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1450 W. Grand Parkway S., G447
Kids run, health vendors, health screenings, and entertainment and art. For more information visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/Katy/KatyColor-Run5K>.

MAR 31
Groove
6 p.m.
Omni Hotel Houston Westside
13210 Katy Fwy
Katy ISD Education Foundation's jazz event combines great food, great company and great music for an unforgettable evening. The event features live music performed by nationally recognized artists in residence for the Katy Jazz Festival and the opportunity to meet some of our current school year's grant winners. All proceeds from this event benefit the Foundation. For more information email foundation@katyisd.org.

APR 1
Katy ISD Folk Life Festival
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Kenneth D. Welch Outdoor Learning Center
6301 S. Stadium Ln.
32nd Annual Katy ISD Folk Life Festival. Visitors will learn what life was like for a Texas pioneer in the early 1800's. Soldier re-enactments, blacksmith, bee-keeping, and crafting demonstrations, presentations on Native American culture, a Texas cowboy camp, pioneer and western-themed activities, tours of exhibits, and more. Admission is \$1.

APR 1
Willow Fork Park Grand Opening
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Willow Fork Park
Corner of Grand Pkwy. & Cinco Ranch Blvd.
Willow Fork Drainage District invites families out to celebrate the grand opening of the new Willow Fork Park. There will be activities from NFL Play 60, face painting, disc golf, art projects and more. Visit willowforkdrainagedistrict.com.

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The Race for City Hall

The following is a continuation of the articles on the candidates running for positions in the City of Katy that appeared in the March 3rd edition.

Ward A Council Position J. Gary Jones:

TKN: What position are you running for?

JGJ: Council Member Ward A

TKN: What is your reason to run for this particular position?

JGJ: To continue to serve Katy for a second term.

TKN: What is your education that you feel makes you qualified for this position?

JGJ: Former business owner, former SREC Committee member, former U. S. Marine.

TKN: How long have you lived in Katy?

JGJ: Wife was born and raised in Katy. We have lived in Katy area for 15 years. Moved to Katy Proper 3-1/2 years ago.

TKN: What are some of the things that you think need to be changed in the running of the City of Katy?

JGJ: Too many antiquated ordinances, need to improve infrastructure, improve mobility and lower taxes.

TKN: What do you feel will be some of the challenges you will face in your campaign?

JGJ: Does not apply as I am running unopposed.

TKN: What will be your running platform?

JGJ: Does not apply as I am running unopposed.

TKN: Who do you think will be your biggest competitor in this race?

JGJ: Does not apply as I am running unopposed.

TKN: Are there any of the current City Projects that

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J. Gary Jones

Ward B Council Position Jessie G. Campbell:

TKN: What position are you running for?

JGC: City Council, Ward B

TKN: What is your reason to run for this particular position?

JGC: It is about what I see and think when I drive home every day:

How does the new development affect my property values?

How does the growth in population affect my safety, commute, etc.?

When will that shopping complex get some tenants?

What happens if it doesn't?

What is up with the recycling?

And in the last two years, "how do I get to work when both Morton Rd. and Franz/Ave. D flood during a heavy rain event?"

I am running for City Council for Ward B, because I am representing my every day concerns and those of my neighbors.

TKN: What is your education that you feel makes you qualified for this position?

JGC: I received my law degree from the University of School of Law in Austin in 2002. As a lawyer, I have learned how to investigate a situation or problem from every point-of-view and how to ask and answer the "what-if" questions. I also learned how to be solution-oriented when there is a problem. As a lawyer, my goal is to provide the best solution for my clients when there

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Jessie Campbell

Ward B Council Position Kayse Kendall Johnson:

TKN: What position are you running for?

KJ: Councilman Ward B

TKN: What is your reason to run for this particular position?

KJ: I love the history and God-fearing people of Katy. I respect the Government of Katy and appreciate all of the hard work they accomplished. I support Mayor Hughes, The City Administrator, The City Secretary, the Municipal Court Judge, The City Treasurer and The Council. So, why do I want to run for Council? My running for office isn't a vote against the current Administration. I would like to come alongside those who have served our city in the past, and be a part of embracing the future of our city. My family moved to Katy from Austin in the summer of 2014 and should I be elected to serve on our City's Council, I would represent the growing population of "newbies" flooding into this area. Everyone wants to live in Katy, and that's for good reasons.

TKN: What is your education that you feel makes you qualified for this position?

KJ: I graduated cum laude through the provisions of a scholarship with Texas Junior Miss. I'm a Texan, born in Dallas with grassroots and grandparents in Austin, but when my Dad got cancer there were no funds for college. Through Junior Miss, I had the privilege of attending the largest university system in the world, with campuses on all U.S. Military bases world-wide. I worked in the Chancellor's office, receiving another type of education in corresponding with other countries and learning the inner workings of the University System. I graduated in 1991 with a degree in

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Kayse Kendall Johnson

Ward B Council Position Jimmy Mendez:

TKN: What position are you running for?

JM: City Council Member Ward B

TKN: What is your reason to run for this particular position?

JM: It was a combination of things... primarily my issue was personal, my street kept flooding with even the most minute of rains and every time a vehicle would come down the street, it would wash waves of dirty water into my house. Once I decided to run and began walking door to door introducing myself to the people of Katy, I heard a lot of horror stories about bad roads, old crumbling infrastructure, and horrible drainage problems... so I took on that mantle and championed the infrastructure cause. Plus, Katy was growing at an astounding rate... I wanted someone who loved the city as much as I do, to help manage the growth.

TKN: What is your education that you feel makes you qualified for this position?

JM: You're mixing apples and oranges with the question. I am a legal resident of the city of Katy, Texas, and meet all of the other legal requirements... that makes me qualified. As for my education, it has been in the fields of construction, anti-terrorism, and disaster/emergency management.

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Jimmy Mendez

Dowdle fills the Vacated Council Position of Mayor Pro Tem



Duran Dowdle and Mayor Fabol Hughes

At the last City of Katy council meeting a nomination was made and confirmed to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Chuck Brawner, Mayor Pro Tem who is running for the Mayor of the City of Katy in May. There was a nomination and Confirmation for Duran Dowdle to assume the position of that council seat. Pictured here is City of Katy Mayor, Fabol Hughes and Duran Dowdle, Councilmember for Ward B.

Booth Fills Vacated City Council Seat for Ward A



Mayor Fabol Hughes with Ray Booth

At the last City of Katy council meeting an ordinance was read appointing a new Councilmember for Ward A to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Chuck Brawner, Mayor Pro Tem who is running for the Mayor of the City of Katy in May. There was a nomination and Confirmation for Ray Booth to assume the remaining term of that council seat. Pictured here is City of Katy Mayor, Fabol Hughes and Ray Booth, Councilmember for Ward A.

