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State Representative District 126
April 2024 Newsletter

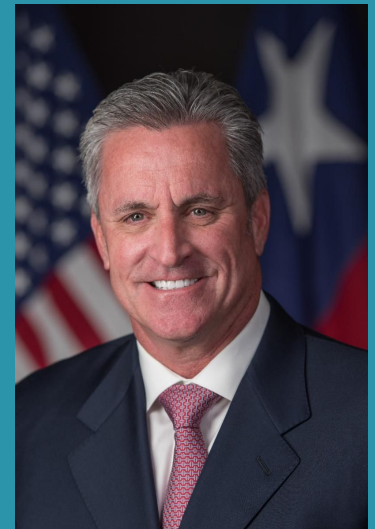


Texas House of Representatives



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News
and Information



Local, Special District, & Runoff Elections

Texas Run-Off elections are set for May 28th, with Early Voting to run from May 20th through May 24th. May 17th is the deadline for requesting a mail ballot if you want to vote by mail.

The local jurisdiction and special district election for May 4th early voting has been underway for a week. Turnout has been low with only 19,500 people voting in-person and 14,152 mail ballots received for a total of 33,652 people voting early. Election Day is May 4th.

To find local election resources though Harris County, go to www.Harrisvotes.com

Fm 1960 & Hwy 249 Underpass Cleanup



My office has heard from a number of constituents about the deplorable conditions under the overpass at FM 1960 and HWY 249 (Tomball Parkway). We have been communicating with the City of Houston, The Pct 3 County Commissioner's Office and the Texas Department of Transportation, regarding the primary responsibility for keeping the area clean. Ultimately, this responsibility falls to TxDOT and after a number of calls, they responded and directed a clean-up crew to the underpass and the picture above depicts their level of effort on just one occasion.

We sincerely appreciate their work and we are working to establish some kind of routine for them to check conditions and/or clean debris to avoid this kind of buildup in the future.

I would also like to thank the constituents who took the time to contact my office and report this issue. This type of community involvement and outreach is very important and appreciated.

Homeless Efforts & Resources Hope Center Houston

Hope





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Houston

Our constituents call occasionally about homeless issues in our area and our contact with local agencies to assist with them continues. Recently we visited with one such resource, The Hope Center Houston and learned about their efforts to provide unique services.

Hope Center Houston has been working in northern Harris County to help get the homeless off the streets and into a better life for about eight years now. Over that time they have seen the homeless population increase in the Spring/Klein/Cypress area, particularly since the pandemic put a lot of people out of work.

Last year they were seeing about 40 new homeless people each month in addition to their regulars. This year the number of new homeless is trending upwards with them even seeing eight new "guests" in one day in April. Surprisingly, some of the new guests are holding down jobs while living in their cars. Sadly, they also see many senior citizens who are not able to afford an apartment on their monthly social security check.

Since locating housing for this special population is an issue, they are actively working with other non-profit agencies to develop a game plan to handle the continued increase in people facing the crises that homelessness brings.

Their "new" facility, a 14,000 square foot building next to HCA Houston Hospital Northwest, that was acquired in the summer of 2019, gives them the ability to offer "one-stop shopping" for all that the homeless need to get back on their feet. If they can't provide it, they will find another agency that can.

The first step for new guests is to go through an initial assessment where immediate needs are identified. Then they are shown the process to obtain essential daily needs. Here are the numbers of some of the most sought after services for 2023. 18,000 meals provided ; 1,200 sets of clothing given; 580 bundles of clothes cleaned; 1,727 showers taken; mail service provided for 1,526; and 10,750 times that someone entered the building for any service. Finally, the guest meets with the Center's Social Services Coordinator who helps the guest put together a long range plan aimed at preparing them for re-entry into society with the ultimate goal of being employed (if they are able) and housed. Fifty Hope Center Houston guests were placed into an apartment in 2023 and twenty-one thus far in 2024.

As a partner agency of the Coalition for the Homeless in Houston they are able to put their guests on the path to getting into an apartment, an essential step in the "Housing First" strategy that has helped make Houston a model for the nation. Once in an apartment, a case manager works closely with the person to find the services they need to become a productive citizen once more and make their homeless experiences brief, rare, and non-recurring.

Recognizing the need to expand their services to deal with the increased influx of those needing help, they have brought on some new board members which includes one of their former guests who is now a successful plumber in the area.

In addition they are at the beginning stages of participating in a project that will bring much needed transitional and permanent housing to this population.

Hope Center Houston is always in need of caring individuals to volunteer one or two mornings per week assisting in providing one of the services listed above and for some other tasks as well. Visit their website at www.hopecenterhouston.org to learn more about their programs, services, volunteering opportunities, and other ways you can help.



"Squatting" in Texas

Governor Abbott recently made comments regarding "Squatters in Texas" that have prompted questions from residents in our District. So, we thought we'd cover just a little about what is happening with this new phenomenon.

