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TO OUR READERS:
The current Covid-19 Pandemic and other economic conditions have caused us to combine some issues every two weeks, and to change distribution to Pick-up locations. See page 7 for 50 locations where you can get a copy of the Northeast News, and page 4 for email subscriptions. We thank you for your continued support.

Aldine ISD Celebrates Seniors with Virtual Conferral

On June 1, Aldine Independent School District celebrated graduating seniors with a virtual conferral event on the district Facebook page. A conferral is the recognition of meeting all requirements to receive a diploma or degree. The Aldine ISD Class of 2020: Destined virtual conferral celebration officially marked the occasion of diploma conferral for the Aldine ISD Class of 2020. During the Facebook broadcast, Aldine ISD seniors, families, friends, staff and community partners came together to celebrate the senior students on their accomplishments and achievements. The virtual experience allowed graduating seniors and their families the ability to celebrate with the entire Aldine ISD community,

from the safety of their homes. The Aldine ISD Board of Trustees and Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney were joined by other notable members of the Aldine community, to wish Aldine seniors well on their next journey. "To each of our young men and women, know that you are ready for a bright future," Dr. Goffney said. "The Class of 2020 is one that will be remembered forever." Aldine Senior High School mustang senior choir students opened the event with a special song dedicated to the Class of 2020. Nimitz High School alumnus and Houston Texans safety, Michael Thomas, encouraged the senior students to take in this



moment and reflect on all it took to get here. "As the world continues to change, and we all learn to adapt, use this time to speak on this experience," Thomas said. "People want to hear your story. We are Aldine and we were built for this." Daniel Meza, BakerRipley Community Engage-

ment Manager, reminded senior students that the Class of 2020 is historic and that their resilience, adaptability, and perseverance has paid off. "You have to rely on internal strength and those around us to overcome tough times," Meza explained. "No matter if you are staying here or leaving for a distant place, your experiences and memories will remain with you, and they will serve as proof that you are capable of doing great things." Aldine ISD alumni and active duty service members also congratulated the Class of 2020 and left the seniors words of encouragement. Additionally, the Aldine high school principals expressed how proud they are of the Class of 2020. In

their own way they gave their respective campus a shoutout and reflected on the graduating seniors dedication and commitment this year. Although we will host the Class of 2020 commencement ceremonies on July 23 and 24, this conferral marked the completion of graduating seniors' high school diploma. Superintendent Goffney closed the conferral ceremony with the following words: "These students have satisfied all requirements of the Aldine Independent School District and the state of Texas. In return, I have shared with the Board of Trustees that I certify that the students

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COVID-19
Cases as of June 5, 2020

HOUSTON AREA
19 COUNTIES

22,071 POSITIVE
461 DEATHS
8,437 RECOVERED

TEXAS

71,473 POSITIVE
1,800 DEATHS
46,799 RECOVERED

UNITED STATES

1,890,592 POSITIVE
108,920 DEATHS
485,002 RECOVERED

WORLDWIDE

6,713,881 POSITIVE
393,709 DEATHS
2,986,683 RECOVERED

Attorney Chris Hollins new Harris County Clerk

By Allan Jamail
Monday, June 01, 2020 Christopher G. Hollins, a 33 year old Houston attorney married to wife Morgan with daughter Vivian won the approval of Commissioners Court to fill the vacated position of Dr. Diane Trautman. He has pledged to hold the job only in an interim role, avoiding the potential distraction of running a campaign this fall. On May 19th Commissioners Court voted 3-2 along party lines to appoint Hollins, vice chairman of finance for the state democratic party. He will serve until a new clerk can be elected in November. Commissioners Court

members said they were impressed with Hollins' credentials, as well as his commitment not to seek the job permanently. "I think his background with McKinsey a global consultancy company will be helpful in getting procedures in place to get through this election process," Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis said. Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia supported Hollins' appointment, stating, "I'm thrilled that Chris Hollins decided to accept this appointment to become the County Clerk for the remainder of the year. He is incredibly qualified, and I am confident he will do an excellent job." Hollins issued the following statement:



Chris Hollins sworn in as Harris County Clerk, replacing Dr. Diane Trautman after her recent resignation due to health reasons.

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Governor announces phase III to open Texas

AUSTIN – Governor Greg Abbott today announced the third phase of the State of Texas' plan to safely open the economy while containing the spread of COVID-19. Under Phase III, effective immediately, all businesses in Texas will be able to operate at up to 50% capacity, with very limited exceptions. Business that previously have been able to operate at 100% capacity may continue to do so, and most outdoor areas are not subject to capacity limits. All businesses and customers should continue to follow minimum standard health protocols laid out by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). As with previous phases, the Phase III plan is based on the advice and

support of the four doctors on the Strike Force to Open Texas medical team. Via Executive Order, Phase III begins immediately. A breakdown of Phase III can be found below. "The people of Texas continue to prove that we can safely and responsibly open our state for business while containing COVID-19 and keeping our state safe," said Governor Abbott. "As anticipated, the new positive cases that we are seeing are largely the result of isolated hot spots in nursing homes, jails, and meat packing plants. Thanks to the effectiveness of our Surge Response Teams, we have the ability to contain those hot spots while opening up Texas for

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SCHOOL NEWS

7 Aldine ISD Juniors earn National Recognition from the College Board

Each year, about 1.6 million juniors take the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®). The PSAT/NMSQT is practice for the SAT. As with the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT takers have a chance to opt into the Student Search Service® and receive communications directly from colleges.

What makes the PSAT/NMSQT unique from the rest of the tests in the SAT Suite of Assessments is that it's the qualifying test for the National Merit® Scholarship Program. The top performers on the PSAT/NMSQT can qualify for scholarships and recognition from this prestigious award program.

Students who take the PSAT/NMSQT and are African American, Hispanic American or Latinx, Indigenous, or attend school in a rural area or small town, could be invited to apply for academic recognition as part of the College Board National Recognition Programs*. To be considered, students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or

higher by the middle of their junior year. The regional cutoff score for the Southern Region is 1370.

For example, each year, the National Hispanic Recognition Program honors about 5,000 of the 250,000 Hispanic test-takers. That means they are in the top 2.5 percent among Hispanic American PSAT test-takers in their region. They can apply to earn academic recognition. The NHRP does not provide a financial reward. Yet earning academic recognition is worthy, and students should state this achievement on their college applications. The College Board also connects the high-achievers with universities across the country.

