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5K Zombie Charge
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Tank's Paintball
22011 Southwest Fwy.
Richmond.
Register at www.zombiecharge.com.

NOV 9
Coping with Stress in High School and Beyond
7:30 p.m.
Cinco Ranch High School PAC
23440 Cinco Ranch Blvd.
Cinco Ranch High School and PTSA all invited to attend and learn how to manage social life, change, classes, college applications, and everything that can make a student's life stressful.

NOV 11
KCM Annual Jewels and Jeans Gala
6:00 p.m.
The Fellowship
22765 Westheimer Pkwy.
Katy Christian Ministries presents their annual Jewels and Jeans Gala. Various sponsorships are available - individual tickets \$50. For more information, visit www.ktcm.org.

NOV 12
Putting Down Roots
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Indiangrass Preserve, 31950 Hebert Road at Penick Road, Waller.
A fun-filled volunteer planting day to restore 55 acres of reconstructed prairie habitat. Lunch, snacks, and door prizes. Free. Register at www.katyprairie.org.

NOV 17-19
Katy Million Meal Pack-a-Thon
The Fellowship at Cinco Ranch
22765 Westheimer Pkwy.
Participants will package thousands of meals to distribute through Feed the Hunger partners to children and families in need locally, nationally, and internationally. Contact Denise Mayfield at Compassion Katy at denise@compassionkaty.org.

RIS County Esd 48 Fire Department Introduction

Brand new badge, same great people.

Harris County ESD 48's Annual Open House on Sunday, October 23rd was a spectacular success this year with well over 3,000 people in attendance at all 3 participating stations. With the early unveiling of the brand new Station 5, the new multi-building complex drew the largest crowd with just over 1,600 people throughout the day. Those who came out not only got to see equipment and apparatus that will be stationed there when it officially opens but they also got to take guided tours of the three buildings that make up the new Station 5 Complex.

In addition to the traditional activities each station had its own unique offering in addition to a few outside agencies who joined us this year. Station 3 on Westgreen Blvd. had the Harris County Fire Marshals who brought their live fire Sprinkler Trailer demo as well as the Katy ISD Police who educated those in attendance school safety. Station 4 on Franz Road invited the American Red Cross and Katy Area CERT out to talk about being prepared for emergencies and what to do if a large scale disaster happens. Station 5 on Morton Road had the Constables of Precinct 5 displaying their equipment and giving tours of one of their vehicles while Gulf Coast Regional Blood Centers held a blood drive as well as a free blood typing table to help people learn their blood type in case of an emergency.

Fire Chief Jeff Hevey said, "This year was a great success and I believe the record crowds were a result of our efforts over the last year to connect with and educate the residents we serve in new and creative ways."



Pictured from left to right: Nicholas Martin, Heather Franklin, Jeff DeSanty (Capt.), Josh Cousin, Waldemar Guadalupe and Javier Perez. Photo by Jim Glaser <http://jmgcreativdesign.com/>.

Eagle Scout Project Grants Handcrafted Tables, Benches to Discovery Park

Boy Scout Jacob "JT" Miller recently bestowed a much needed gift upon Discovery Park - skillfully crafted picnic tables and benches. Miller, a member of Katy's Troop 567, selected these improvements to Discovery Park as his Eagle Scout project.

Miller first met with the Brookshire Youth Foundation (BYF) in March of this year to ascertain how he could help Discovery Park. After an initial meeting, Miller, with the support of his family and scout leaders, agreed to build four picnic tables and two benches for Discovery Park. Once his project was approved by the Boy Scout Council in June, Miller quickly set to work.

Through the generosity of his family and Home Depot, Miller was able to secure the cedar wood and hardware needed to construct the tables and benches. Working over a couple of weekends, Miller and his fellow scouts and their families built the new additions for the park. The careful and

conscientious effort the scouts invested in the Eagle Scout project yielded high quality tables and benches anyone visiting the park can now enjoy.

With the help of Thomas, his father, and Leah, his mother, as well as his grandparents, Miller delivered the tables and chairs to Discovery Park Saturday, October 15. Board members from both the Brookshire-Katy Drainage District (BKDD) and BYF welcomed Miller and thanked him for his service to the community.

Reverend Dottie Dumas, BYF President, presented Miller with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the BYF and BKDD boards following the delivery of the gifts to the park. Miller was pleased the tables and benches would be utilized by the community for years to come. He also shared his enthusiasm for seeing a project through from start to finish.