The term "Squatting" refers to a process known as "adverse possession" whereby someone attempts to gain possession of a property or residence in the absence of its rightful owner. The target for this kind of property can be homes for sale, rental or leased property, or vacant property. Various news reports over the last several months have highlighted growing interest in addressing this trend happening across the United States. These news articles have also highlighted the numerous scams or schemes to create "possession" through fraudulent lease, rental, or purchase agreements.

Some may question the difference between trespassing and "squatting". Squatting is an attempt to set up ownership through mere possession and trespassing is the act of being on the property illegally because you had notice, or knew you were not allowed on the premises.

Texas Penal Code Sec 30.05

Sec. 30.05. CRIMINAL TRESPASS. (a) A person commits an offense if the person enters or remains on or in property of another, including residential land, agricultural land, a recreational vehicle park, a building, a general residential operation operating as a residential treatment center, or an aircraft or other vehicle, without effective consent and the person:

- (1) had notice that the entry was forbidden; or
- (2) received notice to depart but failed to do so.

Adverse Possession is defined in the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code Section 16.021

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(1) "Adverse possession" means an actual and visible appropriation of real property, commenced and continued under a claim of right that is inconsistent with and is hostile to the claim of another person.

(2) "Color of title" means a consecutive chain of transfers to the person in possession that:

(A) is not regular because of a muniment that is not properly recorded or is only in writing or because of a similar defect that does not want of intrinsic fairness or honesty; or

(B) is based on a certificate of headright, land warrant, or land scrip.

(3) "Peaceable possession" means possession of real property that is continuous and is not interrupted by an adverse suit to recover the property.

(4) "Title" means a regular chain of transfers of real property from or under the sovereignty of the soil.

In most cases, in order to establish a successful claim, a "squatter" must maintain continuous physical possession for three to ten years (with or without color of title), but the issue currently gets mired down in a complex legal process that can impact the owner's ability to effect possession, sale, or rental of the property. In some cases it can be a difficult and lengthy process to resolve and may have to be resolved through the courts.

The property Management Company Innago lists specifics about the statutory requirements and some recommendations on prevention and response [here](#). As with any criminal or legal issue, we recommend seeking guidance from the appropriate law enforcement agency or an attorney before taking action.

At this time, multiple Legislators have expressed concern and interest in addressing this topic during the next legislative session and we anticipate relevant legislation to be filed.

New ERCOT Monthly Report



ERCOT recently announced the publishing of their new newsletter *ERCOT Monthly*. This is a monthly report from ERCOT which will share a recap of key information from the previous month, notes on the upcoming month, and a snapshot of additional key items.

The goal of this monthly report is to continue providing clear, consistent and transparent communication to stakeholders and the general public.

This is a public document which can be found on the ERCOT website under the *ERCOT Monthly* heading and a copy of the April 2024 edition can be found [here](#).

Cypress Creek

Drainage Improvement





April Update:

Community Workshops

Tuesday, May 21, 6 – 8 pm

George H.W. Bush Community Center
6827 Cypresswood Drive
Spring, TX

Tuesday, June 25, 6 – 8 pm

Coles Crossing Community Center
13050 Barker Cypress Road
Cypress, TX

The first Community Workshop was held in April in the eastern part of the Cypress Creek watershed. The Q&A and discussion led to good input on the community's views for flood mitigation. The comments are captured on the website.

The Cypress Creek Drainage Improvement District is seeking input from residents, business owners and other stakeholders in the Cypress Creek watershed via an [online survey](#) launched in April.

The online survey is designed to gain input from the community on flood mitigation strategies, flood concerns, top priority projects, the importance of recreational facilities and other flooding-related topics. The CCDID Board will continue to collect survey data through July.

The Cypress Creek Drainage Improvement District has joined Houston Stronger as a Supporting Organization. Houston Stronger is a coalition of civic groups, business associations, and active citizens from throughout the Texas Gulf Coast region dedicated to working with local, state and federal officials to implement a comprehensive regional flood control plan.

More information is contained on the Drainage District website.

<https://www.cypresscreekdid.org>

To communicate with the Drainage District, please E-Mail to: cypresscreekdid@gmail.com.

Directors:

Dr. Calvin Cobb
Barbara Schattman
Joe Myers

Mark Adam
Clara Lewis





Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts

The Pearl has almost everything! From Yoga to Art Classes and Fine Art Exhibitions to Book Clubs. They have art workshops for all ages, summer programs, and Spring Break Camps for children. They are the one of the highlights of art education and culture in our community. Be sure and take time to check out what they have available for your family.



Summer Art Camps

The Pearl is excited to announce its 2024 Summer Art Camps!

Summer Art Camps will be held each week from June 3 through August 2. Camps offer a variety of themes in all-day or half-day formats, for ages 5 to 8 and 9 to 12.

