

**ALDINE ISD MASK POLICY:**  
As of Monday, Aug. 16 all students, staff, and visitors must wear a mask on all Aldine ISD buses and when visiting campuses and administration buildings.

# NORTHEAST NEWS

East Aldine ripe for Economic Development



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## New Detention Basin to help reduce flooding *Halls Bayou project will protect 300 homes*

**Pct. 2 Commissioner Garcia celebrated completion of \$7.9m bond project in East Aldine**

ALDINE AREA – Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia announced this week that his team along with Harris County Flood Control and Harris County Community Services Department celebrated the milestone of completing the first Bond Project in East Aldine.

Located between Langley Road and Hopper Road, the Storm-water basin was



The new Halls Bayou Watershed Detention Basin was dedicated last Tuesday with a Ribbon Cutting at the site between Langley and Hopper Roads. Present for the ceremony were Alan Black, Interim Director of the Harris County Flood Control District, Connie Esparza area resident whose property had been flooded three times, Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia, and Dr. Adrienne Holloway, Exec. Director of the Harris County Community Services Department.

constructed to protect the citizens of the community, intending to hold 652 million gallons of water. Project cost was \$7.9 million dollars, paid for partially with funds from last year's \$2.5 billion Flood Control Bond issue.

Garcia said that he was thrilled for this achievement in protecting the community in diminishing the rates of having to experience the devastation of flooding. Reducing chronic flooding has been a priority since he took office. Garcia said that he crafted the motion that brought \$535 Million dollars more for voter-approved Flood Bond projects. This project along Halls Bayou represents the kind of progress residents expect to see. "This is one piece of the county-wide puzzle to keeping us safe from flood waters," he said.

## Aldine Back to School event last week prepared for Opening on Aug. 16

The district had a successful Back to School Drive-thru Expo held on August 7 at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center. More than 2,000 people picked up 5,500 backpacks filled with supplies, personal protective equipment (PPE), and resources during the two-hour event. Families also took advantage to get their COVID vaccine and routine vaccinations required for school.

For additional Back to School Resources, Aldine ISD families can visit [AldineISD.org](http://AldineISD.org) and click on the Back-to-School button. As new information is available, the page will continue to be updated.



Back to School Expo Provided Families With Backpacks and Vaccines and other information.

A special thank you goes out to United Airlines, East Aldine Management District, the YMCA, the HOPE Clinic, the Aldine Noon Optimist Club, the Aldine Federation of

Teachers, the Texas Women's Empowerment Foundation, the Astros Foundation, Teach for America, and all the volunteers for making this event possible.

## County mandates masks in schools

**Judge Hidalgo Defies Governor's order**

HARRIS COUNTY — Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo is going against Gov. Greg Abbott's statewide ban on mask mandates and is issuing an order that requires face coverings to be worn in schools.

The order, issued on Thursday afternoon, states all public and non-religious private schools along with licensed child care centers must follow the guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on the use of masks.

This means students ages 2 or older along with staff, teachers and visitors must wear a mask indoors while on campuses and on buses, regardless of vaccination status.

"Please note that face coverings are a secondary strategy to getting vaccinated



and should be undertaken with other mitigation efforts," read the order. "Face coverings are a secondary strategy to getting vaccinated." *Continued. See MASKS, page 2*

## North Houston District's New mural at Airline Library

AIRLINE – The North Houston Management District has kicked off its new public art program – a long term plan to further enhance the Greenspoint area and business centers like Greens Crossing, Pinto Business Park and the upper Airline Corridor.

Last Monday, Aug. 2 the District unveiled the first public art in the program, a wall mural on the side of the Harris County Airline Branch Library, 11331 Airline Drive, 77037, near I-45 and West Road.

The mural is painted by artist Dual. Dual's work has been show-cased around downtown Houston

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Pictured with the mural, above are: Up Art Studio Managers, Noah and Elia Quiles, Kids, Rex and Isabella Quiles and the Muralist Dual. Also the North Houston District Team that worked on the project including Greg Simpson, Alexa Valencia, and Dru Gutierrez, and AARP Outreach Director Rosalinda Martinez, and Library Branch Manager Carl Smith.