"I learned from this experience that it is really rewarding to see the outcome of a process through a successful project," Miller said.

Now that his Eagle Scout project is complete, Miller will go before the Boy Scout Council to receive final approval before being named an Eagle Scout. A senior at Katy High School, Miller participates in marching band and plans to study engineering in college.

Discovery Park is made possible through the financial support of its generous sponsors. Founding Star sponsors have given substantial support for the park and include Stewardship Wealth, Cotton Gin International, the Hovas Family and the Montgomery Family Foundation. Commander sponsors, donors who have contributed \$10,000 or more, include H.D.H Instruments, Texas Automotive Muscle, McDugald-Steele and Teal Construction Company. Mission Specialist sponsors, those who have given between \$5,000 and \$9,999, include the United Way of Greater Houston Community Building Grant, Hillsman & Vahalik, P.C. Certified Public Accountants and Vahalik & Vahalik, P.C. Attorneys. Finally, the park's Flight Engineer sponsors who have given between \$1,000 and \$2,499 include Royal ISD, Essence House Café, Severn Trent, Saturn Machine, Brookshire-Katy Drainage District, West I-10 Chamber, Triple-G Nursery and La Quinta Inn and Suites.

Discovery Park is open daily from dawn until dusk and is located at 4421 5th Street, just south of the Cotton Gin. For more information about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Kim at 281-375-5535.



Brookshire Youth Foundation and Brookshire-Katy Drainage District Present Boy Scout Jacob "JT" Miller with Certificate of Appreciation. Featured left to right are Stan Kitzman, Brookshire-Katy Drainage District (BKDD) Assistant Superintendent, J.L. Rose, BKDD Superintendent, Janet Montgomery, Stewardship Wealth, Michael Montgomery, Brookshire Youth Foundation (BYF) Board Treasurer, Jacob "JT" Miller, Boy Scout Troop 567, Reverend Dottie Dumas, BYF Board President, Harris Garrett, BYF Board Member, J.R. Dollins III, BKDD Board President and Brian Waggoner, BKDD Vice President.



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Redeemed Trucking Inc. Awarded KKB Proud Business Award



Left to right are KKB Board Member, Jacalyn Warner, Owner Rodolfo Mancinas, KKB Board Member Jamie Wolman, Mancinas' Daughter, KKB Executive Director, Amy Reed.

At a recent City Council meeting Keep Katy Beautiful was honored to present the Proud Business Award to Redeemed Trucking, Inc. located at 1107 Katyland Drive.

Redeemed Trucking Inc. moved into The City of Katy on November 8th, 2008. They are a construction company that strives for excellence in everything they do. When you drive by their office you will find it surrounded by lush green grass, beautiful landscaping and a majestic oak

tree. They take great pride in keeping their office clean and well maintained because that shows who they are as a business.

Owners Rodolfo and Paula Mancinas are honored to be recognized to receive the award from Keep Katy Beautiful. Redeemed Trucking Inc is proud to be a part of the The City of Katy. Mr. and Mrs. Mancinas say, "We are blessed and honored and say we Thank You."

To Mr. and Mrs. Mancinas...Keep Katy Beautiful thanks you."

2nd Annual MEGA-Fest

Fort Bend County Libraries' 2nd annual MEGA-Fest family celebration, which takes place on Saturday, November 12, will feature a live musical performance by the "School of Rock" band from Sugar Land in the Jodie E. Stavinoha Amphitheater at George Memorial Library in Richmond. The MEGA-Fest event takes place from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., inside and outside of the library.

The celebration will feature performances by the School of Rock's premier student musicians, who will take the stage from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to perform some of classic rock and roll's greatest hits.

The School of Rock (SOR) is an after-school music-education program in which students in middle school through high school get together to hone their music skills and gain confidence by performing on the live stage. Students compete to earn a spot in the SOR's coveted Dean's List bands.

The MEGA-Fest event will be a day of music, entertainment, games and art and is free for the whole family. Exciting activities including a bounce house, face-painting, a magician and balloon-twist artist, Wii™ gaming tournament, and more are planned inside the library as well as on the grounds surrounding the library.

Food vendors will be on-site to sell a variety of food and drinks during the day, so everyone can have a bite to eat while enjoying the entertainment or sit in the shade under the amphitheater's awnings.

The celebration is made possible by the Friends of the George Memorial Library. Proceeds from the Friends of the Library book sales and annual membership dues help to underwrite the costs of special programming and various cultural events at the library.

