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State Representative District 126
October 2023 Newsletter

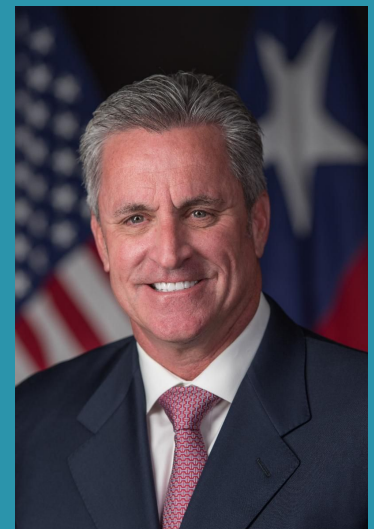


Texas House of Representatives



Texas
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News
and Information



Special Session #3

The 3rd called Special Session of the 88th Legislature opened under Governor Abbott's executive order on October 9th. The items included in the original call were:

- **EDUCATION FREEDOM:** Legislation providing education savings accounts for all Texas schoolchildren.
- **BORDER SECURITY:**
 - Legislation to do more to reduce illegal immigration by creating a criminal offense for illegal entry into this state from a foreign nation and authorizing all licensed peace officers to remove illegal immigrants from Texas.
 - Legislation to impede illegal entry into Texas by increasing the penalties for criminal conduct involving the smuggling of persons or the operation of a stash house.
 - Legislation to impede illegal entry into Texas by providing more funding for the construction, operation, and maintenance of border barrier infrastructure.
- **PUBLIC SAFETY:** Legislation concerning public safety, security, environmental quality, and property ownership in areas like the Colony Ridge development in Liberty County, Texas.
- **ENDING COVID RESTRICTIONS:** Legislation prohibiting COVID-19 vaccine mandates by private employers.

On October the 17th, Governor Abbott expanded the call to include:

"Legislation to do more to reduce illegal immigration by creating criminal offenses for illegal entry into this state from a foreign nation and illegal reentry or presence following denial of admission, exclusion, deportation, or removal; authorizing all licensed peace officers to remove illegal immigrants from Texas; and providing indemnification of public officials, employees, or contractors in connection with the foregoing."

There have been a number of bills filed, primarily centered around the Public Education and State Affairs Committees addressing items in the charge. Hearings have been held on issues for illegal entry or illegal presence in this state, border barriers, and COVID Vaccination mandates. The Senate has passed and sent to the House [Senate Bill 7](#) and [Senate Bill 4](#) which address private employer vaccination mandates and punishment for operation of a "Stash House".

[House Bill 4](#), a bill intended to address the illegal entry or illegal presence provisions of the Governor's agenda for this special session. [House Bill 6](#) which adds \$1.5 billion to the funding available to us on border security efforts.

In a late night hearing on October 25th, the House approved all four bills and sent them to the Senate.

As of writing this newsletter, [Senate Bill 7](#) and [Senate Bill 4](#) have passed through both chambers and have been sent to the Governor's desk for him to sign. However, [House Bill 4](#) and [House Bill 6](#) have yet to be heard and passed by the Senate.

While the Senate has filed and approved bills authorizing "Education Savings Accounts", just as they did during previous sessions, the House has not taken them up or opened hearings that deal with "voucher" type legislation at this point due in part to the issue of increased funding for public education having not been included up to this point.

On October 31st, Governor Abbott expanded the call for this 3rd Special Session to include additional items, such as teacher pay raises, school safety, and special education. The expanded special session

agenda followed productive discussions with Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick and Speaker Dade Phelan.

Key aspects of the legislation to expand school choice in Texas include:

- Universal eligibility for all K-12 schoolchildren in Texas.
- Voluntary participation – parents, students, and schools choose whether they want to participate.
- Students will receive approximately \$10,400 per year in their Education Savings Accounts.
- Phases out the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) Test.
- Students participating in the program will have the option of taking a norm-referenced test or STAAR test to ensure the program achieves good educational outcomes.
- Billions more in funding for Texas public schools for the biennium, including teacher pay raises and school safety.

The Governor's full Proclamation for this expanded call can be found [here](#):

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.

Important Issues for your consideration in the proposed constitutional amendments:

Several are really important and all deserve your consideration.

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 4** 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.