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The Lone Star College Academy for Lifelong Learning is hosting a virtual Open House for active seniors wanting to take part in free and low-cost classes, events and activities.

## Lone Star College Academy for Lifelong Learning to host Open House Aug. 17

Houston (Aug. 10, 2021) – Active seniors looking to expand their horizons are invited to attend the Lone Star College Academy for Lifelong Learning (ALL) Open House. ALL offers a learning community for adults 50+.

“The Lone Star College Academy for Lifelong Learning enriches the lives of senior adults by providing stimulating classes, seminars, social activities, skills development and opportunities for personal growth,” said Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC chancellor.

The ALL Open House takes place Tuesday, Aug. 17, beginning at 1 p.m. You can participate via WebEx, or by phone. Please visit [LoneStar.edu/ALL](http://LoneStar.edu/ALL) to learn more and to view the new LSC ALL Fall 2021 schedule.

ALL annual memberships are available for \$25 and include all LSC campuses. No prior education is required and no grades are given. This is learning for the enjoyment of learning.

“ALL is a wonderful way to make new friends with similar interests,” said Head.

Activities are designed with the busy schedules of seniors in mind. Most classes are one to two hours in length. Some may have multiple class sessions over several weeks. Choose from Arts & Crafts, Computer & Technology, Culinary Arts, Food & Cooking, Travel & Culture and many other programs.

Lone Star College offers high-quality, low-cost academic transfer and career training education to 93,000+ students each semester. LSC is training tomorrow's workforce today and redefining the community college experience to support student success. Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., serves as chancellor of LSC, the largest institution of higher education in the Houston area with an annual economic impact of nearly \$3 billion. Lone Star College consists of seven colleges, seven centers, eight Workforce Centers of Excellence, Lone Star Corporate College and LSC-Online. To learn more, visit [LoneStar.edu](http://LoneStar.edu).

## County bans masks in schools,

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erings are not a replacement for vaccinations or for those who cannot get vaccinated due to age or disability, social distancing, frequent handwashing, and self-isolation when sick.”

Houston ISD, the largest school district in Texas, falls under the order.

On Tuesday, Harris

County Judge Lina Hidalgo shared the commissioner's court had the county attorney file the lawsuit challenging Abbott's GA-38 executive order. Abbott's order prevents local Texas governments from requiring masks.

“First responders and school leaders are speaking out and standing up as Delta ravages our community. We have their back,” Hidalgo wrote on Twitter. “Protecting the community during an emergency is a duty, not an option for government leaders.”

Despite COVID cases rising again, Abbott has said he will not impose another statewide mandate.

It would be “inappropriate to require people who already have immunity to wear a mask,” Abbott said. Abbott lifted the statewide mask requirement in March. Two months later, he announced he was banning government entities - including public schools - from mandating masks. Abbott reiterated that Texas schoolchildren will not face mask requirements as they return to school later this summer.

Friday, August 13, a judge just granted Harris County a temporary restraining order against Gov. Abbott's ban on mask mandates, and one attorney called this a victory for concerned residents.

Both Austin ISD and Dallas ISD are going against Abbott's ban on mask mandates.



Sheriff's deputies, left, attempt to arrest a woman who resists, and they are seen punching and kneeling her violently in this video outtake on social media.

## Sheriff's office issues statement on investigation into use-of-force arrest

Community Briefing From HCSO Assistant Chief Mike Lee on July 27, 2021, Use of Force Incident

Dear Nixle User,

August 4, 2021 – The Harris County Sheriff's Office is releasing body-worn camera footage from a use-of-force incident that occurred at around 10:48 a.m. on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at a convenience store in the 12300 block of Eastex Freeway in east Harris County.

Two patrol deputies were dispatched to the gas station after a woman refused to leave the premises. The woman was later identified as 19-year-old Ester Gonzalez, who is also known as Iris Calderon Garcia.

The community briefing includes video footage from body-worn cameras worn by the responding deputies and cell phone video captured by a witness showing deputies attempting to detain Gonzalez.

Gonzalez was charged with resisting arrest and failing to identify as a fugitive for an open warrant for assaulting a public servant.

An investigation is being conducted by the Sheriff's Office Internal Affairs Division. Three of the responding deputies are on administrative duty pending the outcome of the investigation.

