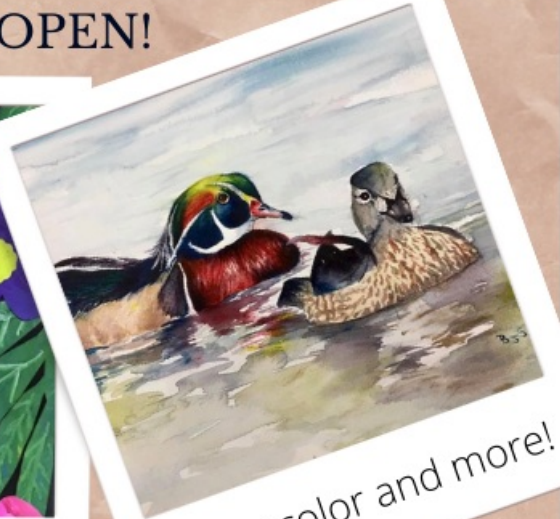
REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



Ceramics



Mixed Media



Watercolor and more!

Fall Art 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 week 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.) 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

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

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

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](#).

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

Halloween and Candle Safety

- Illuminate pumpkins with small flashlights or battery- operated candles instead of real candles.
- Never leave a candle burning unattended.
- Do not place candles in windows where blinds or curtains can close over them, or in places where they can be knocked over by children or pets.
- Have children have something reflective on them.
- Have adults always watching over the kids.
- Have adults inspect the candy before it is eaten.

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.piatowski@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**

Greetings from ESD 11 Mobile Healthcare!

It's hard to believe that we are entering the fourth quarter of 2023 and another season is steadily approaching. This past summer was hard on us all as many struggled with the record high temperatures and working on maintaining proper hydration. There was a dramatic increase in heat related emergency calls which led to a newly implemented protocol of ice/water immersion for those experiencing signs of heat stroke which when used produced a more favorable patient outcome. September brings the start of a new school year, more traffic on the roads and school zones so we encourage everyone to be vigilant about the distractions that can easily take focus away from safe driving.

SAFETY MESSAGE: NFPA Fire Prevention Week 2023 will be observed October 8 – October 14, 2023. Remember: "Cooking safety starts with YOU."

NOW HIRING: Full-Time Hourly Quartermaster. Submit your application and resume no later than the deadline listed of October 16, 2023, 1600 Hours To view the full posting and apply, follow [this link:](#)

EMERGENCY RESPONSE:

August 2023:

Fire: 149

EMS: 148

Total: 297

Average Response Time: 05:40

2023 Year to Date: (01/01/2023 – 08/31/2023) Fire: 1048

EMS: 855

Total: 1903

Average Response Time: 05:53

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.

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 Website](#)

ESD 13 Fire Service Monthly Update



Cypress Creek Fire Department

Julia Peterson
Public Information Officer

[ESD 13 Website](#)

ABOUT US: Cypress Creek Fire Department is the operating name for Harris County Emergency Services District 13, a political division of the State of Texas. Cypress Creek Fire Department provides fire suppression & rescue first response services to our 33 square mile district and to the greater FM1960 area in conjunction with our automatic aid departments.

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

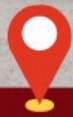
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For more information, please contact Julia Peterson at (281) 894-0151.

LADDER 23



Cypress Creek FD
Station 22

has arrived!