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Each day, children will spend time in the galleries of the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts. This summer, the Pearl is excited to present a brand new exhibition, "The Toy Canvas: Artists at Play." Surrounded by the magic of play and the infinite possibilities of our imagination, campers will be inspired to head back to their studio classrooms and create their own works of art.

Among the many options for this summer's art camps are Toys in Art, Comics and Character Design, Puppets, Fashion Design and much more. Campers explore new mediums, techniques, and principles of art through hands-on visual art lessons, outdoor activities, and special instruction from guest artists. Through it all, they learn the principles of art, artistic processes, art history and more.

All classes are limited in size and offered in a socially distanced setting. Summer camp classes are held in the museum's art classroom and in the George Bush Community Center.

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!

Summer Camp 2024 Registration Now Open! 5-8 year olds

Cost: Members: \$235 Non-members: \$250 per week (all-day camp)

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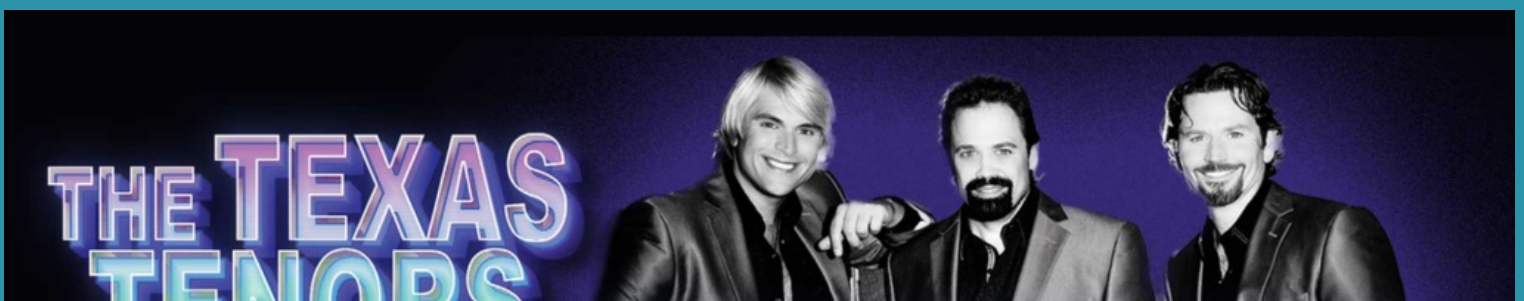
Members: \$165 Non-members: \$180 per week (half-day camp)

[Art Camp Info](#)

[Art Camp Registration](#)

[Visit the Pearl Fincher Museum Website](#)

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



TENORS 15TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR

The Texas Tenors are the most successful music group from and third highest selling artist in the history of America's Got Talent! Since appearing on the series in 2009, artists JC, Marcus, and John have performed over 2000 concerts, recorded 5 studio albums, produced 2 PBS Specials, and have written two hit children's book that have earned them impressive recognition, including 3 Emmy Awards, The Gelett Burgess Award for Excellence in Children's Literature, and the distinction of being Billboard Magazine's #10 Classical Artist in the World. The tenors' most recent albums "Outside the Lines", "Rise" and "A Collection of Broadway and American Classics" all debuted at #1 on the Billboard Charts.

These classically trained, versatile tenors were recently honored to be included among the top 50 acts in the world and the only U.S. vocal group invited to appear on NBC's America's Got Talent: The Champions. The three friends are filled with pride to be inducted into the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame.

The Texas Tenors invite you to celebrate a huge milestone with them.. 15 years together! On this astounding 15th Anniversary Tour, you will hear new music along with rousing patriotic favorites and everything from Country to Classical! Come and celebrate with the boys and make some new and lasting memories at a concert experience you'll never forget.

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

Date & Time: 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 18, 2024

Tickets: \$45, \$55, \$65 & \$75

Valet Parking: \$15/car. Pre-order online with credit card or pay cash the night of the event.

Texas Tenors Tickets

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

2023-2024 Star-Lit! Series

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 Geigher PAC

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

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

Download Season Ticket order form [here](#).

Texas Master Chorale



SPRING CONCERT

Joy

Featuring "Jubilate" by Dan Forrest for choir and orchestra
 Saturday, April 27, 2024, 7:30 PM
 John Wesley Church
 5830 Bermuda Dunes, Houston, TX 77069

Texas Master Chorale Tickets

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

Tickets: <https://www.texasmasterchorale.org/tickets.html>

General Admission—\$25.00 each

Season Subscription—\$75.00

Students with ID—Free Admission

Be sure and check out their community musical events calendar [here](#). They have concerts and musical events calendared for every group in our area.

Visit Texas Master Chorale Website

ESD 9 Monthly News

Eddie Cruz, Public Information Officer



Cy-Fair Fire Department
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eddie.cruz@cyfairfd.org

Cy-Fair Fire Department Run Totals For April:

EMS: 2660
FIRE: 587
TOTAL: 3247

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

The world is constantly changing, for better or for worse and it can be overwhelming to deal with everything going on around you. While society is getting more comfortable discussing mental health, it can still be hard to know "Where to Start" when it comes to taking care of your own well-being. Please take this month to start with selfcare when it comes to your mental health and be aware of your loved ones, coworkers or anyone around you who may be having difficulty or a crisis.