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Buddy Rich Big Band to Headline the Katy Jazz Festival

The ninth-annual Katy Jazz Festival will take place April 21 & 22 at Katy High School, located at 6331 Highway Blvd. This unique jazz experience is dedicated to the development and preservation of jazz music, jazz education, and provides entertainment for the entire family.

The Friday Evening Feature Concert will open with the professional jazz sextet; JD Warren and The Rudiment from New York City followed by Friday night's headliner: world famous saxophonist Eric Marienthal with the MSM Jazz Orchestra directed by Noe Marmolejo. The Saturday Evening Feature Concert will feature this year's amazing Festival HEADLINER group: The Buddy Rich Big Band, featuring Cathy Rich and Gregg Potter. Prior to each night's Feature Concert, smooth jazz vocalist Mr. Horace Grigsby will perform in the Lobby beginning at 6:15 p.m. All Feature Evening Concerts will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Katy HS Performing Arts Center.

On Saturday, April 22, beginning at 10:15 p.m. and continuing throughout the day, professional performances will take place in the Katy High School Black Box Theatre featuring: The Bobby Falk Quintet, Cloudburst Jazz (an amazing Vocal Jazz ensemble) and The Bob Henschen Quartet.

Information about the professional performance line-up, professional bios of all professional artists, and additional information about the Festival is available at www.katyjazzfestival.com.

This year's Katy Jazz Festival will include three different performance venues in Katy High School to offer Festival goers the opportunity to experience performances from these world-renown professional musicians, university jazz ensembles, high school groups, and even JH/MS jazz bands.

Discounted hotel prices, tickets, and daily passes may be purchased on line at: www.katyjazzfestival.com. Tickets and passes pickup on the days of the festival at the entrance to the Performing Arts Center. Tickets/passes may also be purchased at the door on the days of the Festival.

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Katy Sip n' Stroll Spring Event on April 1 featuring the 4th annual Premier Culinary Awards

April Fool's Day is right around the corner, and the Spring Sip n Stroll could be called April Food's day with the most anticipated culinary, wine and craft beer tasting event in Katy. Katy Sip n Stroll, presented by Kroger, is scheduled for April 1, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Villagio Town Center at 22762 Westheimer Parkway and benefits The Ballard House.

Attendees will enjoy 35 food tasting stations from the area's best restaurants, 35 wine tables and 20 craft beer tables. While noshing and sipping there are activities and presentations to enjoy such as live music on the Aruba Courtyard stage and the Xochitl Street Music stage, The Cane Island Home Zone, seminars and cooking demonstrations in the Chef's Corner, local artisans and vendors and a charity wine pull.

Guests who want to enjoy the finest of wines can upgrade to the Firethorne VIP Zone with premium wine selections, finer foods, a VIP swag bag and a dedicated area with relaxed seating and great people watching. VIPs enjoy the whole event one hour ahead of general admission with access to the Bubbles @ Villagio champagne pre-party and the Kroger Beer Club connoisseur craft beer tasting with rare and special selections.

Attendees will cast their vote for their favorite dishes and one deserving restaurant will take away the 4th annual Premier Culinary award presented by Eat Prime Foods. Everyone is a winner with the delectable selections to please their palate.

Even though it's April Fool's Day, it's no joke. All this starting at just \$25 per ticket through March 1st at midnight when general admission tickets go back to \$35.

"Katy has embraced this signature community event that they welcome each spring and fall", says Constance McDerby, Founder & Co-Producer, Food & Vine Time Productions. "Villagio Town Center is the perfect location to host this Katy celebration of food, wine and festivities. It's a party with a purpose as we raise funds for The Ballard House. It's an honor and a privilege to assist with their service and mission."

The Ballard House, a Cinco Charities, Inc. 501(c)3 non-profit, provides temporary housing in a warm, safe environment for individuals and their families who are hospitalized or receiving treatment for a serious medical condition. The Ballard House through Cinco Charities® has been providing housing since 2008, to patients and their caregivers who travel to the Katy/Houston area for medical treatment.

Last year, the fest helped generate more than \$40,000 for The Ballard House. "The Ballard House is able to support patients and their families while they receive treatment for a life-threatening illness because of the generosity of the Katy community. I'm exceedingly proud of our town and how folks participate in Sip N' Stroll!" says Kathy Alt, Executive Director of The Ballard House.

Sponsorship and vendor opportunities are available until March 10. Volunteers have a great time and are always needed and appreciated. For details, contact the Food & Vine Productions office at 713-557-5732.

Tickets range from \$35-\$65 and \$15 for designated drivers. Tickets will be \$5.00 more at the door.

For more information, visit www.sipandstroll.com.

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you would change and why?

JGJ: Not at this time.

TKN: How do you feel about the Katy Boardwalk project?

JGJ: I believe it is beneficial to Katy at no cost to taxpayers.

TKN: Are you married and do you have children and grandchildren?

JGJ: Married to Sherri Cullins Jones, one (1) daughter and three (3) grandchildren.

TKN: Do you feel that the position you are running for will interfere with your current job?

JGJ: No

TKN: Do you have ideas & plans for the future of Katy?

JGJ: Continue to make Katy a great place to live and work while lowering taxes.

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Full Moon

April's Full Moon will be on the 11th. April's Full Moon marks the arrival of the Pink Moon. Named for the little pink flowers that appear in the meadows at this time of the year.

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TKN: How long have you lived in Katy?

JM: Since 1972 and my wife's family has been here for generations. My father-in-law Dan Rulley, was the class of 1957 at Katy High School!

TKN: What are some of the things that you think need to be changed in the running of the City of Katy?

JM: No matter the business... you can always find ways to tweak the system, change out people, and plot new courses; as the incumbent in this race, that is what we have been doing. I have also been working on improving the communication between the people that I "represent" and the city. If the city does not know that you are having an issue or a concern, they cannot address it. That is also why I give out my personal cell phone number... this current mayor and council have been working hard to get away from the 'good ol' boy system' and hire people based on their qualifications and how well they fit into the Katy community. The problems in the city did not get here over night... and they are not going to disappear overnight. We have put the best people we could find into the city government positions, increased the number of ways for the people of Katy to interact with the city, and we quit kicking the problems down the line for future administrations... we have been attacking them one at a time, and we did all of that while cutting taxes four years in a row, with a fifth tax cut already voted on and passed for next year's tax cycle.

TKN: What do you feel will be some of the challenges you will face in your campaign?

