



# *Sam Harless*

**State Representative District 126**  
**September 2024 Newsletter**

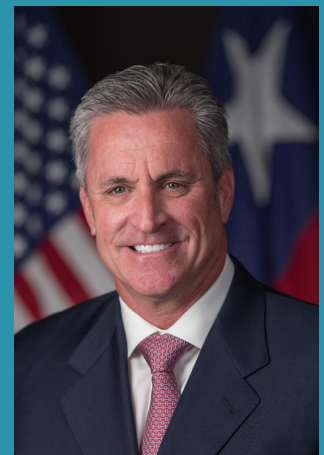


*Texas House of Representatives*



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**News**  
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# General Election 2024 - Just Around The Corner

The November 5th General Election is just weeks away and it looks to be another pivotal election cycle for our country, our state, and our community. The amount of political rhetoric and funding for campaigns everywhere is just staggering and social media is ablaze with commentary. In the 1980 Reagan Presidential Campaign, he asked "Are You Better Off Than You Were Four Years Ago"? That question remains absolutely relevant to where we are today. Harris County Commissioner's Court just recently approved an 8% property tax increase while the state legislature has been working hard to reduce the property tax burden. The increase by Commissioner's Court is allowed, without voter approval, under the "disaster" provisions of the law that established a cap on increases in property tax.

The Harris County Flood Control District is also asking for a tax increase in Proposition A on your ballot that is not included as part of that 8%. For more details on the proposal go here: <https://www.hcfdc.org/Activity/Maintenance-Programs/Flood-Control-District-Proposition-A>

The Flood Control District will be holding several "Open House" events and two on-line meetings to inform residents about the necessity for the tax increase. The meeting for our area is on Oct. 9: George H. W. Bush Community Center, 6827 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, 6-8 p.m. There are two virtual sessions that require Zoom registrations to participate.

October 16th - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82523887264>

October 17th - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87924086093>

Now is the time to make sure you are informed, prepared to vote, and get engaged on issues that directly affect you.

Here are some important election related dates and information for this election cycle.

Early Vote Centers will be open from Monday, October 21 through Friday, November 1

Deadline for Registering to Vote - **October 7th**

Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail - **Friday, October 25, 2024** (Received, not Postmarked)

Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail - **Tuesday, November 5th.**

## Voter Information Portals

Secretary of State's Office - <https://www.votetexas.gov/>

Harris County Clerk's Office - <https://www.harrisvotes.com/Voter/Election-Information>

## Voter Registration

Secretary of State - <https://vrapp.sos.state.tx.us/index.asp>

Harris County Tax Office - <https://www.hctax.net/Voter/Registration>

## Voter Registration Search

Secretary of State - <https://teamrv-mvp.sos.texas.gov/MVP/mvp.do>

Harris County Tax Office - <https://www.hctax.net/Voter/Search.cshtml>

## Ballot By Mail Request Forms

Secretary of State Mail Ballot Request Form - <https://webservices.sos.state.tx.us/forms/6-1f.pdf>

Harris County Mail Ballot Request Form -

<https://files.harrisvotes.com/harrisvotes/prd/docs/VotingInfo/2023%20Mail%20Ballot%20Application.pdf>

### Mail Ballot Tracker

Secretary of State Ballot Tracker - <https://teamrv-mvp.sos.texas.gov/BallotTrackerApp/#/login>

Harris County Ballot Tracker - <https://www.harrisvotes.com/Voter/Vote-by-Mail/Mail-Ballot-Tracking>

### Important Dates to Remember

Secretary of State - <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/important-election-dates.shtml>

Harris County Clerk - <https://www.harrisvotes.com/Event-Calendar>

### Sample Ballot

Harris County Ballot Search - <https://www.harrisvotes.com/Voter/Whats-on-my-Ballot>

### Voting Location Finder

Secretary of State's Office - <https://teamrv-mvp.sos.texas.gov/MVP/mvp.do>

Harris County Clerk's Office - <https://www.harrisvotes.com/Vote-Centers>

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## Cypress Creek Watershed Flood Mitigation Project Update

Last week my staff and I had a meeting with Dr. Tina Peterson, Executive Director for the Harris County Flood Control District regarding the status of on-going flood mitigation projects as well as projects for our area that are identified but need additional funding.