Community briefing with video footage from Assistant Chief Mike Lee: <https://bit.ly/37h3siW>

## New Mural on Airline Library,

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with other murals.

The District partnered with UP Art Studio to identify the opportunities for art throughout the district for the next 10 years.

The first project of the new public art program is a vibrant mural at the HCPL Aldine Branch Library. Once the painting design is completed, an augmented reality (AR) feature will be developed, making the mural interactive and a first for Houston. Some AR murals exist locally, but the North Houston District's will actually bring the art to life in 3D.

Recently, the management district won an AARP Community Challenge Grant to fund the AR.

About the North Houston District - Created in 1991 by the Texas Legislature, the North Houston District is a business improvement district that leverages public and private partnerships to provide enhanced services in transportation mobility, public safety, beautification and recreational development, marketing and strategic planning and development. Minutes from Bush IAH, the District's 12-square-mile service area has 20 million square feet of office, retail and industrial properties.

The District includes more than 3,800 businesses, 68,000 employees and 118,500 residents. For more information, visit [www.northhouston.org](http://www.northhouston.org).

## State Senator Alvarado filibusters to block Voter Restriction bill

Texas Senate outlasts 15-hour filibuster by Senator Carol Alvarado to pass GOP voting restrictions bill



Senator Carol Alvarado speaking at the Texas Legislature during her 15-hour filibuster.

AUSTIN, Texas — Since before sunset Wednesday, state Sen. Carol Alvarado had been on her feet speaking, not allowed to sit or lean against her desk, on the Senate floor.

Unable to take bathroom breaks or drink water, she had worn a back brace, eyeglasses and running shoes and talked slowly behind a desk stacked with papers and with a microphone in her hand as she mounted a 15-hour filibuster. The target of her efforts was Senate Bill 1, the GOP's priority bill that would place new restrictions on voting that many opponents say would disproportionately suppress ballots from voters of color and disabled voters.

But ultimately, her speaking marathon could only delay the passage of the bill in the Republican-controlled Senate. Shortly after she finally stepped away from her desk around 9 a.m., the Senate voted to advance the measure on a 18-11 party-line vote.

With her Democratic colleagues surrounding her desk on the Senate floor after her marathon, Alvarado invoked her Houston constituents - the voters who took advantage of the voting options SB 1 would ban - and asked why they should not be allowed as many opportunities to vote as the county was willing to offer.

“As we draw this discussion to an end, it is my sincere hope that civil acts by everyday Texans, from the Senate floor to the ballot box, can help to shed the light on all important issues,” Alvarado said Thursday morning. “What do we want our democracy to look like?”

Alvarado's filibuster began just before 5:50 p.m. Wednesday, and likely will end up being more of a symbolic gesture than a credible attempt to block passage of the voting bill. Her ending the filibuster clears a path for the Senate to grant final passage to SB 1 on Thursday. When she took the floor, the Legislature was on just the fifth day of a 30-day special session, called as Democrats have left the House without enough members present for the Republican majority in that chamber to pass legislation.

That left plenty of time for the Senate to pass the legislation despite the temporary delay. But Alvarado said she felt compelled to filibuster to “put the brakes on” the bill and delay its final approval to shine a spotlight on its provisions.

“Senate Bill 1 slowly but surely chips away at our democracy. It adds rather than removes barriers for Texas seniors, persons with disabilities, African Americans, Asian and Latino voters from the political process,” Alvarado said at the onset of her effort. “[President Lyndon B. Johnson] said the Voting Rights Act struck away the last major shackle of the fierce and ancient bond of slavery. Senate Bill 1 is a regressive step back in the direction of that dark and painful history.”

Alvarado filled the time by recounting portions of the history of the fight for voting rights, reading testimony on the bill that her office collected from the public and going over portions of the bill in excruciating detail with assistance from Democratic Senate colleagues who took turns asking her lengthy questions, often speaking at a much slower tempo than usual, in what appeared at times to be a largely empty Senate chamber.

As the filibuster stretched into the early morning, Alvarado read messages being sent to her by voters and Democratic elected officials urging her effort on.