JM: The Challenges are the same as the one's I face serving the people of Katy. Katy is diverse in not only its people, but also in its knowledge of what and how local politics works. As your city councilman I routinely get school district complaints which we have nothing to do with, I get complaints to fix things outside of the city limits where we have no authority, and I get civil complaints from residents about their neighbors that I can do nothing about. Past administrations did not have the money to expand or annex areas around us to create a buffer so the Katy city limits are really small, development happened all around us landlocking the majority of the city and directly affecting our traffic, our drainage, and our crime rates. Katy properties are in high demand now, more and more people are selling off their land to developers. We cannot tell someone that they can't sell their own land or build on the land that they bought. We only can regulate the type of use. I know it sounds simple... but I regularly get angry calls from people who are upset that the City of Katy is getting rid of all of our 'green spaces'. Another challenge that we face are the random rumors popping up or partial information

circulating through social media or neighborhoods. I spend a lot of time getting calls on things that we are either not doing or their information is only partially correct but has huge gaps which are usually filled in by misinformation.

TKN: What will be your running platform?

JM: To keep fighting the good fight. I ran in order to fix the infrastructure problems, and that is exactly what I have been doing for four years. I have kept every single promise I have made to people. I personally respond to all complaints and I keep the The Katy News newspaper for keeping my promises when I fixed a long time problem that the residents of Townpark subdivision were having with a ditch behind their houses. I have been awarded an 'award of appreciation' at a city council meeting, from a long-time Katy resident for quickly fixing an issue that he and his family have been trying to get resolved for years. I heard about an elderly man who had been living in the bed of his truck for over two years because he had no electricity in his home; upon hearing about this man, I immediately contacted Elaine Lutringer the Director of Public Works and together we began working on a solution and didn't stop until we had his electricity turned back on later the same day. I got a sidewalk put in along Katy Hockley Cut-Off down to Pineview Terrace so that the kids walking to and from school would not have to walk in the streets in bad weather; by working with the Katy Police Department on this project, Katy Police Chief Bill Hastings was able to funnel 'Child Safety money' from the county to pay for half of this project saving the Katy tax payers a lot of money and speeding up the process.

TKN: Who do you think will be your biggest competitor in this race?

JM: Having competitors is all parts of the process... Since I do not know my opponents very well, I plan on standing on my record of achievements.

TKN: Are there any of the current City Projects that you would change and why?

JM: Not change per se... but I would like to speed them up.

TKN: How do you feel about the Katy Boardwalk project?

JM: This project originally started out as a two million dollar tax funded 'green space and nature trail' type project. Now it is a \$150 million dollar income and tourism generating machine that the Katy Tax payers are not funding... the money is coming from a private developer, The Katy Development Authority, Convention and Tourism Bureau, Metro mobility money, mall sales tax revenue, and the city is contributing H.O.T. funds which are paid by visitors to our city, not residents. Using

the tax increment reinvestment zone or TIRZ in that area, the Katy Boardwalk will be able to use the additional tax funds above the baseline amount to reinvest in itself. This Katy Boardwalk comes complete with world class hotels, a convention center, mixed use retail/restaurants, and an 89-acre nature park. As a direct result of all of this development we were able to jump from only three hotels to nine hotels, we reduced property taxes, raised the senior homestead exemption, and as I stated before we put in place five years of automatic

tax reductions.

TKN: Are you married and do you have children and grandchildren?

JM: I have been married to the same woman for 21 years and we have two children... Justin (27) and Natasha (14).

TKN: Do you feel that the position you are running for will interfere with your current job?

JM: I have three jobs, not including Husband and Father. I am a Katy city councilman for Ward B; I am President and co-owner of a full service commercial construction company called "Big City Builders", and I recently got a part-time job delivering parts for O'Reilly's Auto Parts just for the additional college fund money. I have always been able to balance everything out... I put

a lot of hours into my city council work, my business partner can fill in if I can't cover something, and my O'Reilly's job is a part time gig and works around my other two schedules. I am a big family man... I weave my family into every facet of my life and I'm home every night.

TKN: Do you have ideas & plans for the future of Katy?

JM: Yes, a large portion of our planning has been long-term planning. We have a major hydrology study being done on Katy and everywhere around Katy where the water can possibly flow into Katy, so that we can keep ahead of the next 500 year flood and know exactly where the water will flow to no matter the circumstances. I have also put a huge retention pond project, under the city's Parks and Recreation Department so that we can turn it from a big ugly pit, into a beautiful walking trail with flowering trees and a sea of bluebonnets; this will also attract hummingbirds, song birds, and Purple Martins to eat mosquitoes. I have also been working on the city's holiday decorations policy; to keep that 'small town feel' I wanted to see the city really decorate for the main holidays like City Hall did for Christmas this year. There are a number of other long term projects that I voted on, but these three are the ones that I worked the most on.

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is a problem and to advocate for my client when they are pursuing their own goals. As a city councilmember, my client will be the City and its residents.

TKN: How long have you lived in Katy?

JGC: 13 years - I moved to Katy in 2004, though my family lived in Katy when I was child (from age 7 to 13). I have fond memories of my childhood in Katy, and I always knew that I would return. In fact, I even moved back into my childhood home.

TKN: What are some of the things that you think need to be changed in the running of the City of Katy?

JGC: Make important information available. When it comes to daily running of the City, one of the top priorities will be to make up-to-date information available. The City website is intended to be the first source of information, and it needs to be updated, frequently. When a person goes to the website, they should not have to search for information that is intended to be publicly available (such as Council Meetings, which has not been updated since August). When information is not readily available, it brings up questions about transparency. Social Media must be utilized in a more effective manner, especially during local events, which is one of the best means to share information quickly. And when the City does post content, it must be kept accurate and updated as needed.

TKN: What do you feel will be some of the challenges you will face in your campaign?

JGC: The biggest challenge will be voter awareness and turn-out. Non-presidential elections and, even more so, elections in May historically have low voter turn-out. I will do my best to meet as many of my neighbors to introduce myself and to share my vision for the City, but it will be a challenge.

TKN: What will be your running platform?

JGC: Smart Residential Growth that Protects Our Residents. As we make decisions about the City's growth, we must fully study the current and expected outcomes. We must look at (1) are current developments performing as expected, (2) are there too many homes available for purchase, which can create a buyers' market and hurt property values, (3) do we have the infrastructure for safety/services (flooding, first responders, road development), (4) if we do not have the infrastructure, do we have the means and ability to solve these concerns, and (5) how does it affect the charm that is Katy.

Smart Business Growth and Support. We must support our small business owners and be a partner in their success. We must also support the commercial developers that have already invested in Katy. We must look at (1) how to encourage new businesses to open ships within the city limits, (2) do we have the infrastructure for their growth, while ensuring quality of life in Katy, and (3) do we have a plan to support the growth of the Katy Boardwalk and other commercial developments in the surrounding areas, while protecting the small businesses already open within the city limits.