The following organizations are serving as advisers for the programs that identify high-achieving, underrepresented students:

African American Recognition—Jackie Robinson Foundation
Hispanic Recognition—Hispanic Scholarship Fund
Indigenous Recogni-

tion—Indigenous Education, Inc.

Rural and Small Town Recognition—Jack Kent Cooke Foundation

Aldine ISD has several students that qualify for prestigious scholarships based on their PSAT scores:

Blanson CTE High School
- Miguel Chacón — National Hispanic Merit Scholar
- Rafael Turrubiarres — National Hispanic Merit Scholar
- José Calvillo — National Hispanic Merit Scholar & National Indigenous Merit Scholar
- Janet Rodríguez — National Hispanic Merit Scholar
Carver HS for Engineering, Applied Technology, and the Arts
- Khaliyl Peterson — National Achievement Scholar
- Cindy Vega-Aguilar — National Hispanic Merit Scholar
Nimitz High School
- Graziela Encarnación — National Hispanic Merit Scholar

Register now to take part in Teaching Texans Virtual career event set for June 10

The job fair is open to candidates seeking a teaching job in PK-12 public education, including Aldine ISD.

The Holdsworth Center is hosting the Teaching Texans Virtual Career Event. Holdsworth is working with school districts that are seeking excellent teachers for the 2020-2021 school year.

The virtual career event will feature the Aldine Independent School District and 12 other Texas public schools in Austin, Dallas Fort Worth, Houston, Rio Grande Valley, and San Antonio metro areas.

There are hundreds of open positions in all grades and subject areas represented at this career event—including arts, athletics, and special education.

Each of the participating districts has committed to growing strong,

inspiring leaders at all levels through a five-year partnership with The Holdsworth Center. Holdsworth partner districts, like Aldine ISD, put a strong focus on creating positive learning environments where teachers and students feel motivated to learn and supported to do their best work.

Districts are searching for teachers — both veteran and new — to provide an excellent education to their students.

Anyone seeking a full-time teaching role in a Texas public school is welcome to attend.

You should attend if you are:

- seeking a full-time teaching job.
- certified to teach in Texas.
- in a Texas Education Agency-approved certification program.

- certified in other states or countries and are having your credentials vetted by the Texas Education Agency.

- eligible for an interim or probationary certificate. Check out Texas Education Agency's certification resource page if you have questions about the process.

Details About the Teaching Texans Virtual Career Event

- The Teaching Texans Virtual Career Event is a fully digital job fair on June 10 from 1-4 p.m.

- This is a come-and-go event—attend anytime between 1-4 p.m. on June 10.

- Even though this is an entirely virtual event, space is limited. Register today at teachingtexans.org.

If you have any questions, email events@holdsworthcenter.org.

Aldine ISD continues curbside meals this summer

Monday, June 1, kicked off the start of summer for Aldine ISD students. Aldine ISD will continue to provide FREE meals until we return to school. To help all our Aldine ISD families during this time, Child Nutrition staff will offer Grab and Go breakfasts and lunches via curbside service, at more than 20 select campuses throughout the district.

Breakfast and lunch will be available for pick up on Monday and Thursday each week from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meals will be located at the front of each of the selected schools, while supplies last.

If your student is not present for meal pickup, the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) requires parents/guardians

to show proof of enrollment in a school district.

Types of Proof of Enrollment:

- Student ID Badge
- Student Report Card
- Student Attendance Report/Record, or a
- Birth Certificate for Students Under School Age.

Meals will be available on Monday and Thursdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Three breakfast meals and three lunch meals will be provided on those days.

Curbside service will be available at the following Aldine ISD Schools:

- Aldine High School
- Blanson CTE High School
- Carver High School
- Davis High School
- Eisenhower High School

- MarArthur High School
- Nimitz High School
- Aldine Middle School
- Garcia Middle School
- Jones Middle School
- Mead Middle School
- Shotwell Middle School
- Teague Middle School
- Anderson Elementary School
- Carroll Elementary School
- Ermel Elementary School
- Escamilla Elementary School
- Francis Elementary School
- Greenspoint Elementary School
- Harris Elementary School
- Jones Elementary School

Governor opens Texas Phase III,

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business. As we begin Phase III, I ask all Texans and Texas businesses to continue following the standard health protocols and to heed the guidance of our state and federal officials who continue to closely monitor COVID-19. If we remain vigilant, we will continue to mitigate the spread of this virus, protect public health, and get more Texans back to work and their daily activities."

Between May 26th and June 2nd, over 45% of new cases came from jails or prisons, meat packing plants and nursing homes. There are currently 1,487 Texans hospitalized due to COVID-19. There are 20,679 active cases in the state and 45,858 Texans are estimated to have recovered.

Effective June 3:

All businesses currently operating at 25% capacity can expand their occupancy to 50% with certain exceptions.

Bars and similar establishments may increase

their capacity to 50% as long as patrons are seated.

Amusement parks and carnivals in counties with less than 1,000 confirmed positive cases may open at 50% capacity.

Restaurants may expand their maximum table size from 6 to 10 persons.

Effective June 12:

Restaurants may expand their occupancy levels to 75%.

Counties with 10 or less active COVID-19 cases may expand their occupancy limits to 75%. Counties that fit this category but have not previously filed an attestation with DSHS will need to do so.

Effective June 19:

Amusement parks and carnivals in counties with more than 1,000 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 may open at 50% capacity.

Additional Openings:

Special provisions have been made for outdoor gatherings, such as Fourth of July celebrations, but it is imperative that local officials and public health

officials collaborate on safe standards. These provisions are included in the Governor's Executive Order and are also available on the Open Texas webpage.

Further Protocols:

All businesses should continue to follow the minimum standard health protocols from DSHS. For details and a full list of guidelines, openings, and relevant dates, visit <http://open.texas.gov>.

Reminders for those going out:

- Individuals are encouraged to wear appropriate face coverings.

- People should not be in groups greater than ten when possible.

- People over the age of 65 are encouraged to stay at home as much as possible.

- People are still asked to avoid nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, or long-term care facilities.

Plummer's Juanita Jackson named SEA LIFE Science Teacher of the Year

Juanita Jackson as one of five winners from across the state awarded as SEA LIFE Texas Science Teacher of the Year.