Republican senators and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the chamber, appeared to be drifting in and out as the night went on, but made no efforts in to raise procedural objections that might cut her off.

The Senate's vote dispatches the bill over to the House where it will stall until the chamber regains a quorum. The House was embroiled in its own political drama on Wednesday after House Speaker Dade Phelan signed 52 civil arrest warrants for missing Democrats, many of whom fled the state last month for Washington, D.C., to block the GOP elections bill during the first special session.

But instead of prompting absent Democrats to return, quorum-breaking lawmakers instead appeared to double down on extending their weekslong truancy.

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SCHOOL NEWS PAGE



Aldine Superintendent LaTonya Goffney poses with some of the participants in last week's Back to School EXPO. The district had a successful Back to School Drive-thru Expo held on August 7 at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center. More than 2,000 people picked up 5,500 backpacks filled with supplies, personal protective equipment (PPE), and resources during the two-hour event. Families also took advantage to get their COVID vaccine and routine vaccinations required for school.

“Welcome Back!” Message from the Superintendent

Welcome Back!  
Dear Aldine ISD Families:

School starts Monday, August 16 — we are just a few days away.

Welcome to our new families and staff members! Welcome back to our returning staff members and families. I have been visiting schools, talking to teachers and department leaders, and I can say that we are ready to Start Strong.

It's great to celebrate the start of a new school year at Aldine ISD — a year that we anticipate will be full of exciting new opportunities, choices, and life-changing experiences for our students. We are excited to welcome all prekindergarten through 12th-grade students back to in-person learning as we continue our mission of providing a rigorous and enriching educational experience that prepares every student for success in college, career, and life.

Even though the pandemic continues to be a part of our lives, we will not let this put a damper on our spirits or change our focus. We are determined to continue to meet students' academic and social and emotional needs. The top priorities of Aldine ISD are the safety and academic success of all students.

To protect staff and students from the spread of COVID-19, Aldine ISD is following guidance from the Harris County Health Department and County Judge Lina Hidalgo's most recent order. We are mandating that all staff, students, and visitors wear a mask on all Aldine ISD buses and while on campuses and in administrative buildings. We believe this is the right decision for everyone's well-being.

We were able to keep our students and staff safe last year, in large part, due to universal masking. It has been proven that the three Ws — wearing a mask, washing your hands, and watching your distance — effectively prevent the spread of the virus. We will continue to share this message with our community.

As Aldine ISD continues to provide in-person learning, protocols and information for families have been updated for the 2021-2022 school year. These protocols are constantly revisited to address any changes from the Texas Education Agency TEA, CDC, state and local health guidelines.

Communication

At this time, there is no requirement that the district continue to provide general communications or contact tracing. However, Aldine ISD will share information about confirmed cases with our community, update our COVID-19 dashboard, and complete contact tracing, just as we did last year. Anyone who is considered a close contact of the infected person as defined by TEA guidelines will be notified directly.

On-Campus Learning

We're ready to welcome all of our students to on-campus learning and, at this time, do not have a virtual learning option planned. We will continue to go as fast as we can but



as slow as we must to ensure we are prioritizing safety without sacrificing learning.

COVID-19 Testing and Vaccines in Aldine Area

We will continue to work with community partners to help ensure our community is educated and has access to testing and vaccines.

Testing: Drive-thru rapid COVID-19 testing is available for all Aldine ISD students and staff at the M.B. Sonny Donaldson Child Nutrition Services Building. Please note that online registration is required. Additionally, there are testing sites available across the Aldine ISD community.

Vaccinations: The district continues to work with local health organizations to communicate the availability of the COVID-19 vaccine.

A Back to School COVID-19 Vaccination Event is set for Monday, August 16, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., for Aldine ISD students, staff, and community ages 12 and up who have not previously been vaccinated. This vaccine event will be held at M. O. Campbell Educational Center. For details and how to register online, click here. Additional opportunities will be planned throughout the school year.

We continue to believe that if everyone does their part, we can continue to keep our students, staff, families, and communities healthy.

This will be another year focused on academic progress and achievement. We look forward to continuing to build our partnership with those who support students — whether you are parents, grandparents, family members or community leaders. Working together, we will ensure our students reach their full potential.