The event and activities are free and open to the public. George Memorial Library is located at 1001 Golfview in Richmond. For more information, call the library system's Public Information Office at 281-633-4734.

Libraries To Close In Observance Of Veterans' Day

All branches of Fort Bend County Libraries, which include the Cinco Ranch Branch Library and the Bob Lutts Fulshear/Simonton Branch Library, will be closed Friday, November 11, in observance of Veterans' Day. Regular library hours will resume on Saturday, November 12.

Your online library is always open at www.fortbend.lib.tx.us for searching the catalog, renewing books or placing holds, streaming movies and music, downloading e-books, or using the research databases.

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Meet the New Directors at This Year's Update on Alzheimer's Lecture

The annual "Update on Alzheimer's Disease" lecture, sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association--Houston and Southeast Texas Chapter, in partnership with the Alzheimer's Disease and Memory Disorder Center at Baylor College of Medicine, will feature the new Center Director and Associate Director of Clinical Services.

Both physicians are part of new leadership with the Alzheimer's Disease and Memory Disorder Center. Dr. Joseph Kass, director, and Dr. Melissa Yu, associate director for clinical services, will discuss the latest in Alzheimer's disease research and treatment.

Both are experts in their field. Kass is an associate professor of neurology, psychiatry and medical ethics; vice chair for education in the Department of Neurology; and associate dean of student affairs at Baylor.

Yu is an assistant professor of neurology and associate medical director of neurology at the Baylor Clinic.

The event will be held Nov. 3 at the Houston Museum of Natural Science, 5555 Hermann Park Drive. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. and the program at 7 p.m. The program is free, and anyone interested in learning more about Alzheimer's disease is welcome and encouraged to attend.

To RSVP please contact 800-272-3900 or email jkutac@alz.org.

The event is supported in part by the Alzheimer's Association--Houston and Southeast Texas Chapter, and the Moselle and Milton Pollack Endowed Fund for Alzheimer's Education in the Alzheimer's Disease and Memory Disorders Center at Baylor College of Medicine.

Family Film Festival

School gets out early on Friday, November 4. At the Maud Marks Library, a family friendly movie will be shown

at 1:15 p.m. Popcorn will be provided. For more information contact the Maud Marks Library at 281-492-8592.

Lieutenant Gary Majors Appointed as Constable, Precinct 2



Constable Majors shown here being sworn in by Fort Bend County Judge, Robert E. Hebert.

On Tuesday, October 25th, 2016, Fort Bend County Commissioners Court appointed Lieutenant Gary Majors as Constable, Precinct 2 for the remaining term of office previously held by recently deceased Constable Ruben Davis.

Constable Majors has been a deputy in the Fort Bend County Precinct 2 Constable's Office for 22 years, working his way up through the ranks of Corporal,

Sergeant and Lieutenant. Constable Majors is married to Dawn, his wife of 12 years, and they have a daughter, Gabrielle. He and his family reside in Missouri City.

Judge Hebert said, "Constable Majors is both qualified and experienced. He worked with Ruben Davis for twenty years. He will do a great job as Precinct 2 Constable."

Passport Services

Come to the Katherine Tyra Branch Library @ Bear Creek located at 16719 Clay Road on November 22 to apply for your passport. The person receiving the

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A Holly Jolly Christmas

The Fulshear Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Fulshear presents A Holly Jolly Christmas on Saturday, December 3, 2016 in Downtown Fulshear from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. This year's Holly Jolly Christmas will include Ice Skating, Santa, Live Music, Anna & Elsa, a Live Nativity, along with a Children's area, Vendor Booths, and a Walking Parade.

The event will commence promptly at 5:30 p.m. with announcements and a walking parade. Parade entry is free. Vendors and stores will be set up with food, crafts, clothing and jewelry so you can get some holiday shopping done.

Santa will arrive during the parade and will visit the children's area which will also include a LIVE Nativity Scene and an Ice skating rink.

Live music during the event by Thrive church and White Stone band. The White

Stone Band is comprised of nine Katy and Fort Bend area worship music veterans with a passion for Funk, Jazz and R&B. They come together to honor the music of Chicago, Earth Wind & Fire; Steely Dan, Tower of Power, Steve Wonder and others.

Temporary road closures for the event: All lanes of FM 359 will be closed between Front St. and Second St. between 11 a.m., Saturday, December 3, 2016 and 1 a.m. on Sunday, December 4, 2016. Front St. will be closed between Wilson St. and Harris St. for the duration of the event.