Jackson is a teacher at Plummer Middle School and was surprised during what she thought was just a regular virtual faculty meeting on Monday, April 27.

Instead, Jackson was greeted by her colleagues and Marketing Manager Chase Hathaway of SEA LIFE San Antonio with fanfare to celebrate the enormous honor.

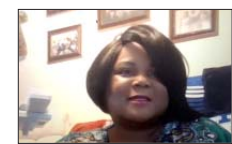
According to Hathaway, Jackson was recognized for her tireless work educat-

ing and inspiring students with love for our surrounding ecosystems.

Jackson received a lifetime pass to SEA LIFE San Antonio and SEA LIFE Grapevine.

The contest is in its inaugural year. Educators can nominate a teacher, or teachers can nominate themselves online before the set deadline. To be eligible, the educator must currently be a full-time teacher in Texas and teach science in any grade (PreK-12).

"We wanted to recognize the educators who are teaching the next generation," said SEA LIFE San



Juanita Jackson

Antonio General Manager Jeremy Aguilien. "They are teaching students about the magnificent ecosystems that surround us. We hope to provide educators with the tools that they can take in the classroom and be a support system for educating their future students."

New personal enrichment courses launched online at Houston Community College

HOUSTON, TX (May 29, 2020) – As more individuals continue to stay at home and use the internet for entertainment and learning, Houston Community College is introducing a series of new, online summer courses for personal enrichment, enjoyment and instruction.

The courses are part of HCC's new Community Learning Program (www.hccs.edu/community-learning), which combines a wide variety of HCC's low-cost, short-term courses in one place. The

courses offer teens through senior citizens the chance to develop new skills, build on proficiencies or explore new interests.

"These are fun, highly creative workshops and courses on topics we think people have always wanted to explore," says Dana Sturdevant, Program Director in HCC's Division of Extended Learning. "These courses are taught live, and give students the chance to interact with instructors in real time."

Courses are being offered in three key areas:

Baking & Pastry, Fashion & Sewing and Health & Fitness. Examples of workshops include: Delectable Cookies, Baking with Kids, Building a Timeless Wardrobe and Yoga. Because of COVID-19 and the need for personal protection equipment, there also is a course on Stylish Mask Making.

All courses cost between just \$19 or \$99. Workshops start in June and run through August. Registration is available at www.hccs.edu/community-learning.

Aldine ISD's Cindy Buchanan honored with TLA's Lifetime Achievement Award

Cindy Buchanan, the Program Director for Library Services at Aldine Independent School District (Aldine ISD) was recognized with the Texas Library Association's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Under her leadership, the Aldine ISD library program has been through a great deal of growth and change. She managed a large project to realign library collections to meet new grade level groupings that impacted most of the schools in the district.

Buchanan has hired, trained, and championed her librarians to become

state leaders in their work, with programming such as STEM and Makerspace integration and Name that Book competitions.

Through her relationship building and advocacy, Buchanan was able to grow the library services department staff to include a digital learning specialist to help her train and support the 80 libraries and 67,000+ students in her district.

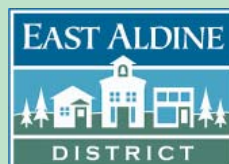
Buchanan has served as the Program Director for Library Services at Aldine ISD since 2012. Previous to that, she was a system ad-



Cindy Buchanan

ministrators, librarian and teacher with Aldine ISD for many years.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$2.6 Billion in May

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today said state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.61 billion in May, 13.2 percent less than in May 2019 and the steepest year-over-year decline since January 2010.

The majority of May sales tax revenue is based on sales made in April and remitted to the agency in May. Widespread social distancing requirements were in place across much of the state throughout April.

“Significant declines in sales tax receipts were evident in all major economic sectors, with the exception of telecommunications services,” Hegar said. “The steepest decline was in collections from oil and gas mining, as energy companies cut well drilling and completion spending following the crash in oil prices.”

“The business closures and restrictions and stay-at-home orders due to the COVID-19 pandemic spurred deep drops in collections from restaurants, amusement and recreation services, and physical retail stores. These declines were offset in part by in-

creases from big box retailers and grocery stores that remained open as essential businesses, online retailers and restaurants that could readily pivot to takeout and delivery service.

“With the easing of state and local government social distancing orders beginning in May, business activity in the sectors most affected by measures to curb the pandemic should begin to slowly recover, but operations resuming at reduced capacity will result in continued reductions in employment, income and activity subject to sales tax for months to come.”

Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 57 percent of all tax collections, but the effects of the economic slowdown and low oil prices were evident in other sources of revenue in May 2020. Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes:

- motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$265 million, down 38 percent from May 2019 and a modest improvement over April’s results;
- motor fuel taxes — \$221 million, down 30 per-

cent from May 2019 and the steepest drop since 1989;

- natural gas production tax — \$31 million, down 76 percent from May 2019;

- oil production tax — \$90 million, the lowest monthly amount since July 2010, down 75 percent from May 2019 and the steepest drop since a 77 percent drop in March 1988;

- hotel occupancy tax — \$8 million, down 86 percent from May 2019 and the steepest drop on record in data going back to 1982; and
- alcoholic beverage taxes — \$28 million, down 76 percent from May 2019 and the steepest drop on record in data going back to 1980.

The Comptroller extended the due date for franchise tax payments this year from May 15 to July 15, meaning that comparisons to May 2019 collections are uninformative. The Comptroller’s office detailed other COVID-19 impacts to the Texas economy, including the skyrocketing claims for unemployment benefits, in the most recent edition of Fiscal Notes.

The Harris County Flood Control District reminds residents to prepare as Hurricane Season approaches

The 2020 Hurricane Season begins June 1 and forecasters are predicting an above normal storm season. The Harris County Flood Control District encourages Harris County residents to take time to prepare their families and homes for severe weather and related impacts. Preparedness is the key to protecting life and property.

“The Harris County Flood Control District’s Flood Watch Team will monitor rainfall trends and check the gauges that measure rainfall amounts and water levels in bayous and creeks. In addition, our construction contractors will be actively working to ensure our channels are clear and functioning, however, residents still need to be prepared,” said Jeff Lindner, Harris County Flood Control District Meteorologist.