Please visit AldineISD.org for the latest news and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

I wish all of you an amazing 2021-2022 school year.

With Aldine Pride,  
Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney  
Superintendent

UT Jensen Clinic Back to School event



Pastor David Smith, and UT Physician's Andrew Casas, pose with a family that stopped by last Saturday's Back to School event. The clinic had free books, school supplies, and vaccines and COVID19 shots for all, at no cost. Also present at the event were Congresswomen Sheila Jackson Lee and Sylvia Garcia, and Armando Walle's family, since he was in Washington DC.

Aldine ISD Updated 2021-2022 Bell Schedule

The district has made revisions to standardized start and dismissal times for the 2021-2022 school year. Aldine ISD updated the times to ensure each level has the same amount of hours.

Beginning August 16, the first day of school, the district will operate with the following standardized start and dismissal times:

SCHOOLS AND INSTRUCTIONAL DAY

Ninth Grade, High Schools, and Avalos P-TECH School

7:00 a.m.-2:35 p.m.

KEC, GAP, Lane, and Lane Compliance

7:05 a.m.-2:40 p.m.

Elementary Schools

7:35 a.m.-3:10 p.m.

ACE Schools: Goodman and Worsham

7:35 a.m.-4:10 p.m.

Primary Schools

8:05 a.m.-3:40 p.m.

Middle Schools and Hall Success Academy

8:35 a.m.-4:10 p.m.

MAGNET SCHOOLS

Carver HS, Victory ECHS, Drew Academy, and Houston Academy

7:00 a.m.-2:35 p.m.

Reece Academy and Anderson Academy

8:35 a.m.-4:10 p.m.

HIGH MEADOWS LIBRARY NEWS

By Jennifer Nandal Sr Adult Program Specialist

LIBRARY SERVICES:

Our capacity has decreased to 25% occupancy, but we are still available to the public. Curbside services are still available and include: curbside book pickup, mobile printing, and book bundles. Information on all services can be found by visiting our website: www.hcpl.net. Our programming is still online but can be viewed by visiting our Facebook or Instagram page (@highmeadowslibrary).

**FREE CRAFT KITS FOR ALL:** We've been celebrating our 100-year birthday and we have a

variety of freebies for customers to stop by and pick up. Our celebration will continue throughout the remainder of 2021 with free craft kits for babies, kids, teens, and adults, free commemorative postcards, and stickers. Our current craft kits include: a spice kit for adults, an origami craft, a DIY keychain, a friendship bracelet kit, and a Rainbow Fish craft kit. All items are free and available while supplies last.

**MY KEEP IT KIT** from Harris County Emergency Corps: We've partnered up with Harris County Emergency Corps to hand out "My Keep It" kits. Included in each kit is a free set of books for children ages 0-18 months and the kit is designed to help families

and children develop a love of reading. The kits are sponsored by The Children's Museum of Houston and Texas Children's Hospital and are bilingual. We have kits available for pickup while supplies last.

Library Hours:  
Mondays-Thursdays: 10am to 6pm  
Fridays: 1pm to 6pm  
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For more information on any of the above events, please call us at 832-927-5540 or stop by the library.

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Aldine ISD Reopens Rapid Testing Site on August 10

Aldine ISD will reopen its Rapid Testing site on Tuesday, August 10, to provide testing for COVID-19 to students and staff.

The district strongly encourages everyone to take advantage of the opportunity before school starts on Monday, August 16, and throughout the year to reduce the virus's spread and keep students, staff, and families healthy.

To reduce the spread of the virus in our schools and communities, Aldine ISD also strongly encourages everyone to follow the 3 Ws — Wear a mask. Wash your hands. Watch Your distance. We know that the 3 Ws can make a big difference in reducing transmission.

Aldine ISD Rapid Testing Site  
Register online to make an appointment: <https://aldinecovid19.paperform.co>  
Appointments: Monday-Friday, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
Test Site: Donaldson Child Nutrition Center  
1802 Aldine Bender Rd., Houston, TX 77032

Note: Parents will need to be present with students under the age of 18 to consent.

SPANISH PAGE

Mensaje de la Superintendente, Les damos la bienvenida

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Estimadas familias de Aldine ISD:

La escuela comienza en tan solo unos días este lunes 16 de agosto.