TKN: Who do you think will be your biggest competitor in this race?

JGC: I respect all of the candidates. Each candidate has his/her own skills and expertise, and we each have a distinct vision for the City. The voters will decide on which vision they most agree.

TKN: Are there any of the current City Projects that you would change and why?

JGC: Flooding! While the City is steadfast that that new residential developments are not

a cause for recent flooding issues, it remains a great concern for the citizens of Katy. In fact, in a recent heavy rain event (not just the Tax Day Flood or 100/500/1000 year events), there was street flooding that made it difficult for residents to leave for work. As we grow, there must be an independent review of how those developments will cause any potential flooding issues - even if it is temporary. There must be absolute transparency on this review. While I am happy that City did establish the Flood Committee (which has not issued its findings yet), the City needs to take a stronger leadership role. It is clear the state will not lead in dealing with what they see as a regional problem. I strongly believe that the City needs to work with the surrounding counties and municipalities and either (1) create its own regional committee on flooding solutions or (2) to advocate for our citizens to our state leadership that it must create viable regional solutions. It is not just about convenience; it is also about public safety.

TKN: How do you feel about the Katy Boardwalk project?

JGC: The Katy Boardwalk Project is approved and ground has been broken. The designs are beautiful, and I believe that it will be a good thing for Katy in the long run. For me, it is about making sure that we build the foundation for its success while protecting the charm of Katy. For example, while I read about road construction, I do not see any real discussion about how to handle the new, increase traffic. Even now, on sales tax free day or a beautiful weekend when Typhoon Texas Waterpark is busy, it can take up to 30 minutes just to exit into the Katy area.

TKN: Are you married and do you have children and grandchildren?

JGC: I am in a committed relationship with my boyfriend, James, and I have a senior dachshund/corgi mix, Ronny.

TKN: Do you feel that the position you are running for will interfere with your current job?

JGC: I am fortunate that my current job offers me great flexibility. I have previously balanced my work with other professional or educational responsibilities, all with great success. I expect that to continue as I serve on the City Council.

TKN: Do you have ideas & plans for the future of Katy?

JGC: The City is moving forward as a regional destination city, and it continues to be a great place to live. I want to be sure that as we grow, we do so smartly, and we keep the charm of Katy - the charm that created my fond childhood memories and that makes me and others want to live here as an adult. I want to be sure that Katy stays Katy, and not look like every other municipality with strip-upon-strip of big box stores simply because it brings in sales tax revenue. As we move forward as a "convention city," I want to support our small business owners, giving them the opportunity to shine so that visitors will enjoy visiting Katy *now* and in 8-10 years and beyond. I want to invite different types of conventions/shows - we have great gift markets and home & garden shows, but where are our car, recreation, antique shows? I want to encourage experience-based businesses and organizations, such as the arts, entertainment, and unique restaurants. My plans for the future of Katy is to maintain and grow the Charm of Katy, making our residents happy to come home and our visitors sad to leave.

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Ask the Expert— Choosing a Funeral Home or Cemetery



Sherry Ahart-Davies
Location Manager,
Katy Funeral Home

Q: What should I look for when choosing a funeral home or cemetery?

A: The funeral home or cemetery you choose help you design a meaningful memorial that truly celebrates the life it represents. Whether you are in need of immediate assistance or interested in learning more about preplanning options, look for these basic characteristics:

- Qualified and caring professionals that will take the time to listen, address your concerns and work within your budget. Offering various packages allows you to select arrangements at the right price and the best value.
- A funeral home or cemetery with a good reputation within your local and business community and with grounds, roads and buildings that are in good physical condition.
- A full-service provider that can provide a range of funeral and cemetery options. From catering to cremation memorialization, look for a provider that will help you plan every detail of a personal, memorable tribute.

- A funeral home or cemetery that adheres to the law by providing you with a clear, itemized list of prices for merchandise and services offered and chosen.

Look for a provider that will help you plan every detail of a personal, memorable tribute.

Q: Do you have any other advice about making final arrangements?

A: In my experience, it's beneficial to choose a funeral home or cemetery in advance. Making your arrangements before the time of need helps to ease emotional and financial stress for your loved ones, and you can have true peace of mind in knowing your final wishes have been followed. When you plan ahead, your funeral or cemetery provider can help you coordinate every detail of a personal, meaningful tribute. When you're ready to get started, our funeral home offers a free Personal Planning Guide, a valuable planning tool with helpful information and a place where you can organize and record your final wishes. You can contact us to receive your complimentary planning guide today.

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.

Katy Sports

By Tom Behrens

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Bassmaster Classic March 24-26

Could be a weekend of double digit bass

By Tom Behrens

Katy sports fans have experienced two NBA World Championships with the Houston Rockets, a MLB World Series with the Houston Astros, NFL Super Bowls and several high school State Champion sports teams. We now have the chance to witness firsthand the World Series of bass fishing... the Bassmaster Classic.

The 47th world championship of bass fishing, the GEICO Bassmaster Classic, March 24-26, presented by DICK'S Sporting Goods has 52 of the world's best bass anglers competing for more than \$1 million, fishing at Lake Conroe. The Expo takes over the entire George R. Brown Convention Center. Daily weigh-ins will be at Minute Maid Park. The winner will be crowned on Sunday, March 26 at Minute Maid. And...did I mention everything is free of charge?

Competition and takeoffs will begin each day at Lake Conroe Park (14968 TX-105, Montgomery, Texas) at 7:20 a.m. Weigh-ins will be held daily at 3:15 p.m. in Minute Maid Park (501 Crawford Street, Houston, Texas).

Texas has five anglers competing for the coveted title: Keith Combs, Huntington; Todd Faircloth, Jasper; Alton Jones, Senior and Junior, Lorena and Takahiro Omori from Emory.

All of the anglers throughout the year compete in different tournaments, compiling points, to be selected for the Classic. Most of the anglers come from the Elite Series with the remaining fishermen earning their Classic credentials through Bass Pro Shops Opens, Academy Sports + Outdoors tournaments, B.A.S.S. Nation Championships, College Classics and the Toyota Bonus Bucks Championship.

Missouri angler Rick Clunn, who at one time lived in Montgomery, Texas, is one of the oldest Classic contenders. He claimed his first B.A.S.S. victory in the Bassmaster Classic on Lake Guntersville in 1976. Although Clunn is not fishing this Classic, I bet he will be at the Expo representing his sponsors.