Detour routes and parking information can be found on the City of Fulshear website at www.fulsheartexas.gov.

If you'd like more information about this event or to register for the parade, please contact Amy Norvell at anorvell@fulshearareachamber.com or call 832-600-3221.

Learn About Health Benefits Of Acupuncture At Library Program

Learn about the use of acupuncture and its effect on one's general health when Fort Bend County Libraries' Cinco Ranch Branch Library presents "Acupuncture and Its Benefits in Health" on Thursday, November 17, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the Multipurpose Room of the library, located at 2620 Commercial Center Blvd in Katy.

Licensed acupuncturist Seema Sharma will talk about the use of acupuncture to improve one's general health and wellness. She will explain how this traditional Chinese treatment can be used for conditions such as pain management, allergies, skin disorders, menopause, insomnia, stress and anxiety, digestive disorders, autoimmune issues, facial rejuvenation, and general wellness.

NCCAOM Board Certified, Sharma is also a diplomat of Oriental Medicine and a member of the Texas Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. She graduated Summa Cum Laude with

a master's degree in Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine from the American College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine in Houston in 2012. She received her medical degree (M.B.B.S.) from the University of Delhi in India in 1989, and has worked in the healthcare field for more than 20 years. She has also done extensive clinical research in various fields of medicine.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Cinco Ranch Branch Library at 281-395-1311 or the library system's Public Information Office at 281-633-4734.

**KISD Early
Dismissal
November 4**

Katy Sports

By Tom Behrens

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The Cost Of The New Stadium Is Rizing

The new stadium cost has gone up, now with a total cost of \$70.3 million. The upcharges come via a combination of "stadium-related charges", and have added more than \$12 million to a project.

In May 2015, trustees agreed to spend about \$795,000 from the district's general operating fund for land clearing at the stadium site. Four months later, they approved spending about \$6.9 million more from the 2014 bond to pay for drainage, utilities and road construction associated with the stadium.

Three months after that, the board agreed to spend approximately \$2.9 million from "2010 bond savings," mostly to build out shelf space of the second floor at the stadium's field house.

Earlier this year, the board made the most recent cost amendment, approving about \$1.6 million, again from 2010 bond

savings, to improve roads around the stadium, as well as connectivity between the two stadiums.

Katy officials insist that the cost overruns are natural, and should not detract from the justification for the new stadium as a whole.

"I believe that we are fulfilling what the community asked us for as far as the second stadium," said KISD board president Rebecca Fox in a recent interview with another publication.

"I've attended (bond committee) meetings and have heard the desires for the 12,000 seat stadium with the emphasis on not raising the tax rate, and we've fulfilled that. We are the only school district of our size with seven high schools and one stadium, so our community understands the need for the second stadium. Over two years' time, there are added costs that come."

Home Field Advantage

The UIL's legislative council made a slight change to its pilot program for home field advantage in the 6A football playoffs and it could have a huge impact -- just not this season.

The change allows the team with the higher district finish to have home field advantage for the first round of the playoffs. Previously the higher seeded team got the advantage. If both teams have the same district finish, the

teams will either play at a neutral site or flip a coin to determine homefield advantage.

The change fixes some problems that the UIL saw during the first year of the pilot program last year, but won't go into effect until 2017.

UIL athletic director Susan Elza said the organization wanted to make sure it got all the wording right before extending it to other classifications.

Increasing the Number of 6A Schools

The UIL's legislative council gave the UIL some more leeway during realignment, increasing the maximum number of schools in 6A from 245 to 250.

That could send a few area teams from being one of the biggest 5A schools to be-

ing one of the smallest 6A schools.

UIL deputy director Jamey Harrison said during the change doesn't necessarily mean the UIL will use all 250 slots, but it has maxed out the number of 6A schools in recent realignments.

Football

Playoffs - Katy And Taylor Are Locks

The Cougars (6-3 overall, 4-2 in district) clinched a playoff spot with one week remaining with their win over Morton Ranch, 28-21 on Saturday morning.

Seven Lakes survived a tough game with Mayde Creek Friday evening, finally winning 41-28. Michael Batton, Seven Lakes quarterback finished 6 of 11 in passing for 134 yards and two touchdowns, plus rushed for 64 yards and another touchdown. Sean McConico for Mayde Creek ran for 151 yards and three touchdowns.