### T. C. Jester Detention Basin - Project K500-23-00

This area has historically been a flooding problem for decades and the motivation for our consolidated efforts to acquire additional flood mitigation funding. Along with Harris County Flood Control funding, our state appropriation of \$12 million dollars, Congressman Dan Crenshaw's appropriation of \$9 million dollars, and Commissioner Tom Ramsey's budget contributions all dramatically increased financial support for this project. The Flood Control District Purchased the 171 acre tract as a part of the 2018 bond program, the property has been undergoing preparation for the 2025 beginning of the actual construction phase.

Flood Control Project Website - <https://www.hcfdc.org/Activity/Projects/Cypress-Creek/TC-Jester-Stormwater-Detention-Basin-K500-23-00>

### Cypress Park Detention Basin - Project # K500-01-00-EXXX (Requires Additional Funding)

The project is intended to acquire an additional 4,600 acre feet of additional detention that could potentially remove 870 structures from the flood plain. This area on the West side of North Eldridge Parkway that runs to the North side of Little Cypress Creek experiences frequent flood events. The desired effect of this project would be to reduce the depth, duration, and frequency of flooding in the area.

### Cypress @ Jones Detention Basin - Project K500-05-00-E001 (Requires Additional Funding)

The project is intended to acquire an additional 1,000 acre feet of additional detention storage that could potentially remove 740 structures from the flood plain. This project, which runs West of Jones Road along Cypress Creek to Grant Road

### Champions Stormwater Detention Project K500-24-E001- (Raveneaux)

This stormwater detention basin is planned for the old Raveneaux Country Club area. The property is

This estimate is based on a plan for the old Harwood County Gas area. The property is currently owned by the Cypress Forest Public Utility District and Commissioner Tom Ramsey's Office has been working with the Utility District on an agreement to swap land in order to facilitate construction of the basin, which would add approximately 500 acre feet of storage. The project is in the engineering phase awaiting conclusion of the "land swap" decisions.

## ERCOT Monthly Report

The latest edition of *ERCOT Monthly*, a monthly report sharing a recap of key information from the previous month, notes on the upcoming month, and a snapshot of additional key items has been published.

A direct link to the August 2024 edition can be found [here](#).

Topics for this month include an update on the Permian Basin Reliability Plan filed at the Public Utility Commission, data pertaining to Hurricane Beryl, and information relating to the ERCOT Contingency Reserve Service (ECRS) Manual Deployment Trigger, among others.

Our goal is to continue providing clear, consistent, transparent communications to our stakeholders, highlighting market and operations statistics, key ERCOT initiatives, and breaking down trending issues for a broader audience.

## Cypress Creek

## Drainage Improvement

## District



## Harris County Flood Control District Proposed Tax Increase

Property Value	Estimated tax increase per year with homestead exemptions

\$300,000	+\$47
\$379,030 (county average)	+\$60
\$500,000	+\$79
\$1,000,000	+\$158