Practice some selfcare by taking time to decompress, go for a walk, workout, spend time with friends and/or loved ones. Seek help from a professional if needed, talk to a counselor or your primary care physician. Nutrition plays a role in your mental health also, make an appointment with a nutritionist for professional advice. If you or someone is in an immediate crisis, call 911.

We need to get away from the stigma and help ourselves and help others.

Lieutenant Eddie Cruz
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Free CPR class offered the third Saturday of every month, please visit our website, www.cyfairfd.org, to sign up.



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ESD 9 - Cy-Fair Fire Dept

ESD 11 Monthly News



ESD 11 Update By - Brian Piatkowski Experience Coordinator

Brian Piatowski has been assigned the responsibilities for monthly updates for ESD 11. His Contact Information is :
Phone 281-524-7667
Email: brian.piatkowski@esd11.com

Our response time performance remains exceptional and may be found with other critical information on our website at <https://esd11.com/transparency/>. The data is updated monthly after each regularly scheduled Board meeting, on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Promotions:

Melissa Grindstaff to Communications Supervisor.
Cesar Nino and Zacheus Hackett to Logistics Training Officer.
Amber DuBose to field EMT

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week (NPSTW) is held annually during the second week of April to honor public safety telecommunicators for their commitment, service, and sacrifice. Thank you, HEB, HCA and Life Flight, for your contributions and helping us celebrate!

We have rolled out 40 new Stryker Power-PRO 2 stretchers that will help improve patient and provider safety with ergonomic features for ideal maneuvering, loading, and unloading.

Our heartfelt condolences to Harris County Deputy John Coddou's friends, family, and colleagues for their loss.

If you are interested in learning more about ESD11, please visit <https://harriscountyesd11.gov/> or join us on Facebook.

If you would like to schedule a CPR/First Aid class, standby or community event, please visit <https://harriscountyesd11.gov/outreach/> to --schedule or contact Brian Piatkowski, Experience Coordinator at 281-524-7667 or brian.piatkowski@harriscountyesd11.gov

If you'd like to read their brand ESD 11 Newsletter, use this link:
<https://harriscountyesd11.gov/media/2024/01/2023-Q4-Newsletter-5.pdf>

[ESD 11 Website](#)

ESD 13 Fire Service Monthly Update



Cypress Creek Fire Department

Alexa Carrasco
Public Information Officer

[ESD 13 Website](#)

HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #13 APRIL REPORT

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.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE:

March 2024:

Fire: 98

EMS: 98

Total: 193

Average Response Time: 04:55

2024 Year to Date: (01/01/2024-03/31/2024) Fire: 316

EMS: 332

Total: 648

Average Response Time: 04:55

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

Our Child Passenger Safety Technician is located at Station 22 on Cypress N. Houston Rd. and is ready to help you ensure your child's safety by providing free Child Passenger Safety inspections.

CCFD offers free Home Safety Inspections to all residents in our territory. This includes a walk-through and assessment of your home. Our Firefighters will identify any potential fire hazards and give you a copy of their report so that you can correct these hazards before they become a serious problem.

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For more information, please contact Alexa Carrasco at (281) 894-0151. Email pr@hcesd13.org

ESD 16 Fire Service Monthly News



HARRIS ★ COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT



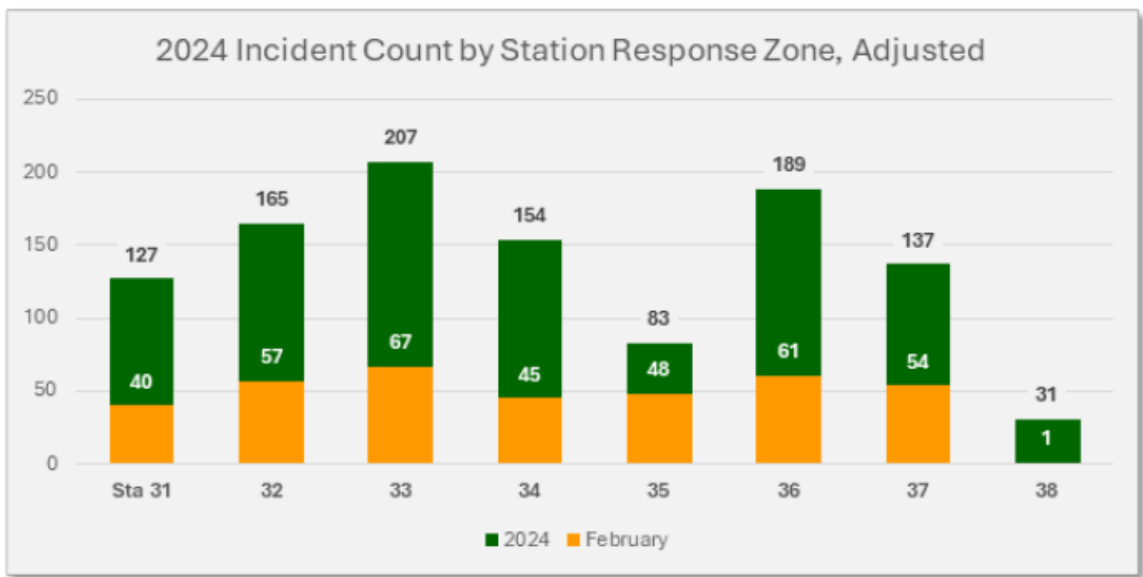
Harris County ESD 16 is the direct service provider for fire protection and rescue services in the Klein area, operating as Klein Fire Department.