Taylor defeated Tompkins 35-18. Ean Beek had another great game, running for 319 yards on 37 carries, with three touchdowns in the fourth quarter. Chandon Porter for Tompkins finished with 98 yards and a touchdown.

Katy, looking like they are ready for the playoffs, steamrolled Strake Jesuit 54-6.

Jaxon Borowski, Keshon Rowe, Rocky Emery, Kadarius Page, J.C. Angulo, Felipe Alvear, Joshua Oglesby and Seth Small contributed to the Katy scoring. Michael Purvey scored the lone touchdown for Strake Jesuit.

The "almost" final District 19-6A football playoff lineup:

It's a no-brainer that the Katy Tigers will be back. Taylor has the second spot guaranteed with a 5-1 district record. Where it gets interesting, as it always does at this time of the year, is the final two teams for places three and four.

Cinco Ranch, which has won three in a row after an up-and-down start, closes against Tompkins. Some prognosticators have the Cougars as a lock for their 11th consecutive postseason. But what happens if Tompkins plays the spoiler, which, in my opinion they can. The Falcon team has been playing better every week.

Morton Ranch remains in a strong position for a playoff spot with Katy's victory against Strake Jesuit. Both teams are 3-3 entering the final week.

The Mavericks play Seven Lakes, Nov. 3 at Rhodes Stadium, with Strake Jesuit meeting Taylor there one night later. Morton Ranch holds the head-to-head tiebreaker with the Crusaders due to a 26-21 victory Oct. 7.

The dust will settle and the fate of Morton Ranch, Cinco Ranch and Strake Jesuit will be known this weekend. Check The Katy News for the outcomes.



Seven Lakes tight end David Ugwoegbu (88) celebrates after a big play during the game between Mayde Creek and Seven Lakes at Rhodes Stadium in Katy, Texas. Seven Lakes won the game 41-28. (Image Credit: John Glaser www.jmgcreativedesign.com/)

Cross Country

Tompkins Boys Claim Top Spot In District

The Tompkins boys cross country team surprised favorite Katy to claim first place at the District 19-6A cross country meet at Bear Creek Park, Oct. 21. Tompkins scored 60 points to edge Katy with 65 and Seven Lakes with 69. Strake Jesuit finished fourth while Cinco Ranch claimed fifth place, and Morton Ranch finished sixth. Taylor finished in seventh place and Mayde Creek in eighth.

Seven Lake Girls At The Top

The Seven Lakes girls edged Cinco Ranch for top spot, scoring 39 points to Cinco's 45. Katy placed third with 64 points. Tompkins earned fourth place with 85 points. Morton Ranch placed fifth while Mayde Creek placed sixth. Taylor finished in seventh place.

At The Regionals

At the Regional cross country match held at Kate-Barr Ross Park in Huntsville, Saturday, Ryan Yarrow, Katy was number one with a time of 16:00.30 in the boys competition. Other District 19-6A boy finishers in the top 25 were: Jason Bugg, Strake Jesuit, second place at 19:09.10; Jeffrey Price, Strake Jesuit, seventh

place, 16:21.40; Daniel Figueroa, Tompkins, ninth place, 16:24.50; Anthony Vasquez, Katy, eleventh place, 16:26.30; Garvin Chilton, Katy, twelfth place, 16:30.40; Enrique Hernandez, Cinco Ranch, fifteenth place, 16:33.50; and Nicolay Hoven, Tompkins, twentieth place, 16:56.10.

Katy took top honors in team finishes. Tompkins, third place, Seven Lakes, Sixth.

For the girls, Laura Broman, Seven Lakes, finished second, with a time of 19:14.30. Alyssa Balandran, Tompkins, sixth, at 19:30.80; Megan Hopper, Cinco Ranch, seventh, 19:34.20; Camilla Broman, Seven Lakes, ninth, 19:39.80; Reagan Kappel, Cinco Ranch, tenth, 19:40.10; Abby Brudnick, Katy, thirteenth, 19:42.40; and Isabelle Nielson, Cinco Ranch, fifteenth, 19:44.70.

In team competition, Seven Lakes captured top honors with 65 points; Cinco Ranch was fourth with 105, and Katy was fifth with 119 points.