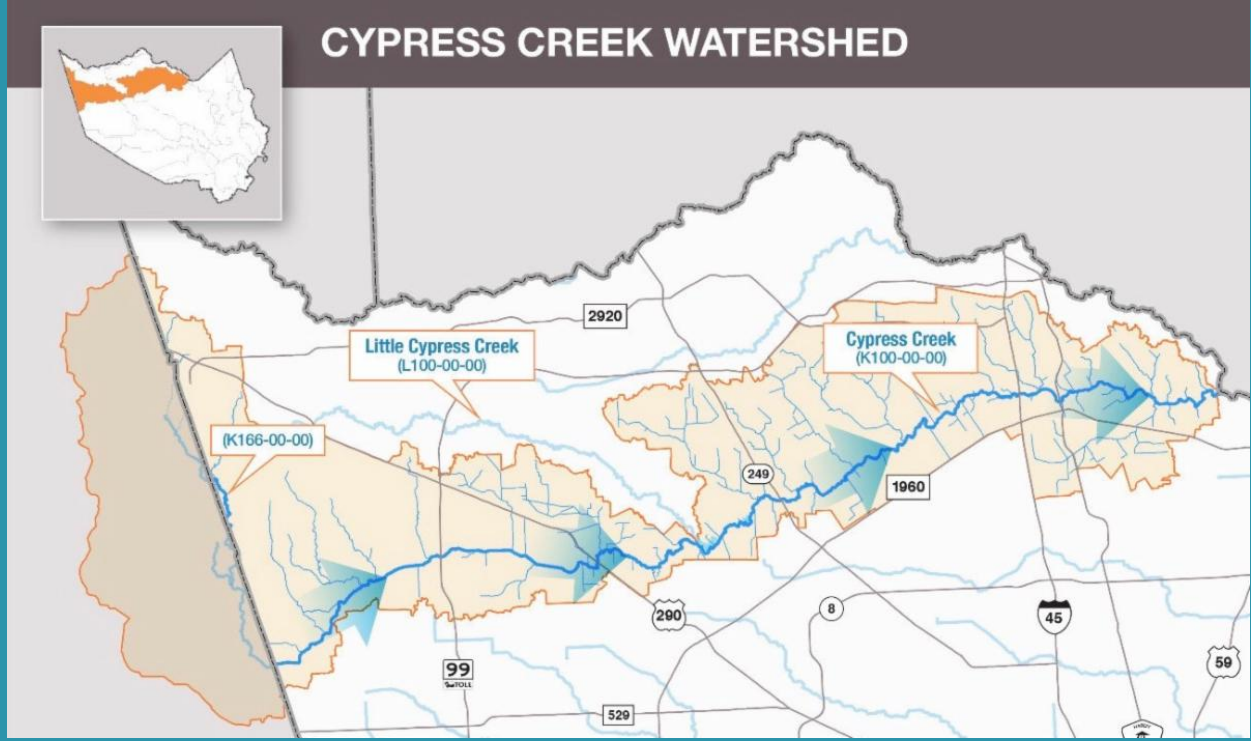
Harris County Flood Control District has placed a tax increase on the November 5 election ballot. The proposed tax increase would provide approximately \$106 million annually for maintenance of flood control facilities and associated infrastructure. Many of these facilities need maintenance. The tax increase would add the following annual amounts to homeowners' taxes.

From Community Impact Spring/Klein Newsletter, September 26, 2024, "The Harris County Flood Control District has 36 major maintenance projects on tap across the county's four precincts. Estimated costs have not been calculated for 20 of those projects, and the remaining 16 will cost a projected \$20.8 million." Precincts 3 and 4, that include parts of Cypress Creek, have identified 16 projects.

The Drainage Improvement District is continuing to solicit community input for flood mitigation and resilience. Please complete our [online survey](#) ;we will continue to collect survey data through July.

Website for more information: <https://www.cypresscreekdid.org>

To communicate with the Drainage District, please E-Mail to: [cypresscreekdid@gmail.com](mailto:cypresscreekdid@gmail.com).



This QR code will also take you to the website





## Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts



### **Roots and Reverence: Exploring Indigenous Perspectives on Art, Culture, and Identity**

Discover the vibrant tapestry of Native American cultures through the immersive exhibition "Roots and Reverence: Exploring Indigenous Perspectives on Art, Culture, and Identity." This showcase celebrates the artistic legacy and profound narratives of tribes across North America. Highlights of the exhibition include Tlingit glass artist Preston Singletary, Osage photographer Ryan RedCorn, and Puebloan pottery artist Maria Martinez. Highlighting living traditions that have been passed down through generations, visitors will experience the intricate craftsmanship of basketry, the symbolic power of pottery, and the timeless beauty of beadwork. Each piece in the exhibition tells a story of resilience, heritage, and connection to the land.