As a storm approaches, it is often too late to get ready. Now is the time to prepare. Before Hurricane Season:

- Complete a family communication plan. Plan how you will assemble your family and loved ones, and anticipate where you will go for different situa-

tions. Get together with your family and agree on the ways to contact one another in an emergency, identify meeting locations, and make a Family Emergency Communication Plan.

- Purchase flood insurance. Harris County Flood Control District recommends that all Harris County residents become informed about their flood risk and have flood insurance no matter where they reside in Harris County. Flood insurance accelerates the rebuilding and replacement of personal property and fosters community resiliency as a whole. For information on flood insurance, visit the National Flood Insurance Program website or call 1-888-379-9531.

- Sign up for FWS alerts. The Flood Warning System offers an alert feature that allows residents to subscribe to and receive email/text alerts that report near real-time rainfall and water levels. Residents are able to customize alerts and notifications for bayous and tributaries in their particular areas of interest. Sign up for the Alert Notification System at

fwsalerts.org.

- Know if your home is at risk of flooding. You can view a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM or floodplain map) at the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Map Service Center.

- And, remember when a storm hits:

- Turn Around, Don’t Drown: If heavy rainfall occurs in an area where you are traveling, or near homes and places of work, you are urged to avoid high water and flooded streets throughout the county and proceed with caution when driving on area roadways.

- Stay Home, Don’t Roam: When faced with a flooding situation, stay put wherever you are, unless your life is threatened or you are ordered to evacuate. Never drive or walk into high water areas. If you must venture out, avoid driving into water of unknown depth. Moving water can quickly sweep you and your vehicle away.

- Log on to the Harris County Flood Control District Stormcenter webpage at hcfcd.org/stormcenter to view the District Hurricane Guide, information on flood insurance and more.

Vote by mail applications sent to all registered voters in Harris County age 65 and up

(Houston, TX) — Harris County Clerk Chris Hollins has sent vote by mail applications to 376,840 registered voters who are 65 years of age and older. Those voters should expect to start receiving the applications in their mailboxes this week. To receive a mail ballot for the July 14 Primary Runoff Elections, voters must complete their applications and return them promptly by July 2 (received, not postmarked). “All registered voters 65 and older are eligible to vote by mail,” said Harris County Clerk Chris Hollins. “Our goal is to keep our voters 65 and up safe amid the current health crisis by giving them the opportunity to vote from home.”

Once applications are received and approved, mail ballots are sent to voters no later than the seventh calendar day after applications are received. 524,219 people voted in the March 2020 Primary Elections. Of those, 53,910 voted by mail.

Dates to remember:

- Monday, June 15 Last day to register to vote in the 2020 Primary Runoff
- Monday, June 29 First day of in-person Early Voting period
- Thursday, July 2 Last day to apply for a mail ballot for the 2020 Primary Runoff
- Friday, July 10 Last day of in-person Early Voting
- Tuesday, July 14 2020 Primary Runoff Election Day

Voters who choose to vote by mail must postmark their mail ballots by Election Day, and the ballot must be received by the County Clerk’s Office no later than 5:00 PM on July 15 (the day after Election Day). “Our office is preparing for an increase in mail ballots in addition to a safe and secure in-person voting process,” added Hollins. “We are working with emergency management and health officials to make sure we follow their safety recommendations.”

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Pandemic drives record unemployment

(AUSTIN) — Businesses across Texas and the nation have been forced to curtail or cease operations in the face of the coronavirus pandemic, throwing millions out of work and prompting a record increase in unemployment claims that is straining the safety net for workers. Nearly 2 million people in Texas filed for unemployment insurance benefits from March 14 through May 9, triple the number of claims filed in all of 2019.

In this issue of Fiscal Notes, we take an early look at the economic pressures now gripping the state. We also examine early impacts on employment and several other measures that can shed some light on current conditions. “It’s far too early to say how long these conditions will last — and how deep the trough will go,” Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar

said. “Many economic measures are only beginning to reflect the crisis. It will be months before we can chart its full dimensions. Fortunately, our state’s fiscal position is strong enough to support vital programs for the remainder of this year, and our state’s ‘Rainy Day Fund’ remains healthy. But the legislative session that begins in January 2021 will face significant and perhaps unprecedented challenges.”

Getting Texans back to work will no doubt be one of the bigger challenges. A record 315,167 Texans filed initial jobless claims during the week ending April 4; a comparable week in 2019 saw about 13,000 claims. The spiraling unemployment rate has forced the Texas Workforce Commission to ramp up its web-based and telephone systems, boost staffing and extend operating hours to

ensure claimants get the benefits due to them.

The May issue of Fiscal Notes also considers the history of previous recessions and their effect on tax revenues. The current situation is unprecedented in the speed with which it took effect, but the past does provide some important clues for our future.

For questions about how our tax functions are continuing during the outbreak, visit our COVID-19 News page or our Virtual Field Office. Fiscal Notes is available online and can be received by subscribing via the Comptroller’s website.

Fiscal Notes furthers the Comptroller’s constitutional responsibility to monitor the state’s economy and estimate state government revenues. It has been published since 1975, featuring in-depth analysis concerning state finances and original research by subject-matter experts in the Comptroller’s office.

Aldine ISD to resume summer hours on June 1

Aldine ISD will begin its summer work hours on Monday, June 1.

Summer work hours will run from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, all Aldine ISD district facilities, including campuses, will have limited access from 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. The district will be closed on Fridays.

Aldine ISD will continue to follow all local and federal health guidelines, including limiting the number of staff in each facility during the summer. Access to all buildings, including campuses, will be restricted to specific entrances and will not be open to the public.

The district is requiring the following safety restrictions during summer work hours:

- All employees will not be able to return to work at the same time and are encouraged to continue to

work virtually from home. Those employees who receive permission from their supervisor to access district facilities must wear a mask (cloth or disposable) while in any Aldine ISD building. Gloves should be worn when appropriate.

- Employees are encouraged to wash their hands often for 20 seconds or more, or utilize hand sanitizer (60-95% alcohol) if soap and water are not available.

- All approved employees to enter facilities must maintain social distancing (at least six feet apart) at all times per CDC guidelines.

- Any employee who is not feeling well or has been potentially exposed, or has a fever of 100.0 Fahrenheit or higher, feels feverish, or has other symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, shortness of breath, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or

smell) should not report to any district facility or work site.

- Additionally, any employee who is well, but lives in the same household as someone who has received a positive COVID-19 result should not report to their worksite or enter any district facility.