For a complete listing of all finishes, go to <http://tx.milesplit.com/>

Volleyball

Seven Lakes, Katy, Cinco Ranch & Taylor Head to Playoffs

The 2016 volleyball season is complete, and for four Katy ISD teams, the second season (playoffs) is beginning. A team can lose a match to another school during the regular season, and get ready for the next team. In the playoffs, lose a match and the 2016 season is memories; win a match and begin moving up through the brackets with hopes of making it all the way to the state championship.

Final standings in District 19-6A have Seven Lakes, top team; Katy, number two position; Cinco Ranch, three; Taylor, four; Tompkins, five; Morton Ranch, six, and Mayde Creek in number seven.

By virtue of completing the season in the top four spots, Seven Lakes, Katy, Cinco Ranch and Taylor open their second season. Check The Katy News' website, www.thekatynews.com, for scores, game locations, and start times as our Katy teams progress through UIL brackets.

Outdoors

It's The Best Time Of The Year



Lake Hub - TPWD Quail - Photo by Tom Harvey

Quail season opened Oct. 29. A regional breakdown of this year's TPWD quail index survey, including highlights and prospects, is available online at http://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/hunt/planning/quail_forecast/forecast/.

Waterfowl hunting season opens Nov. 5 in the south zone, and Nov. 12 north zone. Reports from Texas Parks & Wildlife biologists say the forecast is looking good, with goose numbers up from last year and duck numbers sitting at near-record highs for the fifth year in a row. Duck-friendly conditions along the coast have created more places for them to roam, so while there will be a lot of ducks, the birds will not be as concentrated as they have been in the past. Try some early scouting - it can go a long way toward a successful season. In order to hunt waterfowl, you need:

Proof of Hunter Education, Migratory Game Bird Endorsement, HIP certification, and Hunting license.

Both North and South rifle hunting seasons for deer open Nov. 5. Make sure you check the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Outdoor Annual before heading out to the deer camp. Some of the changes to this year's deer hunting regulations include expanding white-tailed deer hunting into 14 counties across the western Panhandle, and creating additional deer hunting opportunities in East Texas.

For more information: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual/regs/animals/white-tailed-deer>

Hunter Education is a requirement for anyone born after Sept. 2, 1971 and you must carry proof of it when you hunt. If you've misplaced your certification card and need a replacement copy, you can get that online for free.

For more information on hunting in general: https://tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual/hunting/general-regulations/2016_2017_hunting_seasons.

Devotional Page

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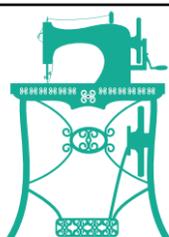
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Katy ISD's Partners in Education Kicks Off 15th Annual Food for Families Campaign

The Katy ISD Partners in Education department is once again inviting the community to support families in need this holiday season. Food for Families is an annual campaign that provides \$50 grocery gift cards to Katy ISD students and their families. Principals from every Katy ISD campus identify students in need of assistance, and the gift cards are given to those students before winter break. Last year, our Katy ISD community raised \$25,000 to support students and their families during the holidays. Since its inception in 2002, this initiative has blessed over 3,000 Katy ISD families thanks to the generous support of our community.

Those interested in participating may contribute cash or check by Thursday, Dec. 8. Donations of any amount are welcome and will be accepted by Partners in Education in person or by mail: Katy ISD ESC, 6301 South Stadium Lane, room 1520, Katy 77494. Please make checks payable to "Katy ISD Food for Families."

Food for Families, a Katy ISD Partners in Education yearly initiative, unites our Katy ISD staff and community in holiday support for select students and their families. To learn more, visit Partners in Education under the "Community" tab at www.katyisd.org or contact Tammy Stringer, 281-396-2645, tammystri@katyisd.org.

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Katy ISD Communications Department Receives 2016 MarCom Awards

Department recognized for electronic newsletter and video feature

The Katy ISD Communications Department was recognized by MarCom Awards, an international competition that recognizes outstanding achievement by creative professionals involved in the concept, direction, design and production of marketing and communication materials and programs, as a Gold Winner in the category of E-Newsletter.

The Katy ISD Update, a monthly publication created by the Department and delivered via e-mail to nearly 20,000 subscribers, was recognized for its creative design and concept.

The Department was also awarded Honorable Mention by MarCom in the category of Information Video for its video feature on K9 Officers Marcel and Juno, four-legged heroes that sniff out trouble to keep Katy ISD safe, which was produced to honor the Katy ISD Police Department during the District's Police Week from August 28 – September 3.