Ja'Milla Lomas - Public Information Officer

Klein Fire Department - Email: jlomas@hcesd16.org

Monthly Incident Count by Station Response Zone, Adjusted

Klein Fire Department														
Monthly Incident Counts By Station														
Station	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Percent
HQ	0												0	0.00%
31	41	46	40										127	11.62%
32	50	58	57										165	15.10%
33	72	68	67										207	18.94%
34	60	49	45										154	14.09%
35	34	1	48										83	7.59%
36	68	60	61										189	17.29%
37	43	40	54										137	12.53%
38	28	2	1										31	2.84%
Total	306	324	373	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1003	100.00%



Fire-related: 27
EMS/ Rescue: 131

Hazardous Conditions: 39
Service Call**: 12

Good Intent[◇]: 64
False Alarm: 49
Other[†]: 51

TOTAL: 351

** *Public Service, Lock-out, assist police*

◇ *No incident found, Disp/Canceled en-route*

† *Overpressure, Explosion, Severe Weather, Natural Disaster, Special Incident, Mutual Aid*

27 Fire Calls – Structure (7); Vegetation/ Rubbish (12); Vehicle (3); Other/Cooking (5)

Top 3 response areas by KFD Station for March:

1. Station 33 67 incidents 18%

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- 2. Station 36 61 incidents 16%
- 3. Station 32 57 incidents 15%

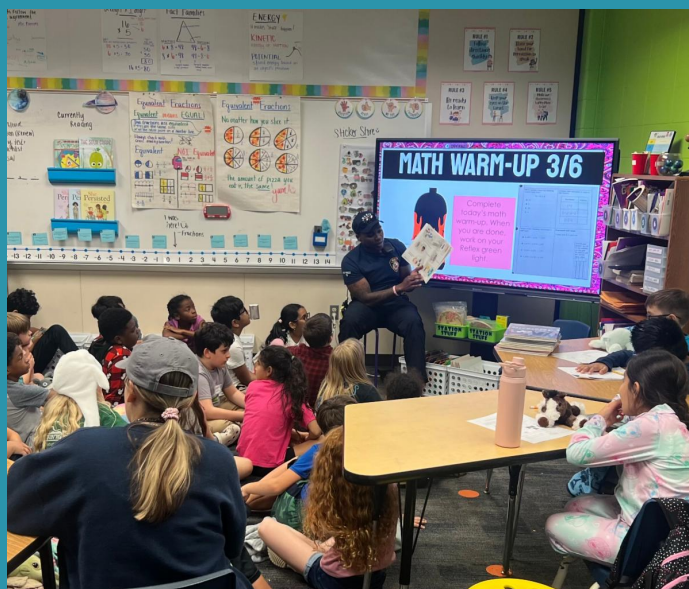
The Klein Fire Department is rated ISO Class 2 and provides Fire Suppression, Rescue, and Medical Emergency Assistance to a resident population of 173,549 residents covering the Spring/Klein area and encompassing approximately 49 square miles. If you have questions or wish to learn more about the Klein Fire Department, please visit our online homes: www.HCESD16.org | [KFD Facebook](#) | [KFD Instagram](#) | [KFD Twitter](#) | [KFD Threads](#)

HCESD 16/ Klein Fire Dept March/ April Recap

KFD Volunteer Firefighters present to Primrose School of Champions for International Women’s Day (March 8)



Engine 33 crew participate in Read Across America at Hassler Elementary School (March 6)



KFD Safe Sitters® Spring Break Camp practicing their CPR skills (March 12-14)



Tiger Scout #3461 learn first aid with KFD Training & Safety Chiefs (April 9)



New full-time KFD members training on venting (April 12)



Engine crews from Stations 33 and 38 conduct a fire drill at Trendsetter Engineering (April 25)



[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](#)



Summer Time Water Safety

Now that the heat is here and swimming pool usage will soon be in full swing, CESD would like to remind everyone to be careful in and around bodies of water. **DON'T TAKE WATER SAFETY FOR GRANTED!**

Drowning is a major public health issue that can be prevented.