Damos la bienvenida a nuestras nuevas familias y personal al igual que a nuestras familias y personal retornantes...

Es genial celebrar el comienzo de un nuevo año escolar en Aldine ISD, un año que anticipamos estará lleno de nuevas y emocionantes oportunidades...

A pesar que la pandemia sigue siendo parte de nuestras vidas, no permitiremos que afecte nuestro ánimo o altere nuestro enfoque.

Para proteger al personal y a los estudiantes de la propagación de COVID-19 Aldine ISD sigue la direc-



la orden más reciente de la juez Lina Hidalgo, por lo que exigiremos a todo el personal, estudiantes y visitantes que usen cubrebocas cuando se encuentren en los autobuses, escuelas y planteles de Aldine ISD.

El año pasado, pudimos mantener seguro a nuestro personal y estudiantes, en gran parte, debido al uso universal de cubrebocas. Las máscaras faciales, el lavado de manos y guardar la distancia, han comprobado prevenir eficazmente la propagación del virus.

Aldine ISD continúa brindando aprendizaje presencial, los protocolos e información, para las familias han sido actualizados para el año escolar 2021-2022.

Comunicación En este momento, no existe ningún requisito de que el distrito continúe proporcionando comunicaciones generales o rastreo de contactos.

comunidad, actualizará nuestro panel de control COVID-19 y completará el seguimiento de contratos, tal como lo hicimos el año pasado.

Aprendizaje en la escuela Estamos listos para dar la bienvenida a todos nuestros estudiantes al aprendizaje en la escuela y, en este momento, no tenemos una opción de aprendizaje virtual planificada.

Pruebas y vacunas COVID-19 en el área de Aldine Continuaremos trabajando con socios comunitarios para ayudar a asegurar que nuestra comunidad reciba educación y tenga acceso a pruebas y vacunas.

Pruebas rápidas desde su auto de COVID-19 testing están disponibles para todos los estudiantes y el personal de Aldine ISD en el Edificio de Servicios de Nutrición Infantil M.B. Sonny Donaldson.

Vacunación: El distrito continúa trabajando con las organizaciones de salud locales para comunicar la disponibilidad de la vacuna COVID-19.

Un evento de vacunación COVID de regreso a clases está programado para el lunes 16 de agosto, de 10 a.m. a 7 p.m., para los estudiantes, el personal y la comunidad de Aldine ISD de 12 años en adelante que no hayan sido vacunados previamente.

Seguimos creyendo que si todos hacen su parte, podemos continuar manteniendo saludables a nuestros estudiantes, personal, familias y comunidades.

Este será otro año enfocado en el progreso y los logros académicos. Esperamos continuar construyendo nuestra asociación con aquellos que apoyan a los estudiantes, ya sean padres, abuelos, miembros de familia o líderes comunitarios.

Por favor visite AldineISD.org para las últimas noticias y síganos en Facebook, Instagram, y Twitter.

Les deseo un excelente inicio del año escolar 2021-2022.

Con orgullo Aldine, Dra. LaTonya M. Goffney Superintendente

EL COMISIONADO GARCIA CELEBRA LA FINALIZACIÓN DEL PROYECTO DE BONOS DE \$7.9 MILLONES EN EAST ALDINE

Las cuencas de detención de aguas pluviales de Little York y Hopper ayudarán a reducir las inundaciones

Querida familia del Precinto 2,

Estoy orgulloso de anunciar que esta semana mi equipo junto con el Control de Inundaciones del Condado Harris y el Departamento de Servicios Comunitarios del Condado Harris celebraron el hito de completar el primer Proyecto de Bonos en East Aldine.



Estoy encantado por este logro en la protección de la comunidad en la disminución de las tasas de tener que experimentar la devastación de las inundaciones.

Trabajando con orgullo para usted, Adrian Garcia, El Comisionado del Precinto 2 del Condado de Harris

Aldine ISD reabre sitio de pruebas rápidas el 10 de agosto

Aldine ISD reabre su sitio de pruebas rápidas el martes 10 de agosto para realizar pruebas de COVID-19 a estudiantes y personal.