Nearly 6,000 entries are submitted every year from corporate marketing and communication departments, advertising agencies, PR firms, design shops, production companies and freelancers from across the United States and other countries.

The mission of the MarCom Awards is to honor excellence and recognize the creativity, hard work and generosity of marketing and communication professionals.

Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

The District Parent Advisory Committee Meeting will be held Tuesday, November 15, 2016. The meeting will take place at the Education Support Complex in Room 1200 BCG from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for parents to provide input on the Title I program. If you are interested in serving on this committee, register at <http://tinyurl.com/Title-I-PAC>. Be advised that all volunteers may not be selected to serve on the committee.

Online Crossword Puzzles and Sudoku at www.TheKatyNews.com

Bring Your E-Reader Questions To Cinco Ranch Branch Library

Do you have a new Kindle or Nook™, but you're not sure how to use it? Are you shopping for a mobile reading device, and would like more information on the different options? Fort Bend County Libraries' Cinco Ranch Branch Library will have an E-Reader Question-and-Answer session on Wednesday, November 9, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., in the Conference Classroom of the library, located at 2620 Commercial Center Blvd in Katy.

Library staff will be available at this come-and-go session to answer questions about different types of e-readers, using the library's online digital library, streaming movies and music, and downloading e-books. Learn how easy it is to check out free e-books, audiobooks, music, magazines, and movies from the library's online digital collections, OverDrive, Hoopla, Flipster, Cloud Library, and TumbleBooks.

The session is free and open to the public. Reservations are not required. For more information, call the Cinco Ranch Branch Library at 281-395-1311 or the library system's Public Information Office at 281-633-4734.

Introductory Computer Classes

Fort Bend County Libraries' Cinco Ranch Branch Library, 2620 Commercial Center Blvd. in Katy, will present a variety of free, introductory computer classes this month. The classes will consist of a hands-on introduction to basic skills for people who would like to learn more about using these computer programs. All computer classes will take place in the Computer Lab of the library.

"Computers 101" – Thursday, November 10, 10:00 a.m. Learn the basics of using a computer.

"MS Word 2010 Survival Basics" will take place on Tuesday, November 15, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Learn the basics of using this word-processing software program to create letters, resumés, forms, and other types of documents.

"MS Excel 2010 Survival Basics" will take place on Thursday, November 17, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Learn the basics of using this spreadsheet software program, which features calculation tools that are helpful for financial and statistical needs.

The classes are free and open to the public. Seating is limited, however, and reservations are required. To register online at the library's website (www.fortbend.lib.tx.us). Participants may also register by calling the library at 281-395-1311, or by visiting the library.

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The theme for our upcoming Fashion workshop is "Repurposing Trends". You'll delve into the Fashion Project through upcycling, transforming old clothes into new, fashionable items. No sewing experience necessary.

Also, be sure to stay for the 4-H FAB (Fashion, Art & Beauty) Club informational meeting at 1:30 p.m. Get started on your clothing & textiles project and connect with fellow fashionistas.

All Fort Bend families and volunteers are welcome - this event is free and open to the public.

Yoga Demonstration

You asked for it, you got it. Yoga has made its triumphant return to the Maud Marks Library with classes twice a month. Yoga can be a very relaxing and centering exercise program. Join us on Saturdays, November 5 at 10 a.m. and November 19 at 3 p.m., as we learn about the benefits and basic how-to of yoga. Join us as we exercise our minds and bodies. Registration is required.

Medicare Drug Program

Are you confused about how Medicare works? On Monday, November 14 at 2 p.m., Ms. Karen Chandler, a Medicare expert, will be at the Maud Marks Library to answer any questions you might have. Annual Enrollment Period is just getting started. Come get your answers at the library. Seating is limited. Please call the library at 281-492-8592 for more information and to register. Family Film Festival

Arbor-EAT-um: Fall Feast

Learn how to make your own sweet treats with someone special at this edible Arboretum class at this edible Arboretum class on Saturday, November 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and again from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

In this class you'll work together as a pair to make three simple and delicious gluten-free confections to share at your holiday table: chocolate acorns, candy corn turkeys, and marshmallow pumpkins. You'll also get to decorate a bag to bring home your fabulous creations. Note: this event is appropriate for ages 5 and up.

Tickets are \$30 member / \$45 nonmember (per pair) Your instructor is Kelsey Low.

The Houston Arboretum and Nature center is located at 4501 Woodway Dr, Houston, TX 77024.