Experience the beauty and significance of Indigenous artistry, where every stroke, weave, and carve embodies a profound connection to ancestral roots and a reverence for timeless traditions. Join us in celebrating the enduring spirit and creativity of Native American peoples, and explore the stories that continue to shape their cultures today.

Image credits for top image: Ryan RedCorn, Courtney & Brittany Neff, Sublimated Fabric, 10'x8',

Exhibition runs from September 21st through January 4th.

See more [here](#):

Visit the Pearl Fincher Museum Website

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



We are excited to announce our 2024-2025 Promenade Series line-up:

Sam Houston State University Concert Chorale – October 8, 2024

Yvonne Chen, piano & Francesca McNealey, cello – November 12, 2024

Stephanie Northcutt, soprano & Beth McConnell, piano present "Songs for the Season" – Dec. 10, 2024

Windsync – January 14, 2025

Rob Landes, piano – February 11, 2025

Hope Cowan, harp & Zachary Montasser, violin – March 11, 2025

Chelsea & Chloe de Souza, piano & soprano – April 8, 2025

Axiom Quartet – May 13, 2025

If you have any questions or need to make a change with your tickets, please call us at 281-440-4850 or email at [boxoffice@cypresscreekface.org](mailto:boxoffice@cypresscreekface.org)

## Texas Master Chorale

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# TEXAS



2023-2024 Concert Season

Texas Master Chorale 2024-2025  
Anniversary Concert Season

Celebrating 40 Years of Music Making!  
FALL CONCERT  
Songs of Faith and Inspiration  
Saturday, October 19, 2024

CHRISTMAS CONCERT  
A Feast of Carols  
Saturday, December 14, 2024

40th ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION CONCERT  
Premier Commissioned Work  
by Taylor Scott Davis  
Saturday, May 3, 2025

All performances to be presented at John Wesley Church, 5830 Bermuda Dunes, Houston, TX 77069  
7:30 PM—Complimentary Valet Parking Provided

### Texas Master Chorale Tickets

The Texas Master Chorale is proud to announce their 2024-2025 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.

Texas Master Chorale audition sign-ups for the 2023-2024 season will be held August 13 and 14. To request an audition, please send an email to [info@texasmasterchorale.org](mailto:info@texasmasterchorale.org) to schedule an appointment.

Visit Texas Master Chorale Website

## ESD 9 Monthly News



Eddie Cruz, Public Information Officer

Cy-Fair Fire Department  
281-656-2122 ext. 266





281-656-3420 Office  
346-306-6165 Cell  
[eddie.cruz@cyfairfd.org](mailto:eddie.cruz@cyfairfd.org)

Total Run's for the Month of September.

EMS – 2583  
FIRE – 628  
TOTAL – 3211

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, October 5th from 10am to 2pm is the annual Cy-Fair Fire Department Fire Festival at Fire Station 11 (18132 West Rd, Cypress, Tx). We will have live fire and rescue simulations, kids zone, fire truck tours, DJ, food trucks and more!

Pay attention to our social media for more details coming soon.

Lieutenant Eddie Cruz  
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Free CPR class offered the third Saturday of every month, please visit our website, [www.cyfairfd.org](http://www.cyfairfd.org), to sign up.



# CY-FAIR FIRE DEPARTMENT

# FIRE FEST 2024

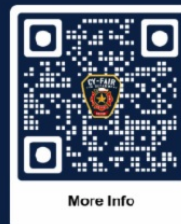
Join us for fun activities, live fire and rescue demonstrations, essential health and safety information for all members of our community.