- District staff should only access their assigned work locations.

Compliance with these expectations and guidelines are essential for the health and safety of the Aldine community.

During summer work hours, the casual dress code will go into effect. The summer dress code is casual. T-shirts, sleeveless shirts, flip-flops, tennis shoes, Capri pants, cargo pants or shorts are prohibited attire.

The district will resume regular work hours (8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) on Mon

Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) application now open for eligible Aldine ISD families

Your household may be eligible to receive Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) benefits to buy food. P-EBT is a one-time benefit for families issued through an EBT card (like a debit card). P-EBT is for children 5-18 years old who received SNAP food benefits for March 2020 and children up to 21 years old who are certified for free or reduced-price meals at school in Texas during the 2019-20 school year. Families receive up to \$285 per eligible child. You will have one year from the date the benefits were issued to use your P-EBT benefits. P-EBT benefits are non-transferrable.

The online application for P-EBT is now open. Please review the criteria to see if you need to apply to receive these benefits. The application link is provided below.

Do I need to apply for P-EBT?

Families that DID NOT get SNAP benefits for March 2020

- Yes, you will need to apply.

- Fill out an application at: yourtexasbenefits.com/Learn/PEBT

- The application is open until June 30, 2020.

- If you do not currently get SNAP benefits and your child is approved for P-EBT, you will be mailed a P-EBT card loaded with benefits.

Families that DID get SNAP benefits for March 2020

- You do not need to apply for children ages 5-18. Benefits were loaded onto your existing SNAP card by May 22.

- If you have children under 5 and/or between the ages of 19 and 21, you will need to fill out an application for those children. Fill out an application here: yourtexasbenefits.com/Learn/PEBT

- If you get SNAP benefits and your child is approved for P-EBT, we will put funds on your current Lone Star Card.

If you need help filling out the P-EBT application, please contact 833-613-6220. For more information, please visit hhs.texas.gov/PEBT or call

the P-EBT call center at 833-613-6220.

Police investigate fatal crash where car went into a bayou

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash at 15600 Eastex Freeway (North U.S. Highway 59) service road about 1:10 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

According to HPD officials, the victim was driving a blue Toyota Zion southbound on the service road on Eastex Freeway

when he failed to stay in a single lane, veered off the roadway and into a bayou. The HPD Dive Team responded to the scene to assist in recovering the victim’s body.

Houston Fire Department personnel responded to the scene and transported the driver (victim) to Memorial Hermann

Northeast Hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

No other vehicles were involved in the crash. The investigation is continuing.

The identity of the male victim is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

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OPINION PAGE

Statement from Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo on George Floyd and Protests in Harris County

Harris County, Texas - May 31, 2020, County Judge Lina Hidalgo today issued the following statement in response to the death of George Floyd and ongoing protests occurring in Harris County:



"I join the millions of fellow Americans and people across the world in condemning the brutal, senseless murder of George Floyd. The sight of yet another black American having their life stolen by a law enforcement officer whose mission was to protect and serve their community is heartbreaking, and stands as just the latest painful reminder of the deep, systemic flaws that continue to break the bonds of trust between many of our residents and our criminal justice system.

For generations, black and brown people in America have suffered grave injustices at the hands of institutional power in this county. That is one of the reasons I ran for office and why so many patriotic residents across our county and cities across our nation are choosing to exercise their first amendment right to speak out and demand meaningful change. I wholeheartedly support their rights to do so and join Mayor Turner and others in urging those who speak out to do so peacefully, safely, and with the ultimate goal of driving meaningful change, not more violence. It is also true that today, the threat of COVID-19 continues to linger in our community, and close contact with others can be potentially deadly and lead to an outbreak. That is why I urge those who join in demanding change to wear a face covering, practice social distancing, and mitigate potential exposure as much as possible or by participating virtually.

Each and every member of our community, regardless of their

race, background, or economic status deserves to be treated with dignity and respect during encounters with police. When we lost George Floyd, we lost a fellow Houstonian and someone whose legacy will forever remind us of the work that remains to build a more just equal society for the most vulnerable among us. As we move forward, I want George Floyd's friends and family here in Harris County to know that his life - and the life of so many others we've lost to injustice - will drive us to work ever more zealously to create a more equitable, fairer Harris County. As County Judge, I will continue to do everything in my power to drive forward meaningful criminal justice reform, hold all our institutions - including law enforcement - accountable and work to dismantle the root sources of racism and inequity in our community. The work is long and hard, but we will continue to drive forward alongside the community and with more resolve than ever.

Over the past several days, I and our Office of Emergency Management have remained in close touch with Mayor Turner and the City of Houston regarding the protests. We stand ready to provide any additional tools or resources they may require to keep our communities safe and look forward to working together to honor the life of George Floyd by promoting meaningful action, peace, and justice for all."



Proclamation allows more services, activities to resume

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on May 26 issued a proclamation giving the green light to more services and activities in a second phase of the state's plan to reopen from mandatory pandemic closures.

The Phase II proclamation allowed water parks to open beginning May 29 on condition that the venues limit occupancy to no more than 25% of normal capacity. However, components of water parks that have video arcades must remain closed. Also, starting May 31, recreational sports programs for adults were allowed to resume but games and similar competitions must wait until June 15 to resume. Driver education programs can resume operations immediately.

Food-court dining areas in shopping malls were allowed to resume operations immediately, but malls are encouraged to designate one or more individuals responsible for health and safety practices on premises, including:

- Limiting tables to six individuals; maintaining a six-foot distance between individuals sitting at different tables;
- Cleaning and disinfecting tables between uses; and
- Ensuring no conditions or other items are left on tables between customer uses.

In other news, cumulative figures posted on May 31 by the Texas Department of State Health Services showed that some 64,287 people in Texas had been diagnosed with COVID-19 and 1,672 deaths resulting from the virus pandemic had been confirmed.

Protests erupt in cities

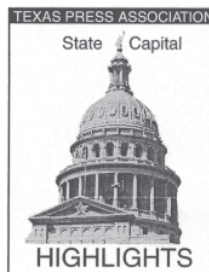
Crowds gathered in many cities across the nation in recent days to protest the May 25 death of former Houston resident George Floyd, 46, in Minneapolis.