El distrito alienta encarecidamente a todos a aprovechar la oportunidad antes de que comience la escuela el lunes 16 de agosto y durante todo el año para reducir la propagación del virus y mantener saludables a estudiantes, personal y familias.

Para reducir la propagación del virus en nuestras escuelas y comunidades, Aldine ISD también recomienda firmemente a todos a seguir el 3

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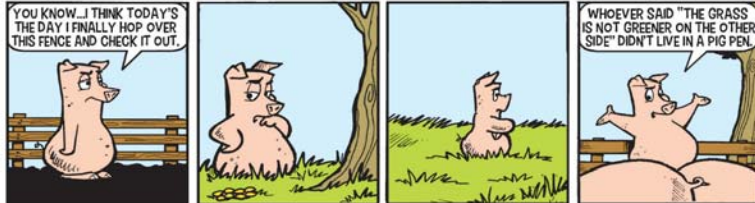
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by Wilson Casey —


1. Is the book of Micah in the Old Testament, New Testament or neither?
2. After his servants covered him with clothes, what did King David's servants bring to keep him warm? Hot bricks, Young virgin, Canopy skins, Wool from finest sheep
3. Whose last words were, "Turn thine hand, and carry me out of the host; for I am wounded"? Paul, John the Baptist, Ahab, Job

4. From Proverbs 31, which king was taught sayings by his mother? Lemuel, Neco, Ben-Hadad, Jehu
5. In Genesis 27, who said, "Come near now, and kiss me, my son"? Adam, Isaac, Seth, Moses
6. Who was the father of Gideon? Job, Jeremiah, Josiah, Joash

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Young virgin; 3) Ahab; 4) Lemuel; 5) Isaac; 6) Joash  
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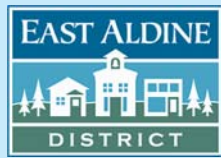
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## East Aldine District COMMUNITY NEWS

### East Aldine ripe for economic development

Work ethic, growth, funding boosts make East Aldine ripe for economic development

A cultural and history of hard work — matched by a growing population, consumer demand and lots of elbow room — make the East Aldine community a fertile ground for economic development.

Residents of East Aldine have long supported their neighbors' home-grown businesses, leading to success for everyone from Aldine natives to first generation immigrants.

Now, in response to surveys from a recent study by the Houston Galveston Area Council and the East Aldine Management District, residents say they are eager for more business growth.

A soon-to-be completed Livable Centers Study shows that residents also desire improved government services and coordination to support economic development.

The findings of the study will be presented to the board of the East Aldine Management District at an upcoming meeting.

Jesus Ortega

Sanchez, a native of East Aldine and Rice University graduate who has coordinated the 18-month study, is familiar with the community's entrepreneurial traditions.

"Because I grew up in the area, I know so many of the families — many of them immigrants — who came here to work. So many people started their own businesses, and because of their hard work, they were supported by their friends and neighbors," Sanchez said. "It really is a hallmark of East Aldine."

More concrete signs that East Aldine is primed for economic development include the recent rapid population growth, with many young families choosing to live in the district that's a 20-minute drive to downtown Houston and close to Bush Intercontinental Airport.

Recent census data shows that the East Aldine district's population of nearly 63,000 grew by 7.9 percent in the last ten years, more than twice its growth rate in the previous decade. Nearly 40 percent of the district's residents are married and have children.

The area is ripe for residential development since more than 50 percent of East Aldine's housing stock was built before 1990.

Created by the Legislature in 2001, the District has a strong history of promoting public and private spending to serve as an economic catalyst within its 15-square miles.

The district's economic development and recruitment efforts include promoting the East Aldine's location and status as a Foreign Trade Zone because of its proximity to the Port of Houston. A part of the district also is classified as an "opportunity zone" by the state, and other parts are considered a "free trade" zone under the state Constitution.

Those designations provide direct or deferred tax benefits to businesses that choose to locate in the district.

During its first 15 years, the East Aldine District participated in \$43 million worth of water and sewer infrastructure improvements in coordination with Harris County and the Texas Water Development Board. (About \$26 million came from federal and state grants; the remainder District bonds and revenue).

An additional \$35 million was aimed at providing safe and reliable drinking water and sewer service to homes and businesses.