-  Meet Real Firefighters
-  Fire Truck & Medic Tours
-  Emergency Equipment Upclose
-  Tour Life Flight Helicopter
-  Spray House, Kids Zone & Fire Mascot Sparky
-  Food Trucks & Local Vendors

### Live Fire Demonstration Schedule\*

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| > 10:30 AM & 12:00 PM | Kitchen Fire Demo      |
| > 11:00 AM            | Hi-Rescue & Rappelling |
| > 11:30 AM            | Life Flight On-Site    |
| > 12:30 PM            | Vehicle Rescue         |
| > 1:00 PM             | Car Fire Demo          |

\* Schedule Subject to Change

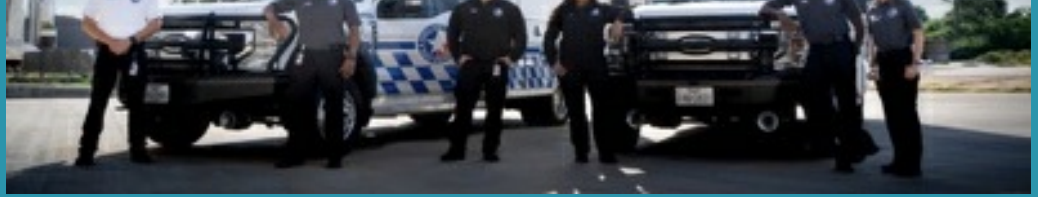


**Cy-Fair Station 11 - 18132 West Road, Cypress**

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](mailto: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.

In today's world, the selection, installation, and use of a child's car seat can be extremely complicated. Not all car seats are the same, and many have different ways to properly install them for safely transporting your children. ESD 11 is proud to partner with Safekids of Texas Children's Hospital and offer monthly car seat checks to provide instruction on how and where to safely install a car seat in your vehicle. Please visit our website at [Car Seat Safety Program - Harris County ESD 11](#) and sign up!

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](mailto:brian.piatkowski@harriscountyesd11.gov)

[ESD 11 Website](#)

## ESD 13 Fire Service Monthly Update



Cypress Creek Fire Department

Emma Hughes  
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:

August 2024:

Fire: 17

EMS: 139

Other: 115

Total: 271

Average Response Time: 04:57

### 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. For more information, please contact Emma Hughes at (281) 894-0151 or Email [pr@hcesd13.org](mailto:pr@hcesd13.org)