A white Minneapolis police officer, assisted by three fellow officers, arrested and handcuffed Floyd, an African-American, then pinned him face down on a paved city street. Floyd, who was heard saying he could not breathe while he was pinned down, lost consciousness and was later pronounced dead. Video of the incident was captured by a bystander and posted on social media.

Gov. Abbott reacted on May 30, saying, "Texas and America mourn the senseless loss of George Floyd, and the actions that led to his death are reprehensible and should be condemned in the strongest terms possible. As Texans exercise their First Amendment rights, it is imperative that order is maintained and private property is protected."

Some of the protests

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling



ing COVID-19 is a normal emotional reaction to the current pandemic and does not amount to an actual disability that qualifies a voter to receive a ballot by mail."

Plaintiffs have a separate mail-in-ballot case pending in the federal court system.

SOS: Voting guidance

The Office of the Texas Secretary of State in consultation with the Texas Department of State Health Services on May 26 released health protocol guidance for Texas election officials and voters in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Secretary of State Ruth R. Hughs, Texas' chief election officer, said the guidance, available at sos.texas.gov, reflects the minimum recommended health protocols to help ensure the health and safety of voters, election office personnel, polling place workers and poll watchers.

Unemployment hits high

In April, all major industries in Texas were hit with job losses related to the pandemic.

The Texas economy lost 1,298,900 non-farm positions in the month, the Texas Workforce Commission reported on May 22, causing the Lone Star State's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate to rise to 12.8%.

The Amarillo Metropolitan Statistical Area recorded April's lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 8.8% followed by the Abilene MSA and the College Station-Bryan MSA, which both recorded 8.9% for the second-lowest rate. The Lubbock MSA recorded the third-lowest rate of 9.9%.

turned violent. Abbott activated the National Guard and ordered state resources to Houston, Dallas, San Antonio and Austin, he said, to maintain public safety. The Texas Department of Public Safety deployed more than 1,500 officers to assist local police departments and more resources will be provided as needed, Abbott said.

Paxton applauds court

The Texas Supreme Court on May 27 ruled against a petition by the Texas Democratic Party in an ongoing effort to enable all Texans to vote by mail, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton applauded the ruling written by Chief Justice Nathan Hecht. Hecht concluded that a lack of immunity to COVID-19 is not itself a "physical condition" for being eligible to vote by mail under the state election law.

Texas Democratic Party Chairman Gilberto Hinojosa reacted to the ruling, saying, "Now, it is up to the federal court to ensure basic Constitutional rights still exist in Texas and ensure that Texans have a right to vote safely and not put their health at-risk."

Paxton said a voter ill with COVID-19 and who meets legal requirements may apply for a ballot by mail, "but fear of contract-

THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

"The Only Dog in Minnesota"

I want to make it clear that we are not adopting a dog.

I won't deny it is tempting. We decided not to get another dog because we travel. Dogs and airplane travel do not go well together. Now, however, with no travel in sight, I admit I am consumed with envy when I see happy dog owners on the trail. I have started carrying dog treats just so I can talk to the dogs of complete strangers. The owners are tolerant. The dogs love it.

My brother-in-law had our entire extended family in a lather for a full 48-hour news cycle when he circulated photos of puppies on Facebook. Everyone was convinced he was going to adopt a puppy. He didn't, as it turned out.

"He should never have put those photos on the internet!" my sister said. "Everyone thought we were getting another dog!"

This is the same brother-in-law who, at age sixty, enrolled in the seminary. Everyone was wondering how he was going to preach sermons, write two papers every week, and study Hebrew and Greek while paper-training a puppy.

But now, it seems everyone has more time, and puppies (I have been told) are in short supply. Yes, along with toilet paper, yeast, flour, hand sanitizer, and vegetable seeds, there is a national puppy shortage.

I couldn't believe there was actually a dog shortage so I checked the website of our local shelter. They had no dogs—but this didn't prove a thing. We have a well-funded shelter and I've heard rumors that dogs from towns with less well-financed animal shelters are smuggled into town. (Okay, I've heard more than rumors but I am not squealing on anyone.) A dog shortage here is not news.

So, I checked with the animal shelter in Minneapolis, where my sister and brother-in-law live. Sure enough, there was only one puppy. It was a black and tan shepherd mix. She was holding her head at an adorable angle.

"Hi, my name is Bella!" the story beside the photo read. "I came to Animal Humane Society because I need help with my behavior." Uh oh. I saw that Bella had been surrendered at the end of March.

"That was right at the start of the pandemic!" I thought. "Who surrenders a dog when they are stuck at home?"

"I'm ready to find a new home where I can continue to work on learning good manners," the story continued. I wondered exactly how bad Bella's bad manners were. I wondered if "learning good manners" was another way of saying, "not chewing up the furniture." I went to the humane society for St. Paul. I clicked, "Adoptable dogs."

To my astonishment, there was only one—it was Bella.

"I like playing with toys and enjoy other busy interactions." Busy interactions! This was obviously another euphemism for something—like, "Little Johnny is being sent to juvenile detention for his busy interactions."

I went further afield, to suburbs on the north and south sides of the Twin Cities. Bella again! The Twin Cities has a population of 3.4 million people and it appeared that Bella was—at the moment—the only dog in Minnesota available for adoption.

So, I thought I should just get the word out for anyone near or traveling to Minnesota that, in spite of the nationwide puppy shortage, there is one dog available. Her name is Bella. She's famous for her busy interactions and needs a little work on her manners.

Frankly, I'm thinking Bella couldn't have picked a better time to try to find a home.

Till next time, Carrie

Carrie Classon's memoir is called, "Blue Yarn." Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

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Fundacion para la Education de Aldine otorga 191 becas a graduados

La Fundacion para la Educacion de Aldine se complace en otorgar becas a los graduados de la Generacion Aldine ISD 2020.

Más de 513,000 dólares fueron otorgados a 191 estudiantes de último año graduados de Aldine ISD de nueve escuelas preparatorias.

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Norma Rodriguez es la becaria de Noble Drilling de MacArthur High School. Ha sido estudiante

en Aldine ISD en Orange Grove Elementary, Escamilla Intermediate y Hambrick Middle School. Norma planea asistir a la Universidad Texas A&M después de graduarse.

Klyn Lopez es la Noble Drilling Scholar de Nimitz High School. También ha asistido a Parker Intermediate y Lewis Middle School dentro de Aldine ISD.