Proposition 14 creates a Centennial Parks Conservation Fund to help our state parks thrive and survive. With the ever expanding population in Texas, we need to plan for future growth and needs in our park system.

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.



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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.

\$12 Million Flooding Appropriation & Creation of Drainage Improvement District

We continue to get great reviews and more articles about the \$12 million dollar appropriation for the T. C. Jester Detention Project. I partnered with Congressman Dan Crenshaw, who brought another \$9 million, and Pct 3 Commissioner Tom Ramsey acquired a final \$27 million to increase funding for selected short term projects along Cypress Creek by an unprecedented \$50 million dollars. All of these dollars will flow through the Harris County Flood Control who will coordinate the work and manage the projects. Dr. Tina Peterson from the Flood Control District has been a pleasure to work with and seems genuinely open to such partnerships in our community.

This effort coupled with the Drainage Improvement District created by legislation I filed last session should dramatically improve the input and voice our community has in the larger flood mitigation

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Recent Articles:

Community Impact News

<https://communityimpact.com/houston/cy-fair/government/2023/10/31/cypress-creek-drainage-improvement-district-aims-to-create-master-drainage-plan-by-2024-25/>

Houston Chronicle

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/neighborhood/spring-klein/article/harris-county-tc-jester-detention-basins-funding-18386813.php#photo-24272817>

Reduce Flooding Now:

<https://reduceflooding.com/2023/09/25/funding-announced-for-massive-detention-basin-complex-on-cypress-creek/>

Community Impact News

<https://communityimpact.com/houston/spring-klein/development/2023/09/29/50m-in-state-federal-funds-will-go-to-flood-prevention-in-cypress-creek/>

Tomball Potpourri

50M Harris County flood control project approved



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. In a County of 2.5 million registered voters, turnout is nothing to be proud of. After the first week of early voting, only 100,960 votes have been cast.

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>

Cypress Creek Drainage Improvement District



OCTOBER PROGRESS REPORT

The Cypress Creek Drainage Improvement District held three Town Hall meetings in October 2023, across the watershed: West, Central, and East.

The meetings were well attended and launched the Drainage Improvement District activity. Next will be a series of workshop meetings to engage the community in preparation for developing a comprehensive flood mitigation plan for Cypress Creek.

The Town Hall meeting presentation and video recordings are on the District website:

<https://www.cypresscreekdid.org>

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

This QR code will also take you to the website



Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts



HISTORICAL POP-UP FREE EVENT

CRAFTS **HISTORICAL**
OBJECTS
DEMONSTRATIONS
AND MORE!

NOVEMBER 18TH | 10AM TO 2PM

Pioneer Trunk Show at 11am

Explore our area's past with interactive booths hosted by the Sam Houston Heritage Society, Spring Historical Museum, San Jacinto Museum, Southern Apache Museum, American Indian Center of Houston, The American Indian Genocide Museum and More!

Walk through our galleries featuring two artists that capture Texas history, Lee Jamison and José Cisneros. This family friendly event will run from 10 am - 2 pm with free historical crafts and presentations scheduled throughout including a pioneer trunk show at 11 am.

Register for free at www.pearlmfa.org

6815 Cypresswood Dr. Spring, TX 77379

Historical Pop-Up Free Event

Come to The Pearl Fincher Museum to explore our area's past with interactive booths hosted by the Sam Houston Heritage Society, Spring Historical Museum, San Jacinto Museum, Southern Apache Museum, American Indian Center of Houston, The American Indian Genocide Museum and The National Museum of Funeral History.

Walk through our galleries featuring two artists that capture Texas history, Lee Jamison and José Cisneros.

This family friendly event inside the museum will run from 10 am - 2 pm with free historical crafts, a candle making demonstration, and presentations scheduled throughout including a Pioneer Trunk Show at 11 am and the Apache Creation Story and Flute Performance at 12pm.

This event is free and open to the public. Donations help us as a non-profit art museum continue to provide community programs like this!

Event Schedule:

10am to 2pm- Interactive booths from local museums and heritage societies

10am-2pm- free art activities

11:00am- Pioneer Trunk Show

12:00pm- Creation Story and Flute Performance

[More Info](#)

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](#)

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

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)

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 on sale 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.