## ESD 16 Fire Service Monthly News



HARRIS ★ COUNTY  
EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT

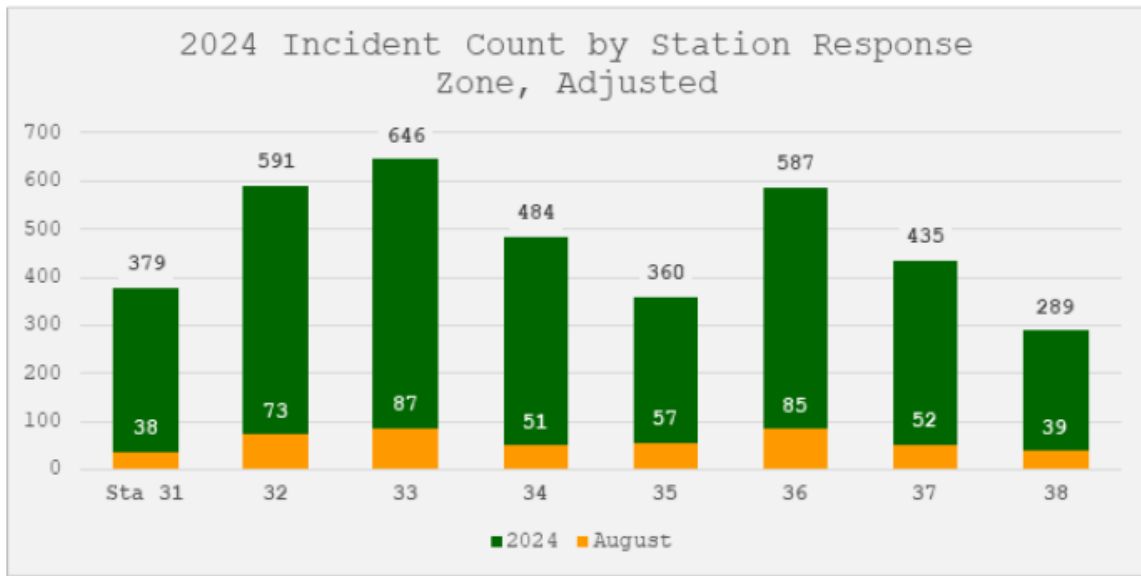


Harris County ESD 16 is the direct service provider for fire protection and rescue services in the Klein area, operating as Klein Fire Department.

Ja'Milla Lomas - Public Information Officer  
 Klein Fire Department - Email: [jlomas@hcesd16.org](mailto: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				2		26						28	0.74%
31	41	46	40	33	65	39	77	38					379	9.98%
32	50	58	57	58	92	65	138	73					591	15.56%
33	72	68	67	69	80	74	129	87					646	17.00%
34	60	49	45	44	53	46	136	51					484	12.74%
35	34	28	48	37	49	36	71	57					360	9.48%
36	68	60	61	52	92	69	100	85					587	15.45%
37	43	40	54	43	54	35	114	52					435	11.45%
38	28	2	1	45	54	43	77	39					289	7.61%
<b>Total Runs</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3799</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



Fire-related: 45  
 EMS/ Rescue: 190

Hazardous Conditions: 51  
 Service Call\*\*: 16

Good Intent◇: 85  
 False Alarm: 46  
 Other†: 49

**TOTAL: 482**

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

◇ No incident found, Disp/Canceled en-route

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

### Top 3 response areas by KFD Station for March:

1. Station 33	138 incidents	18%
2. Station 36	136 incidents	17%
3. Station 32	129 incidents	15%

## About That Storm...

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2024

The best way to build a safer community is to know your neighbors, your surroundings, and the first responders who serve in your area. The Klein Fire Department will be participating in the following communities as they get to know their neighbors during National Night Out –

- Memorial Springs
- Majestic Oaks
- Lake at Northpointe
- Pinecrest Forest
- Gleannloch Farms
- Memorial Northwest
- Twin Falls Community
- Terranova

### ABOUT THAT STORM...

The Klein Fire Department averages about 14 calls per day. Calls range from medical assistance and emergencies to smoke alarm alerts to animal rescues to fires of varying sizes of vehicle, commercial and residential structures. From the time our area felt the first winds and rains from Hurricane Beryl to the start of our collective recovery, we responded to more than 275 incidents over a roughly 2-day span. According to the Harris County Fire Marshall, from July 7, 2024 through the morning of July 12, the County received more than 399 carbon dioxide-related calls within unincorporated Harris County.

Your Klein Fire Department cut and moved downed trees of massive size that were obstructing roads and trespassing in homes. We called over one hundred residents on our State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR) within the first 36 hours of the storm's landing to check on the welfare of the listed residents. Conducted dozens of in-person visits for those who could not be accounted for during those calls. Responded to countless wires down and transformer fire calls. Extricated and rescued our neighbors who were trapped in structures while the storm was raging. And overall, did what we could to ensure our community was safe.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you. It is the greatest honor to be able to contribute positively to the world.