The 2009 Classic had its first woman angler, Kim Bain-Moore. Pam Martin-Wells became the second woman to fish the Classic, finishing 22nd among the 51 Classic anglers. Martin-Wells ranks 123rd on the B.A.S.S. all-time prize money list with \$308,321.14. Ninety-nine percent of that was earned through the Women's Bass Tour (WBT) or in her lone Classic appearance.

Although the Classic winner will take home \$300,000 from BASS, sponsorships, endorsements contracts and other financial opportunities, the total payout could easily push his total payout over a \$1 million

Lake Conroe is expected to produce some big stringers

Conroe has produced 17 ShareLunker entries over the years. To qualify as a ShareLunker, the bass must weigh over 13 pounds. The angler donates the fish to Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) who releases the bass in their hatcheries in hopes of breeding more big bass.

Afterwards the angler has the choice of releasing the fish back into the waters it came out of, or designates that TPWD can place the fish in another Texas water body. The angler receives a replica fish mount of his catch.

The current Lake Conroe lake record is 15.93 lbs that was caught Jan. 30, 2009 by Ricky Bearden of Conroe. As it turns out, 2008-2009 ShareLunker season produced some great bass for Lake Conroe bass anglers. Five ShareLunkers were picked up by TPWD fishery personnel. Conroe's most recent ShareLunker, a 13.14 pound beauty, was caught in April 2015 by David Perciful of Conroe.

During the Classic the pros can weigh up to five bass per day, 16-inch minimum length limit. The heaviest total weight over three days determines the new champion. The emphasis is keeping the fish alive during their trip from Conroe to the weigh in at Minute Maid Park, and then the trip back up I-45 to Lake Conroe. If a fish dies, the angler loses ounces in his total catch. TWPD fishery biologists will be monitoring the catches to make sure they all survive.

Watch the Classic at the Expo, Bassmaster.com, or on facebook

If you can't make it to Lake Conroe or for the weigh in show at Minute Maid Park, you can catch the action on Classic LIVE in real time from the B.A.S.S. booth at the Classic Outdoors Expo presented by DICK'S Sporting Goods in the George R. Brown Convention Center.

"What an incredible venue we have this year being set up in the heart of Houston, Texas, and watching the action unfold live on a lake that some anglers are saying might produce multiple 10-pound-plus bass," said Mike McKinnis, vice president of media content for JM Associates and producer of The Bassmasters TV show on ESPN2.

Cameras will be streaming live coverage of the Classic leaders on Lake Conroe back to the expo production facility,



Alton Jones and his son, Alton Jr., are home grown Texas angler superstars going for a win on Lake Conroe. Photo credit - Courtesy BASS

where hosts will break down the action for fans tuning in through Bassmaster.com and WatchESPN. Hosts Tommy Sanders, Mark Zona, and Davy Hite along with Dave Mercer and on-the-water reporter Robbie Floyd, will provide analysis and live updates.

This year, special guest Brian Robison of the Minnesota Vikings will also be onsite for the Classic LIVE show to provide some local insight. Robison played for the University of Texas and calls Lake Conroe his home lake.

Also, special guest RJ Mitte, who plays Walter White Jr. on the series "Breaking Bad," will be joining the set at the expo.

The 2016 version of "Classic LIVE" reached nearly 12 million minutes viewed during the three-day event.

Each day of competition will have six hours of coverage, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time. Watch the tournament leaders catch bass in real time on the exclusive Classic LIVE program on Bassmaster.com and simulcast on ESPN3 and the WatchESPN app.

Facebook live broadcasts will be added to the coverage this year, on the B.A.S.S. Facebook page, including coverage of takeoff on Day 1, the Toyota Mid-Day Report all three days around noon, and the press conference with the Top 6 anglers after each competition day.

Also on Bassmaster.com, fans can keep up with every fish caught through BASSTrakk, a real-time leader board that shows each angler's catch according to estimates of marshals assigned to each competitor's boat. In addition, on-the-water reporters provide a running commentary on the action in the Live Blog.

"Through these videos and photo galleries, we'll have the lake covered from top to bottom," said Jim Sexton, B.A.S.S. VP/Digital. "And we'll cover every inch of the Minute Maid Park weigh-ins and the Bassmaster Classic Outdoors Expo, as well."

On The Lake

By Tom Behrens

Many Katy and west Houston bass anglers are going to be in their boats on Lake Conroe during the Classic, checking out, following Classic anglers. Let me make some suggestions if you decide to be on the water at Conroe.

Lake Conroe, already a very popular fishing destination that is crowded on weekends even without the BASSMASTER Classic, is really going to draw mega crowds. Plan on launching on the north end of the lake, away from the crowds around the Classic on the south end.

Be good Texans, courteous to the professional anglers, and the BASS personnel.

It's my experience from fishing with the pros, they don't mind if "locals" follow them around on the water, but stay far away so as to not spook the fish. Turn your electronics off; don't run your gas engine or trolling motor.

If one of the professional anglers is fishing back in one of the coves or creeks, don't box his exit way out. Give him room to maneuver. Time is one of the most valuable things they have going for them; don't make them weave in and out of the observer boats to leave an area.

One of the best parts of the Bassmaster Classic is being able to observe up close and hear the anglers talking, joking with each other as they



A lot of anglers have Keith Combs, Huntington, Texas, picked as the winner. Photo credit - Courtesy BASS

wait their turn at the boat ramp before launching, or being picked up after a day on the lake.

My hat is definitely off to the folks at BASS in how they launch and retrieve the anglers and their boats. This isn't your weekend tournament at the launch ramp. They can launch all 52 boats in 30 minutes or less; same thing with the retrieval of the boats.

If you do plan on attending the launching of the boats, make sure you bring your camera. The individual boats, as their number is called to leave

the staging area, is a great sight...the roar of the engines blasting across the water leaving rooster tails behind them. You have to see all of it to believe it.