Music of Peace, Love, and Joy
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

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

OCTOBER RUN TOTALS:

EMS 2693
FIRE 199
Public Relation Events (Fire Prevention Month) 108

From now until November 20th, the Cy-Fair Fire Department is hosting a canned food drive to assist Cy-Fair Helping Hands provide meals for the less fortunate. Every Cy-Fair Fire Station is a collection site, so we ask our community to please donate generously.

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.



To serve the community better

Before ESD 11 Mobile Healthcare went live, Dr. Casey Patrick was named the Medical Director for ESD 11. This was an enormous responsibility as he entrusted over 200 medical providers to work under his license. During the last two years, the training he implemented has played a key role in the care and service provided to the community and we are honored to have had him as our Medical Director. In the upcoming months, he will transition his role to someone new. We wish him luck



transition his role to someone else. We wish him luck and want him to know we couldn't have done it without him, nor would we have wanted to. !

B2P Program updates

The EMT-B to Paramedic program that began in August 2023 is well underway and producing a great class of future paramedics. During the didactic portion of the course, each person has continued to work a modified schedule which has allowed them to have time to study and excel. By working two 14-hour shifts on the ambulance each week, it also increases the numbers of ambulances available for the community. ESD 11 is hosting a Skills Week and is honored to have The School of EMS instructors on-site to teach the students life-saving skills such as IV cannulation and the proper way to secure an airway.

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.

ABOUT US: Cypress Creek Fire Department is the operating name for Harris County Emergency Services District 13, a political division of the State of Texas. Cypress Creek Fire Department provides fire suppression & rescue first response services to our 25 square mile district and to the greater FM1960 area in conjunction with our automatic aid departments.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE:

September 2023:

Fire: 134

EMS: 159
Total: 293

Average Response Time: 05:39
2023 Year to Date: (01/01/2023 – 09/30/2023) Fire: 1182
EMS: 1014
Total: 2196
Average Response Time: 05:51

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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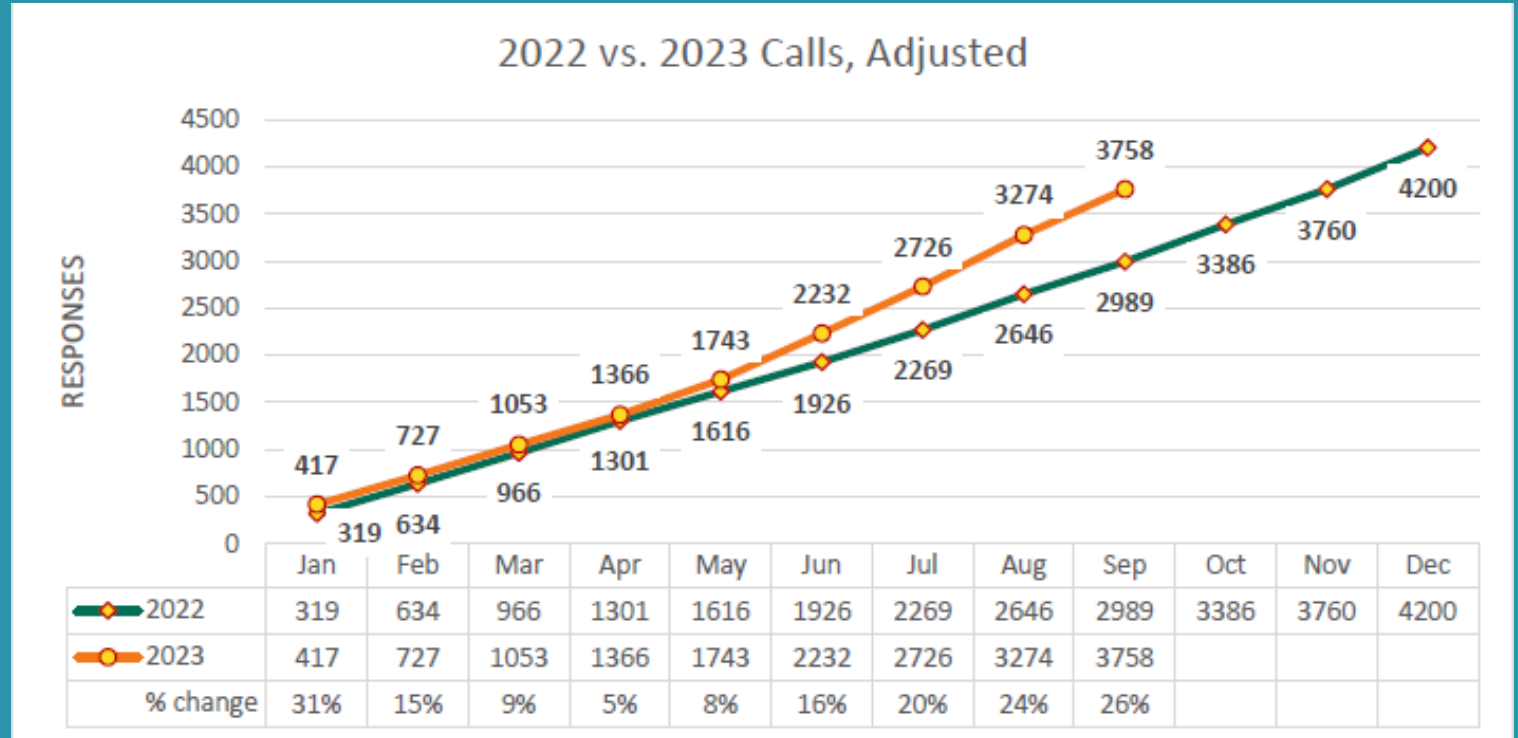
EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT



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

Ja'Milla Lomas - Public Information Officer

Klein Fire Department - Email: jlomas@hcesd16.org



Emergency Response – September 2023

Fire-related: 45 Other[†]: 144
 Rescue/ EMS: 250 False Alarms: 45
TOTAL: 484

2023 Year-to-date (January 2023 – September 2023)
3,753 responses

Top 3 response areas by KFD Station:

1. Station 33 89 incidents 17%
2. Station 32 69 incidents 16%
3. Station 34 68 incidents 14%

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

HCESD 16 News

KFD Valor Awards

The Klein Fire Department held its first annual Valor Awards ceremony on Saturday, October 28, 2023. We bestowed 53 members of the Klein Fire Department with Texas State First Responder Medals for their tireless efforts during the 2021 Winter Storm Uri; 10 members with Meritorious Achievement Medals for distinguished conduct performed by crews in efforts that resulted in saving a life; 4 members with the Medal of Merit (the third highest valor award) for performing beyond what is normally expected at an emergency incident; and 2 members with the Medal of Valor (the 2nd highest award for valor) for acting with selfless courage and heroism at risk of their own lives to save another. Congratulations to all our

with selfless courage and heroism at risk of their own lives to save another. Congratulations to all our firefighters. Medal or no medal, they are all heroes in our eyes.



KFD Open House of new Administration Building

The Community is invited to attend the Grand Opening of our new HCESD 16/ Klein Fire Department Administration Building!

Saturday, November 18, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

18606 Stuebner Airline Rd 77379

If anyone is interested in participating (such as an honor or color guard, band, etc.), please contact us at community@kleinfire.org.

Upcoming Community & Outreach Events

KFD November Blood Drive

November 17 | 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

KFD Station No. 36 (18822 N. Eldridge Parkway, Tomball 77377)

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 or wish to learn more about the Klein Fire Department, please visit our online homes:
www.HCESD16.org | [KFD Facebook](#) | [KFD Instagram](#) | [KFD Twitter](#) | [KFD Threads](#)





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
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. 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](#)



Carbon Monoxide (CO) The Silent Killer



CO is a toxic, colorless, odorless, tasteless gas. Watch out for these CO warnings!

- Service your furnace by a qualified professional to check for leaks.
- Never leave a car running in a garage, even with open doors.
- Never run a generator in the home or garage. Opening doors and windows or using fans will NOT prevent CO build-up in the house.
- When running a generator outdoors, keep it away from open windows.
- Never burn charcoal in homes or garages.
- Never install or service combustion appliances without proper knowledge and skills.
- Never use a gas range, oven, or dryer for heating the home.
- Never put foil on the bottom of a gas oven because it interferes with combustion.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it.
- If it still sounds, call 9-1-1. Immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for.
- Stay outside until the fire department arrives.