The recently expanded East Aldine Town Center, which represents over \$100 million in public and private spending, is likely to provide future motivation for economic development.

The center includes 100,000 square feet of space for future office and retail development.

A key tenant is expected to be Joe V's, a branch of H-E-B supermarkets.

The center is already home to the Lone Star College's East Aldine Campus, BakerRipley Community Center, the HOPE Clinic and the Harris County Sheriff's Office 911 Call Center.

The center houses the new offices of the East Aldine Management District and includes a 1,500-seat amphitheater, a stormwater detention pond and new access to Keith-Wiess Park.

Sanchez said many East Aldine residents would love to see the retail space include a permanent home for many of the popular "pop-up" markets that are held throughout the East Aldine area.

"That's one thing that people would love to see in the neighborhood. If there could be a way to include something for the vendors, in an enclosed area, people would support that," he said.

Many of the survey respondents had other broad, general concerns for the board's consideration.

The Livable Centers Study identified three areas of concern: "People and Culture," "Living and Working," and "Infrastructure and Environment."

In broad terms, the study concluded that residents see the need for improved transit, walking, and biking infrastructure; support for local businesses, community health and culture; addressing environmental factors such as flooding; creating harmony among industrial, commercial, and residential uses; and ensuring affordable and fair housing.

Sanchez said those goals are readily achievable, given the success already achieved by the East Aldine Management District.

The district's East Aldine Arts Council, meanwhile, is actively promoting the neighborhoods' cultural traditions, with recent "mini-murals" painted on utility boxes and the unveiling later this year of a historical community mural at the Town Center. The council is also studying the idea of acquiring a statue President John F. Kennedy, by famed artist David Adickes, to be erected at JFK Boulevard near the airport.

Adickes is the artist best-known for the 76-foot tall statue of Sam Houston on Interstate 45 near Huntsville.

— by Anne Marie Kilday



LSC-East Aldine Center



### Partnership with Intel will enhance HCC's artificial intelligence program

HOUSTON (Aug. 3, 2021) — Houston Community College (HCC) and Intel Corp. announced a partnership today to provide curriculum, faculty development and student support for the college's artificial intelligence (AI) degree program.

Intel is the latest industry leader to back the program, joining Microsoft and Amazon. Last fall, HCC became the first community college in Texas and second in the U.S. to launch an associate degree AI program.

Intel's instructional content will help to educate students in data collection, AI modelling and coding while exploring the societal impact of AI. The firm will provide technical advice, faculty training, student internships and mentoring.

"HCC's partnership with Intel signifies a social commitment we share," said HCC Chancellor Cesar Maldonado. "Intel's diversity- and inclusion-focused initiative is a perfect match for what HCC does as a college for the diverse community we serve. We both aim to help build a workforce with skills relevant and critical to the needs of today's economy and life."

HCC is among community colleges in 11 states to receive Intel backing. Earlier this

year, six HCC faculty members received training from the company. The hope is that students can land careers in AI in sectors including high-tech, health care and aerospace, among others.

"Recent studies show the demand for AI skills is expected to grow exponentially," said Carlos Contreras, an Intel executive overseeing the firm's efforts with colleges. "We believe AI should be shaped by different voices, experiences and backgrounds, and community colleges can help attract an array of students."

Madeline Burillo-Hopkins, HCC vice chancellor of Workforce Instruction and HCC Southwest president, said HCC started planning an AI degree program four years ago as the field was becoming essential for Houston and the country. Almost 90 students are now enrolled.

"Our partnership with Intel is a natural progression to expand our curriculum. With NASA, the Texas Medical Center, the Port of Houston, the energy sector and numerous businesses in our area, we see many AI jobs ahead for students," she said.

The partnership "enhances what HCC is already doing in AI," said Jim Livesey, interim dean of HCC Digital and

Information Technology Center of Excellence. "We've had great success over the years with Apple, Microsoft and Amazon. This will make our program even more robust."

George Brown, the professor coordinating the HCC program, said students will gain confidence from learning the Intel-provided materials. "Interning with Intel would also be particularly valuable for them and could enhance their knowledge and resumes," he noted. "It's a great plus for our groundbreaking AI degree program."

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