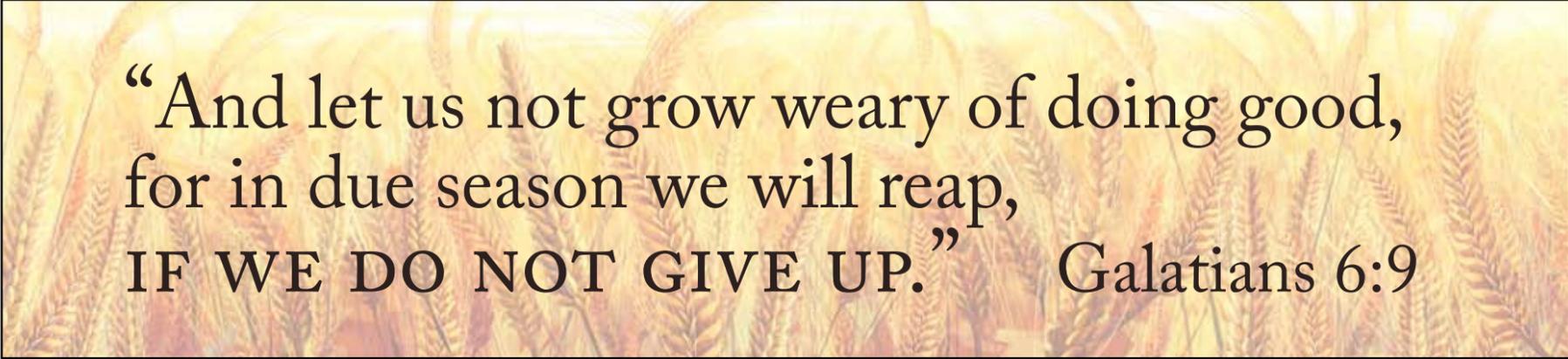
One last thing, and again have your camera ready: Close to the George R. Brown will be what the Classic people call the "boat lot" - the place where the anglers park their boats when not on the water. If you get downtown early enough before they begin their escorted trek up I-45 to Conroe, it's quite a sight to see the all the boats and towing vehicles with their lights on as the anglers make last minute tackle and boat checks. The convoy out of downtown Houston should be a great chance for pictures. Wish your favorite angler good luck and God speed.

More information on the Houston/Lake Conroe Bassmaster Classic can be found at <http://www.bassmaster.com/tournaments/2017-geico-bassmaster-classic>.



Lake Conroe is expected to produce several double digit bass for Classic anglers. Photo Credit - Tom Behrens

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The 72nd Pin Oak Charity Horse Show Recognizes 2017 “Honored Heroes”

Texas Children’s Hospital Patients Max Smith and Dorian Ross during Grand Prix Competitions on Family Nights March 25 and April 1

The 72nd Pin Oak Charity Horse Show presented by PJP Farm and Irish Day Farm is recognizing two Texas Children’s Hospital patients as Pin Oak’s 2017 “Honored Heroes.” Max Smith and Dorian Ross, along with their family members, will be special guests of The Pin Oak Charity Horse Show on Grand Prix Saturdays, March 25 and April 1. The horse show runs March 22 through April 2 at The Great Southwest Equestrian Center located at 2501 South Mason Road in Katy.

Max Smith, 7, is the Week 1 Honored Hero for the \$30,000 Amalaya Investments and Oasis Petroleum Grand Prix event on Saturday, March 25. Doors open at 6 p.m. The event begins at 7 p.m. Dorian Ross, 8, is the Week II Honored Hero for the \$30,000 Hildebrand Fund Grand Prix event on Saturday, April 1. Doors open at 6 p.m., this event also begins at 7 p.m.

Most events during the two-week horse show are free and open to the public. General admission tickets are available (\$10 for adults and free for children 12 and under) for Grand Prix competitions on Saturdays, March 25 and April 1, and for the prestigious United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA) International Hunter Derby on Friday, March 31. In addition to its featured Grand Prix competitions on each Saturday of the two-week horse show, The Pin Oak Charity Horse Show is hosting Family Nights on Saturdays, March 25 and April 1, from 4 to 9 p.m. in the main covered arena. Children attending Family Nights with an adult chaperone will have access to free coloring books and crayons, popcorn and cotton candy, face painting, Pin Oak toy ponies, and visits with therapy ponies and miniature horses. Picnic baskets and coolers are welcome (glass containers are not allowed). Food trucks and a concession stand will also be available. Doors open at 4 p.m. with Grand Prix show jumping competition beginning at 7 p.m. Admission for adults is \$10 per person. Children 12 and under are admitted free. Parking is free.

For tickets, please contact the Pin Oak office at 713-621-6290 or purchase online at pinoak.org.

About the Heroes

Max Smith is a happy seven-year-old boy today. When he was four years old, he began to behave differently, his mother’s intuition knew something was wrong. Tests indicated that his blood sugar level was high, and Max was transferred to Texas Children’s Hospital where he was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes.

Max stayed in the hospital for one week, and he and his family learned about controlling his diabetes. Today, Max continues to learn about his condition and knows the foods he can and cannot eat. He continues to visit Texas Children’s Hospital every three months for check-ups and maintains a positive outlook on everything he has encountered.

Three years have passed since Max’s diagnosis, and he is enjoying life. He recently celebrated

his seventh birthday and spends most of his time with his family and all of his pets—two monkeys, two cats and a snake! He also loves all things football and says that JJ Watt is his hero.

Almost one year ago, Dorian Ross, 8, was taken to an emergency room with a high fever. Showing no other symptoms, he returned to school once his fever subsided, but it wasn’t long before his fever returned. Dorian was then taken to Texas Children’s Hospital West Campus and later transported to Texas Children’s Hospital Main Campus, where he was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. He began chemotherapy the following day.

After his diagnosis, Dorian stood strong. His mom



Max Smith

describes him as an “old soul” who is wise beyond his years. He would even bargain when it came to his procedures—“if you buy me a horse, I’ll let you”—he would tell his mother. Dorian loves animals, especially horses and foxes.

Today, he is on his way to better health. He celebrated his eighth birthday in December and spends his days with his family and his three dogs. He even has a ‘job’ at a local water supply store and enjoys putting labels on the bottles. Dorian makes friends wherever he goes and looks forward to owning a horse one day.

New this year are “Family Nights at The Pin Oak Charity Horse Show,” which will be hosted from 4 to 9 p.m. on Saturdays, March 25 and April 1. With the purchase of an adult general admission ticket for \$10 per person, children 12 and under will be admitted free on Family Nights. Children and their adult chaperones will have access to a wide range of complimentary treats, giveaways, and activities that include popcorn and cotton candy; Pin Oak coloring books, crayons and toy ponies; face painting; visits with Shetland therapy ponies and miniature horses. For a small donation, Pin Oak visitors will have the opportunity to pose with various equestrian-themed backdrops in the Catch the Moment photo booth sponsored by Stalker Energy and engage a caricature artist to sketch a stylized image of themselves. Featured entertainment includes the world famous Catalena Cowgirls, Houston Highlanders Bagpipe and Drum Corps, and the Wells Fargo Stage Coach (April 1 only).



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Business and a love for our Nation's Military. That was many years ago, but I'm thankful for the education afforded to me through the Junior Miss Program. I continued my education, earning licenses in Series 7 General Securities, Series 63 Uniform Securities and Blue Sky Laws while employed by A.G. Edwards & Sons in the Stockyards of Ft. Worth, where I managed the Cowtown Stockyard Investment Club. I went on to become an Executive at both Regions and U.S. Bank where I gained a solid financial education that might benefit my job on the Council.