- More children ages 1–4 die from drowning than any other cause of death except birth defects.
- Drowning happens in seconds and is **often silent**.
- Drowning can happen to anyone, any time there is access to water.

You can prevent drowning.

Learn basic swimming and water safety skills

Formal swimming lessons can reduce the risk of drowning. Children who have had swimming lessons still need close and constant supervision when in or around water.

Supervise closely

Designate a responsible adult to supervise closely and constantly when children are in or near water (including bathtubs). You can assign a specific adult to supervise each child when they have access to water. Adults watching kids in or near water should avoid distracting activities like reading, using the phone, and consuming alcohol or drugs, because drowning happens quickly and quietly.

Wear a life jacket

Life jackets reduce the risk of drowning while boating for people of all ages and swimming abilities. Life jackets should be used by children for all activities while in and around natural water. Life jackets can also be used by weaker swimmers of all ages in and around natural water and swimming pools. Do not rely on air-filled or foam toys, as these are not safety devices.

Learn CPR

Your CPR skills could save someone's life in the time it takes for paramedics to arrive. Many organizations such as [American Red Cross](#) and [American Heart Association](#) offer CPR training courses, both online and in-person.

Avoid alcohol

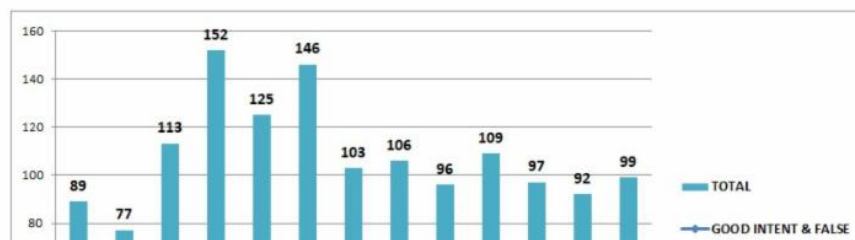
Avoid drinking alcohol before or during swimming, boating, or other water activities. Do not drink alcohol while supervising children. Alcohol impairs judgment, balance, and coordination.

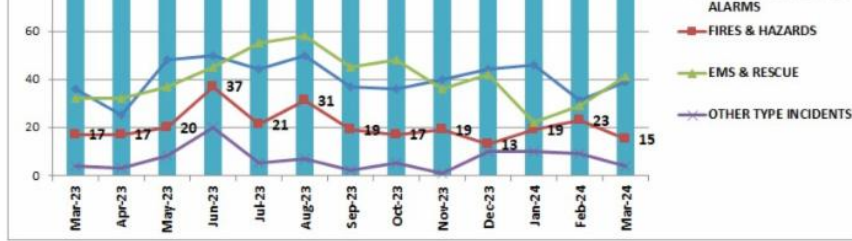
Use the buddy system

Always swim with a buddy. Choose swimming sites that have lifeguards when possible. The buddy system is especially beneficial for people with seizure disorders or other medical conditions that increase their risk of drowning.

For more information about all kinds of child safety, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/drowning> www.championsfire.org

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Average Response Time for March 2024: 6:06

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





HAIRGROVE ES STUDENTS SET TONE FOR ADOBE JR. AMBASSADORS PROGRAM



April 27, 2024—The initiative and creativity of fifth grade students at Hairgrove Elementary School led to the campus being the first Adobe Express Junior Ambassadors program worldwide.

Hairgrove Elementary School fifth grade students comprising the campus's second group of Adobe Express Junior Ambassadors celebrate with Adobe for Education representatives during a March 28 visit to the campus. Adobe representatives Claudio Zavala Jr., education evangelist; and Darren Smith, program manager of education; met with teacher Christine Morgan's Junior Ambassador cohort. During the 2022-2023 school year, Hairgrove teacher Christine Morgan expanded the use of the Adobe Express platform with her students. The free multipurpose creative tool allowed the Dolphins to make engaging projects with customized designs that enhanced their learning experience. Morgan, a social media-savvy educator, posted some of the creations online and caught the attention of Adobe Education executives. One of them, Ben Forta, Adobe senior director of education initiatives, was impressed by the content he saw on Twitter (X) and reached out.

Adobe for Education program manager Darren Smith consults with Hairgrove Adobe Express Junior Ambassadors during a March 28 visit to the campus.

"There was something about the energy in those words, and how excited the kids were," Forta recalls. "Something clicked in my head, and I messaged her asking if she would be interested in partnering with me to see if we can do this with all kids. There really wasn't much of a program before this." Morgan and Hairgrove Principal Michelle Lee agreed to launch an Adobe Express Junior Ambassador cohort with 20 fifth grade students, who began meeting every Wednesday after school for one hour to collaborate and create.

"We worked on projects that students were inspired by or wanted to create themselves, such as custom backgrounds for the Chrome browser and even the Apple Watch," Morgan said. "It was exciting to bond with them over creativity, but also empowering and inspiring for everyone involved. It became the best part of my school year."