ESD 16 Fire Service Monthly News



HARRIS ★ COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT

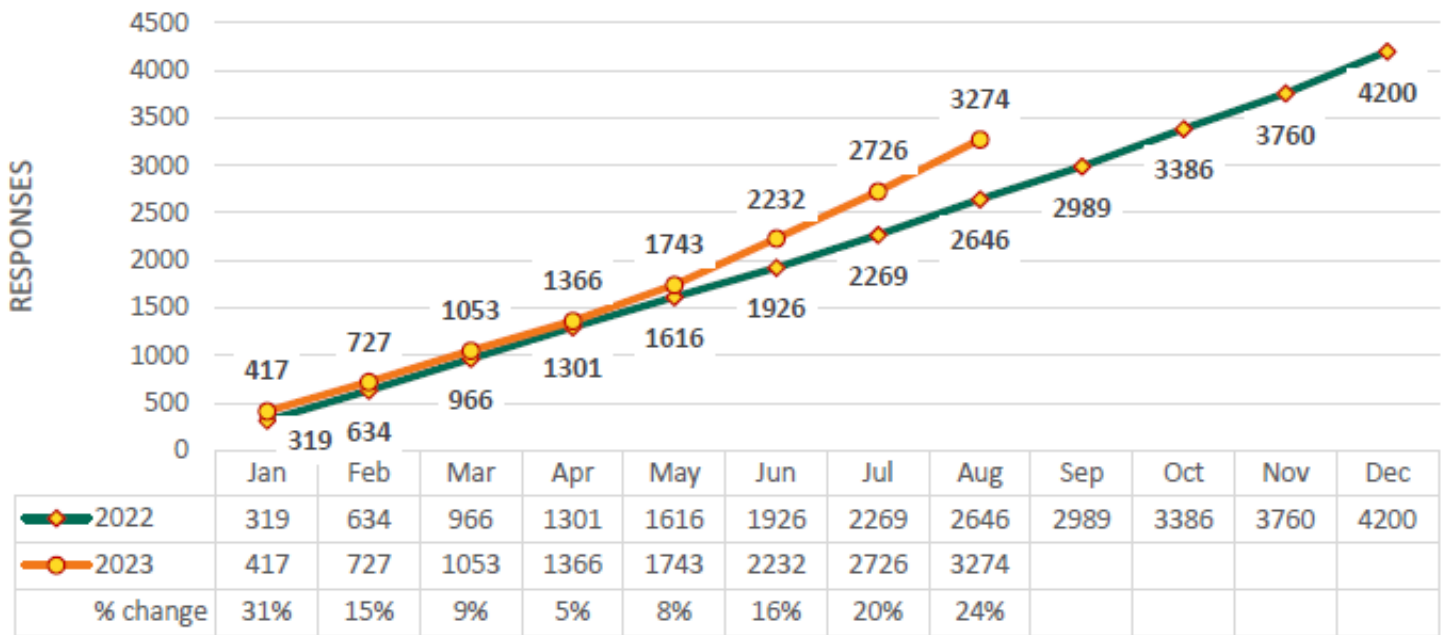




Harris County ESD 16 is the direct service provider for fire protection and rescue services in the Klein area, operating as Klein Fire Department.

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

2022 vs. 2023 Calls, Adjusted



Emergency Response - August 2023

Fire-related: 63 Other[†]: 125
 Rescue/ EMS: 269 False Alarms: 85
TOTAL: 548

2023 Year-to-date (January 2023 – August 2023)
3,274 responses

Top 3 response areas by KFD Station:

1. Station 33 90 incidents 17%
2. Station 32 82 incidents 16%
3. Station 36 80 incidents 15%

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

HCESD 16 News

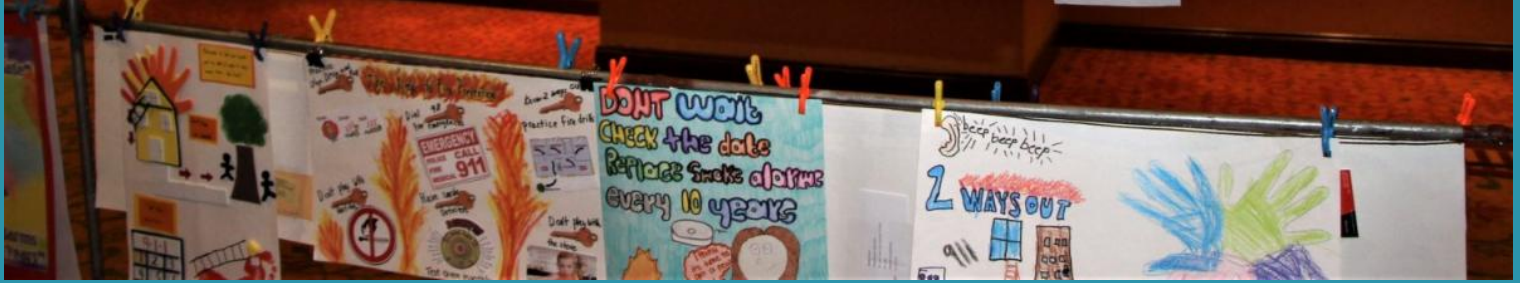
KFD – SFFMA Poster Contest

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.