TKN: How long have you lived in Katy?

KJ: I've lived here long enough to know that the City of Katy keeps her promises. My family moved here in the summer of 2014 just in time to be immersed into the vote for a \$748 million bond issue. That was our first community action, allowing signs to be posted in our yard, as we were part of the reason why the city had to secure additional funding for growth. That bond passed on November 2nd, 2014, getting us through projected growth of the next few years, with the promise of no higher resident's tax (rates). On April 27th of this year, Mayor Hughes and the Katy City Council voted to annex three tracts of land totaling just over 400 acres, increasing the tax base of commercial development and keeping the burden off of residential taxes.

TKN: What are some of the things that you think need to be changed in the running of the City of Katy?

KJ: My platform will be: Preserving History, Embracing Growth, Focusing on Safety and Pursuing Active Access with the residents of The City of Katy. I do not have an axe to grind with the City. We need to give credit where it is due and our current and past Civil Servants have many praiseworthy accomplishments to their credit. If chosen to serve, I would continue in their work of Preserving Historic Katy while Keeping Up With Growth. I will bring fresh perspective, as one NOT graduating from Katy High School, although my son will join the ranks of KHS next year. I will represent the growing population of newcomers, however, I believe in listening and learning from those who have gone before us. Katy is full of experienced, wise residents who were here before the rest of us moved in, and probably saw most of our houses being built. They have something to say, and out of respect and a desire to succeed, I will listen to them and consult them. I recently told Mayor Hughes that should I win, I want to be able to come to him for advice. I might not always follow advice, but I'd be a fool not to listen. Steve Jurovic was good enough to reach out to me recently and he made this point: He knows many a wise resident who might not stand up in front of The City Council to voice concerns, but have much to say. He talked about how important it is to give all residents ACCESS. I know from my own experience that many of our older residents do not drive at night, so making a council meeting is out of the question. If elected to serve as Councilman, I will make sure to provide access to not only newcomers, but to our elders in the city. I will have a web page, operational within the week, at "KayseforKaty.com" as well as a Facebook page at "KayseKendallJohnsonforCityCouncil" with a built in contact form so people can send me emails and not only voice concerns, but give good advice as well. They won't even have to sign their name. Everyone's voice will be heard no matter the race, religion or economic standing.

I'm also passionate about safety in our city. As our population grows, the common concern of phone use while driving increases. I have a 14 year old that will take Drivers Ed soon. His first car will, of course, be older than dirt. But I'm tempted to attach bells, whistles, flags and a "baaahoooooga" horn for his safety amidst a sea of distracted drivers. I would like to focus on safety issues regarding phone use and driving, as well as improving conditions at corners and intersections where we all know "an accident is just waiting to happen", such as my corner of Morton Road and Avenue D. Therefore, if "Preserving History, Embracing Growth, Focusing on Safety and Pursuing Active Access with the residents of The City of Katy" sounds good to you, please vote for this "newbie" on May 6th.

TKN: What do you feel will be some of the challenges you will face in your campaign?

KJ: I like Jimmy Mendez. He is the incumbent that I will run against in Ward B. I went to the grand opening ceremony of Katy's new City Hall in June last year and it was hot. My 9 year old daughter and I sipped on the last few drops of water in our bottles while we watched Katy's Government melt in black suits on an unshaded platform. I watched as Servant-Leader and past Superman and Superintendent of KISD Alton Frailey saw the issue and went for water. As the water was passed down the aisle, it stopped...right before it got to the Mayor (who reported that later he was hospitalized for heat exhaustion following the ceremonies). Then I saw Jimmy. He was smiling of course. And he got up and found a bottle of water for the Mayor. I won't comment on who didn't pass the water. But Jimmy passed the water. I don't want to beat Jimmy, but I want to win.

TKN: What will be your running platform?

KJ: Preserving History, Embracing Growth, Focusing on Safety and Pursuing Active Access with the residents of The City of Katy.

TKN: Who do you think will be your biggest competitor in this race?

KJ: Incumbent Jimmy Mendez and others running in Ward B

TKN: Are there any of the current City Projects that you would change and why?

KJ: I had the privilege of taking a look into the City Administrator's office and seeing the projects pinned on his wall. There are just as many if not more in the works. Byron Hebert is a busy man with his nose to the wheel. Why would I change any of the current City Projects when I don't have all of the facts as a resident? Of course, if I could change any, I would somehow grant myself more of a driveway than what is about to be taken under eminent domain in the widening of Morton Road. It's those darn new people who keep moving here (tongue in cheek), causing The City to improve our roads. I would like to put in a good word for David Leyendecker, Engineer Consultant to the City, Roy Frankum Building Inspector, Elaine Lutringer, Public Works Director and Anas Garfaoui, Planning and Zoning; who all worked with me on two occasions so far, when I brought in plans drawn up for my front and side yards improvements. When I first moved to Katy and bought my house on Morton Road, I didn't know about the plans to widen the road. I could have, but I did not look it up. Once I found out, I hired Mr. Laird of Laird Landscaping to draw designs for my yard in anticipation of the widening of Morton Road. I can't tell you how wonderful it felt to sit down with this group and realize that they were there to help me. I've moved forward only a bit in my plans by removing a tree, repositioning a basketball goal and moving out my fence line, but I know that The City of Katy will be helpful in each step of the way. It's best to make your plan and get the City's blessing. Now that Mayor Hughes ushered in "Katy is Now Open For Business", you can't go wrong in seeking the City's help. For those of you who are struggling with permits, just know, the City isn't perfect but is in the process of being perfected. Hang on, be patient and work together. All of this growth doesn't come without some headaches.

TKN: How do you feel about the Katy Boardwalk project?

KJ: The Katy Boardwalk Project is one of those projects that demonstrate how Katy is actively pursuing improvement and additional offerings in our town. It will attract visitors and the convention center will host conventions with crowds who want to eat, shop and stay in Katy. From what I understand, the city's portion of cost will be paid out of occupancy taxes at the city's hotels and portions of sales tax revenue from sales at the mall. It sounds beautiful. The delay to redraw designs isn't a negative thing since current designs drawings have the hotel and convention center blocking part of the boardwalk. The City of

Classifieds

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Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code for a beer and wine retailers permit with a food and beverage certificate by LTF Club Operations Company Inc., DBA Life Time Fitness, located at 23211 Cinco Ranch Blvd.w, Katy, Fort Bend County, TX 77494. Officers of said corporation are Steve Kerzman, President, Chief Executive Officer & Chief Financial Officer, Erik Lindseth, Senior Vice President & General Counsel, and James Spolar, Vice President & Secretary.