One of the favorite activities, "kindness dashing," involved students creating inspirational and uplifting cards that they printed out and distributed around the school—in the library, in bathrooms and on desks—that could make someone smile on a rough day.

For the full article [go here](#):

Cy-Fair ISD Website



Klein ISD News



Klein ISD Named Best Community for Music Education for 13th Straight Year

by Terencia Lee
April 23, 2024

For the 13th consecutive year, the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation has named Klein ISD one of the 2024 Best Communities for Music Education. This recognition not only underscores our community's exceptional commitment to music education but also fills us with immense pride in our collective achievement.

NAMM has recognized communities for their dedication to Music Education for 25 years. The award program highlights the outstanding efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, students, and community leaders and their support for music education as part of a well-rounded education for all children.

"In Klein ISD, we have a longstanding tradition of excellence in fine arts," Klein ISD Superintendent Dr. Jenny McGown said. "It's an honor to be recognized once again as one of the BEST communities for music education in our nation. I am grateful for the incredible music educators in our schools who cultivate a love for music and creativity in our talented students. Congratulations to our amazing music educators and student musicians!"

To qualify for this designation, districts must complete a 50-page application that examines various data about music education within the district, including programs, funding, and enrollment.

"We are immensely honored to have been recognized as a Best Community for Music Education for 13 consecutive years," Klein ISD Director of Fine Arts Frank Chuter said. "This distinction reflects our enduring commitment to fostering musical excellence and providing exceptional opportunities for our students. It is a testament to the dedication of our district leaders and music educators, the talent of our students, and the unwavering support of our community. We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you!"

Congratulations to our fantastic music educators and dedicated students! To learn more about Fine Arts in Klein, visit <https://www.kleinisd.net/finearts>.

Important Dates

- **MAY 11 - Klein ISD Fine Arts Festival | 9AM - 1PM | KMPC | Become a Vendor**
- **MAY 24 - Last day of School**
- **JUN 1 - Klein ISD Graduation Ceremonies | NRG Stadium**

Klein ISD Website

Tomball ISD News





Tomball ISD High Schools Ranked Among Top 10% in the Nation

TOMBALL – All three Tomball ISD high schools not only earned the coveted “Best High Schools in the US” ranking by U.S. News & World Report for the 2023-2024 academic year but were ranked among the Top 10% in the United States. The U.S. News rankings include data on nearly 25,000 public high schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia.

TOMBALL STAR ACADEMY

Texas Ranking: 85
Houston Area: 20
National Ranking: 607 (Top 2.4%)

TOMBALL MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Texas Ranking: 183
National Ranking: 1,682 (Top 6.7%)

TOMBALL HIGH SCHOOL

Texas Ranking: 261
National Ranking: 2,603 (Top 10.4%)

“All three of our Tomball ISD high schools are exemplary schools that define excellence and have earned their place among the Top 10% in the nation on the ‘Best High Schools’ list,” said Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora, Superintendent of Schools. “Our teachers, administrators, and our staff who serve these campuses have continued to focus on a positive campus culture, coupled with a relentless pursuit of constant growth that fosters high-quality learning for all students. In Tomball ISD, we maximize our efforts to support all students and provide a premier educational experience that yields high results and celebrates the hard work and commitment we see on a daily basis. These rankings are a testament to our shared commitment and vision we have in our Destination District.”

Read the full article [here](#):





Tomball ISD Website

TWC Unemployment Resources

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 health and safety policies - 832-839-6941

Precinct 3 Commissioner Community Assistance - [Pct 3 Community Assistance](#)

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.

Homeless Resources

Sheriff's Department - Homeless Outreach

- [Online Contact Form](#)
- [Email](#)

Houston Police - Homeless Outreach

- (832) 394-4200 - Operating hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:00pm
- [Online Referral](#)
- [Email](#)

TxDOT Trash & Litter

- [Complaints and reports](#)

Federal Resources / Websites

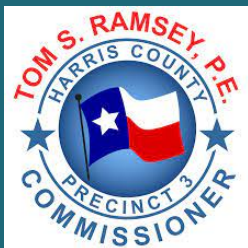
CDC- Center for Disease Control: [CDC Coronavirus](#)

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 3 Request 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](#)

[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](#)

[Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce](#)



Transportation and Mobility Committee

2nd Tuesday of each month

Meeting Location:

29201 Quinn Rd.

Tomball, Texas 77375

Upstairs Conference Room

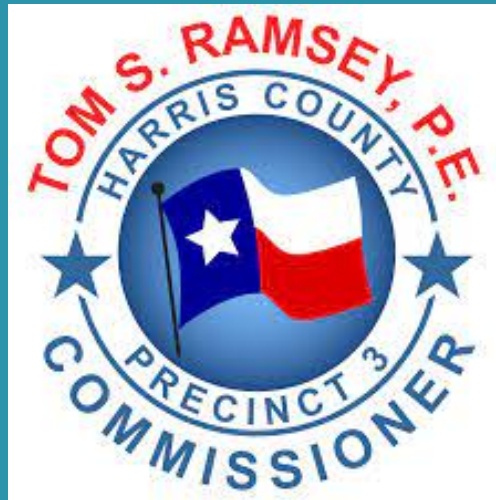
Tomball Government Affairs Committee

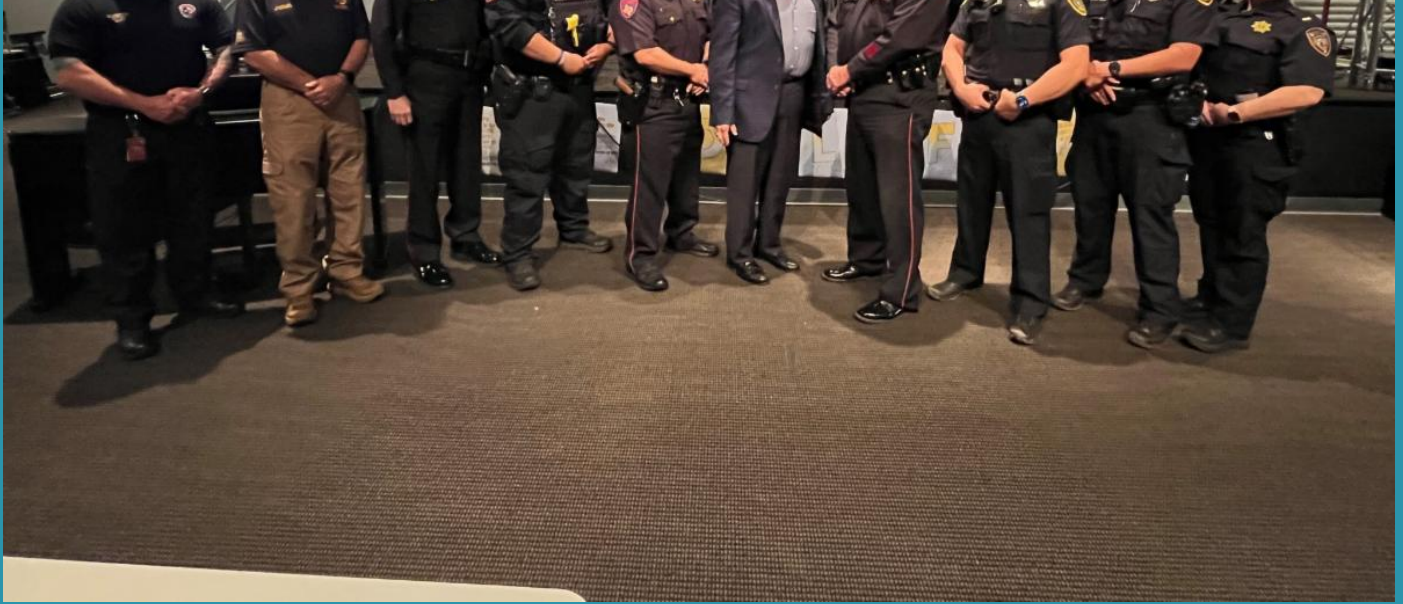
Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce Transportation\Government Affairs Committee

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



Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce





Harris County Pct 3 Public Safety Forum

Meets at:
Glorious Way Church
11611 Champions Forest Dr
Houston, TX 77066

Local representatives from criminal justice and government agencies make presentations and discuss issues important to the community.

The button below provides a link to sign up for our alerts and lists.

[Public Safety Forum Signup](#)

[Visit our House of Representatives Website](#)

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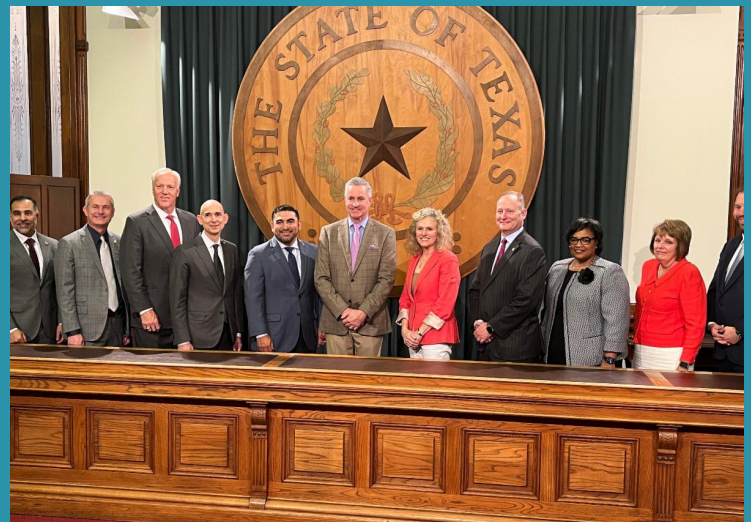
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