KFD Valor Awards

The Klein Fire Department will be holding its annual Valor Awards ceremony on Saturday, October 28, 2023. We will be bestowing our Klein firefighters with the following honorifics: Service Ribbons, Winter Storm Uri Medal, COVID Ribbon, Acts of Valor Medal. For more information, please contact community@kleinfire.org.

Girl Scouts Safety First Day recap

Helping area Girl Scout troops earn their safety badges and pins and coaching them through a mock disaster drill was the highlight of our month!

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.





Upcoming Community & Outreach Events

National Night Out 2023 – NNO 40

October 3

Participating Neighborhoods with KFD attendance –

Canyon Gate at Northpointe

Glennloch Farms

Terra Nova

Inverness Estates

Majestic Oaks

Spring Terrace

Pinecrest Forest

October Fall Festivals

Participating Organizations with KFD attendance

Spring Fire Department Safetober Fest | Oct 7

Cypress Creek Community Church | Oct 7

Theiss Elementary Fall Fest | Oct 20

Trailwood Estates Fall Festival | Oct 22

Imagine Early Education Fall Fest | Oct 27

The Brook Church Fall Festival | Oct 29

National Fire Prevention Safety Week/Month

Participating Schools and Organizations with KFD Attendance –

Blackshear Elementary

The Home Depot Torrey Chase #6828 | Oct 7

The Home Depot Tomball #6512 | Oct 7

Champions Montessori

Little Explorers Academy

The Learning Experience

*The Learning Experience
Little Leadership Academy
Klein-Spring Montessori
Red Rose Montessori
Primrose School
Prescolaire Early Learning Academy
Kids Laughing & Learning Center
Kids Laughing & Learning Center
Creative Kidz
The Adventure Preschool at Windwood Church
Axis Youth Network, Career Day*

KFD October Blood Drive

October 19 | 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

HCESD No. 16/ KFD Administration Building (18606 Stuebner Airlines Rd, Klein 77379)

Glennloch Farms McDonald's Trunk or Treat

October 22 | 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

First Responder's Day with Barbara Bush Branch Library

October 27 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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



IT'S HOT OUTSIDE! *STAY COOL. STAY HYDRATED. STAY INFORMED.*



Did you know that cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries?
Cooking safety starts with YOU.

Pay attention to fire prevention.

NFPA FIRE PREVENTION WEEK™ **fpw.org**

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As Fire Prevention Week™ approaches, Champions ESD reminds residents:

“Pay Attention to Fire Prevention.”™

Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires and deaths. Stand by your pan. If you leave the kitchen, turn the burner off.

NFPA Learn more about cooking safety at fpw.org

Always keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner.

NFPA Learn more about cooking safety at fpw.org

Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or

Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove so that no one can bump them or pull them over.



Learn more about cooking safety at fpw.org



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For more general information about Fire Prevention Week and fire prevention, visit fpw.org.

Average response time for August 2023 – 5.28 Minutes

AUGUST 2023 MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	22	15.07%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	58	39.73%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	9	6.16%
Service Call	6	4.11%
Good Intent Call	35	23.97%
False Alarm & False Call	15	10.27%
Special Incident Type	1	0.68%
TOTAL	146	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](https://www.kleinisd.org).



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



STUDENT ARTWORK CHOSEN FOR TASA/TASB CONVENTION EXHIBIT

Sept. 28, 2023—Eight CFISD student art pieces were selected to be displayed at the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA)/Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Convention Sept. 29-Oct. 1 at the Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center in Dallas. The Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) will host the exhibit during the TASA/TASB Convention, which is a yearly tradition.

"I'm delighted to announce the selection of eight exceptional student artworks representing CFISD at the 2023 TASA/TASB Convention," said Lee Carrier, coordinator of visual arts. "The contest allocation system facilitated by TAEA was based on school district size, which led CFISD to choose these eight entries to showcase our district. These artworks, spanning diverse mediums of drawing, painting and darkroom photography, were thoughtfully curated by a dedicated team of CFISD administrative staff, underscoring our unwavering commitment to nurturing creativity across all grade levels. The artworks stand as a testament to the strength and depth of CFISD's visual art program, where students embark on their artistic journey at the young age of 5 and continue to flourish as they advance through the upper grade levels."