Legal Notice

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage Permit and Mixed Beverage Late Hours Permit by Mills Hospitality LLC dba Holiday Inn & Suites Katy, to be located at 25406 Katy Mills Parkway, Katy, Fort Bend, Texas. Members are Vishal Patel and Balvant Patel.

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Recently, President Trump initiated several controversial executive immigration orders that are deeply concerning to immigrants and native-born Americans alike. I'm concerned, however, that more than terrorists and criminals will be swept up in a broader deportation net.

Immigrants are crucial to the economic vitality of Texas and the United States and I'd like to see legislation passed in Congress that will modernize the immigration system to address the economic needs of our country. We need to ensure that the employment visa programs address the needs of employers in all sectors, including high-tech, agriculture, and construction while benefitting American workers.

Smart, bipartisan leadership is exactly what we need and I encourage Texas' entire congressional delegation to work for passage of commonsense immigration legislation now.

Sincerely,
Jill Lefforge
Houston, TX 77057

Katy is committed to The Boardwalk Project and details like this can easily be redesigned. I look forward to having a convention center in town. I know our city qualifies for this and will only make us more legitimate in what we have to offer. My husband frequently brings celebrities to Katy for his work, and currently they stay at the hotels surrounding Katy Mills. I'm thankful for these convenient hotels and will continue to use them; however, it will be great to have the option of using a convention center hotel with a boardwalk. Nice.

TKN: Are you married and do you have children and grandchildren?

KJ: I have been married to Johnny Johnson for 28 years. We have a 9 year old daughter, Zoe and a 14 year old son, Jack.

TKN: Do you feel that the position you are running for will interfere with your current job?

KJ: Katy has the largest volunteer base of any city where I have lived. I was surprised to find so many people busy in school, community and civic affairs and not for pay. We are all given 24 hours in one day, and each day comes with choices. I look forward to having choices to make that include serving The City of Katy. My greatest job is to my family, and I will continue to work hard and provide a nurturing home for them, family and friends. One way that I can make their life happy in Katy is to get involved in the work of the City of Katy and do my part to keep Katy great.

TKN: Do you have ideas & plans for the future of Katy?

KJ: I anticipate the future of Katy and just like a river changes its course over obstacles and over time, the beauty of that river is what is to be protected. My idea is to preserve the Historic beauty of Katy, as well as embrace Katy's growth. It's going to take two camps to accomplish this mission, with ACCESS to both camp. My idea is to seek that bridge between the senior citizens, the veterans, the native Katyians and the newbies; those of The Falls, The Lakes of Katy, Remington Trails, Cane Island, etc. Have you seen the historical pictures of Katy? Check out a copy of Carol Adams book, "Historic Katy: An Illustrated History". We all moved here from somewhere. It's not an "us and them" mentality that keeps us sharp and it's my plan to unify all members of the community through a platform of communication. Please start communicating with me about our future, The City of Katy, through social media beginning this Friday, February 25th at these addresses:

Webpage: KayseforKaty.com,
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A rewarding opportunity for those who enjoy helping others awaits you. Katy area Volunteer Driver applications are now being accepted. If you love people and have a few hours a week, call 832-773-8645. A senior is waiting for you. Volunteer applications are subject to background checks and driver record checks.

Katy Area Ride Service



Katy Proud Business Award



Mayor, Council and members of the Katy community, Keep Katy Beautiful would like to recognize Old Town Animal Hospital and Best Friends Total Pet Care for their long standing efforts taking pride in their business located at 1750 Avenue D. Dr. Shannon Hicks and his staff have played an integral part in this community and strive to have healthy pets and happy owners. They will always go the extra mile for your pet's health.

Dr. Hicks, his wife Michel and his staff have eagerly volunteered at City of Katy parks events and have also purchased and dedicated a bench at the City of Katy's Off Leash Dog Park. Dr. Hicks had a moment of fame growing up in Alvin, Texas and playing sandlot baseball with Nolan Ryan. He went on to graduate from Texas A&M University Veterinary Medicine School and settled in Katy. We are glad he has become such an important part of this community since 1997, opening the present location in 2008. This business is always well maintained and everyone knows that they take great pride in their building and grounds.

Old Town Animal Hospital has a website for making appointments and a newsletter to keep their clients informed. They are open every day except Sunday from 7:30 a.m. till 7:00 p.m.

Again Keep Katy Beautiful thanks you for your continued efforts in making Katy a wonderful community to live in and especially taking care of our four-legged citizens as well.

Congratulations to Dr. Hicks and his staff.

Power of Attorney & Designation of Guardianship

Senior citizens and their family members are invited to join us for a new series at the Maud Marks Library. Every 3rd Friday of the month, experts will be here to discuss various topics pertinent to senior living. On March 17 at 3 p.m., we will be discussing power of attorney and designation of guardianship. Learn what happens when you are incapacitated and why it is important to have power of attorney and guardianship in place ahead of time. Come discover what kind of life is best for you or your loved one.

Pre-registration is required. Please call the library at 281-492-8592 for more information.



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The Best of *Golden Oldies* will be presented April 21, 7:30 p.m. and Saturday April 22nd, a 2:00 p.m. matinee performance. Enjoy an evening with song birds *Winkie* and *Marybelle* who will perform well known "*Golden Oldies*" with heart and soul. The much loved songs that uplift our lives will include New York, New York, Stand by Me, The Girl from Ipanema, All that Jazz, The Age of Aquarius, People and many more unforgettable songs and Broadway show tunes to bring us all back to memory lane.

The *International Art Festival & Cinco De Mayo Celebration* - May 6, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Join in a whole day of outdoor & indoor events including visual and performing artists who will be showcasing their diverse talents. The Festival will include a joyous *Cinco De Mayo Celebratory Performance* with multi-cultural singers and dancers from the Greater Houston and Katy area.

And don't forget, your own upcoming presentations and celebrations. The World Theater main stage auditorium, smaller auditorium and multi-purpose rooms are available for recitals, seminars and private parties. To secure a date and time, feel free to phone 832-552-5115. See the World Theater website at: www.worldtheater.us and Celebrate at World Theater.



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What's in the Sky Tonight?

Ever wonder what stars and planets can be seen in the Katy area? Join the Houston Astronomical Society on Saturday April 1 to look through telescopes at the moon and the stars. Learn about some of the ancient stories told by the stars. We should also be able to see both Mars and Jupiter. The program will start at 8 p.m. and end

at 10 p.m. Please meet at the pavilion at Willow Fork Park (Located at the northwest corner of 99/Grand Parkway and Cinco Ranch Blvd., north of Cinco Ranch High School). This is a family-friendly program for all ages. Bring hot chocolate and enjoy an evening of star gazing.