Symptoms of CO poisoning

The initial symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to the flu (but without the fever); they include:

- Headache
- Fatigue
- Shortness of breath
- Nausea
- Dizziness
- If you suspect that you are experiencing CO poisoning, get fresh air immediately. Leave the house and call 9-1-1 from a neighbor's home or cell phone. You could lose consciousness and die from CO poisoning if you stay in the home.

Get a CO Detector

Like working smoke detectors, every home with any gas appliance must have a CO detector on each floor of the house. <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Staying-safe/Safety-equipment/Carbon-monoxide>

Average response time for September 2023 – 5.39 Minutes

SEPTEMBER 2023 MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	12	11.65%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	45	43.69%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	7	6.8%
Service Call	2	1.94%
Good Intent Call	24	23.3%
False Alarm & False Call	13	12.62%
TOTAL	103	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

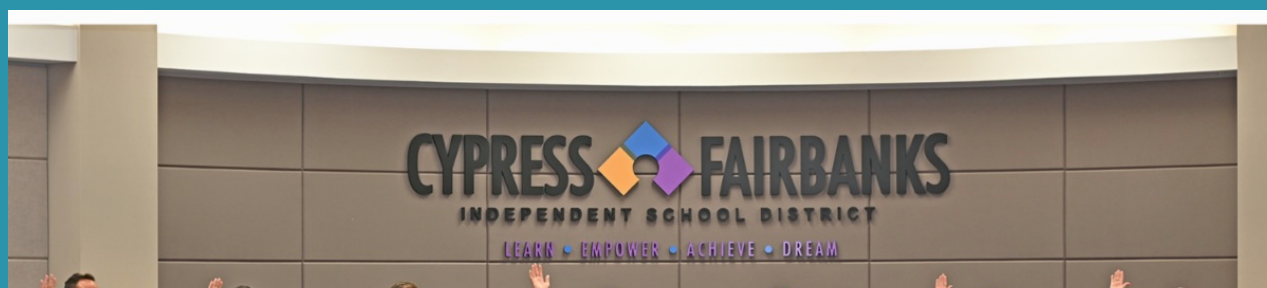
Tomball ISD will resume school for the 2023-2024 session on August 15th and run through May 23rd. To see the Tomball ISD Calendar of important dates, go to their website [here](#).



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





CY-FAIR BOARD ADOPTS LOWEST TAX RATE IN 37 YEARS

Oct. 9, 2023—The CFISD Board of Trustees approved a 2023 tax rate of \$1.0811 per \$100 of property valuation—a reduction of \$0.2137 from 2022—during its regularly scheduled meeting on Oct. 9.

The CFISD Board of Trustees unanimously votes to approve the 2023 tax rate of \$1.0811 during the regularly scheduled meeting on Oct. 9. The tax rate is the lowest in 37 years.

The total tax rate is comprised of a \$0.6811 Maintenance & Operations Tax Rate and a \$0.40 Interest & Sinking (or debt service) Tax Rate. The M&O Tax Rate, which funds day-to-day operations in CFISD, has decreased for the fifth consecutive year—down from \$0.8948 in 2022, \$0.9292 in 2021, \$0.9555 in 2020, \$0.97 in 2019 and \$1.06 in 2018.

CFISD also offers a local optional homestead exemption of 20 percent of the appraised value of a home. When paired with the current \$40,000 state exemption, a CFISD taxpayer with a home valued at \$350,495 (the district average) would pay a tax based on \$240,396 of value. View additional property tax information on the [CFISD website](#).

[Cy-Fair ISD Website](#)

Klein ISD News





Klein High School Recognized as a Model Professional Learning Community

Klein High School has received a special honor for its efforts in enhancing student success, being named a Model Professional Learning Community (PLC) School.

This recognition is thanks to the school's effective use of Solution Tree's PLC at Work™ strategies, which have been pivotal in boosting student performance.

Model PLCs are some of the highest-performing schools around the globe. 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.

"I am incredibly proud that Klein High School has been named a Solution Tree, Model PLC at Work campus," Klein High Principal Brandon Baker said. "It speaks to the tireless dedication and commitment of our staff as well as the academic success of our students."

In a PLC-focused school, the emphasis is on personalized learning. The educators outline a detailed plan to ensure every student gets the best education possible. They keep a close watch on students' progress, offer additional support when needed, and provide advanced learning opportunities for those who excel.