Carolyn Garcia es la becaria de Noble Drilling de Victory Early College High School. Ella es una estudiante de larga duración de Aldine ISD, comenzando en deSantiago EC/PK/Head Start y luego matriculándose en Anderson Academy, Houston Academy y Drew Academy.

Por favor, comparte sus felicitaciones con estos estudiantes al mismo tiempo que expresa gratitud a los muchos donantes de becas que apoyan los esfuerzos de Aldine Education Foundation para proporcionar opciones y oportunidades para los estudiantes de Aldine ISD, en nuestras aulas y más allá.

Para obtener más información sobre Aldine Education Foundation, visite aldineeducationfoundation.org

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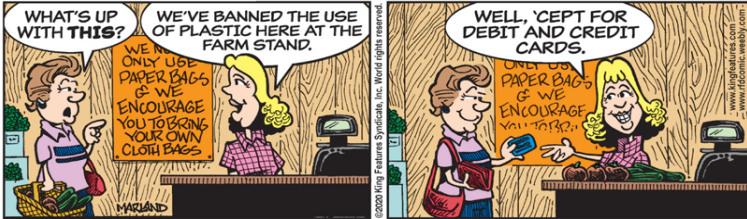
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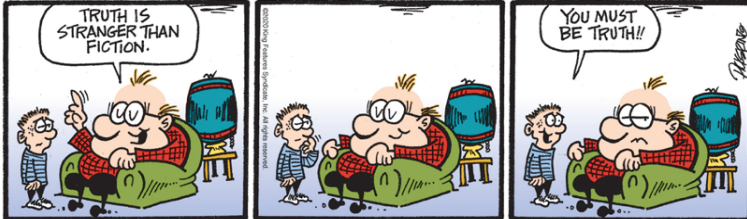
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Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle. A 9x9 grid with some numbers filled in. Includes difficulty level 'Moderate' and copyright information.

HOCUS-FOCUS by Henry Boltinoff. Two panels of a cartoon showing a character with a large nose and a character with a large mouth. Includes a 'Find at least six differences' challenge.

King Crossword

King Crossword grid with 55 numbered squares. Includes 'ACROSS' and 'DOWN' clues and a copyright notice for King Features Synd., Inc.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GEOGRAPHY: Denali is the highest mountain on which continent?
2. GAMES: What color of property is Connecticut Avenue in the board game Monopoly?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Gracie Mansion is the official residence of which elected official?
4. MOVIES: Which 1980s movie tagline was "the first casualty of war is innocence"?
5. MATH: What is the only number that is twice the sum of its digits?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a dolphin baby called?
7. ASTRONOMY: Which planet in our solar system spins the fastest on its axis?
8. LANGUAGE: What is a bugaboo?
9. TELEVISION: What was the family's last name on "The Cosby Show"?
10. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of flower produces vanilla pods?

Answers for the crossword and trivia test. Includes a 'Weekly SUDOKU' grid and a 'Solution time: 21 mins.' note.

Trivia Test Answers: 1. North America; 2. Light blue; 3. New York City mayor; 4. "Platoon"; 5. 18; 6. Calif; 7. Jupiter; 8. An imaginary object of fear; 9. Huxtable; 10. Orchid

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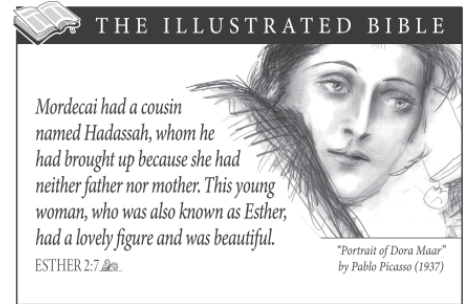
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Lone Star Corporate College celebrates grand opening of Transportation & Global Logistics Technology Center



Lone Star Corporate College held its grand opening celebration of the LSC-Transportation & Global Logistics Technology Center. The state-of-the-art facility will train students with the skills necessary to become a professional truck driver or supply chain manager.

Houston (June 4, 2020) – Lone Star Corporate College (LSCC) held its grand opening of the LSC-Transportation & Global Logistics Technology Center, its newest Workforce Center of Excellence. The event took place via video conferencing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We have seen how vitally important maintaining a strong supply chain is during this pandemic,” said Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC chancellor. “This new state-of-the-art center will help train both professional truck drivers and logistic managers to keep our country moving in the right direction.”

The LSC-Transportation & Global Logistics Technology Center is a new, 16,000 square foot ultramodern training facility where students will learn the skills necessary to become a professional truck driver, or supply chain manager. The facility houses six classrooms, an 8.3 acre driving track with six backing pads and a truck driving simulator.

“This is a very exciting time for Lone Star College,” said Alton Smith, Ed.D., LSCS Board of Trustees chair. “This new center is coming online at exactly the right time and will be a gateway for new

careers for generations to come.”

The LSC-Transportation & Global Logistics Technology Center is also home to the LSCC Logistics Management program and MSSC CLP certification that will prepare graduates for employment in the areas of total supply chain management, including inventory control, materials management and transportation.

The grand opening celebration included videos and photos of the new center and featured special guests who talked about the need to address the shortage of trained, professional truck drivers and supply chain managers.

Among the attendees who spoke were Dr. Stephen C. Head, LSC chancellor; Dr. Alton Smith, LSCS Board of Trustees chair; Joe Phillips, Schneider National recruiter; Angela Horowitz, Stevens Transport Administration & Driver Development vice president; Renée Richardson, Metallica All Within My Hands Foundation associate director; Eric Coleman, Schermer Trucking Co. driver and LSC Truck Driving program graduate; Julian Alvarez III, Texas Workforce Commission commissioner Represent-

ing Labor; and Ken Krall, LSCC executive director.

Linda Leto Head, LSC senior vice chancellor, External and Employer Relations welcomed the speakers thanking them for their partnership. “This center would not be possible without the collaboration of public organizations and private industries and I am appreciative of their efforts in making this center a reality.”

The LSC-Transportation & Global Logistics Technology Center, which opened its doors to students June 1, is an approved Texas Department of Public Safety Third Party Testing facility. Students who finish the LSC CDL program can be tested at the center 24 – 48 hours after completion of the course work helping to eliminate the long wait times that can occur at retail Texas DPS Testing Centers.