Name School Title of Artwork
Emily Pavelka Farney Elementary School Garden

Madelyn Banditrat Fiest Elementary School Making an Impact

Mia Cortez Rios Holmsley Elementary School Colorful Town

Daniela Izaguirre Osorio Watkins Middle School A Unique Place

Oliva Shoemaker Hamilton Middle School Different Perspectives

Asha Bell Cypress Lakes High School Birds of a Feather

April Carrizales Cypress Creek High School Cat and Me

Anastassia Olsen Jersey Village High School Overgrown

Read the full article and the rest of the pictures found on CyFair's website [here](#)





Cy-Fair ISD Website

Klein ISD News



**Nitsch Elementary Named 2023 National Blue Ribbon School,
a First in Klein ISD History**

Klein, TX — Nitsch Elementary made history today as the first-ever elementary school in Klein ISD to be named a 2023 National Blue Ribbon School (NBRS) by the U.S. Department of Education, joining an elite group of 353 schools across the Nation.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program, now in its 40th year, honors the Nation's top schools based on academic performance on state and nationally normed assessments and academic progress in closing achievement gaps.

"Being named a National Blue Ribbon School means we are fulfilling our mission, which is at the heart of everything we do," Nitsch Elementary Principal Frank Ward proudly stated. "It is a simple mission paired with a huge task: Every Child. Every Day. Following this simple guiding principle, we know the possibilities are limitless for our students. Through the diligent work of a staff that believes, collaborates, and moves with a sense of urgency, achieving is more than a dream. With the support of Dr. McGown and her team, it has become a reality for our kids. This is a great honor for our school community. Go, Team Nitsch!"

[Klein ISD Website](#)

Tomball ISD News



[Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora Wins 2023 Texas Superintendent of the Year Award](#)

TOMBALL – For her visionary leadership and relentless pursuit of excellence, Tomball ISD Superintendent of Schools Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora has received one of the highest honors for a Superintendent in the State of Texas, being named the 2023 Texas Superintendent of the Year (SOTY) by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) in a special presentation at the annual convention hosted by TASB and the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA).

As the Region 4 Superintendent of the Year and State nominee for this year’s award, Dr. Salazar-Zamora was selected among 19 Regional Superintendents as a Top 5 State Finalist. From there, the five candidates were interviewed by a panel of school board members across the State, and evaluated on their work in improving student outcomes, developing a strong team-of-eight relationship, advocacy, and their ongoing commitment to innovation and leadership.

Dr. Salazar-Zamora becomes the first-ever Tomball ISD Superintendent to be named Texas Superintendent of the Year, and was selected for this prestigious award from a group of five finalists.

Read the full article on the Tomball Website [here](#):



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

through a non-voice-capable device. 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

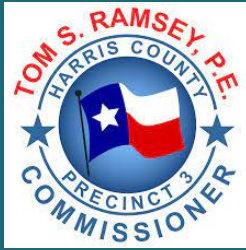
CDC- Center for Disease Control: [CDC Coronavirus](#)

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.

Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce

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



Houston Northwest Chamber
of Commerce

Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce

Transportation and Mobility Committee

2nd Tuesday of each month

Meeting Location:

29201 Quinn Rd.

Tomball, Texas 77375

Upstairs Conference Room



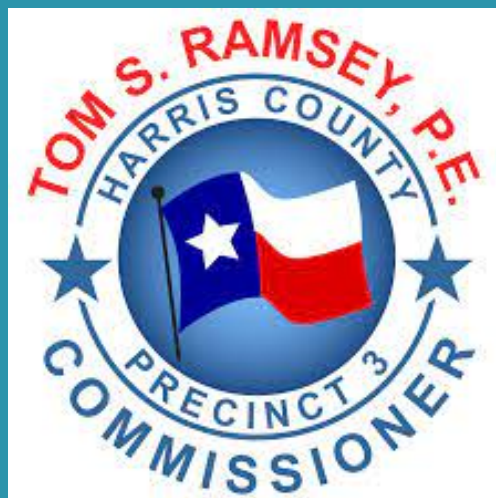
Tomball Government Affairs Committee

Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce Transportation\Government Affairs Committee

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

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Chamber of Commerce

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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