To read the full article, go [here](#).

Klein ISD Website

Tomball ISD News





Tomabll ISD New Campus Alignment

Tomball ISD will be opening four new schools within the next few years. To view details for the three year phase and how it affects campus zones, please see the Phases of Realignment section.

Phases of Realignment

West Elementary - Scheduled to open 2024-25 School Year

West Intermediate - Scheduled to open 2025-26 School Year

Tomball West High School & Intermediate #5 - Scheduled to open 2026-27 School Year

October 10, 2023 – at the Tomball ISD School Board Meeting, the District presented its plan to open another school at the Tomball Innovation Center. The new campus will be an intermediate school serving students in grades 5 and 6 and will bring consistent grade configurations across the entire district. All elementary schools will now serve grades K-4, intermediate schools grades 5 and 6, junior high schools grades 7 and 8, and high schools grades 9 through 12. This new campus --Intermediate School #5-- is scheduled to open for the 2026-2027 school year.

Additionally, the District presented information to the Board regarding the District Zone Reset, the process that would be followed for adjusting attendance boundaries to incorporate the new schools and provide relief to schools that are at or above capacity. Tomball ISD has always valued community voice, but now more than ever, we want our stakeholders informed and engaged in this process. The process for the District Zone Reset is outlined below.

This page is the primary source for all information and relevant materials, during this process. Please know that the final plans approved in January will be developed with the best interest of all District students and families in mind. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we continue to find ways to provide optimal educational experiences and facilities for our rapidly growing District.





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 CV10 to 888-777. This hotline is available 24/7.

City of Houston

Houston Public Health Dept - <https://houstonemergency.org/covid19/>

Ready Harris Accessible Alerts

The Harris County Office of Homeland Security& Emergency Management has launched the new Ready Harris Accessible Alerts (RHAA). This new system is providing access to alerts, warnings, and preparedness information to persons who are Deaf, Blind, Hard-of-Hearing, Deaf-Blind, or have low-vision through a new one-stop-website. To sign up, we encourage members of the community to visit <https://hct.ahasalerts.com>.

Community members can also text AHAS to (281) 609-9093 to sign up.

The system will send our Ready Harris Alerts with sign language interpreting along with voice and closed captioning in English and Spanish before, during and after an emergency. The RHAA is compatible with video capable devices such as computers, tablets, cell phones and wireless Braille readers. With this new resource, HCOHSEM will also be able to reach individuals with low literacy in English and Spanish. This is HCOHSEM's latest effort to reach the whole community.

Federal Resources / Websites

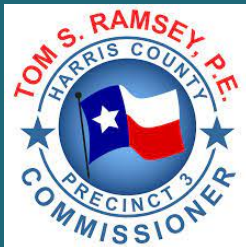
CDC- Center for Disease Control: [CDC Coronavirus](#)

Small Business Administration: [SBA](#)

SBA Paycheck Protection Program - [Paycheck Protection Loans](#)

An SBA loan that helps businesses keep their workforce employed (during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis.)

FEMA Corona Response: [FEMA CoronaVirus](#)



Precinct 3 Commissioner Tom Ramsey Capitol Project Update

[Visit Precinct 3 Website](#)

[Pct 3Request for Service](#)

Harris County Precinct 3 Road and Bridge

Harris County Precinct 3 maintains the highest level of standards in maintaining over 6,600 lane miles of roadway and associated bridges throughout the area. Maintenance includes road reconstruction, storm debris removal, sign installation, right of way mowing, and more.

Please see the list below for projects that are currently under construction that are in or affect our area, including projects transferred due to redistricting. For questions or comments, [click here](#). To follow their current capitol projects list, click the button below.

[Pct 3 Capitol Improvement Projects](#)



Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner Lesley Briones

Precinct 4's Infrastructure Division

The Infrastructure Division administers and manages Precinct 4's Capital Improvement Projects Program. The CIP program includes road expansion projects, traffic signals and intersection improvements, and traffic management systems designed to improve mobility and air quality.

The Infrastructure Division also oversees the Child Safety Fund which is used to provide warranted school zone flashing warning signals in compliance with Precinct 4's criteria, the installation of a warranted traffic signal system facilitating the movement of traffic around a school facility to promote student safety. To find out if your area meets the criteria of the flashing warning signal, please click Flashing Warning Signals.