*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](http://www.HCESD16.org) | [KFD Facebook](#) | [KFD Instagram](#) | [KFD Twitter](#) | [KFD Threads](#)*

## First Responders Day





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ESD 16 Website

## ESD 29 - Champions Fire Department Monthly Update

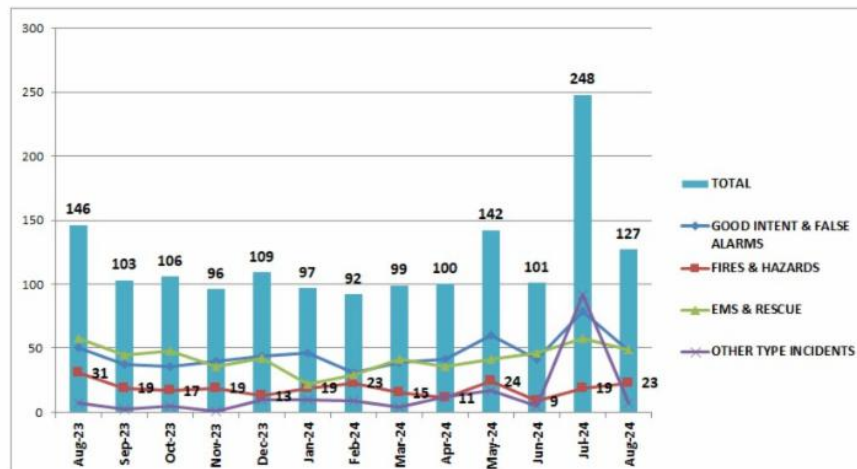




## ESD 29 / Champions Fire Department

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](#)





# “Smoke Alarms: Make them work for you!™”



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

1. Have working smoke alarms.
2. Develop a home fire escape plan and practice it at least twice a year.
3. Make sure everyone knows the sound of the smoke alarm and what to do when it sounds. Get out and stay out.

For more general information about Fire Prevention Week and fire prevention, visit [fpw.org](http://fpw.org).  
[www.championsfire.org](http://www.championsfire.org).

## 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



Path to Amazing  
Dr. Douglas Killian

Sep 5 2024

Dear CFISD Community:

The 2024-2025 school year is off to an exciting start! Our theme for the year is The Path to Amazing, recognizing the life-changing journey of public education and the impact it has on our future graduates. I have visited 42 of our schools over the last 2 ½ weeks, and I have seen “amazing” around every corner.

Teachers and paraeducators are forming meaningful bonds with their learners. Administrators are displaying servant leadership and building trust with their communities. Support staff are working behind the scenes to maintain and beautify campuses. Officers are reinforcing safety and security. And best of all—students are responding to this supportive environment by showing a love for learning.

I will continue to post the great things I see around the district—be sure to follow me on X (Twitter) at [@DougKillian](#).

I know that there has been a tremendous amount of feedback from the changes to transportation services that were made this summer due to our projected budget shortfall. It has been challenging, to say the least, but I commend the parents and community members who have worked with us to develop solutions to improve the situation. Kudos to local municipal utility districts (MUDs), homeowner associations (HOAs) and communities that have put plans in place to help our walkers/bikers get safely and efficiently to and from school.

CFISD police officers (CFPD) continue to work around the clock, providing additional support to assist with traffic. I hope you’ve noticed improvements in car rider lines and traffic around our campuses. It will continue to get better. CFPD is offering free crossing guard training for any community member who is interested in providing additional coverage beyond the immediate school zones. [Here is the link to register](#) for training. Additionally, CFPD has trained more than 300 staff members to serve as crossing guards at campuses

To read the full article on the CyFair ISD website [here](#):

Cy-Fair ISD Website



**KLEIN ISD**  
PROMISE 2 PURPOSE

[Klein ISD News](#)





*24th Annual Veterans Day  
Breakfast & Program*

**NOV. 11, 2024**

BREAKFAST: 8:00 - 8:30 AM

PROGRAM: 8:45 - 9:15 AM

**KLEIN MULTIPURPOSE CENTER**

**7500 FM 2920, KLEIN, TEXAS 77379**

*Please RSVP:* [WWW.KLEINISD.NET/VETERANS](http://WWW.KLEINISD.NET/VETERANS)