For a complete list of classes happenings and prices this season see below or visit www.houstonarboretum.org.

Classifieds

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0015258001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Grand Parkway 529, LP, 7720 Westview Drive, Houston, Texas 77055, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0015258001, which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 40,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on July 6, 2016.

The facility is located approximately 2,020 feet south of the intersection of Stockdick School Road and Farm-to-Market Road 529, bordering Stockdick School Road and Bear Creek, in Harris County, Texas 77493. The treated effluent is discharged to an unnamed ditch; thence to Bear Creek; thence to South Mayde Creek; thence to Buffalo Bayou Above Tidalin Segment No. 1014 of the San Jacinto River Basin. The unclassified receiving water uses are minimal aquatic life use for the unnamed ditch and aquatic life use for the Bear Creek. The designated uses for Segment No. 1014 are limited aquatic life use and primary contact recreation. All determinations are preliminary and subject to additional review and/or revisions.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at TCEQ Region 12, 5425 Polk Street, Suite H, Houston, Texas 77023. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.

<http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.869166&lng=-95.757777&zoom=13&type=r>

CHANGE IN LAW: The Texas Legislature enacted Senate Bill 709, effective September 1, 2015, amending the requirements for comments and contested case hearings. This application is subject to those changes in law.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.TCEQ.texas.gov.

Further information may also be obtained from Grand Parkway 529, LP at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Richard Roland, Manager, at (713) 681-1100.

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Sherry Ahart-Davies
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If you have more questions, visit your local funeral provider. They are a good source of information for funeral, cremation and cemetery options.

Sherry Ahart-Davies is the Location Manager at Katy Funeral Home, a member of the Dignity Memorial® network serving the Greater Houston community and families nationwide. Originally from St. Louis, Sherry has more than 20 years of experience providing families with compassionate care and professional service. She is an active member of the Katy Chamber of Commerce and KAEDC and is a Cinco Charities/Ballard House volunteer. For more information or any questions, contact Sherry at 281-395-7070 or Sherry.Ahart-Davies@Sci-us.com.

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Get Tips On Optimizing Sales Calls At Library Workshop

Get tips on ways to increase profits by optimizing sales calls at a hands-on workshop at Fort Bend County Libraries' Cinco Ranch Branch Library on Saturday, November 19, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the library, located at 2620 Commercial Center Blvd in Katy.

In the workshop, "Life's a Sales Call," SCORE mentor Jack Warkenthien will share his knowledge and experience on ways to increase client sales by creating a customerized approach to business strategies. Get insight into the impulses that make people want to purchase a product. Learn how to cultivate quality professional relationships faster and develop innovative sales strategies that will "speak to" the individual needs of a particular target market.

Warkenthien is the founder and CEO of NextStep Solutions, a consulting firm specializing in sales training and leadership development. He has also hosted a daily live radio talk show, "Where Wall Street Meets Main Street," on the BizRadio Network.

This program is presented in partnership with SCORE, the non-profit mentoring arm of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Those attending this program will learn about resources that are available through SCORE and how to draw on the experience of other SCORE members.

The program is free and open to the public. Reservations are not required. For more information, call the Cinco Ranch Branch Library at 281-395-1311 or the library system's Public Information Office at 281-633-4734.

Citizenship Class

Are you interested in becoming a U.S. citizen? The Maud Marks Library will be hosting a citizenship class series on Mondays, at 6:30 p.m. Topics for the class will include preparing for the citizenship interview, tips for demonstrating English ability during the interview, and general knowledge of U.S. government and history. This class will continue to meet every Monday beginning November 14. In person registration is required. This class will be taught in English only.

Financial Planning Workshop: Social Security for Baby Boomers

Join us at this informational session Saturday, November 12 at 10:00 a.m. at the Katherine Tyra Branch Library @ Bear Creek to get your finances in order. Learn more about a wide variety of financial topics at our free financial planning workshops. Anyone interested in attending should RSVP to Madelin Ramos: mramos@2020fa.com.

IRS Small Business Workshop

Do you know your tax responsibilities as a small business owner? This Free workshop on Saturday, November 12 at 1:00 p.m. is designed to inform business owners of their federal tax obligations. Gregory E. Vernon, CPA, MBA, is scheduled to be the featured guest speaker at all workshops. Please call (713) 302-6249, for reservation and directions to the workshops.

Katy Celebrates America Recycles Day Nov 19

November 19th is the Katy Celebration of America Recycles Day.

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