Community Assistance Department

Serving Precinct 4 constituents is our number one goal. With that in mind we have one stop, one phone number, one e-mail address for you to find a solution to any need you might have in Harris County. Tell us what's needed and we do the work! Whether it is a street or a stop sign to be replaced, a road or sinkhole repaired, or questions or comments about Precinct 4 services, CAD can assist.

The staff researches and responds to thousands of calls, letters, and e-mails each year concerning road and bridge maintenance and various issues throughout Harris County and Precinct 4.

In addition to processing requests for maintenance, CAD seeks to have a presence and be available to our community by attending a variety of community events and liaising with various agencies within Harris County and Precinct 4.

Precinct 4 Commissioner
Website

Pct 4 Capitol Improvement
Projects

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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



Chamber of Commerce

Meeting Location:
29201 Quinn Rd.
Tomball, Texas 77375
Upstairs Conference Room

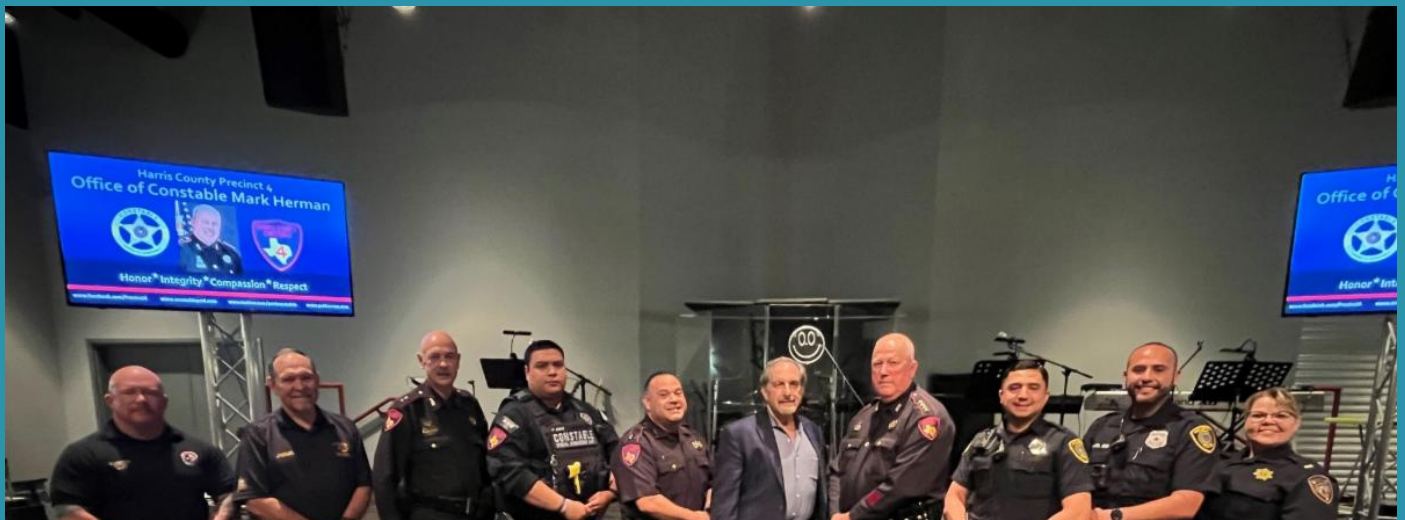
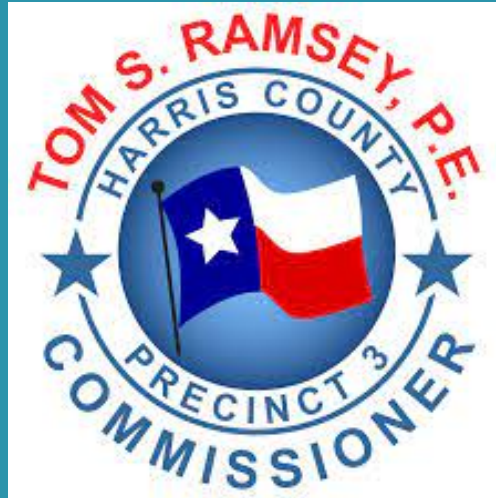
Tomball Government Affairs Committee

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 HOUSTON
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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