## Klein ISD Homecoming

### Important Klein ISD Homecoming Dates to Remember

- OCT 1 - Klein ISD College Night | Klein High School | 6-8 PM
- OCT 11 - End of Grading Period 1
- OCT 11 - Klein Collins Homecoming Game | 7PM | Klein Memorial Stadium
- OCT 14-18 - Fall Break
- OCT 24 - Klein High Homecoming Game | 7PM | Klein Memorial Stadium
- NOV 11 - 24th Annual Veterans Day Breakfast & Program | 8AM | KMPC

[Klein ISD Website](#)

## Tomball ISD News





## Tomball ISD Becomes First In Texas To Add Powerschool AI Assistant

TOMBALL – Tomball ISD is excited to announce its partnership with PowerSchool (NYSE: PWSC), the leading provider of cloud-based software for K-12 education in North America, to pilot PowerBuddy, PowerSchool’s AI-powered assistant that is uniquely crafted for students, families, teachers, and administrators.

This pilot includes access to PowerBuddy for Learning and PowerBuddy for Custom AI, which enhances the district’s ability to empower teachers to educate more effectively through PowerSchool’s responsible artificial intelligence tools designed for K-12.

Tomball ISD continues to lead in innovative ideas and is not only the No. 1 district in Harris County for the last five years by Niche.com but is the first district in Texas to pilot PowerSchool’s PowerBuddy.

“PowerBuddy will lighten the load on our teachers and save time for everyone so that deeper learning can occur within each lesson,” said Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora, Tomball ISD Superintendent. “PowerSchool’s commitment to responsible AI and its natural integration with our existing edtech products made the decision to add PowerBuddy an easy one for our district.”

PowerBuddy for Learning operates within PowerSchool Schoology Learning as a personal assistant for both teaching and learning. PowerBuddy for Learning saves teachers time by assisting in their creation of contextual, high-quality assignments and instructional content. Tomball ISD teachers will have the opportunity to have a teaching assistant in PowerBuddy for content lesson creation and getting real-time responses to increase time efficiency and productivity. Teacher’s use of PowerBuddy will reduce time spent on content creation and assignment design, quickly generate supplementary materials and resources, and easily adapt existing content for different classes or levels

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

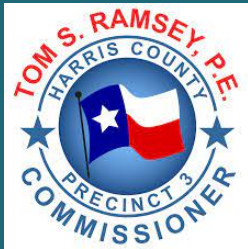
CDC- Center for Disease Control: [CDC Coronavirus](#)

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 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

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## 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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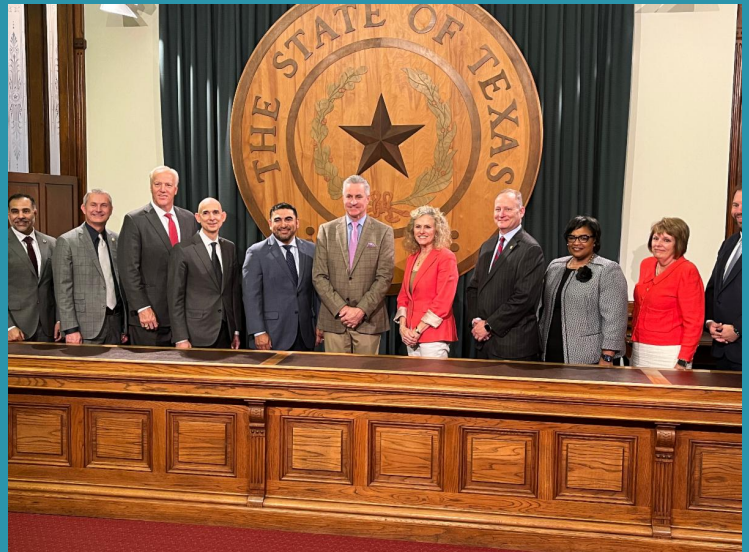
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