“Lone Star College will serve the trucking and global logistics industry by providing the next generation of CDL drivers with state-of-the-art technology and equipment, providing new career opportunities and expanded training,” said Linda Head.

To learn more, visit LoneStar.edu.

New Harris County Clerk,

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“It is a great honor to serve the residents of Harris County as County Clerk. My deep connection to Harris County and professional background in management consulting, government, and law has prepared me to step into this role and be effective from day one. I look forward to serving this community to the best of my ability, and to continue to assist residents and small businesses at the high standard that Harris County deserves.

“We are living in a challenging time. This November, our office will administer the most consequential election of our lifetime amid a global health pandemic. The right to vote is fundamental to our democracy, and I will work tirelessly to ensure that Harris County residents can exercise that right safely, conveniently, and with the peace of mind that their vote will be counted.”

“Our efforts start with the July runoff contest. I encourage Harris County residents to register to vote by the June 15th deadline. I also encourage you to make a plan to vote by mail (if eligible), during the ear-

ly voting period, June 29 - July 10, or on Election Day, July 14th.”

“Thank you to the Harris County Commissioners Court and the people of Harris County for entrusting me with such an important task. I cannot thank Dr. Diane Trautman enough for her service to Harris County, and I look forward to working with her talented staff to achieve our office’s mission.”

Hollins said he would take that outsider’s approach to the clerk role and would retain the office’s senior staff, including Elections Director Michael Winn who came on board after Trautman was elected and newly promoted by Trautman Chief Deputy Tenshia Hudspeth.

Chris developed a commitment to public service through the selfless example of his parents and their devotion for improving the lives of others. His father, George, served for 34 years in the Houston Police Department, and his mother, Christie, managed a career as a secretary while raising Chris, his two sisters, and more than 20 young foster children.

After graduating from

Hightower High School in Missouri City, Chris went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts with Phi Beta Kappa honors from Morehouse College. Chris also completed a joint program with Yale Law School and Harvard Business School, earning both his Juris Doctor and Master of Business Administration degrees.

Before transitioning into private practice, Chris attained a strong strategic skill set by working at some of the world’s most distinguished professional service firms. He was a Senior Engagement Manager at global consultancy McKinsey & Company, where he flourished in applying analytics and organizational best practice to transform public safety, defense and security agencies. Chris was also a Summer Associate with Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz and the investment bank Goldman Sachs. Despite his private sector background, Chris’s most memorable professional experience ensued through his time with the White House Office of Presidential Personnel during the first year of the Obama administration.

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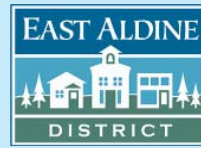
AISD Seniors graduation,

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who have met the requirements of graduation set forth by the Texas Education Agency and the Aldine ISD Board of Trustees are eligible to receive their diplomas and are hereby entitled to be graduates with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto.”

Congratulations to the Aldine ISD Class of 2020: Aldine HS, Blanson CTE HS, Carver HS, Hall Center for Education, Davis HS, Eisenhower HS, MacArthur HS, Nimitz HS, and Victory Early College HS.

As we approach the July 23-24 graduation ceremony,



East Aldine District COMMUNITY

Management Districts fill the gaps between city’s pandemic losses

By Homer L. Clark, Wea Lee, Kenneth Li, Patricia Maddox, Gerald Overturff and Ralph Rieger
May 27, 2020

The Houston area’s little known and sometimes misunderstood management districts have been working to enhance public safety, business opportunities and other forms of quality of life issues for years.

Now that the pandemic is forcing deep budget cuts in Houston city government and beyond, we feel more privileged than ever to be the volunteer board chairmen who help direct these hyper-local projects.



East Aldine Management District Board of Directors

Property owners provide the funding for management districts to carry out crucial improvements within their boundaries, from paying for off-duty police presence and improving esplanades to removing graffiti and trash and working with non-profits to provide social services.

Our services have always complemented, not duplicated, what local governments do. But now, management district services become even more crucial — especially since stay-at-home regimens have made Americans better appreciate what’s close by: Our families. Nature just outside the window. Our neighbors. Our communities, including locally owned businesses, places of worship, parks and more.

We anticipate that heartfelt values such as “pride of place,” and the sense of being rooted, will become more essential as our nation moves cautiously into the post-pandemic years.

The Spring Branch Management District and Brays Oaks Management District are instrumental in planning for better drainage in our flood-prone metropolis. At the same time, the East Aldine Management District continues to construct much-needed water and sewer projects to historically under-served communities.

As centers of Asian-American business and culture in Southwest Houston, the Southwest Management District and the International Management District have partnered with civic associations and leaders to provide as much as \$3 million worth of food, protective medical supplies and direct financial assistance to residents, first responders and front-line health care professionals during the pandemic.

The funding was a symbolic gesture as well as a practical one because a few uninformed Houstonians have wrongly blamed their Asian-American neighbors for causing the virus to spread from Asia. On behalf of its residents and businesses, the management districts provided resources that contributed to the well-being of people across the entire region.

Before Texas restaurants were allowed to re-offer dine-in service, the Five Corners Management District was among the districts that put together interactive online pages showing which neighborhood eateries remained open for take-out and delivery. The projects helped local businesses and their employees continue to thrive.

Management districts are created by the Texas Legislature. Owners of commercial property in the districts serve as unpaid board members after being approved by the City Council or Commissioners Court. In public meetings, the boards decide how to spend district funds.

Businesses provide the funding through annual assessments based on the value of their properties or through sales taxes.

Few people enjoy paying taxes. Many people like the fact that Houston and Harris County place a comparatively low to moderate tax burden on residents and businesses. But modest government services and fewer regulations — illustrated by the lack of zoning regulations in Houston — leave some communities wanting and needing to do more to improve their immediate environments.

Now the pandemic is triggering cutbacks in city and county government. Mayor Sylvester Turner has said the new city budget comes with “sacrifices and reductions in services.”

For transparency and accountability to the public, our districts maintain web sites that list progress, public meetings, updated community news, events, development plans, board members, staff members and more.

Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th U.S. president, gets credit for the saying, “Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.” Management districts in Houston are following his advice as we enter a new phase that will change how we think of “home.”

Clark, Lee, Li, Maddox, Overturff and Rieger chair the boards of the Five Corners, International, Southwest, Spring Branch, East Aldine and Brays Oaks management districts, respectively.